

Wallacetown W.I. learns about activities of Dutton Day Care Centre

The Wallacetown W.I. met April 19 at the South Dunwich Community Hall.

With 14 members present, president Helen Van Brenk opened the meeting with the Institute Ode, the Mary Stewart Collect and the Lord's Prayer. Helen read an article "Great truths about life, that little children have learned", "Great truths about life that adults have learned" and "Great truths about growing old."

Reports were given by secretary, treasurer, Pioneer Museum and Bobier Villa. Also year end reports: education co-ordinator - Kay Waite; lobbying convenor - Sally McIntyre; Tweedsmuir curator Helen Van Brenk; volunteer hours - Louis Lackey and auditing report Louis Lackey and Joan Johnston.

Helen then introduced Pam who is the business director from the Dutton Day Care Centre. They have been operating since 1977 and built the new facility in 1993. With 114 children in the program on a daily basis and 25 per cent have special needs, 84 families are registered with 24 spots for after school children. Before school breakfast and after school snacks are provided. There is also a summer camp by the week program

offered. They do their own fund raising and also work with the West Elgin Community Health Centre. Helen thanked Pam for coming to speak to us.

Old business: five members attended the winter picnic at Talbotville United Church on Feb. 19, and nine members attended the River Road W.I. meeting on March 17 at the Fingal Presbyterian Church. Helen Van Brenk and Dorothea Monteith attended the District Annual Meeting on March 31, and we had seven of our members attended West Lorne W.I.'s 90th anniversary celebrations on April 2.

New business: Helen will place six of our Tweedsmuir History books in the archives building in St. Thomas in April; May 3 Mother Daughter Tea by the Elgin Pioneer Museum from 2-4 p.m.; May 14th 6:15 p.m. District Annual at the Fingal United Church (wear a hat); May 18 Bobier Villa Tea from 2-4 p.m.

Helen was the convenor for this meeting. Roll call: Bring your wedding picture and a write up of your wedding day. Also Helen had seven of our Tweedsmuir History Books on display and also a scrapbook of yearly events in the community, to browse through.

Glady Graham did the honours of installing the new officers for 2003-2004 as follows: President Helen Van Brenk; 1st vice-president Kathy Minnema; secretary Joan McLandress; assistant secretary Kathy Minnema; treasurer Dorothea Monteith; district director Helen Van Brenk; alternate dist. director Dorothea Monteith; education coordinator Kay Waite; branch director Glady Graham; Tweedsmuir curator Helen Van Brenk; auditors Louie Lackey, Joan Johnston; resolution convenor Sally McIntyre; press reporter Kathy Minnema; public relations officer Louie Lackey; representative to Elgin Manor auxiliary Joan McLandress, Ruby McGugan; representative to Bobier Villa auxiliary Sally McIntyre; cards and cheer Kay Lilley; representative to the Elgin County Pioneer Museum Helen Van Brenk.

A light and lovely lunch was provided by Louie Lackey and Kathy Minnema. The tables were decorated for Easter with flowers, chicks, baskets and chocolates. Glady Graham thanked the lunch committee. Next meeting Thursday May 8 at 3pm with a pot luck supper at 5:30. Don Monteith will show a video on the 50th anniversary of D-Day in Holland. Bring your husbands.



Wallacetown Women's Institute PROGRAM

2003 - 2004

ELGIN COUNTY DISTRICT
Motto - "For Home & Country"

INSTITUTE GRACE

We thank Thee Father for Thy Care
Food, friends and kindness we share
May we forever mindful be
of Home and Country and of Thee

INSTITUTE ODE

A goodly thing it is to meet
in Friendship's circle bright,
Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet,
Nor dims the radiant light.
No unkind word our lips shall pass
No envy sour the mind:
But each shall seek the common weal -
The good of all mankind.

THURSDAY, July 6th 1972



60TH ANNIVERSARY — The Wallacetown Women's Institute celebrated their 60th anniversary on Thursday at the South Dunwich Community Hall. Taking part in the cutting of the cake are, left to right, Mrs. Gordon Gow, West Elgin District President; Mrs. Andrew McWilliam, the only charter member present; and Mrs. Donald McGregor, president of the Wallacetown Women's Institute. (T.-J. Photo)

Wallacetown W.I. members mark 60th anniversary

WALLACETOWN — The Wallacetown Women's Institute marked the 60th anniversary of the founding of their branch, held in the Wallacetown Community Hall, on Thursday, July 6.

Lovely flower arrangements made by Mrs. M. Glanfield, Mrs. Morley Page, and Mrs. R.

