



Parade posting

Bertha Carter, 86, of West Lorne, was likely the oldest participant in the village's Labor Day parade Monday. She is shown riding on

the West Lorne Women's Institute float. (T-J Photo).

MRS. BERTHA CARTER

Bertha joined the Women's Institute in Komoka in 1938 and in Melbourne in 1951. In 1963 she moved to West Lorne and joined the Institute there and has been a member ever since.

She looked after sending out get-well cards. Also, she looked after the "Holiday Calender", where you would put 10¢ in the envelope attached for every special day and holiday.

Bertha has enjoyed the meetings very much and has had the pleasure of going on many bus trips.



DORIS DUNSTAR

Doris is a member of the Early Women's Institute in Berkshire, England. For many years, the West Lorne Women's Institute has corresponded with her.

The two Institutes have always exchanged a gift of a calendar at Christmas and other correspondence.

Mrs. Dunstar visited her Institute friends in West Lorne a few years ago and stayed at Vera Ripley's home.

The Women's Institute is well known in England. The ladies of the West Lorne W.I. have found it interesting to have a W.I. friend in England.

Shortening was very scarce in England during the war, so the West Lorne W.I. sent shortening to Doris. She took it to her W.I. meeting and it was divided among the members.



Georgina Merrett, Vera Ripley, Doris Dunstar, Gertrude Liepmann, Bertha Cooper



Bell from old West Lorne Public School
Plaque was presented by the West Lorne W.I.
in November, 1983.



Senior Citizen Apartments built on the site
of old West Lorne Public School.



Mrs. Mary Liepmann

President of Reorganized West Lorne W.I.

October 1985-1989

REORGANIZED WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - OCTOBER 1985.

Honorary President - Mary Kasza
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Tweedsmuir History - Shirley Walker
District Convenor - Gertrude Liepmann
Elgin Museum Representative - Mary Kasza
Pianist - Shirley Walker
Auditors - Hazel Stalker and Betty Humphries
Resolution Convenor - Leola Lawrence

The first meeting of the Reorganized Women's Institute was held in October. It was a public meeting with the help of the District Officers and Rural Organization Specialist, Bonnie Wilson. Hilde Morden spoke on "What will Women's Institute do for me and What can I do for the Women's Institute".

Eight new members signed up that night and a new executive was elected.

Many ladies attended the 71st Annual Convention in October of 1985. It was sponsored by the London Area Women's Institute.

Bill Brady spoke on "Organ Transplants" at the banquet and he urged people to donate their organs.

Many ladies went to the Winter Picnic on January 7th, 1986, at 6:30 at the Wallacetown Community Hall. Each branch put on a skit, which was to be about a past member. The past member we chose was Mrs. Merrett.

The Christmas meeting was a family night with a pot-luck supper and program which was enjoyed by all.

Trudy Dengel and Kathy Focht attended a Smocking Workshop. They volunteered to teach interested members from West Lorne and Clachan the basic stitches of this craft.

West Lorne members were invited to the February meeting of the Clachan Women's Institute, at the home of Mrs. Roy Alderton. Many members attended and the meeting was enjoyed by everyone.

The members expressed their willingness to help the Cancer Society canvass the town.

A garage and bake sale was held at Mary Liepmann's home on Saturday May 17th. It was a great financial success.

For the June meeting, the ladies took Mark Quinton, as their guest, to the Seven Dwarfs Restaurant, Lambeth. After the delicious smorgasbord we went back to Mark's apartment in London. Mark's apartment was built for disabled people and we were amazed how people there could be so independent.

In July, there was a Tweedsmuir Workshop at Wallacetown Hall. We found it very informative, as we are just beginning to work on the book after it had lapsed for many years.

Also in July we went to Vienna, where the Institute treated us to a delicious meal. They also had an interesting program.

Each Institute has a twin and our twin is Vienna W.I. Clachan W.I. is also a twin of Vienna.

