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ELGIN COUNTY WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

★Reaches Into The Community★

The 14 branches in Elgin West, 10 branches in Elgin East and the Junior Women's Insitute in St. Thomas are proud of their achievements in the past, what they are doing now and what they will do in the future to help their communities in Elgin County.

★ ***They helped to establish the Elgin County Pioneer Museum.***

★ ***They initiated the restoration of the Southwold Earthworks.***

★ ***They help out at Elgin Manor, Bobier Home, Terrace Lodge and Valleyview.***

★ ***They help to lead 4-H Clubs.***

★ ***They provide scholarships to Elgin County students.***

★ ***They assist OMAF in leading courses for all the women in their communities.***

★ ***They assist Federation of Agriculture with the County Caravan farm tours.***

★ ***Elgin West holds the Daffodil Tea to raise money for the Cancer Society.***

★ ***They helped start the Agriculture in the schools program in Elgin County.***

★ ***Shedden Branch established the Neighborhood Watch Program.***

★ ***They donate prizes to local Fairs and sponsor Fair Queens.***

★ ***They canvass their communities for charities.***

★ ***Some branches own community halls such as Forge and Anvil in Sparta - many other branches provide funds for their halls.***

The list is endless.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE – WOMEN INVOLVED

If there is a need in the community the Women's Institute will be quietly working to achieve its success.

To find a branch near you phone 631-5247, Elgin East; 762-5113, Elgin West or Ontario Ministry of Agriculture & Food 631-4700 or 1-800-265-4377, St. Thomas.

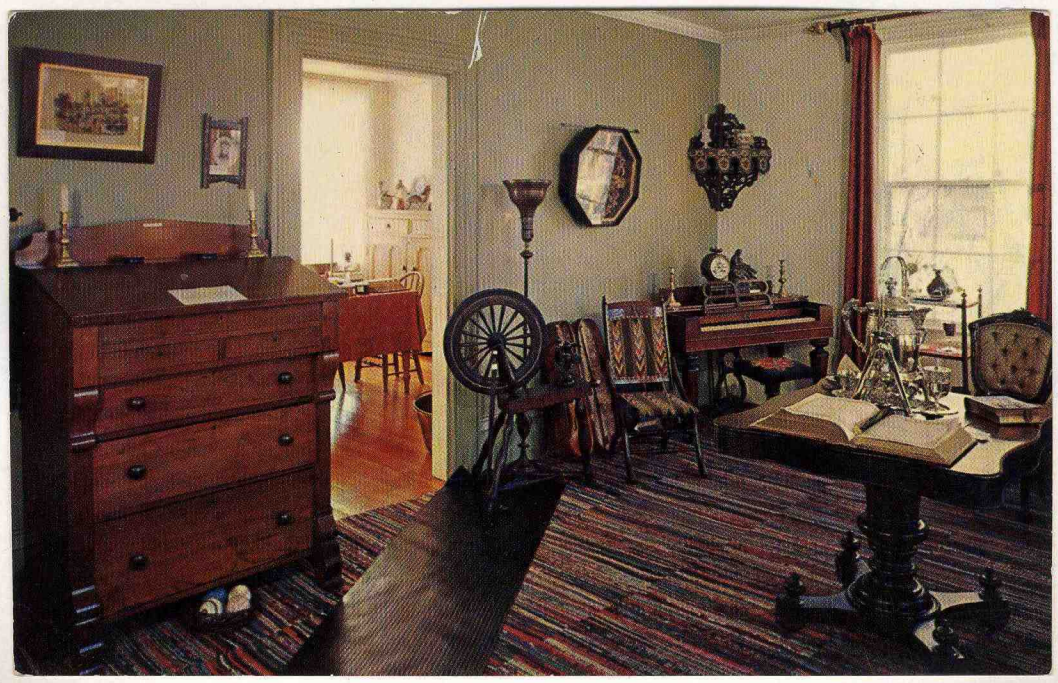
Elgin County Pioneer Museum



Tearoom
Victorian
Style



Bedroom



Sitting Room

Women's Institutes helped establish Museum

Can you identify the Women's Institute members attending the 1935 convention in Iona



Here are the names of some of those attending from the West Lorne, Rodney and Clachan Institutes: Rodney - Mrs. J. B. McGugan, Mrs. Carl Wray, Mrs. Dan McPherson, Mrs. Wm. Purcell, Mrs. Ben Graham, Mrs. J. B. Schmid, Mrs. Ben Eggert, Miss Pardo, (Mrs. N. Taylor), Mrs. Tom Davies, Mrs. Henry Mark, Mrs. Brad, Miss Mary Brad, Mrs. Adrian Shippey, Mrs. J. Patterson, Mrs. Gillies, Hannah Brad. West Lorne - Mrs. J. B. Ferguson, Mrs. H. C. McKillop, Mrs. Dan McKillop, Mrs. J. B. Sherk, Mrs. Wm. Merrett, Mrs. Earl Lemon, Mrs. Philip Schleihauf, Mrs. A. J. McMillan, Mrs. Elliott, Principals wife, Mrs. Henry Smoke, first, Mrs. Wm. Bole, Mrs. F. Branchflower, Mrs. Arthur Gammon, Mrs. Neil McEachren (Crinan), Lily Reid, Moss, Smoke, third. Clachan - Miss Jessie Colquhon, Mrs. Wm. Scott, Mrs. J. Johnston, Miss Francis Johnston, Miss Downie.

Long-time Members



Back Row - Mrs. Beecroft, Bertha Carter, Melanie Por, Gertrude Liepmann, Bertha Cooper

Front Row - Grace Humphries, Vera Ripley, Mary Healey

West Lorne WI

The WI has taken on a new lease of life in West Lorne. For over 70 years the WI has been involved in the West Lorne community activities. However this past April at their Annual Meeting the members discovered that they did not have enough active members who were able to take all the positions on their executive. Those active members came to the Elgin West District executive for help. The West Lorne WI was proud of its achievements in the past and members certainly wanted their branch to continue. So over the summer, they contacted interested women in their community. A public meeting was subsequently held 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 Women's Institute." Miss Wilson outlined OMAF programs that WIs can participate in. Eight new members signed up that night and a new executive was elected.

Celebrating W. I. Anniversaries



Bertha Cooper, Vera Ripley, Margaret Evans, Mary Kasza, Mary Healey, Gertrude Liepmann



Mrs. Byfield, Bertha Cooper, Margaret Evans, Grace Lemon, Gertrude Liepmann, Vera Ripley

60th



Social Time

50th



Back Row - Margaret Evans, Mrs Gardiner, Gertrude Liepmann
Front Row - Georgina Merrett, Mima Carrie, Louise Nicholson

50th



Blanche Graham, Grace Humphries, Vera Ripley, Gertrude Liepmann, Tena McKillop, Grace Lemon (holding Tweedsmuir Book)

60th





MELANIE POR

Melanie was a member of West Lorne W.I. for many years.

Melanie had great respect for the Women's Institute and enjoyed her association with the ladies.

Mr. Lewis Por was killed three months after they came to West Lorne from Czechoslovakia. He was killed by a log falling on him at the West Lorne Lumber Company.

Mrs. Por took piano lessons from Mrs. Keillor at Wallacetown, until she received her degree in piano (A.R.C.T.). She taught piano lessons to many students.

Melanie has one son, Tom. He is currently a lawyer in West Lorne and St. Thomas. He has been practicing law for a number of years.

60th



Doug Todd (Reeve) speaking at the 60th Anniversary

60th



Mrs. Merrett (cutting cake) Mrs. Schepanski

60th



Mrs. Schepanski, Nellie Grinstead, Alice Meek, Gertrude Liepmann, Mrs. Tilden, Grace Lemon, Georgina Merrett
SEC. VERA Ripley (sitting) 28 years

May 5th, 1977



Jane pinning a corsage on her grandmother the day she received her life membership
Jane Jobson (Grandaughter of Gertrude Liepmann), Gertrude Liepmann, Grace Lemon, Melanie Por.

MRS. WOLFGANG (GERTRUDE) LIEPMANN

Gertrude is a life member of the West Lorne Women's Institute. She is also a life member of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACCW).

She has represented the institute well in the district, provincially and internationally. She has attended many conventions and has brought back many interesting and humorous reports.

The highlight of her life in the institute was when she went as a delegate to the 18th conference for the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) in Killarney, Ireland in May 1986. This conference was held from May 20th - 27th, 1986. The Theme was "Focus on the Family". Internationally, Women's Institutes belong to the A C W W . As members they support community improvement, projects for the Third World like nutrition, education and sanitary water facilities. They also act as consultants to the United Nations.

Gertrude has really enjoyed all her trips to conferences and conventions, and has truly been an ambassador of good will on behalf of the Women's Institute.

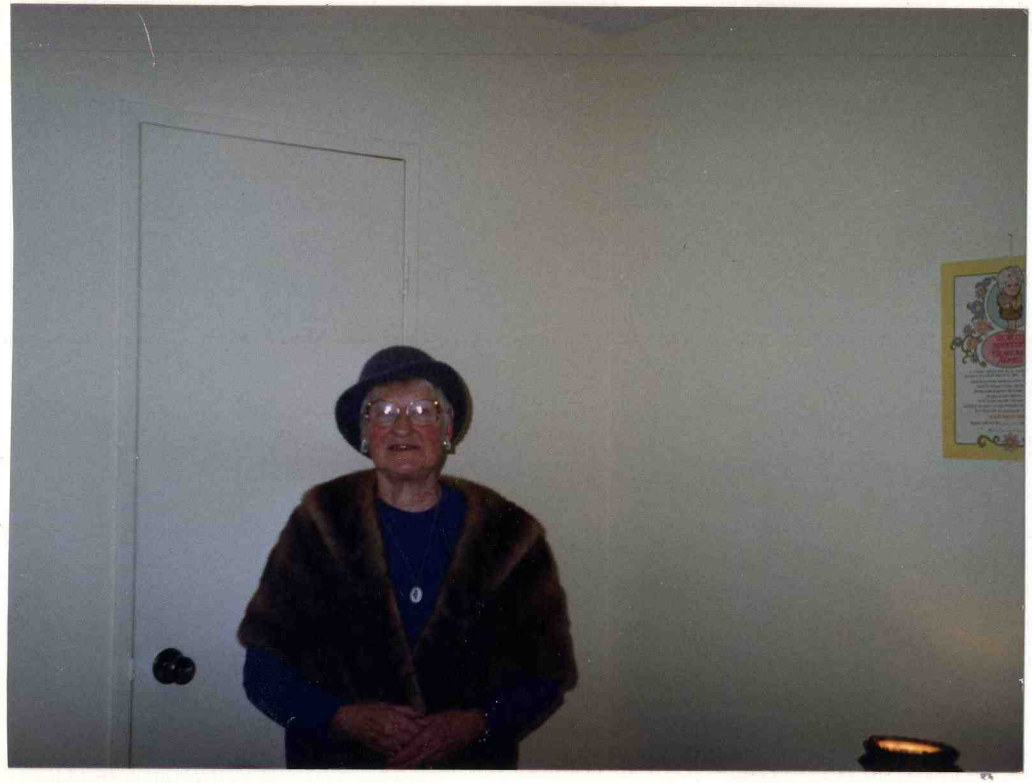
A WI certificate of merit was recently presented to **Gertrude Leipmann** of West Lorne WI, Elgin West.

Gertrud E. Liepmann

Peacefully at the Caressant Nursing Home, St. Thomas on Friday, September 9, 1994, Gertrud E. Liepmann, formerly of West Lorne died in her 91st year. Beloved wife of the late Wolfgang Liepmann (1988). She was a life member of the West Lorne Women's Institute.

Lovingly remembered by daughter Dagmar and her husband Ray Jobson of West Lorne; sons Wulff and his wife Rosina Ritter of London and Winfrid and his wife Mary Liepmann of West Lorne. Sadly missed by eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Survived by two sisters and predeceased by one brother.

Funeral service was held at the West Lorne Chapel on Monday, September 12, at 2 p.m. with Rev. L. Carver officiating. Interment was in St. Peter's Cemetery, Tyrconnel. If desired, donations to the charity of choice would be appreciated. Arrangements were entrusted to the Padfield Funeral Home, Rodney.



MRS. CHARLES (BERTHA) COOPER

Bertha is a life member of the West Lorne Women's Institute. She joined in 1948 and has been an active member ever since.

She was the President for the West Lorne Women's Institute three different times. They are as follows: 1951-1952, 1954-1955 and from 1967-1970. Also, she was the President for Elgin West District.

Bertha has been a faithful and active member of the West Lorne United Church for many years. She has sung in the choir for 57 years. She has also taught Sunday School for many years and has served as the superintendent. She is an honourary member of the UCW.



RETIRING JOINTLY — The choir director and organist of the West Lorne United Church both retired last night at a special service in their honor after placing a combined 81 years service with the church. Mrs. William T. Merrett has played organ in the church for 58 years, and Mrs. Basil Fisher has directed the church choir for the past 23 years. The congregation held a special service, Sunday in honor of their long service and dedication to music of the church. (T.-J. Photo).

MRS. WILLIAM T. (GEORGINA) MERRETT

Georgina was a charter member of the Women's Institute.

She was a faithful member for sixty years and when she came to her first meeting she was a recent bride. She was persuaded to be the pianist and from then on she punctually opened the meetings by playing the "Women's Institute Ode". She was a great promoter of the W.I.

She was a school board member for 15 years and organist at the West Lorne United Church for 58 years. She was truly a community worker.



90th Birthday

MRS. ROY (MARGARET) EVANS

Margaret was a charter member of the West Lorne Women's Institute. She as the President of the branch in April 1949, also she has served on many committees.

Margaret has acted as Judge for speaking contests for public school students, sponsored by the Women's Institute.

She was on the first school committee in March of 1927 and she reported that the school had been supplied with paper towels, peroxide and iodine.

Permission had to be received for Dr. Webster to examine the eyes, throat and teeth of the children.

Margaret was an artist and she painted many beautiful pictures.

MARGARET EVANS

Margret Evans, 97, passed away at the Bobier Nursing Home, Dutton, Friday, Sept. 29, 1989. Formerly of West Lorne, she was predeceased by her husband, Roy (1966), and daughter, Helen. She is survived by her son, John of Texas; brother, W. W. McGill of B.C., son-in-law, Scotty Moer of England; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and several nieces



Margaret Evans, April 7th, 1987
Age 94 years
Bobier Convalescent Home
265 Shackleton St.
Dutton, Ontario

50th Anniversary of Women's Institute



Grace Lemon, Earl Lemon, Wolf Liepmann, Gertrude Liepmann

MRS. EARL (GRACE) LEMON

Grace was a charter member of the Women's Institute. She joined in 1920 and she was always a faithful member.

She was the instigator for getting the plaque for the Public School bell which is mounted at the site of the old school, which is now where the Sr. Citizen's Apartment is located.

She always liked to have the summer meeting at her home.

Grace was a good volunteer worker and helped develop their many achievements.

She was the organist at the Church of Christ Disciples for over forty years. She and her husband were faithful members.

50th Anniversary of Women's Institute



Grace Lemon, Earl Lemon, Wolf Liepmann, Gertrude Liepmann



MRS. FRANK (MARY) KASZA

Mary joined the Women's Institute in 1977. In 1981 she became the President and remained in this office until June of 1985.

She first heard of the Women's Institute when she lived in England many years ago. Also, she was told it originated in Canada.

