

# ACWW News

## About ACWW

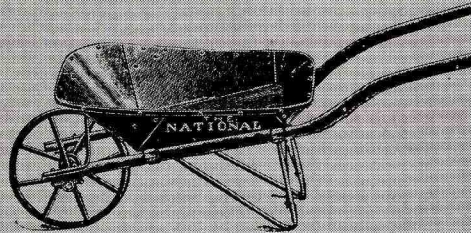
By Peggy Knapp

The Associated Country Women of the World is an international umbrella for women's organizations worldwide, with particular concern for rural women.

It is pledged to build on the traditional values of family life, to develop community projects, to gain access to skills development, education and training, and to express the views of women to the decision-makers locally, nationally and internationally.

Supported by members' fees and their collection of "Pennies for Friendship," it has a remarkable record of achievement.

Project funds have been generously supported by Ontario WI members through the "Save Sight" and "Water for All" programs, and are now being collected for "Women Feed the World," the project for this triennium.



To a woman trying to eke out a meagre existence for her family in a developing country, even the smallest tools can make a world of difference. Our \$5 donation will buy a garden spade, \$10 a preserving kettle, and \$20 a wheelbarrow or a brooder for fifty chicks.

And our Pennies for Friendship hold women together around the world. Think of it - 7,000,000 of us - bonded together as supporters and friends. Certainly, we can make a difference!

*Peggy Knapp is the ACWW Area President for Canada.*

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### ACWW Report

Peggy Knapp, ACWW Area President for Canada, reported that Valerie Fisher, ACWW World President, will be visiting Ontario on her way from Australia to the FWIC Convention in Truro, Nova Scotia. Her itinerary includes a luncheon at the new FWIO office and a visit to the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead and the Erland Lee (Museum) Home.

### Conference '97

In her report, Conference '97 Chair, Peggy Knapp, recommended that the 100th anniversary celebration be held at the Hamilton Convention Centre from Tuesday, June 16 to Sunday, June 22, 1997. She reported that the site offered excellent support and services, including large board and executive meeting rooms, use of a large theatre, 100 free parking spaces, and close proximity to shops, restaurants, churches and the birthplace of the WI - the Erland Lee (Museum) Home.



# FWIO



Margaret Zoeller (left), Chair of the Centennial Committee, and Donna Russett (right), President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, proudly display the 100th anniversary plate for the first time at the March Board meeting.

## FWIO Historical Records

The FWIO historical records are now housed in the University of Guelph Archives and Special Collections, where they have been deposited on permanent loan. The collection will take about a year to process at which point they will be opened to the general public.

## The Women's Institute



For Home and Country



## FWIO Information Video

The production of an information video about the FWIO is now completed. Its object is to talk about the Women's Institute - where they began, what they have accomplished, and where they are heading in the future. One copy of the video will be available in each Area for programming.



## Meet West Lorne's new village clerk-treasurer

West Lorne's hunt for a new Clerk-Treasurer ended last week when Jane Battin was awarded the position. There were 34 applications received by the closing date, with the field being narrowed down to four candidates who were interviewed by Council.

Ms. Battin began working for the Town of Aylmer seven years ago as secretary and has worked her way up since then. She will be completing her AMCTO course in June and will be writing the Challenge exam in September. After that time she will be eligible to become an associate member of the AMCTO.

