



Tent for the Victoria Tea.



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SPECIAL GUESTS – Colonel Thomas Talbot (Nick Wells) had the honour of escorting her Majesty Queen Victoria (Joanne Reynolds). The Queen was the prestigious guest at a Victorian Tea held at the Backus-Page House on Saturday, May 20th. The event helped raise funds for the local museum.

Backus-Page House Museum hosts Queen Victoria Tea

The enthusiastic crowd, many wearing period costume, didn't seem to mind the damp, chilly temperatures Saturday afternoon as they gathered on the front lawn of the Backus-Page House to wait for the arrival of her Majesty Queen Victoria.

Music at the Victorian Tea, a fundraiser for the local museum, was provided by the West Elgin Secondary School Brass Ensemble whose members include Marcie Charron, Sarah Fischer, Matt Breen, Scott Bray and Amanda Breen.

Beautiful flute and oboe music floated throughout the house, provided by Michelle Anderson, the granddaughter of Morley Page, the last owner of the home, and Paul Lancaster.

Town Crier David Phillips announced

the royal arrivals, as well as explained the protocol for approaching the Queen. He also informed visitors of the various activities taking place throughout the afternoon.

A pair of Welsh ponies pulled the black carriage, a replica of an 1865 Visa Vi, provided by Jamesmont Carriage of Sparta, which carried Lord and Lady Elgin and then Colonel Talbot and Queen Victoria from St. Peter's Church to the Backus-Page House. Piper Bonnie Rowe led the royal procession from the carriage to the tent where the Queen and her lady-in-waiting received visitors.

It was fitting that the carriage driver Don Baxter was in charge of bringing the queen to the celebration because he had been part of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in

1952. A soldier, he marched with other military members from all of the Commonwealth countries, leading the newly-crowned Queen on a seven-mile procession from Westminster Abbey to Buckingham Palace.

Tea and coffee were served, and those interested could have their tea leaves read by Suzi Baldwin.

A display of local artist Jenny Phillip's paintings, many of which are familiar area buildings, as well as a picture display by Don Carroll and Don Hockin were found in the house.

People enjoyed the delicate sandwiches and desserts and admired the cakes decorated with fruit, by Ruth Wight, Florence Gilbert and Iris Page, to look like the Union Jack and Maple Leaf flags.

Audrey Littlejohn, Marion Page, Ruby M'Gugan, Darlene Ford.



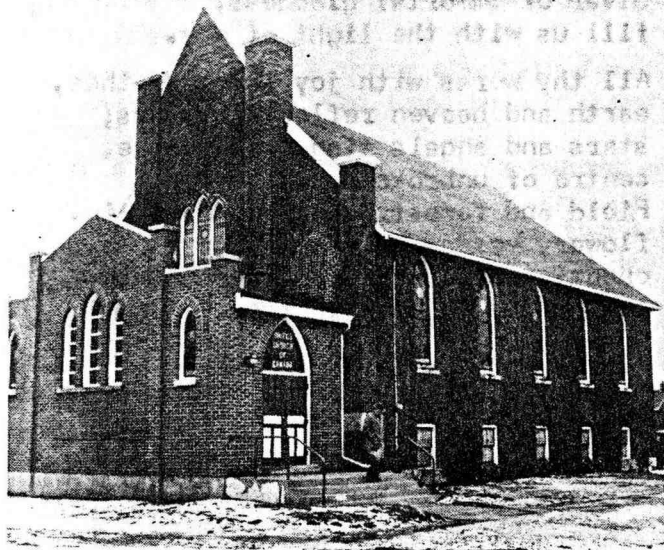
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⑤ John Gees, ⑥ Clair Horton, ⑦ Mr. Hooley.



Jack Lamb - grandpa Gees.