In August the ladies of the West Lorne Women's Institute, along with ladies from other branches from Elgin, took a bus from the "Wayside Restaurant", Talbotville, to see the musical "Annie" at the "Lambton Playhouse" near Grand Bend.

We had a float in the Labour Day Parade in West Lorne on September 1st, 1986. The float got 2nd prize. The float was also entered at the Rodney Fair on Saturday, September 13th, and again received 2nd prize. The theme for the float was "Showing You What ~~We~~ Do".

Many ladies attended the Fall Rally at Southwold School. We heard interesting reports from Shirley Johnston, Gertrude Liepmann and Mary Gowan, who had attended the 18th A C W W Conference in Killarney, Ireland. Each lady got a W. I. friend that night.

The 72nd Annual Convention of the London Area Women's Institute was held October 16th and 17th at the Ukraina Country Club, London. Several ladies from West Lorne W. I. attended the banquet on October 16th and heard the theme speaker, Jo Hillier, Public Affairs Officer for Atomic Energy Canada, Nuclear Fuel Waste Management. Her topic was "Nuclear Waste".

The West Lorne W. I. hosted the Elgin West District Women's Institute Winter Picnic at Grace Lutheran Church on Monday, January 5th, 1987.

This was the 90th Anniversary of Women's Institutes in Ontario and 1987 is the 74th Anniversary of the West Lorne branch. The program was presented by the branches and was composed of songs, poems, readings and skits, all honouring the 90th Anniversary.

A few ladies are going to the "Community Outreach Seminar" at the Southwold School on February 28th, 1987.

Our President, Mary Liepmann has worked very hard to get new members. Now there are 20 members, all are enthusiastic and willing workers. Our convenors of the standing committees were very capable in presenting programs on their particular themes. We have had many speakers, who have made our meetings interesting as well as educational. It has been a very busy and rewarding term for President Mary Liepmann and members.

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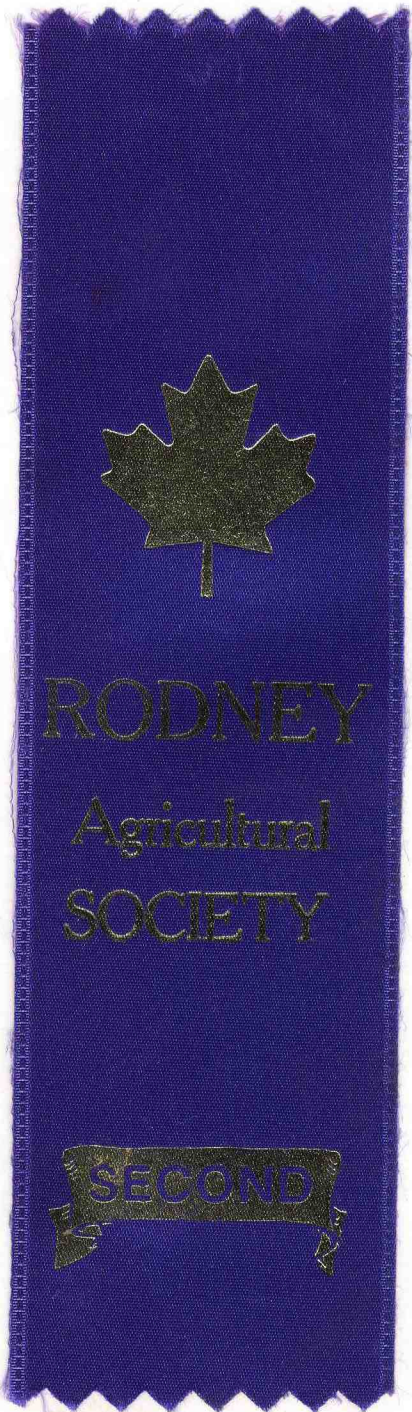


Vera Ripley, Anna Okolisan, Bertha Carter, Trudy Dengel

Rodney Fair



Bertha Cooper, Gertrude Liepmann



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Bertha Cooper,
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