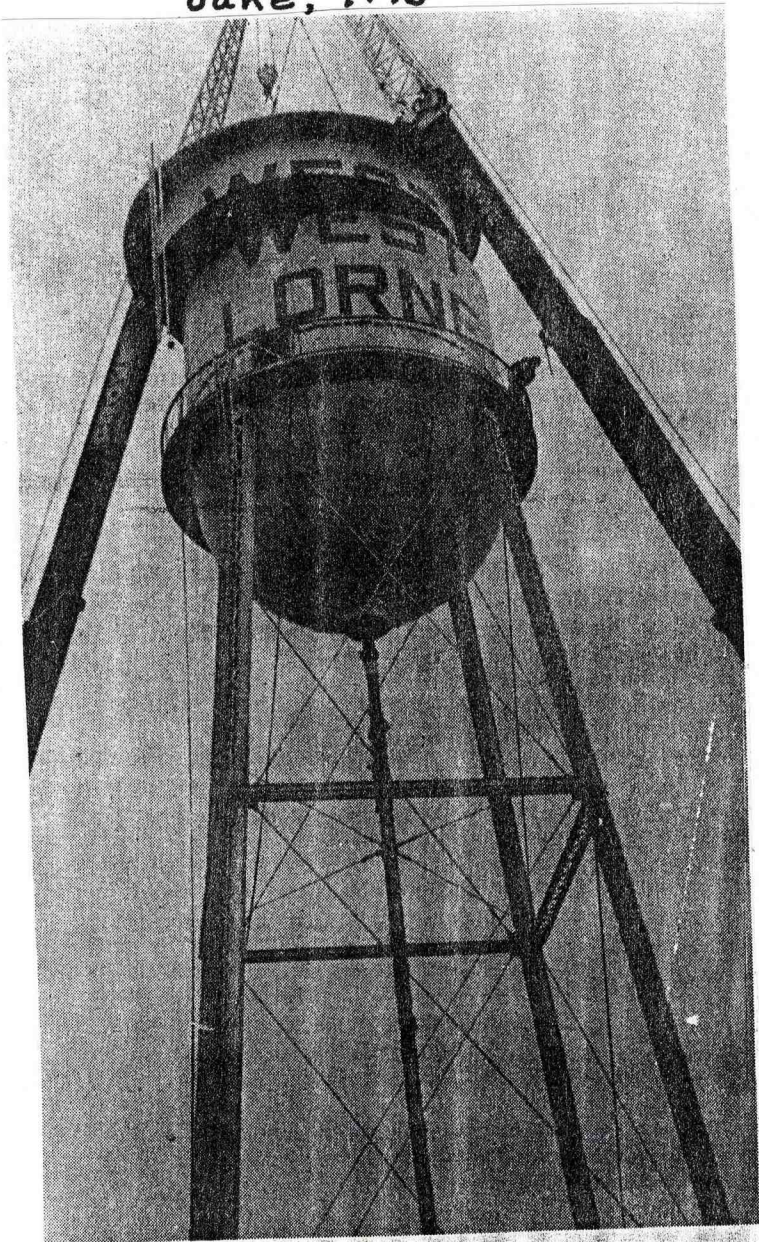
"It's going to be a challenging position. There are a lot of issues that are currently underway that have to be taken care of and I'm really looking forward to the position. I'm available if people have concerns and I'd be happy to take their concerns to council. I appreciate the public input," stated Ms. Battin when asked how she felt about her new position.

Jane will be commencing her duties on April 19, 1993



Jane Battin

June, 1993



### Down came the tower

It only took a couple of days to bring down the West Lorne water tower. Work started on Monday, June 21st and was completed by Wednesday. Work crews used two cranes and started taking it down from the top to the bottom.

(Mercury-Sun photo)

## WL councillor March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1994 Representing the Portuguese

By Ruth Ferguson

West Lorne council gained a new fresh, young face when it elected John Marques to fill the vacant seat on Monday, March 7.

John was just one of seven people vying for the position of councillor. John received two of the four possible votes. He was sworn in and joined council for the remainder of the meeting.

At 25, John is possibly the youngest person to ever sit on West Lorne council. He feels that having a younger voice and a different perspective on council will be a benefit for everyone.

John was encouraged by many people to apply for the council seat. John has wanted to get involved in municipal politics and this opportunity seemed the ideal time to try.

He is also planning on running in the next municipal election which will take place later this year.

One of the reasons that John wanted to give politics a try was because he wanted to learn how the village worked. He also wanted to give the Portuguese community a voice on council.

Approximately 30 percent of West Lorne's population is Portuguese but there has never been a Portuguese member of council, until now.



John Marques

John will be a member of the West Lorne Fire Department Board of Management, and will deal with matters concerning the fire department, property standards, and the community hall.

John believes that being on council will help him learn how to better communicate with people. He is eager to make the most of this opportunity and learn what he can about municipal politics.