She was fascinated to learn so much had been done by the pioneer ladies. The Women's Institute contributed many supplies to the soldiers during the war. She realized how much had been done for the good of the country.

Even though in the last few years there haven't been too many members, she felt it was a joy to meet with the ladies each month. She felt each time they met, she learned a little more about this great organization.



Mary Kasza, of London, was like a lot of East Enders in London, England, during the war — dodging bombs on the way to work and trying to catch a few hours of sleep each night in the family's backyard Anderson shelter, an earth-covered semi-dugout about eight by five feet and tall enough to stand up in. Mary came to Canada in 1945 as a war bride of Frank Kasza, a soldier with the Essex Scottish.

BY MARY KASZA

"The day war was declared, the sirens went off and we all rushed to the bomb shelters.

The heavy bombing started the next year. Many times I had to get off the bus on the way to or from work and take shelter.

One night we were caught in a raid and had to take shelter huddled up against a partly demolished building. Bombs were falling quite near. I felt something up against my foot, and when it finally got light, I saw it was a human arm, still in a sleeve.

We tried to sleep sitting up in the Anderson shelter at the foot of the garden. That went on for months and months.

I remember the rationing and the commradeship of neighbors who were always willing to help and share."



This photo of Mary Kasza was taken just before the Second World War.

75th Anniversary



Jim McGuigan M.P., Grace and Harry Humphries

MRS. HARRY (GRACE) HUMPHRIES

Grace is a charter member of the West Lorne Women's Institute. She was 2nd Vice President in 1982.

She was an active member until a few years ago, but due to her husband's illness, she was not able to attend.

She set a record by moving 38 times in her life. She joined the W.I. when there was one available, as she moved from place to place. The reason they moved so often was because her husband, Harry, worked for the New York Central Railway, as a signal maintainer.

Grace and Harry celebrated their 75th Wedding Anniversary on July 11th, 1986.

Harry passed away on December 31st, 1986, at the Bobier Convalescent Home. He was in his 100th year.



MRS. MARY HEALEY

Mary joined the Institute 17 years ago. She was born in West Lorne, but had moved away many years ago.

She was the President from 1979-1980 and also from 1980-1981.

Mary was the convenor for Citizenship and World Affairs. She gave a report on this topic at each meeting. Her reports were from countries such as Russia, Cuba, England, China and Japan or wherever there were particular news reports. She dearly loved this topic.

Mary was a faithful member and she enjoyed her association with the other ladies.

Mildred Turner, former teacher, dies

Ninety-seven year-old Mildred Turner died in Victoria Hosp., London, Wednesday, April 19th, 1989.

A resident of West Lorne, she made her home at Beattie Haven the past few years.

A retired elementary school teacher, she was a member of the West Lorne Church of Christ (Disciples).

A brother, Hugh, predeceased. Surviving are a number of cousins.

Visiting will commence at the West Lorne Chapel of Padfield Funeral Homes Friday at 2 pm, the funeral to be conducted Saturday at 1:30 with Rev. Ron Dakin of the Church of Christ (Disciples). Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

MRS. NEIL (LOUISE) NICHOLSON

Mrs. Nicholson joined the Institute in 1925. She was a life member. She had the office of District President for Elgin West in 1941.

She helped with many programs for the Women's Institute. One memorable program was at Easter, each member made their own Easter bonnet to wear at the program and they also wore it to church on Easter Sunday. Louise always liked to help with Christmas programs and loved to compose songs for them. She was a hard working member.

She was the organist at the Church of Christ Disciples for 40 years.

She and her husband celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on April 13th, 1964.



MRS. VERA RIPLEY RECEIVED A GIFT FROM WEST Lorne United Church's congregation following Sunday's service, for having been a choir member 65 years, starting in Windsor when only 13. Choir leader Shirley Walker made the presentation before a group of about 75 who enjoyed coffee, muffins, tarts and a social hour.

MRS. THOMAS F. (VERA) RIPLEY

Vera is a life member of the Women's Institute. She has been an active member for 55 years. She is a past President and was a Secretary-Treasurer for 28 years. Over the years she has helped with many achievements of the organization. She has been a faithful and valuable member.

She has sung in the United Church Choir for 63 years and has sung many solos.

She has also been a faithful worker for the Cancer Society. She was honoured for her many years of service in September 1986, in Aylmer.

She was also active in the ladies group of the United Church (UCW). She was the Secretary of the UCW for 36 years and was a member of the session.



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 jointed 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
President - Mary Liepmann
Vice President - Leola Lawrence
Secretary-Treasurer - Kathy Focht
Agriculture and Canadian Industries - Marion Hauser
Citizen and World Affairs - Mary Lippold
Education and Culture Activities - Kay Attridge
Family and Consumer Affairs - Alice Peckham
P. R. O. - Frances Graham
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 Disctict 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 "Lambeth 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".

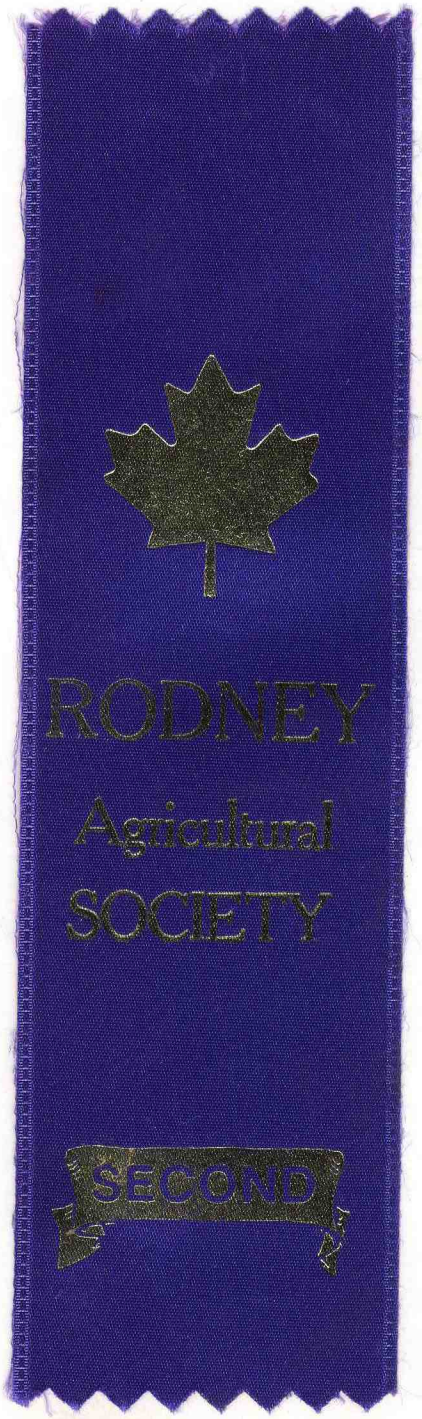
The West Lorne W. I. hosted the Elgin West District Women's Institute Winter Picnic at Grace Lutheran Church on Monday, January 5th, 1987.

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.

Labour Day Parade 1986



West Lorne Parade



Vera Ripley, Anna Okolisan, Bertha Carter, Trudy Dengel

Rodney Fair



Bertha Cooper, Gertrude Liepmann

Rodney Fair



Bertha Cooper,

Gertrude Liepmann

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Labour Day Parade 1958

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London Area W.I. meeting

"Protecting the Future", the theme of the 72nd annual convention of the London Area Women's Institute, aptly describes the work that took place. A seminar on "How will Free Trade affect the Farm and Rural Families" was announced by Mrs. Charlotte Johnston, Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario president, during her address. This is sponsored by the Ontario Women's Institutes and will be held on November 4th at Guelph. The results of this seminar will be forwarded to the Federal Government.

As part of the 90th anniversary of W.I. in 1987, a scholarship will be set up to help members further their education. The other W.I. scholarships are awarded to 4-H members and college students.

The work of the Committee for Women's Institutes of the Future will be voted on at the Board meeting in November. Some of the changes will be immediate, the others gradual. This will assist the W.I. to face the next 90 years with the same viguor and enthusiasm as when they were started.

If you see Women's Institute members wearing hats of many colours to their next meeting it is because Joyce Canning and her team of Rural Organizational Specialists presented a workshop on effective thinking using colours. Yellow being positive and constructive, black being the devil's advocate or logical negative, green creative new ideas, concepts and approaches, and so on.

Erland Lee Museum Home committee told about the very successful Harvest Festival they recently held. This year it featured apples because the Erland Lee family was the first in Canada to export the "Greening" apple to England.

The theme speaker in the evening was Jo Hillier, Public Affairs Officer, for Atomic Energy Canada, Nuclear Fuel Waste Management from Pinawa, Manitoba. Her topic of "Nuclear Waste, your backyard or mine," presented the W.I. members with much food for thought. Nuclear energy was something that most people didn't think about until she mentioned that a third of the lights in the banquet hall were powered by nuclear energy. Canada is determined to put the nuclear waste back into the environment in a safer form than it was.

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Maryn Pardy scholarships. For the first time a boy, Kizito Van Asten, from Rodney, was a recipient, the other two were given to Joan Vanderpol, Lakeside, and Caty Chazalon from Strathroy.

Beth Deslippe provided more information on how the Butler project is doing. This project started by the W.I. in Oxford County is going to place pictures of true type animals in all the schools in Ontario and then hopefully Canada. The Royal Winter Fair this year is saluting Mr. Butler and his paintings, and is also providing space for this project. The school children of the future will be able to appreciate the hard work of the W.I. as they will have an accurate picture of the farm animals. Some members already used some of the Ross Butler prints in agriculture displays in area schools during Agri Week.

The incoming president, Mrs. Irene Richardson, announced that a workshop, sponsored by the London Area W.I. would be held on November 12th at Wildwood school at 7:30, featuring two topics "Financial Management for Rural Women" and "Water - a Valuable Resource."

The convenors, dressed in various national costumes, brought the message that the future is not just dependent on what we do in Ontario but that the other countries of the world have a part to play too.

The over 450 members who attended the convention heard many thought provoking comments, they were praised for what they have already done, but they also realize that there is much more to be done for Home and Country.

Kizito VanAsten first boy to win WI scholarship

Kizito VanAsten of Black's Lane and Queen St., made history this year, because of being the first boy to receive a Maryn Pardy Scholarship at the London area Women's Institute convention last Wednesday.

He has completed 17 4H clubs in eight years, and was a leader for two. At WESS he was active in the prefect program, ski and computer clubs, the tutor program, and intramural sports. He has been a Canadian math contest winner, three times and is in electrical engineering at University of Waterloo.

For him to be the first male to win the scholarship, the 4H program had to change from strictly home making and agricultural clubs to more general topics boys are involved in.

The other two scholarship winners were girls from Strathroy and Lakefield.

Elgin 4-H Award Night. . . .



WI SCHOLARSHIP -- Anita Dieleman (left), R.R. 1, Wallacetown, accepts a $200 for the 60th Anniversary Scholarship from Betty Van-Patter (right), R.R. 8, St. Thomas, provincial board director for the London Area Women's Institute. The 19-year old is in her first year at the University of Guelph where she is enrolled in the Bachelor of Agricultural Science program. Anita has received several other scholarships totalling $2,400. She has been a 4-H member for seven years and has completed 18 clubs. She hopes to become a missionary to third world countries. The 60th Anniversary Scholarship is one of four annual scholarships given out in Ontario. The other scholarships are the Dorothy Fletcher Ontario (started in 1950), the Florence P. Eadie (1963), the 60th Anniversary (1979) and the Hoodless Lee (1981). The scholarships are worth $200 each annually and go to 4-H members for post-secondary school studies. They rotate each year among the four regions in Ontario. There are 27 districts, county and area scholarships in total given out yearly.

(Staff Photo - Heather Buchanan)

West Lorne W. hosts Elgin West WI's winter picnic

It was fitting that the West Lorne WI host the Elgin West District Women's Institute Winter Picnic at Grace Lutheran Church, Monday, Jan. 5th.

This is the 90th anniversary of Women's Institutes in Ontario, and 1987 is the 74th anniversary of the West Lorne branch.

To mark the anniversary, a decorated cake was prepared, and the honour of cutting it went to four long-time branch members: Mrs. Bertha Carter, Mrs. Bertha Cooper, Mrs. Wolfgang Liepmann and Mrs. T. F. Ripley.

District President Mrs. Geraldine Campbell was the presiding officer.

The Winter Picnic is an annual, informal occasion for Elgin West District branches to get together for a pot-luck supper, some socialization and a program.

This year's program was presented by the branches and was composed of songs, poems, readings, skits, all honouring the 90th anniversary.

To celebrate, a first-ever provincial conference will be held at North Bay July 5-9. Any member interested in taking a chartered bus to the conference should contact Mrs. Mary Gow.

Special guests were representatives from Elgin East and Oxford South Districts, Miss Bonnie Wilson, Rural Organization Specialist, and Mrs. Betty VanPatter, provincial board director. Mrs. VanPatter presented the 60th anniversary award from the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario to Anita Dieleman of Wallacetown.

90th Anniversary

The 90th anniversary of Women's Institutes in Ontario will be celebrated in 1987. As part of the activities, a provincial convention will be held in North Bay, Ontario from July 6-9, 1987. The theme is "Women's Institutes Building for Tomorrow". The registration fee will be $30 (non-refundable) and the deadline for registering is February 28, 1987. An assessment of .50¢ per member will be included on the fee sheets for 1987 to help fund the convention.

Each branch is to donate a craft article for the sales table — $5.00 value and easily transported. Please send to Mrs. Edith Smith, R.R. #1, Utterson, Ont. P0B 1M0.

Some special guests will be FWIO Past Presidents; ACWW President; FWIC President and ACWW Area Vice President. Displays, workshops, bus trips, speakers, sales table, fellowship and fun will all be part of the program.

Members plan to enter the *90th Anniversary Logo Contest!* Send entries to Mrs. Gwen Kennedy, Box 375, Burk Falls, Ont. P0A 1C0 by Sept. 1, 1986.



Four long-time members were present at the 74th anniversary of the West Lorne W. I. They are Vera Ripley, Bertha Cooper, Gertrude Liepmann, Bertha Carter.

90th anniversary of Ontario W.I.'s

"Building for Tomorrow" is the theme for the 90th Anniversary of the Women's Institutes of Ontario. To help mark this occasion, over 1000 members of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) attended a Provincial Convention in North Bay, Ontario. The ninety years of achievements were reviewed, but more importantly, the theme of the convention was enlarged upon with speakers, workshops and a panel discussion.

Time is divided into three main parts - past, present and future. Each is a link in the chain of time which cannot be broken. These links are interdependent and equally important. "The future depends on the foundations laid in the past".

Ninety years ago, Adelaide Hoodless had a vision for an organization which would assist women in the efficient operation of their homes. Encouraged and aided by Erland Lee and wife, Janet, she gave impetus to form the first Women's Institute at Stoney Creek, Ontario on February 19, 1897. This worthy organization, now known throughout many countries, is Ontario's contribution to the world.

From that one Branch, with 75 members, there was a rapid growth. Branches increased in numbers across Ontario. By 1900, three years later, there were 33 Branches and 1602 members. Rural women were eagerly seeking information about conditions that affected their homes and families. By 1904, there were 149 Branches and 5433 members. This growth continued, then spread to the remainder of Canada. In 1919 both the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) and the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) were formed. By the zeal of Mrs. Alfred Watt, a Canadian, who organized the first Women's Institute in England and Wales, the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) was founded in 1933.

The motto of the Women's Institute, For Home and Country, evolved into programs that met the needs of the women of rural communities and villages. They eagerly learned about sanitation and health; nursing and home care; beautifying and decorating homes.