Robinson, added greatly to the setting. Charter members, former members, district officers, and friends from neighboring branches attended. There are four charter members: Miss Minnie Gow, Mrs. Andrew McWilliam, Mrs. Ermyrn Lucas, and Miss Jeannette Small. The institute continues to take an

active part in the activities of the community.

Mrs. D. McGregor, president, welcomed the guests and greetings were brought by Mrs. Gordon Gow, president of Elgin West District Women's Institute and Mrs. Vermont Pow, past president of the London Area. Mrs. Maud McWilliam read a poem which she composed for the anniversary.

The minutes of the first meeting held in July 1912, were read by Mrs. Mac Graham and Mrs. Earl Shiley presented corsages to the charter members. Mrs. William McKillop read the history of the branch and Mrs. A. Crawford gave an account of the 75th anniversary of the FWIO.

Mrs. D. Edwards sang two solos, accompanied by Mrs. William Sloetjes. Violin selections by Danny and Margy Jo Edwards were enjoyed.

A special feature of the afternoon was the display of the Tweedsmuir history books, and other historical data, compiled by the curator, Mrs. C. Blue and her committee.

Lunch was served at tables decorated in the institute colors of blue and gold and featured a special anniversary cake which was cut by Mrs. Andrew McWilliam, one of the charter members. The delicious lunch was convened by Mrs. Colin Morrison, assisted by Mrs. W. Robson and Mrs. T. McFarlane.

The Dutton Advance
**125 years of Baptist
Ministry in community**

The members of the Dutton Baptist Church, are very excited to be celebrating its 125th Anniversary this year! They are celebrating along with the West Lorne and Rodney Baptist churches who were all established in 1876. Together, it has been a very exciting and busy 5 months so far this year. All are invited to join in on the Anniversary Services on Sunday, May 27th at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The Dutton Baptist Church was established in August of 1876 with a total of 8 members. They met every two weeks in the school house in Dutton, which at that time had only a few houses. In January 1877, land was donated by Daniel Milton to erect the church building. It is recorded that the building was quite large for the times and, as a result, was used for some time as a place of worship by all denominations in the village. The pastor of the church in 1895 received a salary of \$300 per year.

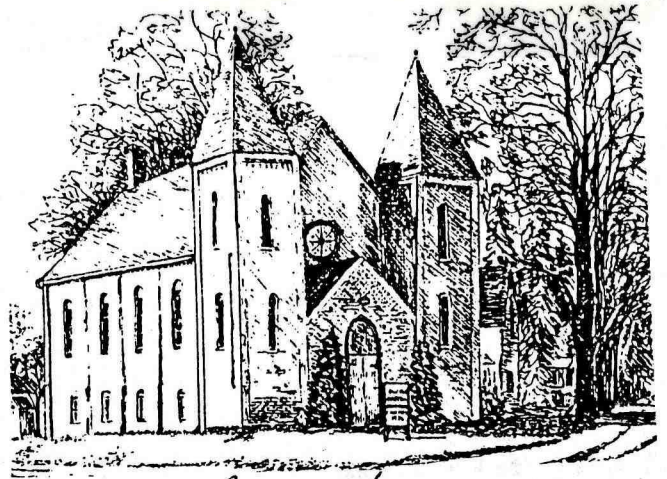
In the year 1900 extensive repairs were made to the chapel. It was moved and placed on a cement foundation facing the corner of the lot. Electric lights, oak seats, a furnace and leaded stained glass windows were installed. In 1903 a well was dug in the church basement to provide water for the baptistry.

In 1914, the Dutton Baptist Church joined as a two-point charge with the Iona Station

Baptist Church. Students from McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton supplied the pulpit until 1918 when Rev. John Pollock became the pastor. It is recorded that there was a big jump in the pastor's salary! He was paid \$840.00 plus \$100 for horse keep. As well, each church was to pay half of the stable rent. After one year with this arrangement, the treasurer reported a balance of .05 cents. The balance the next year was .03 cents!

So, in April 1925, the Dutton Church was regrouped with West Lorne and Rodney Baptist churches to form a self-supporting field. This arrangement was continued until 1963 when, at the request of the Home Mission Board, Dutton was once again linked with Iona Station Baptist Church in a two-point charge. Mr. John Russell, a student from McMaster became the first pastor of the two churches. His salary at the time was \$2,000 per year.