John is presently working as the territorial manager for a chemical company. He has lived in West Lorne since 1975.



Three-quarters vote no

# West Lorne votes down Amalgamation in a landslide question vote result

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By Sheila McBrayne

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The question of Amalgamation for West Lorne has been answered with a landslide No count in West Lorne's question vote.

When all 553 of the casted ballots were tallied an astounding 408 voted against the proposed Amalgamation of the municipalities of Rodney, Aldborough and West Lorne. Only 142 West Lorne residents felt that Amalgamation would benefit the community. There were three spoiled ballots.

The voter turnout showed 553 voters of the possible 1,072 names on the original voters list. This was about a 51.6 percent voter turnout, which is down about 10 percent from the usual 60 percent voter turnout at usual municipal

elections.

"The people have expressed their opinion on Amalgamation. They were given the chance to express it and they did," West Lorne Reeve Joe Fischer said.

West Lorne Council had previously indicated that it would abide by the public's decision. "Council will not give the by-law a third reading," Mr. Fischer said.

Aldborough Councillor Duncan McPhail said that the councils of Rodney and Aldborough would probably meet later in the week to discuss how they will proceed with their plans for Amalgamation.

West Lorne's last public question vote was back in 1947 when the residents of West Lorne voted in favour of setting up a Public Utilities Commission.

"I think West Lorne will be sorry. I hate to say it, but I

think they will be," West Lorne Councillor Tammy Swain said.

One day prior to the Amalgamation vote a flyer indicating all the interpreted negative aspects of the Amalgamation deal was circulated throughout the Village of West Lorne signed from "Concerned citizens in West Lorne."

One immediate problem that West Lorne's Reeve sees for West Lorne will be the housing problem they face for the recently purchased Rescue Unit, which will not fit in the West Lorne Fire Hall because of its height. The unit is presently being stored elsewhere. Another consideration is the purchasing of a fire truck by West Lorne and Adborough departments.

"A municipal council can do three things: lead, follow or get out of the way. West Lorne chose to get out of the way," Mr. McPhail said.



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# Buchanan is reeve

By Sheila McBrayne

Dianne Buchanan sat down in the reeve's chair as she was temporarily appointed chair of the November 2nd meeting and after the election from within council to fill the seat, she didn't have to move.

Buchanan was voted in as reeve by a majority vote of her fellow councillors. "I wasn't surprised, I felt it would happen and I'm glad it did," she said of the appointment. The position of reeve was opened for nominations after the resigning of Joe Fischer for various reasons.

Reeve Buchanan intends to keep close ties with her surrounding municipalities. "Just because Amalgamation didn't go through, we still need to keep good communication because we do still share a lot of the same services," she said.

Other areas of concern of the new reeve are to keep open communication with the West Lorne Public Utilities and the Board of Management. "I feel good that council appointed me. I'll thrive to do well for the community as I have in the past... It's my town too!"

Buchanan first came to council in 1989 when she filled the vacancy left by Phil Mark. She finished two years as a councillor and has been West Lorne's deputy-reeve for one year.

Councillor Tammy Swain was voted into the deputy-reeve's position following Buchanan's appointment to reeve.

A newcomer to municipal politics, John Humphrey is West Lorne's new councillor by a majority vote of council. He received three of the possible four votes. Also in the running was Michael McLory, James Panther, Jerry Prince and Charles Rushmere Jr.

Humphrey moved to town last year and has been involved in various local issues. "I got involved when the Post Office was closing down. We had a little postal outlet in Stouffville and I didn't want to

see the same thing happen here...I will say the one here is very good though," he said.

Humphrey also took part in the quest for West Lorne to have a vote on Amalgamation. "I just honestly felt that there should be a vote," he added.

Humphrey came to West Lorne from Stouffville, Ontario where he worked for 25 years as a director of franchise operations for Canada Dry. He presently acts as a management consultant for a Quebec company and resides at 229 Main Street West. Humphrey says he does have family roots in this area, as his grandfather was the late Dr. John Humphrey.



Reeve Dianne Buchanan took a turn answering the phone at the arena during last Wednesday's CrownLife ParticipAction Challenge with Port Stanley.