Women Institute members developed leadership and self confidence, the ability to conduct meetings properly and to organize events. They also learned to speak fluently and express their ideas clearly. They began to speak up about the conditions that affected their homes and families. They formulated resolutions to influence action regarding community concerns and social issues.

Communities thrived! Homes were beautified. The emphasis on nutrition created new foods, new recipes, new food handling techniques related to sanitation and storage. Women were exchanging information, sharing ideas and meeting women outside the home. They were learning and working together. As they travelled, they became more concerned about fashion, new materials and sewing methods and also interested in labour saving devices for their homes. "What has been called the "Institute Spirit" evidenced itself throughout the countryside of old Ontario".

The keynote speaker at the Convention was R. Alex Sim who recently completed research for his book, "The New Rural Community". He urged the W.I. members to ask themselves, "Where are we going?" He also stressed the need to again identify a vision.

"The rural community is a raft swept down a river of change", Sim said. "There is a lack of rapport, communication and neighbour interaction. Do you know who lives in those new homes on the concession? What are their concerns? What are their interests? Today's community occupies the same space but has no power."

Mr. Sim challenged the W.I. members to put community back into Ontario. Intensify their efforts to give leadership to the rural community. Unite those people and get them to look around and make decisions for themselves. Re-read the objectives of the Women's Institute which are -

a) to assist and encourage women to become more knowledgeable and responsible citizens.

b) to promote and develop good family life skills.

c) to help discover, stimulate and develop leadership.

d) to help identify and resolve needs in the community.

Then discover how you can bring it together. Rejeuvenate the rural community!."

"The is a chance to renew old friendships, to make new ones, to communicate, to compare experiences and to reinforce and revitalize our beliefs in our aims and objectives", stated Mrs. Margaret Munro, F.W.I.O. Provincial President, as she addressed the convention.

"Our members may come in different sizes, shapes, colours and creeds with different opinions and from different localities but, we have at least two things in common. We are all active, enthusiastic, dedicated, interested members of the largest rural women's organization in Canada, with an impressive history and a challenging future. We are all VIP - Vitally Important People - vital to our families, vital to our various communities, vital to our country and of course vital to the Women's Institute.

"The need for our organization is as strong now, maybe stronger, than it was 90 years ago. You are the roots of this organization. How we grow depends on you and your co-operation."

Mrs. Munro challenged each member to "volunteer for an office at some level of the organization"; "to knock on a few doors in the community and meet a new neighbour"; "to gain one new member in each Branch by the end of 1987".

"The mind is like a parachute, it only functions when it's open", explained Rosalie Wysocki, a leader in the field of personal development and one of Canada's foremost speakers on the subject. Relating to the topic 'Managing Change Positively', she stressed that a positive mental attitude is a priority for continued success and growth. Success is 15% technical training and 85% personal development. "It's your attitude not your aptitude that determines the altitude you reach in life." Each member was challenged to develop personally be setting two significant goals in her life each year, then take inventory on her birthday. Always remember that you have failures to achieve success.

F.W.I.C. President, Mrs. Beatrice Reeves from P.E.I. explained how she survived the cultural shock of moving from a large city to a rural setting. "The W.I. reached out and made me part of the community."

Throughout the past year, "free trade seminars" have been organized by the W.I. in every province and the results compiled into a brief.

In June 1988, the F.W.I.C. triennium Convention will be held in St. John's Newfoundland. At that time agriculture and public relations will have priority under the theme, "Shaping Out Tomorrows Today".

F.W.I.O. International Scholarship, established in 1962, is used to train young women from under-developed countries so that they may return and teach their own people. Members had the opportunity to meet the recent recipient, Libbylu Allen from Jamaica, when she told of her work in that country. Under the Jamaican Federation of Women, Libbylu co-ordinates early childhood education in 76 basic community schools with emphasis on sanitation, nutrition, teaching tips and motivation by example. F.W.I.O. supports Libbylu with a year's salary of $2,000 and also provides $1,500 for an assistant's salary.

A panel moderated by Mrs. Peggy Knapp addressed the topic, "Rural Women - An Emerging Force". The panel members stated their positions. Joyce Canning, Co-ordinator Rural Women's Programs, OMAF, "mandate is to develop and enhance the human resource skills of rural people so that they can provide effective leadership to the agricultural community in Ontario".

Diane Harkin, women for the Survival of Agriculture, "represent a new breed of farm women, a self help group zeroing in on agriculture who study, research then lobby. There is a strength in a small, unstructrued group that can act quickly".

Carol Hyde, Junior Women's Institutes of Ontario, "rural women have always been a force. Today these women are changing and are open to new ideas to help recreate a sense of community."

Rebecca Johnson, F.W.I.O. "feels that W.I. can cut across boundaries and barriers because the organization is open to all women - can unite a community by providing a common meeting ground. Evolution is occurring in our W.I., we must adapt to continue to attract women. We must develop a greater degree of efficiency, a positive mental attitude and continue to develop the women personally."

Brigid Pyke, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, "women have been a force in developing our country and are still a force to be reckoned with. There is room for more women on the OFA Board whose role is to safeguard farmers' concerns".

Because the Women's Institute is an educational organization promoting personal growth and community action, one day of the Convention was a focus on education. The members had the opportunity to become better informed as they attended 3/10 workshops - Program Planning; New Family Law Act; Travellers Beware; Doubling the Joy of Houseplants; Investment Opportunities; Going It Alone With Confidence; Developing the Winning Edge; Be Aware, take care; Live it up, life begins at 40; Lobbying.

Reflections and Visions comprised of skits, songs, poems and fashions provided an evening of entertainment and celebration and allowed the members to recall achievements and events of the organization through the decade.

The speaker at the closing banquet was Dr. Ellen McLean, President of Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) from Eureka, N.S. The Ontario Women's Institutes are indeed proud that a Canadian W.I. member is serving her second three year term in this office.

Dr. MeLean urged the members to "look at the past, consider the present and prepare for the future. Everybody needs a bit of history to be conscious of the debt you owe to those who came before. This is a time of reflection, rejoicing and renewal."

The women's groups that form ACWW have different names in different countries, but, the nine million members in 66 countries are working and striving for the same thing - to improve the life of women and their families. Clean water sources; baby clinics; nutrition; sanitation and new latrines and many self help projects all lead towards this goal.

The Women's Institute at all times stresses high standards in studies, projects, courses aimed at improving home and family life; in developing leadership and in serving the community.

"By working together may the Women's Institute continue to flourish and may our legacy be a better world for future generations."

WI's On The Go!

WL WI holds meeting in London; elects Sec., Treas.

Seventeen members of West Lorne WI met at the home of Mrs. Mary Kasza in London, Tuesday, Nov. 4th.

The meeting opened with Pres. Mary Liepmann in charge. Roll call was answered by reminiscing about what they were doing on VE-Day. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Sec. Kathy Focht.

Mrs. Shirley Walker gave a report on the Tweedsmuir Book, stating a new cover will be purchased and then the book will be returned to the library.

The December meeting will be a pot-luck supper at the Town Hall with spouses and guests. There will be a secret pal gift exchange and a cash donation will be made to the Daffodil Society.

Elections were held for the postion of secretary and treasurer, due to the resignation of Mrs. Focht. Mrs. Kay Attridge accepted the secretary's position, and Mrs. Mary Lippold the treasurership.

In keeping with Remembrance Day, Mrs. Kasza and Mrs. Lippold, who were war brides, spoke of their experiences during World War II.

A gift was presented to Mrs. Focht by the President on behalf of the members in appreciation for her year's work.

The district Winter Picnic will be held at the Grace Lutheran Church, Monday, Jan. 5th with West Lorne WI as host.

The meeting closed by singing of "O Canada" and repeating the Lord's Prayer.

A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Kasza and Mrs. Leola Lawrence. A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Kasza for her hospitality.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ELGIN COUNTY WOMEN'S INSTITUTES HELPED TO ESTABLISH THE ELGIN COUNTY PIONEER MUSEUM.

W.I. hold pot luck supper

West Lorne W.I. enjoyed a delicious pot-luck supper Tues., Dec. 2, in the Community Hall.

Mrs. Shirley Walker and Mrs. Kay Attridge were in charge of the sing-song, Ray Peckham and Bill Graham assisting.

A short business meeting followed, and members were reminded of the Winter Picnic at the Grace Lutheran Church, Jan. 5, at 6:30.

Members will attend a workshop on "short order meals" with Clachan W.I. on January 12th.

Gifts for secret pals were distributed and new names were drawn for 1987. A collection was taken to be given to the Daffodil Society and a gift was presented to president Mrs. Mary Leipmann in appreciation for the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Kasza who were picked up in London and taken home thanked members for being invited

Community Outreach Seminar will have variety of workshops

"Time for all things" is the theme of the Community Outreach Seminar which is causing a great deal of enthusiasm and excitement in Elgin County and surrounding areas. This will be held on Saturday, February 28th at Southwold Public School, with the keynote speaker starting at 9:30.

Rosalie Wysocki, the keynote speaker, is a leader in the field of personal development and one of Canada's foremost speakers. She has built her career in motivation and human resource development. Her consulting firm specializes in goal setting, motivation, team building and communications. During the day there will be workshops on a variety of topics including generating extra income, exercise, wardrobe planning, drugs, effective parenting, crafts, personal growth, volunteering, and orchids. As well, there will be an opportunity to talk with the speakers on a more personal basis. The cost of ten dollars includes lunch.

The presidents, of Elgin East Women's Institute, Mrs. Pauline Lindsay, and Elgin West W.I., Mrs. Geraldine Campbell, attended a workshop last year put on by Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. From there they returned with a mandate to put on a workshop in their own county. They have assembled a very enthusiastic committee from Elgin County to organize the Community Outreach Seminar. This is open to anyone who would like to attend.

If you would like further information or a registration form contact the secretary, Mrs. Hilde Morden, phone 785-0745, or OMAF (St. Thomas) 631-4700, or long distance 1-800-265-4377.

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The West Lorne W.I. begins another year with 26 members under the capable leadership of our president, Mary Liepmann.

At the April meeting Mrs. Barbara Dawson was the guest speaker. She demonstrated flower arranging, which the ladies found very interesting.

On April 13th, the West Lorne and Clachan Women's Institute entertained their twin, the Eden W.I. to a dinner and program at the West Lorne Community Hall.

The theme of the meeting on May 5th was "Citizenship". Bruce Mullen, a retired O.P.P. gave an interesting talk on good citizenship.

The second garage and bake sale was held at the home of Mary Liepmann on May 9th. It was a financial success.

A few ladies attended the Elgin West District Women's 79th Annual Meeting at the Paynes Mills Hall. The theme was "The Next 90 Years".

The June meeting was held at the home of Mary Liepmann. The ladies enjoyed a barbeque and then on to Four Counties Hospital where we had a tour. We saw the new addition with modern facilities.

A tweedsmuir workshop was held at the Community Centre at Mount Elgin on August 11th. Two members attended and found it very informative. There was a house log display as well as Tweedsmuir books.

A float was entered in the Labour Day Parade, which got second prize. This is the second year the W.I. have received second prize.

Mrs. Geraldine Campbell, former P.R.O. for Elgin spoke at the September meeting. She gave a very interesting talk on the value of being a W.I. member.

A few ladies attended the 73rd Annual Convention of the London Area Women's Institute which was held at St. Mary's on October 15th and 16th. The theme of the convention was "Caring and Sharing".

The Fall Rally was held at the Southwold School on October 20th. Mrs. Marcy Johnston, provincial secretary, was the guest speaker. She showed a video tape of the 90th Anniversary of the Women's Institute at the Provincial Convention in North Bay. The theme for the 90th Anniversary is "Building for Tomorrow".

Mrs. Margie Carroll was the guest speaker at the October meeting. She spoke on the movement to re-introduce Agriculture back in the classroom. She displayed kits that have been placed in the schools for teachers to use. She also gave a slide presentation showing many points of interest in rural Elgin.

Guest speaker for the November meeting was Nancy Lashbrook. She gave a very interesting and informative history of West Lorne. The Tweedsmuir Book was on display at this meeting.

The Winter Picnic was held at Iona Hall on Jan. 11th, 1988. Each branch presented briefly in song, skit, poem or dialogue "The Winter Olympics".

Guest speaker for the February meeting was Mr. Greg Rivard and the student president of West Elgin S.A.D.D. who gave an excellent talk on this program. It gave an insight into the student problem on drinking and showed how we could help.

Nancy McGregor, who is Teaching Co-ordinator at Four Counties Hospital gave a very interesting, and informative talk about her work at the March meeting.

At the April meeting the report of the Nominating Committee was given. The officers were installed in their various positions.

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Elgin West W.I. Winter Picnic hosted by West Lorne branch

It was fitting that the West Lorne branch should be hostess for the Elgin West District Women's Institute Winter Picnic held at Grace Lutheran Church, West Lorne, on Monday, January 5th, 1987. This is the year of the 90th anniversary of Women's Institute in Ontario, and 1987 as well is the 74th anniversary of the branch in West Lorne. To mark this anniversary, a decorated cake was prepared and the honour of cutting the cake went to four long-time members of the West Lorne branch - Mrs. Bertha Carter, Mrs. Bertha Cooper, Mrs. Wolfgang Liepmann, and Mrs. T.F. Ripley.

District President, Mrs. Geraldine Campbell, was the presiding officer. The Winter Picnic is an annual informal occasion for the branches of the Elgin West District to get together for a pot-luck supper, some socialization, and a program. This year, the program was presented by the branches, and was composed of songs, poems, skits and readings - all honouring the 90th anniversary.

To celebrate this anniversary, a first-ever provincial conference will be held at North Bay July 5th - 9th. Any member interested in taking a chartered bus to the conference should contact Mrs. Mary Gow.

Special guests were representatives from Elgin East and Oxford South Districts; Miss Bonnie Wilson, Rural Organization Specialist, and Mrs. Betty Van Patter, provincial board director. Mrs. Van Patter presented the 60th Anniversary Award from the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario to Miss Anita Dieleman, Wallacetown.

W.I. Women's Institute holds September meeting

West Lorne Women's Institute held its September meeting with Mary Leipmann presiding. Roll call was answered by each member saying why they joined the Institute.

Guest speaker was Geraldine Campbell of Ridgetown, the P.R.O. for Elgin, and that was her topic. She gave a very interesting talk which was enjoyed by all.

The Horticultural Society invited members to hear the guest speaker on the growth and care of African violets, which was enjoyed by all.

The Institute's convention will be held in St. Mary's, Oct. 15th and 16th.

The next meeting will be Oct. 6 at 7:30 when the guest speaker will be Mrs. Don Carroll, of Dunwich.

The meeting closed and lunch was served by Sandra Reid and Olive Chambers.

WI hears about CPRI, from Mrs. Lawley

West Lorne WI's meeting was held at the Community Hall Tuesday, March 4th. Pres. Mary Liepmann welcomed members and guests.

The meeting opened by repeating the WI Ode and The Mary Stewart Collect. Roll call was answered by giving a New Year's resolution or what members were giving up for Lent. Minutes of the February meeting were read by Sec. Mrs. Kay Attridge and Mrs. Mary Lippold gave the treasurer's report.

It was reported that several members attended the recent Kiwanis meeting to hear Mrs. Snow from London, speak on behalf of the Children's Miracle Telethon to be held May 30th and 31st.