The local congregation is especially grateful to Rev. E.A. (Bert) Lorimer for assembling a history of the church for the 100th Anniversary celebrations in 1976. Much of the information above has been taken from his booklet. Rev. Lorimer and his wife, Edna, pastored in Dutton and Iona Station from 1973 until 1978. Rev. Lorimer, at the age of 99, will be one of the guest speakers on May 27th.



May 23/2001

ELGIN DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

WINTER PICNIC Feb 18th at 12MD / 2002.

ST JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NORTH YARMOUTH.

THEME :: STEADY AS YOU GO.

DISPLAYS: POEMS, or skits.

HOSTESS BRANCHES are KINGMILL-MAPLETON & TYRCONNELL.

STEADY AS YOU GO!!!!

THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE IS ON THE MOVE,
A PILOT PROJECT, WE NEED TO APPROVE.
WE WENT TO A DAY LONG SEMINAR,
IT INCLUDED LADIES FROM NEAR AND FAR.
MY GLASSES I NEED TO REPLACE,
BUT THE COST, I JUST HAVE A HARD TIME TOO FACE.
IT WOULD BE SO SIMPLE I KNOW
TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, AND THEN TO GO.
LITTLE CHANGES HERE AND THERE,
CAN MAKE A LOT OF PROBLEMS DISSAPPEAR.
LIKE LIGHTS IN A HALLWAY, OR BATHROOM RAILS,
ARE A SIMPLY FIX THAT DO NOT FAIL.
WHAT'S A LITTLE EXERCISE, DON'T YOU KNOW
IT KEEPS YOU FIT AND ON THE GO.
WALKING, AND STRETCHING IS A GOOD PREVENTIVE
TO GIVING YOU A HEALTHY INCENTIVE.
THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING, IT'S HARD TO ADMIT
THIS AGING PROCESS IS REALLY THE PITTS.
ADJUSTING TO CHANGES, CAN BE MADE QUITE EASILY,
BY TALKING TO YOUR DOCTER OR PHARMACIST
AND FALLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
IT CAN PREVENT DIZZYNESS IF THE DOSAGE IS RIGHT
THEN YOUR FAMILY WON'T ALWAYS BE UPTIGHT.
THERE IS HELP AROUND THE CORNER OR IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.
DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK, IT CAN DO A LOT OF GOOD.
THINGS CAN BE MADE EASIER FOR YOUR BETTER HALF AND YOU,
BY ASKING FOR HELP, BEING AWARE, AND KEEPING IN FIT TOO.
YOUR FOOTWARE PLAYS A VERY INPORTANT PART
IS THE TREAD STILL GOOD, DID THEY FIT WELL FROM THE START.
ARE THEY STYLISH OR THE RIGHT COLOUR IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER,
COMFORT, AND SUPPORT TAKE AWAY THE CLOSET CLUTTER.
ARE YOUR FEET HEALTHY AND FREE FROM SORES,
DO YOU HAVE THICK TOENAILS, CALLUSES OR CORNS
THERE ARE FOOT SPECIALISTS TO HELP RELEASE THE PAIN,
IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE THERE IS NO SHAME.
FALLS CAN HAPPEN SO QUICKLY ANY DAY
BUT WHEN IT HAPPENS TO YOU, YOU FEEL LIKE A FOOL AND AFTERWARDS SAY
"OH GOSH!!!! WHY DID I HAVE TO DO IT THAT WAY".

KATHY MINNEMA. SAYING HER POEM.



W.I. WINTER PICNIC 2002

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Wallacetown WI.



Madeline Jenkins cutting the cake.

Kingmill-Mapleton Branch observed their 95th Anniversary with a cake.

Paul Collins



Paul Collins, C.E.O. of St THOMAS Elgin General Hospital Board who spoke of the problems facing hospitals at present.

Sept 5th 2002.

Motto

"You are what you eat"

Written by Joan MacLandress.

It is 10:15 in the morning. I'm just getting up. It was 3:15 AM when I last looked at the clock. Still awake solving kids' problems. I got up drank warm milk (skim of course) and had a muffin (carbohydrate supposed to induce sleep). I

thought carbohydrates gave you energy. Who wants energy at 3:15 AM? Anyway, the milk made me feel bloated (lactose intolerant maybe) and the muffin did not put me to sleep. So I took a sleeping pill.

Later...

10:15 AM. I'm up. It's too late for breakfast and too early for lunch. So BRUNCH is in order. Breakfast is suppose to be your biggest meal as one has fasted all night (well until 3:15 AM anyway). Lunch is suppose to be the next largest meal. So BRUNCH should be hearty, I expect. Cereal (high fibre) is