Clachan will host a joint meeting with West Lorne's and Eden's WI April 13th. Five members attended a workshop Feb. 28th at Southwold School. Several will attend the Garden Show in Toronto, Thursday, April 9th.

Nominations will be held at the next meeting, Tuesday, April 7. Mrs. Barbara Dawson, will be guest speaker and will be demonstrating flower arranging.

Mrs. Alice Peckham, Family and Consumer Affairs Co-ordinator, was in charge of the program. Mrs. Hazel Stalker introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Shirley Lawley, co-ordinator of Resident Services at CPRI.

She gave an informative talk on CPRI's background and on the work being done by professionals and support staff.

Mrs. Fran Graham thanked Mrs. Lawley for taking time from her busy schedule to come and speak to the meeting. A gift of money was given to be used by CPRI.

The meeting closed with "O Canada" and The Lord's Prayer, after which a delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Alice Peckham and Mrs. Hazel Stalker.



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Clachan, West Lorne and Eden W.I

West Lorne Labor Day Weekend parade winners





West Lorne celebrates Labour Day

Happy 80th Birthday was the theme for activities in West Lorne as the community celebrated the Labor Day holiday.

Events started off Friday evening with a sidewalk sale by the businesses in the community, and which continued until Saturday evening.

A ball tournament got under way Saturday. A flea market finished Sunday's activities.

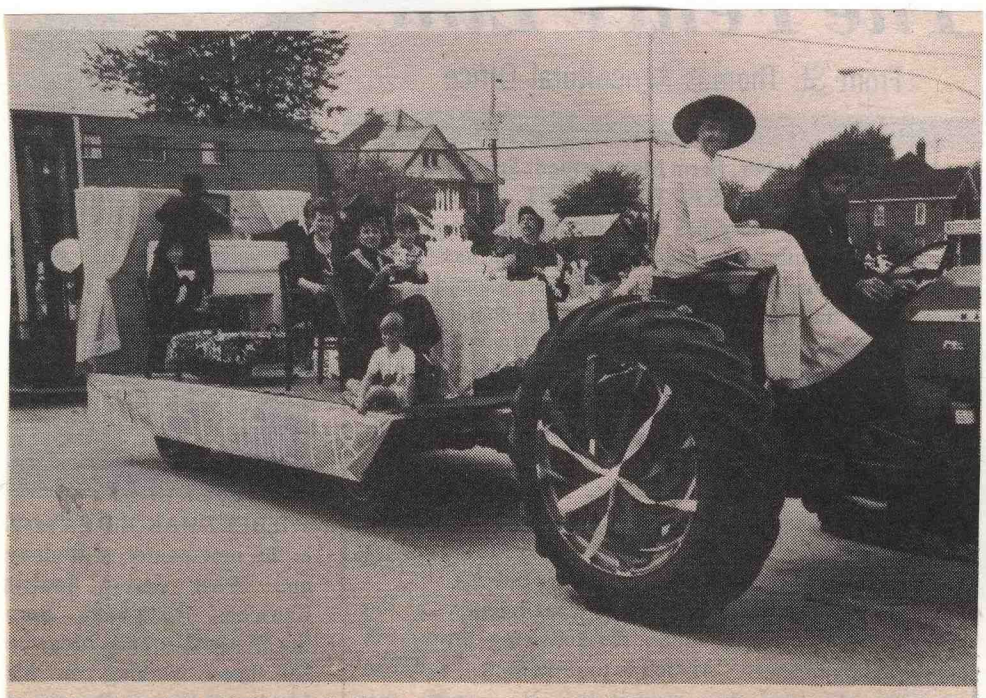
The annual Labor Day parade on Monday got off to a little bit of a late start due to some late arrivals, but spectators said the parade was worth the wait.

The parade is an annual event in West Lorne organized by the West Lorne Recreational Committee and the West Lorne Fire Department.

Ruth Anne Carmichael, chairperson for the recreational committee, said the parade was larger than it has been in recent years, thanks to the participation of the Elgin Regiment Band the the Shriner Love Bugs customized Volkswagon Bugs.

Attendance for the parade was also exceptional, she said.

Monday's events were rounded out with mixed parents and children soccer and baseball games.



Non-Commercial (adult) Ladies' Lob-ball, W.L. Women's Institute and W. L. Horticultural tied for second, and Portuguese Community.



Children's Catagories: Best Costume 5 and under girls Samantha Swain, Krista Mooser and Teresa DaCosta.



ELGIN WI MEMBERS SEE FILM ON ANNIVERSARY

Over 70 women attended the social evening sponsored by the Elgin Women's Institute Rally in Southwold Public School, beginning with a dessert luncheon.

Mrs. Sylvia Cerna, president, welcomed the group and turned the the meeting over to Mrs. Hilde Morden, song leader, and Mrs. Shirley Johnston, pianist, for a singsong and lively introduction to the 90th anniversary song.

Mrs. Betty VanPatter introduced the special speaker Mrs. Marcie Johnston, Listowel, secretary, Federated Women's Institute of Ontario. Marcie used a video of the 90th anniversary of FWIO interspersed with dialogue highlighting speakers' presentations, a panel discussion Emerging Force," and other entertainment.

73RD LONDON AREA W.I. CONVENTION

Sharing and Caring was the theme of the 73rd Annual Convention of the London Area Women's Institute held October 15th and 16th at St. Marys Community Centre. In attendance were 291 on Thursday and 228 on Friday.

Guest speaker at the Thursday evening banquet, Major Paul Murray told of the work of the Salvation Army to help the homeless. He stated that most of the homeless are under 25 years of age and that homeless women and children as well as men are on the increase in Canada. In April of this year 100,000 were homeless in Canada. Poverty is a worldwide problem and 1987 has been designated International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

The London Area Women's Institute presented the Maryn Pardy scholarships to three young people - Catherine Sutherland of Middlesex County and Susan Moodie and Heather Gillett both of Oxford County. All three girls are currently pursuing university degrees, Catherine in Science, Susan in nursing and Heather in Child Care.

A 90th Anniversary Scholarship was given to Mary Alice Roth a Women's Institute member who is working on her B.A. in Education.

Margaret Munro, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario reported on her activities as President. Lira Ryan will replace Joyce Canning as Co-ordinator of Rural Organizations at Guelph until the winter of 1988 while Mrs. Canning works with Agriculture in the Classroom. A Leadership Development Seminar will be held in Kingston May 13-15 for Public Relations Officers or Program Co-ordinators. The theme is to be "Pollution Probe."

The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada 1988 Convention will be held in Newfoundland on June23-27. Ontario will send 150 delegates.

The Women's Institutes of Ontario have donated $50,000 to the University of Guelph to help with the construction of a Nutrition Laboratory there.

Video presentations on Lobbying, New Family Law Act and Going it Alone with Confidence are available through O.M.A.F. offices. These presentations were videoed at the 90th Anniversary Convention held in North Bay in July.

Mrs. Munro also spoke of visitihg with the women of China. The Chinese women wondered why there would be divorce in Canada when couples are allowed to choose their own mates.

Convenors Muriel Lewis, Jean Roberts, Dorothy Dobbie, Joyce Morgan and Lois ELliott reported how Caring and Sharing fits into the various topic areas.

Three Resolutions brought before the general assembly, one on transportation needs of rural disabled, one on specific equipment needs of disabled adults and the third on testing immigrants for AIDS, were sustained at the Area Level.

Perth County presented a comical skit on A Day in the Life of four rural women.

THe Election of Officers was conducted by the Ontario President Mrs. Margaret Munro. New Provincial Board Directors and Alternate Board Directors for both Subdivisions 21 and 22 were elected.

WINTER PICNIC HELD IN IONA

The first picnic of 1988 was held at Iona Hall, Monday, Jan.11th when the 14 branches of Women's Institute, Elgin West District attended their annual Winter Picnic-a pot-luck supper and entertainment.Iona Station and Iona branches hosted the evening.

Pres. Mrs. Sally McIntyre introduced special guests: Elgin Past Pres. Pauline Lindsay, Oxford South; Pres. Mrs. Linda Hammond and Elgin Rally Pres. Mrs. Sylvia Cerna. Each brought greetings from their groups. Miss Valerie Clark, Rural Organization Specialist, spoke of projects being considered in the ministry office.

For the program, each branch presented a short skit, song or talk on the theme "The Winter Olympics".

Miss Toni Merks of Dutton, was a special guest being one of the fortunate few chosen as torch-bearer. Toni, wearing her official track suit, told of her feelings the day she carried the Olympic flame. Her presence added an unique touch to an evening of fun and entertainment.



Skit-"The Winter Olympics" put on by West Lorne W.I.
Mary Lippold, Shirley Walker, Kay Attridge



Marybelle Cook, Leola Lawrence, Mary Lippold

Ninety year-old Women's Institute up with the times

For 90 years Women's Institutes have provided rural women with opportunities to broaden their knowledge and abilities through 114 branches in the London area, so have been a motivating force in their communities.

Concern not only for themselves but for the rural community has led to donations in excess of $1,000 to various projects and organizations needing financial assistance throughout the year.

The work of the WI member does not stop there. They spend hours as 4-H Club leaders, adult workshop leaders, helping at senior citizen homes, assisting at museums, helping at fairs, working on agriculture in schools, or wherever needed for the betterment of their communities, and their province.

A prime example of this is the Dr. Monteith Medical Centre in Shedden, which started when Shedden WI approached its local council about the need for such a facility.

Contrary to what some people say, the WI in the London area is continuing to attract new members. This despite rural populations declining.

Younger members are not always able to participate in all community activities, which means greater loads in accomplishing community work falls to older members.

However, younger members are participating in meetings where their personal growth is served by up-to-date speakers on a variety of timely and interesting topics. A sample of some programs the past year have been: financial crisis in farming, raising and cooking rainbow trout, the crisis over water - on which our means of existence depends, "Syncrude" the Canadian tar sands, solar fabrication, nutrition, PRIDE, work of the citizenship court, Family Law Reform Act, Children's Hospital, Prince Edward Island, etc. Each branch plans a varied program to suit members' needs and interests.

Many from London area took part in the Free Trade seminar organized by FWIO where its affects on the rural community were discussed.

The Elgin WI held a very successful Community Outreach seminar with a variety of workshops, so there will be another in '88.

The WI is also working hard on the Butler Project. When finished every school in Ontario will have a copy of the Ross Butler farm animal prints, plus copies of all the animals associated with farming.

This program will come with information that can work agriculture into all facets of the school curriculum. This committee had a very successful display of Ross Butler's paintings at the London, Art Gallery, combined with a display of children's art work depicting agriculture, and animals for children and adults to look at and touch.

Everything is not serious in WI branches. They participate in tours to points of interest as well as in cultural aspects of Ontario by attending plays at Blyth, Grand Bend, and the Grand Theatre.

The vision put forth 90 years ago is very much alive and active in the London area.

Geraldine Campbell,
PRO, London Area WI

WIs writing their MPPs letters re: post offices

Thousands of women across the province could soon be writing their members of parliament in support of rural post offices.

The campaign, begun by the Wallacetown Women's Institute, was taken up at the Elgin West District Women's Institute after a meeting last month, says District President Geraldine Campbell.

300 MEMBERS

The 14 branches which make up the Elgin West District inlcude about 300 members, and while not all will write in, "we are all concerned about local post offices," she said.

The effort could be adopted province-wide by the provincial executive of Women's Institutes, after a May meeting of the Districts.

"There is no province-wide effort, as far as we know," Mrs. Campbell said. "But we will pass the message on and hope they do it."

RECOMMENDATION

Late last year, a report from Canada Post recommended the elimination of some rural post offices as a cost-cutting measure.

"But when you live out in the country, mail is a very important part of life," Mrs. Campbell said. "Particularly in the winter time, you do not want to have to drive into the city, or two or three miles down the road, to get the mail.

THE ELDERLY

"Many of our members are elderly, we don't want them to have to drive all that way," she said.

Although Mrs. Campbell said she is not sure what affect a write-in campaign will have on local politicians, "at least they will know what rural families think about it."

Elgin West W.I.

Mrs. Sally McIntyre, Elgin West District Women's Institute president, convened the Fall Board Meeting at Wallacetown Community Hall on October 6, 1987. Announcements were made concerning the Elgin County Rally at Southwold School on October 20 at 7:30 p.m.; the Rally meeting at the Elgin County Museum on November 7, when awards will be presented to the prize-winners of the safety poster contest; and a member's workshop to be held at Paynes Mills on January 19, 1988.

Mrs. Betty VanPatter, provincial board director, gave her final report to the group, as her term will end this fall, and a new director will be chosen at London Area Conference at St. Mary's, October 15, 16. Mrs. VanPatter announced that Valerie Clark will be the new Rural Organization Specialist for Elgin. She stressed the need for an increase in our givings to the Pennies for Friendship fund, and mentioned that the Women's Institute is the only women's organization with a booth at the Royal Winter Fair.

Mrs. V. McMillan reported that the Daffodil Tea had been successful, with total proceeds of $2,443.50, an increase from the preceeding year. River Road W.I. will host a coffee break at the home of Mrs. Curtis Campbell on November 10 from 9:30 - 11:30, with proceeds in aid of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gerhig's disease).

Mrs. Nelson Johnston, R.R. 1, Wardsville, was elected as new district secretary.

The Winter Picnic will be at Iona Station on January 11, 1988, with a pot-luck supper at 6:30 p.m.

LOCAL WI MEMBERS ATTEND GARBAGE SEMINAR

Concern for the environment, concern for the future of rural Ontario, concern at the needless waste of garbage and the thought that something must be done now by the women of rural Ontario, led over 400 women mainly Women's Institute members to attend a conference dealing with these topics.

Titiled "Educate/Initiate", the three-day conference, organized by the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario held a Queen's University, Kingston, May 13th-15th, 1988, provided the opportunity to learn many aspects of waste management and recycling. As well, the workshops helped members gain new skills so they can go out into the community and help promote the various ways garbage can be better utilized.

Keynote speaker was the Hon. Jim Bradley, Minister of the Environment for Ontario. On the panel discussing ways gargage can be used effectively were: Al Symmonds, Assistant Regional Director of the Environment, Kingston: John Hansen, Executive Director Recycling Council of Ontario; Pat Salter, Deputy-Reeve Township of Peel, a Women's Institute member and Elizabeth Munt, Co-ordinator Conserve, Kingston.

Among those participating in the conference were: Hilde Morden, FWI Program Co-ordinator, Shirley Johnston, Elgin West Pro, Julie Morden, Clathan W.I., Carolyn Smith, Highgate W.I.

RINSED, DELABLED FOOD TINS CAN BE RYCYCLED WITH POP CANS

A market has been found for clean, delabled food tins, township Councillor Graham Warwick announced at the April session of council, the information being gleaned from one of two meetings the three-municipality Recycling Committee held reently.

So he urged all involved in recycling to rinse their food tins, delabel them and include them with pop cans for collecting in Rodney and West Lorne, or for township people taking recyclable materials to the landfill site.

No chemical, oil of paint cans are acceptable, having to be disposed of seperately, because they have contained toxic material.

Two litre plastic pop containers can now be recycled, but no other plastic containers, because there is no market for them yet. However, in the near future they will be recyclable and compressed into wood-like building materials.

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THE WEST LORNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE, 1988-1989

The West Lorne W.I. begins another year with 26 members under the continued capable leadership of our president, Mary Liepmann.

Carolyn Smith gave a very informative talk on "Recycling" at the May meeting.

The third annual Garage & Bake Sale was held at the home of Mary Liepmann on May 14th.

The 80th District Annual was held in Grace Anglican Church Hall on May 18th, hosted by West Lorne W.I..

The June meeting was held at the Embassy Restaurant, Glencoe. Cindy Walker gave an informative talk and slide presentation on her trip to Europe with the band and choir "Canadian Youth on Tour".

A Tweedsmuir Workshop was held in Dashwood in August. Many house-log books were on display from different branches.

On August 11th ladies from West Lorne W.I. along with ladies from other branches of Elgin took a bus from Payne's Mills Hall to the "Lambton Playhouse" to see "Merci Beaucoup".

Kathy (McGregor) Smith gave a very informative and interesting talk on the growing of mushrooms at the September meeting. She prepared several samples, both cooked and raw for the members to taste.

Peggy Mitchell showed the ladies techniques in making a Christmas table centrepiece at the November meeting.

A Christmas cookie exchange took place at the November meeting.

Christmas boxes were packed for shut-ins at Mary Liepmann's on Dec. 12th.

The annual Christmas party was held on Dec. 6th.

The West Elgin District Women's Institute Winter Picnic was hosted by Clathan Women's Institute and held at Kintyre Presbyterian Church on Jan. 9th. Most of the branches put on a skit, song or poem on "Recycling".

Wally Pfaff was the guest speaker for the February meeting. He is the field supervisor for 17 post offices. His talk proved to be very informative on matters regarding the post office.

A Community Outreach Seminar was held at Southwold Public School on Feb. 25th. Several ladies from West Lorne W.I. attended and found it very interesting and informative.

ELGIN WEST DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Tuesday, October 17th, 1989 about 50 members of the Elgin Women's Institute gathered in the auditorium of the Southwold School for their Fall Rally.

After a social time spent in visiting, having a cup of coffee and dessert, members turned their attention toward the chair lady for the evening, Francis McCallum, President of the Rally Committee.

The program took the form of a Talent Showcase. Each of the II branches represented, chose to represent their members in a unique way. Included in the showcase were six displays. One member of each branch set up each display, very capably, commented and described in detail their display. Subjects on display were dolls, craft work, Japenese china, picturesque birds, Christmas crafts and decorated baskets.

Entertained by our twin - North Yarmouth W.I. in Oct. 1989









Mary Liepmann, Leola Lawrence and Olive Chambers enjoy a snack while attending the Area Convention held at St. Mary's in October.

WINTER PICNIC 1989



Skit- "Recycling" put on by the West Lorne W.I. at Kintyre Presbyterian Church on Jan. 9th, 1989.
Mary Liepmann and Shirley Walker



Mary Liepmann, Shirley Walker, horse- Francis Graham, (front)
back- Marion Hauser



Mary Lippold, (Francis Horse Graham, Marion Hauser)



At the supper, Leola Lawrence was presented with a piece of cake with a candle, as it was her birthday. Mary Lippold and Anna Okilson are looking on.

District group includes 13 branches

The Women's Institute was founded in Stoney Creek, Ont., in 1897 and on Wednesday, May 17, at Wallacetown Hall the Elgin West Women's Institute held the 81st annual meeting.

The Elgin West District consists of 13 branches, namely Boxall, Clachan, Cowal, Crina, Iona, Iona Station, Middlemarch, Paynes Mills, River Road, Shedden, Tyronconnell, Wallacetown and West Lorne.

Branch meetings are usually held monthly and with a variety of program topics. The aim is to fulfil the needs for personal growth and community action. Women of any age from rural or urban areas are welcomed as members.

The purpose of the district organization is to promote, supplement and extend the work of the individual branches.

The following women are officers for the coming year: past president — Mrs. Ivan Bancroft; president — Mrs. John McIntyre; first vice-president — Mrs. Bruce McMillan; second vice-president — Mrs. Ron Leitch; secretary — Mrs. Nelson Johnston; treasurer — Mrs. Horace Jewell; public relations officer — Mrs. John Hauser; program co-ordinator — Mrs. Leonard Palmer; resolutions convenor — Dorothy Robson; Pioneer Museum delegate — Mrs. Garnet Cowell; farm safety delegate — Mrs. Beecroft; auditors — Mrs. Gordon Attridge and Mrs. James Lawrence; nominating committee — Winifred Liepmann, Mrs. Gordon Gow and Mrs. Ralph Auckland.



EXECUTIVE — The executive for the Elgin West District Women's Institute consists of, from left, Jeannie Lietch, second vice-president, Willa Johnston, secretary, Sally McIntyre, president, Eleanor McMillan, first vice-president, Shirley Johnston, public relations officer, and Pat Palmer, program co-ordinator.

W.L. WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HOLDS MEETING

June 6, 1989, sixteen members and one visitor met on the lawn of the president, Leola Lawerence, for a pot luck supper. Following a delicious, beautiful supper a short business meeting opened with the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect.

Plans were made to attend the Museum Strawberry Social June 14th. News from the district annual was discussed.

Discussion followed for the bus trip to Huron County Play House August 16th to see "The King and I."

Magazine exchange was discussed.

Members were then invited to Alice and Ray Peckhams home to view the video of the Ray Peckham recognition night. Excellent!



Kay Attrige, Twila McWilliams, Olive Chambers, Alice Peckham







LONDON AREA
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

75th Annual Convention

Theme:
Women and the Environment

Location:
Embro Community Centre
Tel: 475-6061

October 12, 1989

Subdivision 21
Middlesex East, Middlesex West, Middlesex North
Subdivision 22
Elgin East, Oxford South, Elgin West
Subdivision 23
Perth South, Huron South, Huron West, Oxford North

EMBRO TO HOLD W.I. CONVENTION

The 75th Annual Convention of London Area Women's Institute will be held October 12th at Embro Community Centre. The convention, orginally a two-day event was shortened to one and a half days in 1983 and for this, the 75th anniversary, a one-day convention will be tried on a trial basis.

The theme for the day will be Women and the Environment, with Mrs. Eleanor Wood as guest speaker following the banquet. Women's Institue members and guests will hear addresses by Pres.-elect of the FWIO, Peggy Knapp and reports of Children's Hospital of Western Ontario, Western Fair Association, Public Relations and Tweedsmuir History.

Presentations will be given by Lisa Thompson, Rural Organizations Specialist and Helen Anderson on the Erland Lee Homestead.

Resolutions brought forward from the branches and districts will be voted on by the voting delegates.



Kay Attridge, Mary Liepmann, Hazel Stalker perform a skit at the Winter Picnic at Wallacetown Hall on Jan. 8th, 1990.



WEST ELGIN W.I. HOLD PICNIC

One hundred members of the West Elgin District Women's Institute met in the Wallacetown Hall for the annual Winter Picnic Monday, January 8th, 1990.

Pres. Mrs. Sally McIntyre made the opening remarks after which a bountiful "Picnic" supper hosted by Tryconnell members, was enjoyed.

The introduction of special guests which included officers from East Elgin followed. The group then moved to the upstairs hall where a variety program, entitled "Let me entertain you", was presented.

Members from each branch of the Institute within the West Elgin district presented five minutes of entertainment, drawing another successful Winter Picnic to a close.



skit performed by Paynes Mills W.I



April 3rd, 1990 W.I Meeting



Olive Chambers is braiding taffeta ribbons around a coat hanger. Bertha Carter is enjoying watching the demonstration.



Mary Liepmann demonstrated the craft. other perons who took part are Peggy Mitchell, Kay Attridge, Betty Humphries.

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The West Lorne W.I. begins another year with 19 members. Our new President is Leola Lawrence.

W.I. visitors from England came on May 10th. They stayed at Peg Mitchell's home for a few days and visited places of interest in the area.

The 81st District Annual was held at Shedden on May 16th. at 6:30 p.m.

For the June Meeting 15 ladies travelled to Pinecroft near Aylmer. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by everyone and then went on a tour of the pottery shed and Mary Sanderson Art Studio. In the afternoon the ladies went to Sparta for a visit to the stores and had afternoon tea at the restaurant.

A few ladies attended the Strawberry Social at the Elgin Museum on June 20th.

There was a bake sale at Port Glasgow on June 14th. and a draw for the doll rocking chair and the table cloth.

W.I. ladies from West Lorne and other branches in Elgin went by bus to see the "Ten Little Indians" in July and "Annie Get Your Gun" in August at the Huron County Playhouse.

In September $100.00 was given to the Ayling family in memory of their son, Chris who died in May of Cystic Fibrosis. Also $100.00 was donated to the Frome Disaster Fund.

Peg Mitchell demonstrated how to make a wreath out of fabric squares at the meeting.

At the October Meeting Twila McWilliams taught the ladies how to re-web chairs with macrame.

The London Area Women's Institute held their 76th. Annual Convention in Exeter on October 11th. A few members attended this Convention from West Lorne.

At the November Meeting we had memoirs from the Tweedsmuir Book. It was told that the W.I. ladies issued $3,000.00 for the building of the Community Hall. Money was raised by having community dinners and selling tickets on a horse. The government issued $2,000.00.

There were 7 members at this time in 1913.

Our Annual Christmas Party was held on December 4th. with a delicious pot-luck supper. An offering was taken for the Daffodil Society. Secret pal gifts were exchanged.

The West Elgin District Winter Picnic was hosted by Boxall and was held at the Fingal United Church. The theme was "W.I. brings out the best in you". Hilde Morden was the guest speaker.

A pot-luck supper was held for our February meeting. A prayer was given for the women and men serving in the Gulf Crisis in Dessert Storm. Ladies were asked to remember the soldiers by putting up yellow ribbons.

Valentine boxes were packed for the elderly and shut-ins. There was a Dutch Auction. A donation was given to the March of Dimes.

At the March Meeting Jennifer Mitheausen spoke on epilepsy. A donation was made to the Epilepsy Society.

The District Annual Meeting was held on May 15th. at the Final United Church with Boxall as hostess.

The Annual Meeting was held in April. Reports were given and the new slate of officers.

This has been a successful year for the ladies. They have had interesting and inspiring meetings. They are to be commended for their support to the many societies needing financial assistance.

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WEST LORNE WOMEN'S
INSTITUTE

1990 - 1991

Meetings at 07:30 hours at the W.I.
Room, West Lorne Community Hall.

All Ladies are invited to attend.

W.I. Ladies from England Visit West Lorne and Area



Ladies relaxing at Peg Mitchell's home.



Swain's Greenhouse

May, 1990

Ladies stayed at Peg Mitchell's home



W.I. Ladies at Pinecroft June 6th, 1990



Entrance to Pinecroft Craft Shop.



Display in Craft Shop.



Beautiful view at Pinecroft Restaurant (near Aylmer)



Kay Attridge, Peg Mitchell, Mary Lippold enjoy lunch at Pinecroft.



We watched this man making pottery at Pinecroft.

Ladies Enjoy Lunch at Pinecroft



Trudy Dengel and Yvonne Vanraes



Fran Graham, Alice Peckham, Trudy Dengel



Aleta James, Twila McWilliams, Olive Chambers



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At the May Meeting Constable Peter Muelljans of the Glencoe O.P.P. Detachment gave an informative talk on Home Security.

A pot-luck supper was held at Leola Lawrence's for our June Meeting. At this meeting Mary-Jean Malyska, Home Support Co-Ordinator for Elgin County Seniors explained "Meals on Wheels" which W.I. Members will be delivering.

The Cancer Tea was held at Cowal Hall on October 17th. with some members assisting.

A few ladies volunteered to look after the Tuck Shop at Elgin Manor on August 7th.

At the September Meeting, Mary Jean Malyska gave an up-date on the Meals on Wheels program. She is pleased with the way it has been received.

At the October meeting Jean Phillips, Co-ordinator of the Senior Day Care Centre of Four Counties General Hospital was the special speaker. She gave an enlightening account of the activities carried on at this worthwhile project.

A few ladies attended the London Area Convention at Norwich on October 10th.

The Crinan W.I. were welcomed to the October Meeting.

A Silent Auction was held at the November Meeting. Everyone enjoyed the tour of the Milner Rigsby Plant.

There was the Annual Family Pot-luck Supper at the Christmas Meeting. Gifts for secret pals were exchanged. The evening was spent singing Christmas Carols and playing bingo.

A few ladies attended the Winter Picnic at Talbotville United Church with Payne Mills Branch as hostess. Mrs. Phyllis Stephens of Brownsburg, Quebec told about the W.I. in that province. Mr. Fergus Cron of Fingal entertained with many songs, including his own compositions.

There was a pot-luck supper at the February Meeting. A Dutch Auction was held and the remainder of the meeting of the evening was spent in packing boxes for the elderly and the shut-ins.

For the March Meeting the ladies visited Four Counties General Hospital to view the picture they donated to the Palliative Care Room. It was in memory of deceased members.

The Annual Meeting was held in April. The slate of officers were given and reports were heard.

It has been a successful year for the ladies, and they are to be congratulated for the help they give to the community and for the many donations given to worthy causes.

HURON COUNTRY
PLAYHOUSE
THEATRE·IN·THE·COUNTRY
20TH ANNIVERSARY



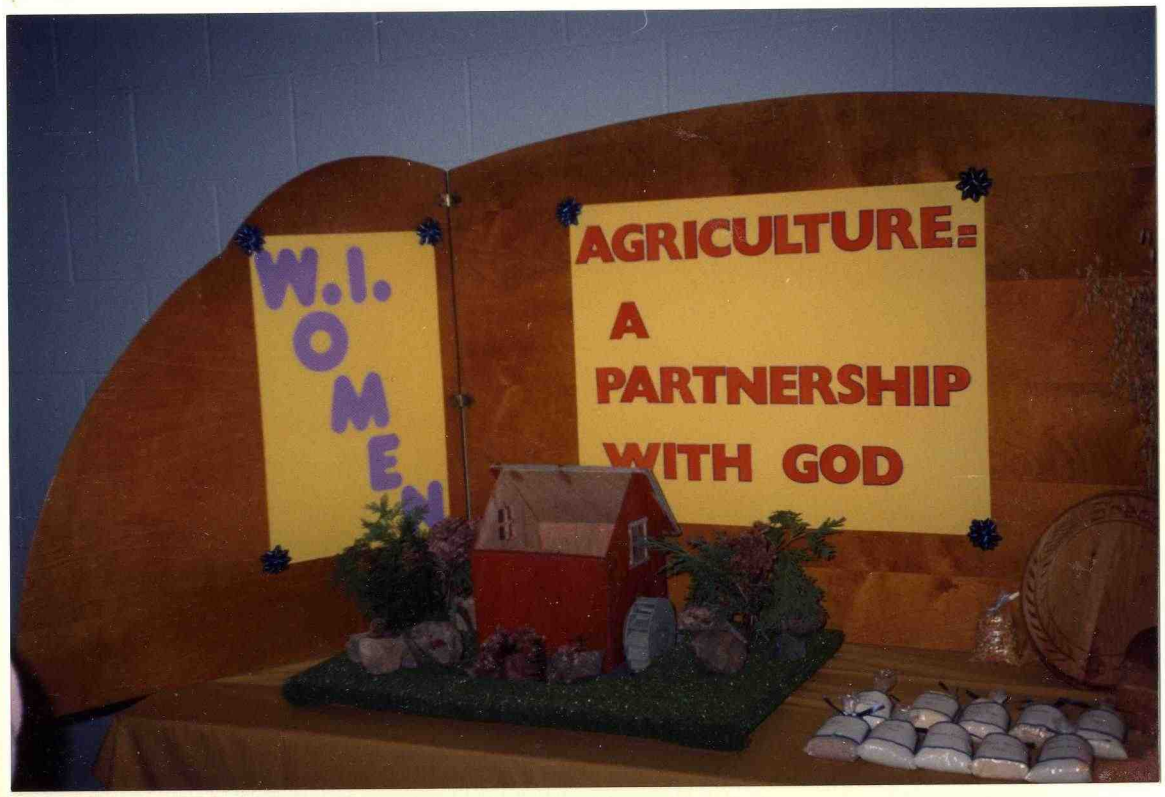
Shirley Walker, Leta James, Twila McWilliam were among the W.I. members of Elgin County who travelled by bus to see a play at the Huron County Playhouse in August, 1991.

Tweedsmuir Workshop at Mount Briges
Aug. 1991





Displays at Tweedsmuir Workshop





Preparing for Dutch Auction



Ladies put a price on items for Dutch Auction at the Feb. 4th, 1992 meeting.



Olive Chambers, vice-president auctions off an item.

Treats for Valentine's Day

Feb. 4th, 1992



The table is loaded with food for the shut-ins.



Fran Graham and Anita are packing baskets.



Leta James, Twila McWilliam, Marion Hauser and Mary Liepmann are wrapping cookies for the baskets.



Trudy Dengel, Leola Lawrence, Anita Vanraes, and Fran Graham finish packing the baskets.

W.I. Donates Picture



The West Lorne W.I. ladies visited the Four Counties Hospital, Newbury to visit the palliative care room to view the picture they had donated. This was part of the Feb. 4th, 1992 meeting.

Farm women tackle rural issues in PEI



Yvonne Wettlaufer

The opportunity to discuss and take action on key issues facing today's farm families was what drew WI member Hilde Morden and some 300 other Canadian women to Charlottetown, PEI in November.

Hilde, vice-president of Clachan WI and secretary-treasurer of West Elgin District, was one of Ontario's 10 voting delegates at the National Farm Women's Conference.

In all, there were nearly 60 Ontario women at the conference, representing such various organizations as Women for the Support of Agriculture, Women for the Survival of Agriculture, Concerned Farm Women, National Farmer's Union and also the Uni-Farm Women's Group from Alberta. According to Hilde, the goals of the conference were as follows:

1) to establish a network of farm women from across Canada;
2) to initiate a change in the financial situation for family farms through networking, lobbying and education of farm women; and
3) to create an awareness among farmers, consumers and governments of the importance of Canada's agricultural industry.

Guest speakers, including the Honorable John Wise, Gisele Ireland, Brigid Pyke, Dianne Harkin, Elaine Driver, addressed these areas. After group discussions and presentations, the delegates voted on key issues and a list of recommendations was drafted to be forwarded to various government officials including the Prime Minister, Provincial Premiers, and all Ministers of Agriculture.

The participants of the National Farm Women's Conference recommended that action be taken on:

1) Farm credit/debt issues:
   — establish immediate debt moratorium
   — re-enact farmers creditors arrangements legislation
   — change farm credit policies to lower interest rates and make more money available
   — establish debt review boards of farmers and financial experts
2) Establishment of fair prices of commodities
3) Opposition to free trade
4) Education for farm women and farmers, consumers, media, bankers, government officials, etc.



Hilde Morden

The delegates have decided to form a national network among farm women to improve communications across the country by means of a newsletter.

These were, indeed, three very productive days and a fantastic opportunity to get an insight into similar concerns in other provinces. Hilde feels self-esteem and confidence are built in this type of participation and has seen a great deal of leadership developing among the women over the past five years.

The learning experience is most valuable, however. "It is extremely important that women attend these events so that there is a better understanding among the farm commodity groups as to what the crises are," Hilde states.

She believes the opposition of free trade and education of the consumer are the main concerns related to the farm crisis today and it's women like those who attended this conference who will play a major role in bringing financial security back to the family farm. Saskatchewan has offered to play host for the National Farm Women's Conference to be held in 1988.

Hilde has been an FWIO member for more than 20 years. She also makes appearances as a freelance public speaker. She and her husband farm a 450-acre farrow to finish operation near Rodney, Ontario, assisted by their son and daughter-in-law.

Yvonne Wettlaufer, an employee of the ROS Branch in Guelph, is a regular contributor to OMAF publications.

Hilde Morden participates in free trade seminar at Guelph

"How farm and rural families would be affected by free trade", was the topic of a seminar for a capacity crowd, organized by Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, at Guelph recently.

Keynote speaker, farm economist Dr. Larry Martin from the University of Guelph, stated some Canadian agricultural sectors would gain, such as livestock and meat producers. However, dairy and poultry producers would lose.

As an immigrant from the USA, Dr. Martin rejects importing negative aspects of the American culture.

Representatives from, fruit and vegetable growers, corn, soybean, pork wheat, milk and egg marketing boards, plus the Cattlemen's Ass'n., discussed how free trade would affect their commodities. Consensus seemed to be not free trade, but freer trade with all negotiations taking place on a level playing field with both sides being equal. Everyone realised if free trade comes adjustments will have to be made.

A panel discussion featuring Murray Stewart from Canada Packers, Renie Long, President Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers, Hilde Morden, 2nd Vice President London Area Women's Institutes, a farmer's wife and mother, Stan Young, Co-ordinator Agricultural Extension University of Guelph, and Brenda McIntosh from Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

Hilde Morden summed up participant's feelings when she stated that as wife and mother her greatest concern is to protect our food production and that Canada must not lose the ability to make its own decisions.

After group discussions among all participants the overall feeling was that we need freer trade with all the negotiations taking place on a level playing field.

Results from this seminar will be sent to the federal government, as to the feelings of the rural and farm women of Ontario on free trade.

This seminar organized by the Women's Institutes shows the care and concern Women's Institutes have for those who live in rural Ontario.

Women's Institutes - Serving a need!

"Without vision the people perish." Certainly the idea put forth in 1897 had vision, it was also practical, forthright and a brave venture. Those who caught the vision could not have known how far reaching the organization, to be known as the Women's Institute, could be in the influence toward better homemaking and good citizenship.

On February 19, 1897, the first formal organization of a Women's Institute took place in Saltfleet Township, Wentworth County, through the combined efforts of Erland Lee and his wife Janet with the encouragement of Adelaide Hoodless. The branch was originally known as the Stoney Creek Women's Institute. From there the organization has spread throughout the world. The Women's Institute own the Erland Lee Museum Home which is open to the public.

The W.I. organization provides rural women with the opportunity to broaden the scope of their knowledge and abilities through participation in meetings organized by the local branch.

W.I.'s in Ontario for many years have helped women improve their homes and communities. Working for the good of all, regardless of creed, race or polictical beliefs, they have flourished in almost every community in Ontario.

Special educational sessions are organized at district, area, and provincial levels to encourage women to expand their outlook and learn to extend their influence as a motivating force in todays world. Such an example is the upcoming Community Outreach Seminar to be held on February 28th at Southwold School. W.I. members are encouraged to take a public stand on the broader issues of the day through resolutions and briefs.

The W.I. provides a vehicle and an environment to challenge women who seek self improvement and personal enrichment. They belong to a network that connects Branches to Districts, to Areas to Provincial, National and International organizations.

Within the London Area there are 114 branches in 10 Districts, who are active in many, leading and financing 4-H clubs, holding adult leadership courses through OMAF, having up-to-date speakers at their meetings, looking after the needs of their community, through donations of money, time and enthusiasm. Oxford County have initiated the Butler project to provide all schools in Ontario and hopefully Canada with a series of pictures of farm animals, the Tweedsmuir Histories provide an up-to-date and accurate history of the community lot by lot, a valuable source of information. The Elgin Pioneer Museum and the Southwold Earthworks are there because W.I. had a vision. The scholarship project provides much-needed funds to students to complete post-secondary education. The list is much longer.

An unjustified criticism levelled at the W.I. is that it is not meeting the needs of the younger member. One fact is correct in that those who join remain for many years because they believe in the vision. However, each branch makes up their own program to suit the needs of their own community. There are many young women joining W.I. because they see what it has accomplished in the past and what it will accomplish in the future. Maybe the younger members are not in all the executive offices at all levels but they are there. As young parents they will in time take a more active role. After all, the motto of W.I. is "For Home and Country". The training and skills learned at the meetings are applicable to any woman at any walk of life.

The W.I. is very active as they work to assist network of all the rural Women's Organizations in Ontario. Their magazine Home and Country is available to any woman and is used to promote all rural organizations not just Women's Institute's. When the first Farm Women Network Newsletter was printed it was distributed through all W.I. branches with copies of Home and Country.

When the W.I. had their Free Trade Seminar, all rural organizations were invited. However, not all bothered to attend. As a vehicle to network the rural women in Ontario, the W.I. is an organization that quietly, without fanfare, is doing just that.

If you are interested in finding out more about W.I. or the nearest W.I., contact your nearest Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food (OMAF).

Women urge AIDS tests for would-be immigrants

By Howard Burns
London Free Press

ST. MARYS — A rural-based women's group has jumped into the AIDS debate.

Voting delegates of the 3,000-member London Area Women's Institute decided Friday to press the federal government for mandatory AIDS testing on would-be immigrants.

But the group didn't urge Ottawa to deny entry to those who test positive.

Delegates at the St. Marys Community Centre voted in favor of a resolution by a member chapter from south Oxford County "strongly urging" the government to "screen" all prospective immigrants to see if they have been exposed to the AIDS virus.

The convention was for members from Middlesex, Oxford, Perth, Huron and Elgin counties.

The blood testing was supported by delegates as one way to better track AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) and possibly slow its spread in Canada.

The AIDS resolution will be forwarded to the umbrella, 24,000-member Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario for backing at a November meeting in Toronto.

Margaret Dale of RR 4, Woodstock, a member of the sponsoring Oxford chapter, said the issue of what to do with prospective immigrants deemed to be carriers would be left in the hands of federal health department officials.

The delegates, she said, were interested only in urging the government to determine if immigrants have been exposed to the virus as they prepare to enter Canada.

Such a screening policy might help prevent the spread of AIDS in Canada and ensure prospective immigrants get whatever treatment or counselling they need. Diagnosed AIDS patients don't qualify as landed immigrants to Canada.

But there isn't a formal system for testing newcomers to determine if they have been exposed to the virus that causes AIDS.

Federal doctors, however, now look for symptoms of exposure to AIDS and have the power to order individual tests.

The U.S. has decided to adopt mandatory testing of immigration applicants as of Dec. 1.

Margaret Munro of Ottawa, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, said she supports the concept of manadatory AIDS screening.

She said the resolution is the first on AIDS to come from a women's institute convention in Ontario.



JANETTE FISHER AMUSED RAY PECKham and the audience at Sunday night's Silver Memories program at WESS when they sang "Dearie, do you remember?" while accompanied by Mrs. Ruth Mistele in the left background. The program marked the 25th anniversary of West Lorne Kiwanis Club's Talent Show. The Fisher-Peckham duo performed on the original program. Ray also acted as Master of Ceremonies for Sunday evening's program.

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25th Anniversary of West Lorne Kiwanis Club's Talent Show



WEST LORNE KIWANIS CLUB CHARTER member, Wilf Johnston, had the honour of cutting the 35th anniversary cake at ladies' night in the Anglican Church hall recently, while new President Bill Graham held it. Wilf is the only charter member continuing to attend.



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Winning decorations

West Lorne Horticultural Society held its Christmas decoration show, with one of the best displayed by Peggy Mitchell, right. Other members are, from left, Marion Craig, Mary Lippold and Dr. Eunice McKishnie. — (T-J Photo).

Douglas Todd reeve of WL nine Years



Reeve Douglas R. Todd, 46, died suddenly Tuesday, Dec. 23rd.

In 1971 he served as the warden of Elgin the only Reeve of West Lorne to hold that office in the previous 54 years.

He was chairman of the county's Local Government Study Committee, presently being carried out under the direction of Elgin, St. Thomas and Ontario. He was a county representative on the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital Board, and served on county council's education committee and finance and apportionment committee.

Reeve Todd was first elected to West Lorne Village Council in 1962, and began serving as Reeve in 1966.

Reeve Todd was said to always demonstrate good judgement in conducting business of county council and village council.

He was highly respected by fellow county councillors, and the county appreciates his many contributions during his years of service.

A member of West Lorne United Church, a charter member of the Kiwanis Club, a member of McColl Lodge A.F. — A.M. 386, and a member of the West Elgin Planning Board since its inception.

Surviving are his wife, the former Suzanne McKillop; two sons, John and Michael; one daughter Susan; four brothers, William of Halifax, Peter of Wisconsin, Richard of London, and Bruce of Windsor.

The funeral was held Saturday, Dec. 27th from Padfield Funeral Home, West Lorne, with Rev. James Vanslyke of the United Church officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Heart Foundation.

McColl Lodge held a memorial service Friday evening.

Pallbearers were: Harley Lashbrook, Geo. Johnston, Ray Peckham, Jim Buttinger, Donald M. McKillop, and Julian Krzyworaczka.

Honorary Pallbearers were Elgin Municipal officials, Ex. Wardens Assn., Board of Governors Elgin Gen. Hospital, and West Elgin Planning Board.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Humphries

75 years celebrated

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Humphries will celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary July 11 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bobier Home in Dutton.

At 98, Harry Humphries is still enjoying good health but requires some care so is living at the Bobier Home. While 92-year-old Grace (Michener) Humphries is living at the Mapleview Apartments in West Lorne, Ont.

The couple was married at the First Baptist Church, Welland, Ont., July 11, 1911.

The Humphries have four children, Katherine Cox of Welland, Ont., Archie Humphries of West Lorne, Ont., Norma Cook of St. Thomas and Floyd Humphries of Talbotville. The couple has 15 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

HARRY HUMPHRIES

Harry Humphries, formerly of West Lorne, passed away Wednesday, December 31st, 1986 at the Bobier Convalescent Home, Dutton. He was 99.

Born in Dutton, son of the late Daniel and Catherine (Boyle) Humphries, he lived most of his life in West Lorne.

Surviving are his wife Grace Michener, sons Archie, West Lorne, and Floyd, St. Thomas; daughters, Mrs. Katherine Cox, Welland and Mrs. Norma Cook, St. Thomas; brother, John Humphries, Rodney; sisters Mrs. Susie Staddon, Eagle and Mrs. Alice Michener, Beamsville. Also survived by 14 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Two sons, two sisters and two brothers died previously.

Funeral service was held at the Padfield Funeral Home, West Lorne, on Saturday, January 3rd. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, West Lorne.



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS F. RIPLEY

West Lorne couple marks 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Ripley, West Lorne, celebrated 50 years of married life March 4. On that day in 1927, Vera, daughter of the late Joseph K. and Catharine (Page) Holland, and Tom, son of the late Walter A. and Sarah (Robinson) Ripley were married at Lincoln Road Methodist Church, Walkerville. The couple, both born in West Lorne, live in the house on Main Street, where Tom was born.

Employed by Seaman-Kent until its closure during the depression, Mr. Ripley worked for Ontario Hydro, until Seaman-Kent reopened as Erie Flooring. He retired there in 1970. Until last year, he was a secretary of Erie's union.

A member of the Order of the Eastern Star (OES), and McColl Masonic Lodge, he was a member of the Library Board and is a member of Evergreen Cemetery Board.

Mrs. Ripley, an active member of West Lorne's Methodist Church, now United, which was formed under the initiative of her grandfather, has been a member of the choir for 53 years. For 36 years she has been secretary of the women's group, and is a member of session. Mrs. Ripley is a life member of OES which she joined 53 years ago. She has been worthy matron three times. She is active in the Women's Institute, being a past president, and secretary for the past 19 years.

For 25 years she has been correspondent for the St. Thomas Times-Journal, operating its West Lorne office for the five years it was open.

Always active in community affairs Mrs. Ripley was a member of the Community Hall Board. She is captain of the Cancer Society's fund raising drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Ripley are the parents of a son, Walter A. Ripley of Windsor, and a daughter, Mrs. Jon (Yvonne) Jewell of Dutton; grandparents of five, as well as great grandparents of five.

Mr. and Mrs. Ripley were vacationing in Florida on the date of their golden wedding anniversary, but upon their return during the latter part of March, were guests of honor at a surprise celebration hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Jewell, Terry and Mark.

In the afternoon a host of well-wishers attended a tea at the United Church catered to by the OES. The United church Women served dinner to 50 following.

Many cards, flowers and gifts were presented to the highly esteemed couple.

Monday, October 6, 1986 at Aylmer Unit



Long-time service honored

Susan Jakob, left, president of the Elgin Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society, presents certificates marking the 25 years of volunteer service made to the group by Vera Ripley; the 20 years of service by Joseph Schmid, and the 20 years of service by Lois Carroll, at the unit's annual meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Aylmer. — (T-J Photo).



Tom and Vera celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversary

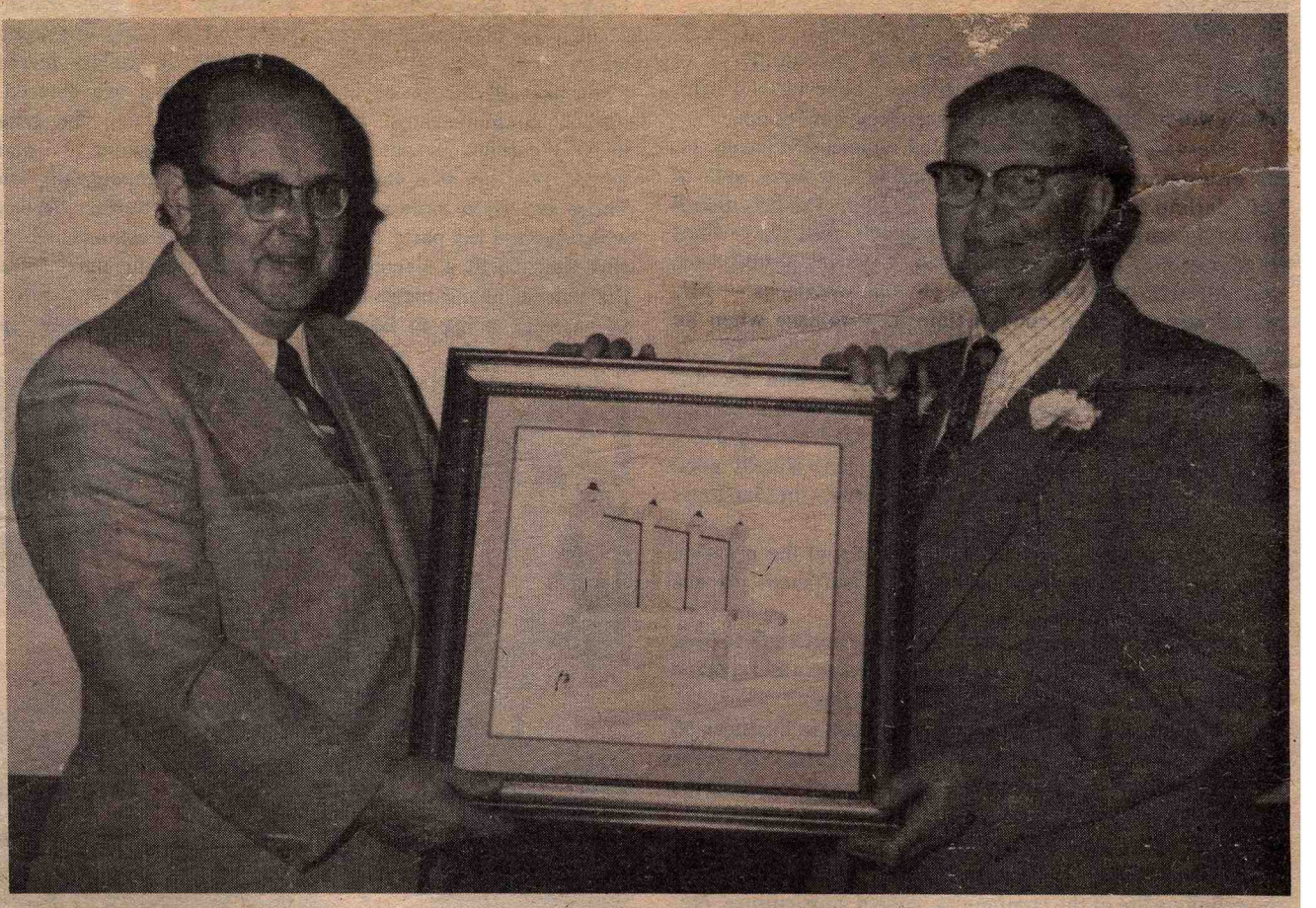
Earl Lemon Night



Honored for civic contributions

About 375 people jammed the Elgin International Hall just west of West Lorne Wednesday night to honor Earl Lemon on the occasion of his retirement from the business community after 60 years. Mr. Lemon, 82, started with a small general store in the village 60 years ago, and operated a number of businesses, the most recent a dry goods store. He was a member of the 91st Battalion in the First World War, serving three years in the army. He was also the reeve in 1938 and 1939. Pictured are his wife Grace, Mr. Lemon, Ray Peckham, president of the Kiwanis Club of West Lorne who organized the event, and Reverend Fred Dunn of Canton, Ohio, and formerly of West Lorne, who was the guest speaker. — (T-J Photo).

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REEVE HARLEY LASHBROOK PRESENTED EARL Lemon with an artist's sketch of his business block on behalf of villagers at last Wednesday's Earl Lemon Night in the International Club. The sketch was drawn by Richard Barnard of West Lorne.

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400 pack International Club to honor V. E. "Earl" Lemon

"A roaring success" was the term Earl Lemon used to describe the testimonial banquet tendered him last Wednesday night at the International Club.

Four hundred turned out to honor him, which was a capacity crowd for the hall, and many were turned away when they arrived, hoping to be able to buy tickets.

And people came from far and near: as far as Vancouver and others from a distance in the province. Unfortunately his younger son, Bob, of Montreal, could not attend. However, their other professor son, Jim, of Toronto, and wife, did and like everyone else enjoyed the occasion.

Kiwanis President Ray Peckham acted as MC and after "O Canada" was sung, accompanied by Kiwanian Wilfred Leipmann, and an appropriate prayer by Pastor Norman Schlarbaum, the International Club Auxiliary served a tasty turkey banquet.

PROGRAM

A toast to the ladies was given by Kiwanian Dave Lawley, to which Kiween Alice Peckham fittingly replied. A sing-song followed, led by Mrs. Janet Fisher, accompanied by Harvey Miller, in which Mr. Lemon favored by singing one of his old favorites "Clementine", much to everyone's appreciation.

WESS' new jazz ensemble played several current musical favorites, and Stuart McIntyre favored with a few violin selections, accompanied by Sophia Gowan.

Kiwanian Wilfred Johnston introduced the head table in his own inimitable way, with additional introductions being made in the audience by MC Peckham.

Kiwanian Harley Lashbrook introduced the guest speaker, former pastor of Mr. Lemon's Church — The Church of Christ Disciples — Pastor Fred Dunn of Canton, Ohio. He was thanked by Kiwanis Vice-Pres. Jim Hardenbrook.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations were made to Mr. Lemon by the Legion, Kiwanis, the village, Masonic Lodge, Aldborough and the gathering.

Conrade Bruce Stalker, representing

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OLD FRIENDS WERE REUNITED LAST Wednesday at the International Club when Rev. Fred Dunn of Canton, Ohio, former pastor of the Church of Christ (Disciples) West Lorne, was guest speaker at Earl Lemon Night.



EARL LEMON AMUSED HIS AUDIENCE with stories about the village and villagers in the International Club, when West Lorne Kiwanis sponsored Earl Lemon Night. Mrs. Lemon, at left, and Kiwanis President Ray and Kiween Alice at right, laughed at some of the things he told about the night a posse of businessmen captured at Hill and Atkinson's garage and detained them all night.

Earl Lemon relates...

The night the posse caught the thieves with the goods

V. E. "Earl" Lemon obviously had the best time Wednesday night at the International Club, when West Lorne Kiwanians sponsored Earl Lemon Night and 400 attended and enjoyed a banquet and program, but most of all some of his stories.

With a few more to tell the hour was getting late so the audience was denied more for which they were willing to remain and hear.

But his best one concerned the night the posse of businessmen caught the thieves with the goods at Hill and Atkinson's garage, took them to the village lock-up where they were held overnight. Both were convicted and received jail sentences.

PHONE CALL

Mr. Lemon explained that Lloyd Brown, who operated the phone exchange at his store, called one night shortly after Mr. Lemon's wedding, to ask Earl to get his gun and come downtown because thieves were reported coming to town from Dutton in a Ford with a front bumper.

Other businessmen were phoned, including Ike Gibson, Jack Gilbert, George Norris and W. G. "Tommy" Thompson, when the latter was manager of the bank, plus others the names of whom have been forgotten.

Putting his rifle under his coat as suggested by Mr. Brown, Earl said he got down to the business section before the Ford arrived.

Pere Marquette station agent George Norris kept reporting on the situation as he could see it from the back window of the station. When he saw two men in the garage he relayed this news by phone to Brown's store. Then the posse marched to the Graham-Main St. where Lin's Dept. Store is today, Mr. Lemon explained.

LEADER

There the group decided it needed a leader.

Mr. Lemon recalled someone suggesting he be the leader because he had been a sergeant in the war. He refused, prompting Ike Gibson to be the leader because, in Earl's words, he was a bold, outgoing character. That decided Ike took his posse the 100 feet to the garage, where the Ford with the bumper was parked.

There they rousted out the two thieves, holding them for Dutton's constable's arrival, West Lorne's constable being on vacation.

One thief was held inside the car, with one of his guards outside reporting hearing a tinkling sound. It proved to be caused by the thief dropping coins down between the seat and them striking the metal of the car.

This one was sort of a nice looking thief, Mr. Lemon recalled, but the other was a tough looking individual. However, he said, he had learned not to base judgment on appearance.

The two were taken to the village's lock-up — the two-storey, white brick building on the north side of the road into Erie Flooring.

There they found one cell full of furniture, so unusable, and some straightening around required in the other before it could house a prisoner the rest of the night.

LOOKS

Mr. Lemon couldn't recall the reason why the nice looking chap was placed in the cell with John Gilbert his guard. The tough looking customer was seated outside with Mr. Lemon his guard.

Before the posse broke up Ike Gibson gave Earl his fully loaded 38 calibre revolver just incase he had occasion to use it to keep his thief from escaping.

As the night wore on, Mr. Lemon said he found his prisoner not too bad a fellow, despite his looks.

On checking his coat he found it tweed on the outside and rubber on the inside.

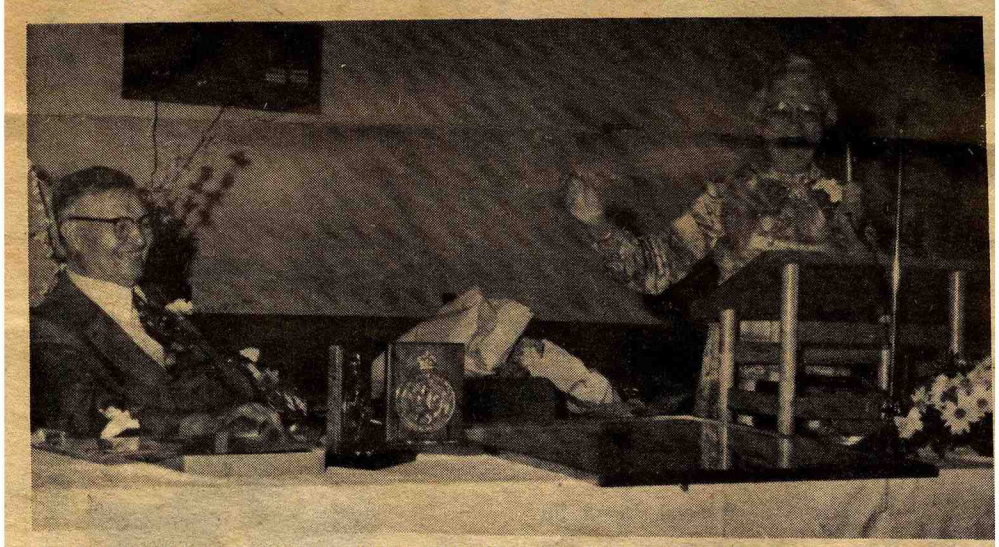
"If you ever wore a coat like that, you'll realize you perspired profusely," he recounted. Not only that, but some time before Lemons store had eight of the identical coats in stock and all eight had been stolen one night.

Checking the coat further, Mr. Lemon discovered it was one of those stolen from their store.

In the morning the two thieves were taken away by police, with them finding the tough looking fellow's Thamesville area home well stocked with stolen goods from all over the area.

In the court case he was sentenced to a term in prison, and the mild manner fellow two months in reformatory.

The audience got a kick out of the story as Mr. Lemon recalled it.



MRS. LEMON PROVED A GOOD STORY teller at Wednesday's Earl Lemon Night at the International Club, as proven by he husband's laugh.

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Wilf Johnston Night



Outstanding Citizen
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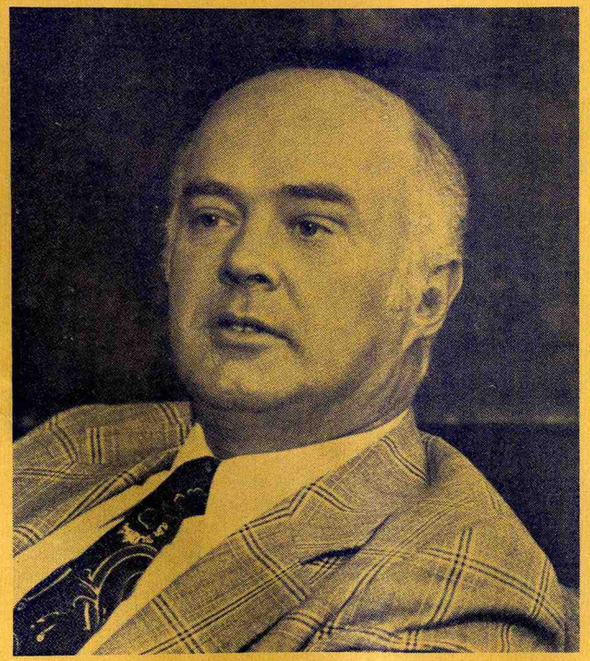
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WEST ELGIN SECONDARY SCHOOL
WEST LORNE, ONTARIO
FRIDAY, APRIL 11th, 1975

Bill Sheeler speaker at Johnston Night

Wilfred Johnston's life was recounted Saturday night in the International Club, when former WEDHS teacher, Bill Sheeler was guest speaker at a banquet honoring Mr. Johnston.

Three hundred and eighty-five friends packed the hall to pay tribute to the man who has contributed so much to the community.

Mr. Sheeler admitted having studied history at university because of Mr. Johnston's influence as a teacher.

"His idea was to teach a child to get along without a teacher, when the reverse is the situation today," Mr. Sheeler stated.

"Wilf recognized what a student could become, when most teachers see a student for what he is. He was a listener in a world of noise, a believer in total involvement in everything he did — in sports, Legion, teaching, in church and in the community," the speaker pointed out.

LIBERAL

"A Liberal all his life, Mr. Johnston was once asked why he was a Liberal," Mr. Sheeler divulged, "with Wilfred replying his father and grandfather had been Liberals."

"Well what would you have been if your father had been a bank robber and your grandfather a horse thief?" he was asked, the speaker reported. "A conservative," Mr. Johnston was said to have replied.

Mr. Johnston was also reported an expert chalk thrower when a teacher, because of his bombing and gunnery training in the Air Force, the speaker explained.

Two words are not in Mr. Johnston's vocabulary — tomorrow and yesterday, because everyone should live for today is his motto.

Mr. Sheeler said he taught with Mr. Johnston nine periods a day, and stated he felt guilty taking a coffee break, but now teachers have three and four coffee breaks a day, he revealed.

REVIEW

The speaker reviewed Mr. Johnston's life from the time he was a boy in Glanworth to when he went to Central Collegiate in London on the L&PS to get his grade 13, achieving it when only 17.

Because Normal School wouldn't accept students under 18, Mr. Johnston filled the year by taking extra high school subjects.

On graduation he wrote, 200 applications for teaching jobs, but received no replies.

"Wilf got the message — no one wanted him" the speaker said humorously, so he scraped $125 together and registered at Western. In 1931 he got a school "because they wanted a man," Mr. Sheeler mused.

Boarding with a Mrs. Sutherland, Wilf took a shine to her daughter, Audrey, and married her.

After five years in the air force and receiving his discharge, he wrote five applications for teaching positions with all five responding — four with telegrams, and West Lorne with a phone call. Because he thought West Lorne's trustees meant business he accepted at $1,700.

TEACHER

As soon as the Johnstons moved to West Lorne a senior citizen accused Mr. Johnston of not being much of a teacher when he was hired so late in August, the speaker reported.

"But Wilf gave 36 years of loving relationship to the people of the village and area," Mr. Sheeler assured.

In conclusion, he stated everyone in the community loves Mr. Johnston because he has been an inspiration to so many and all wish God will allow him to live each day to the fullest as he always has.

The address brought a standing ovation, following which Kiwanian Wolfgang Liepmann extended thanks, stating everyone appreciated hearing so many worthwhile things about the honored guest.

He stated Mr. Johnston has embodied Kiwanis International's motto "We Build", because he has helped build the community.

Frank Bolger introduced the speaker.

Letters of appreciation were read from David Mistele, Chatham-Kent Director of Education, plus telegrams from Robert Kriter in London, England, and from Joan and Keith Marr of Islington.

REPLY

Mr. Johnston spoke briefly, thanking everyone for honoring him with their presence.

After relating some amusing incidents about students and those involved in sports under his coaching through the years, he thanked the CWL for get well cards and gifts sent him during his stay in hospital because cards, visits, etc., made his 220 long days in hospital pass. The K of C was thanked for keeping him informed of euchre party successes.

Reminiscing he said his five years as president of Western Counties Ball Association resulted in pleasant experiences and relationships.

However, he recalled having been thrown out of one game by Umpire Aub Easton, for which Mr. Johnston said he apologized afterward.

Concerning hockey, he recalled his team having won the league championship in 1957, and having organized the Walker family team.

He admitted having always liked living in West Lorne, and hopes to spend the rest of his life there. He said he enjoys the Coffee Club, which he has been unable to attend lately, but hopes to get back soon.

TEACHERS

Two original WEDHS teachers — Lois Fulton Farley and Ralph Bailey — attended.

Mr. Johnston paid tribute to Doris Johnston Gilkes and Lorna Gilkes King for having been efficient secretaries during his years at the school, and to Ray Lemon because he was the only Liberal friend there.

He thanks Kiwanians for sponsoring the evening, the memories of which will remain with he and his wife the rest of their lives.

He reminisced about hockey experiences, working with young people other than in school, and that there was a tinge of saddness when recalling all who have passed away since he came to town.

Mrs. Johnston made a few remarks and thanked all who remembered she and her husband while he was in hospital.

In conclusion, she said she appreciates everything everyone had done for her since a year ago November.

Following the program it took the line-up of well wishers nearly an hour to speak to and congratulate Mr. Johnston.

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WILFRED JOHNSTON RECEIVED MANY gifts Saturday in the International Club, where West Lorne Kiwanians sponsored Wilf Johnston Night. He holds a certificate from the Knights of Columbus, and a plaque from the provincial government. Bruce Stalker holds a silver tray the gift of the Legion, Wolfgang Liepmann a shield from West Lorne Kiwanis, and Reeve Harley Lashbrook a plaque from the village. Participating in the program were: Kiwanian Bill Graham who led the sing-song, Bill Sheeler the speaker, and Kiwanian Ray Peckham, who was pianist.

Mercury-Sun photo

International Club packed for Johnston Night

"A life of contributions to the community", was how MPP Jim McGuigan referred to Wilf Johnston Saturday night at the International Club, where 385 friends gathered to honor him.

Mr. McGuigan paid tribute to his wife, Audrey, stating both have contributed to community betterment and have provided an exemplary home life. He presented a plaque from the province, which recognizes Mr. Johnston's devoted service and leadership in the community.

It was the first in a series of presentations made by the CWL, Knights of Columbus, Legion, Western Ontario Baseball Ass'n., the village, WESS and Kiwanis.

Joann Vergeer, representing the Catholic Women's League, stated the organization had waited to long time to make the presentation, with Mr. Johnston fulfilling what the CWL stands for. She presented him with a certificate of merit — a national ward in grateful recognition of what he has done.

K OF C SCROLL

The Knights of Columbus scroll was presented by Doug McGill, who stated Mr. Johnston had made a lasting impression on him, first as a coach and then as a teacher.

He explained that Mr. Johnston is a dear friend and was a founding father of the local K of C back in '73 when he served as recorder and has filled several offices since.

"His main objective seemed to have been to make the Knights euchre champions, he revealed. In conclusion, he thanked Mr. Johnston for great memories, his efforts and guidance.

Bruce Stalker represented the Legion

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Wilf Johnston Night held Saturday in International Club



WILFRED JOHNSTON WAS GREETED by former WESS secretary Lorna Gilkes King, while Mrs. Johnston whispers something to Pearl Coleman in the background.



SPEAKER AND HEAD TABLE GUESTS were Bill and Mary Lou Sheeler, with Audrey and Wilf Johnston. The lipstick on Wilf's forehead was put there by Ibby Ruttle.

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and reviewed Mr. Johnston's life in the service, starting when he enlisted in 1940 to when he was discharged in '45 and became principal of West Lorne Continuation School.

Thirty years ago he joined the Legion and has held many offices and worked with many people, Mr. Stalker concluded. He presented a silver tray with the Legion crest engraved in the middle.

BALL ASSOCIATION

The Western Ontario Baseball Ass'n. was represented by James McNair, who reported Wilf a friend of baseball, president of the association in '56, is still a member of the association, and has completed 35 years of service.

He presented a wall thermometer and barometer.

Reeve Harley Lashbrook represented the village, and presented a community award after stating the recipient was interesting to meet and greet, because he always had a story, some wit and some wisdom, and a nickname for everyone.

"It is a great pleasure to have people around like Mr. Johnston," Reeve Lashbrook stated, "because he has made his mark on the village in sports for teenagers, in schooling, the church, and Kiwanis among other things.

WESS PRESENTATION

WESS Principal J. J. Prince represented the school and staff and reviewed Mr. Johnston's service there from '52 until his retirement.

At the guest's request Mr. Prince asked all who had been in Mr. Johnston's office to stand, which was many. Staff members also stood, with Mrs. Audrey Miller attending after making a flying trip home from Hearst especially for the occasion.

Mr. Prince stated Mr. Johnston's favorite pasttime was sports. When a noteable player retires his sweater is usually hung up. But since Mr. Johnston didn't wear a sweater the staff presented the easy chair he used to fall asleep in in the teachers' room every noon hour, the presentation being made by Frank Bolger and Bill Graham.

Mr. Prince said he would have liked to have presented the school's strap, but because no decision has been made concerning its use, and because the school only has one, he thought it had better be retained.

KIWANIS

Kiwanis President Fred Lawley reported Mr. Johnston a faithful Kiwanian who worked in the community. With a feeling of nostalgia and a twinge of pride he suggested Mr. Johnston should be proud of what he had given everyone in his formative years, which will benefit all who came in contact with him for years to come.

Presentations of gifts from the club were made by Kiwanian Ray Peckham, who also acted as master of ceremonies.

A new 35 mm camera was presented, which has been used to take many slides of people entering the club, as well as some in the building and during the program. A carrying case and some films were also included.

To see the slides a new projector was presented, together with a tripod for holding the camera. Because Mr. Johnston said he had a screen, the money which was to have been used for its purchase will presented to the Canadian Diabetic Ass'n. in Mr. Johnston's name.

EVENING

The evening commenced with grace by Father Denys, followed by the Ladies' Auxiliary serving a tasty roast beef banquet, WESS' jazz ensemble entertaining. Of their selections "Woodchopper's Ball," and "Lara's Theme", were most enjoyed.

Taking everything into consideration, Wilfred Johnston Night was a big success and one which will not only be remembered by the honored guest, but by everyone who attended.



OLD FRIENDS CONGRATULATED MR. Johnston following the program, including Mrs. Katherine Klapko and Mrs. Vera Ripley.



FORMER STUDENT KATHY JOHNSTON congratulated Mr. Johnston, while her husband, Ted looks on approvingly. At left are Dave Pearce and Glen Jones.

One Man's Opinion



Worthy of honor

Of all the men in the area none deserved being honored more than Wilfred Johnston, and thanks to the foresight and initiative of West Lorne Kiwanians it happened suitably Saturday night at the International Club where 385 friends attended.

Two years ago the club initially honored Earl Lemon for all he had done for the village and community. Finding a third candidate may prove difficult if Kiwanians intend perpetuating the idea.

In some larger centres Man of the Year honors are bestowed on those who have added immeasurably to the community. And this can be perpetuated in larger centres because there are more potential candidates. In the majority of towns and villages no one is honoured for two reasons. Firstly, because of the chance of some worthy person being overlooked, and no one starts such an exercise because of the risk of his turn never coming.

But West Lorne Kiwanians not only put aside any reasons for such criticism or lack of initiative, and have made wise choices in the men they realize should be honored.

Mr. Lemon received his honors for many reasons over a lifetime of service. Mr. Johnston was given similar honors for his contributions over 35 years.

He had the advantage as a teacher of touching many lives, first as a continuation school teacher and principal, as a high school teacher, guidance officer and latterly vice-principal, simultaneously as a man interested in otherwise giving youth excellent training to play the game of life.

There not likely is one for whom he did not have a nickname, the resulting camaradarie students appreciated.

Outside school his lightheartedness was experienced by everyone he knew.

While admittedly to be no great sport, he knew how to coach young people to become good sports, winners and champions. In the main, he used the same techniques as at school. All who played under him gave their best and only have good to say about him.

And this is also the case with adults he associated with in teaching staffs, the Legion, Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Church, etc.

Personally, yours truly will always be grateful for Wilf offering to write a sports column for The West Lorne Sun when it started up again over 30 years ago.

His inimitable style was enjoyed by readers, because it had the unmistakable touch of Wilfred Johnston. Every Thursday morning "Looking at Sports" by Wilf appeared, reviewing the week's ball or hockey games. Not only did he keep everyone well informed about the town's sport scene, he made The Sun just that much better community newspaper, for which readers, and yours truly, were grateful.

Thanks Wilf for all you have done for the community, on behalf of all those who were unable to attend Wilf Johnston Night!



By Ken Wightman of The Free Press

Happy reunion

Wilf Johnston, retired vice-principal of West Elgin Secondary School in West Lorne, shares a joke with school secretaries Doris Gilkes, left, and Lorna King at an appreciation night Saturday. About 400 well-wishers shared memories with the 70-year-old Johnston, who has had a life-long interest in community work with youngsters. Johnston is a diabetic who has lost both legs to gangrene.



WESS' JAZZ ENSEMBLE ENTERtained at Wilf Johnston Night after the meal and before the program. For grade 13 students it was one of their last appearances with the group. "Woodchopper's Ball," and "Lara's Thene," were two well known and much appreciated numbers. In fact, Kiwanis President Fred Lawley requested a second chorus of Woodchopper's Ball, which had everyone's foot tapping.

Thursday, June 5th, 1986

Wilfred Johnston vice-principal of WESS, passes

Wilfred C. Johnston, 74, of West Lorne, a former West Lorne continuation school principal, and vice-principal of WESS, died in St. Thomas-Elgin General Hosp.

Born in Glanworth, he moved to West Lorne in 1945. He taught school at Fingal prior to World War II.

He was an active member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church, a charter member of the Knights of Columbus, a charter member and past president of the Kiwanis Club, a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 221, having served overseas with the RCAF, and was also a past president of the Ontario Baseball Association.

Mr. Johnston is survived by his wife, Audrey (Sutherland); a son Eric; daughter Mrs. John D. (Barbara) Campbell; and seven grandchildren, all of West Lorne; a brother, Stanley, of London; and two sisters: Mrs. Winnifred McIndoe, of Bala, Ont., and Mrs. Irene Smith, of London. A sister Genevieve, died previously.

Visitation was at Padfield Funeral Home, West Lorne, until Saturday when the funeral mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Church at 11 a.m., Father E. A. Morris officiating. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Prayers were offered Friday evening when the Knights of Columbus and the Legion held memorial services.

Remembrances may be made to the Diabetes Association.

Pallbearers were: Bruce Rose, Peter Ayling, Gary Jamieson, Harry Vergeer, Harry VanDyk and Frayne Sercombe.

Honaray pallbearers were: Norman Rose, George Lippold, Henry Shaeken, George Bell, Frank Bolger and George Taylor.

Audrey Johnston Appreciation night held with 120 attending

Liberal party workers and friends held an appreciation night for Audrey Johnston at the Elgin International Club Friday. Over 120 attended from Aylmer to Chatham, to show their thanks to Audrey and to hear Joan Smith MPP from South London, speak.

Jim McGuigan, MPP, introduced the speaker, who is Chief Party Whip and Deputy House Leader for the Liberals at Queen's Park.

PRESENTATION OFFICE

Jim also gave his personal thanks to Audrey and made a presentation of a Marie Spence print, "The Old Saugeen Mill", to her on behalf of the audience.

Mr. McGuigan thanked Dunwich and Aldborough for support received the past 10 years that he has represented them and the people of Kent.

In the next provincial election, which could come as soon as the end of June, his riding will no longer include Aldborough and Dunwich. They will rejoin Elgin.

Jim pointed out that Audrey operates the first constituency office opened in Elgin for any party.

Greetings to Aldborough and Dunwich were delivered by Jim Edwards, President of the Kent-Elgin Liberal Association and from Marietta Roberts, President of the new Elgin Provincial Liberal Association.

Bob Campbell, organizer of the evening, was chairman.



AUDREY JOHNSTON AND LONDON SOUTH MPP JOAN Smith enjoyed Friday's Appreciation Night for the former in the International Club, where Mrs. Johnston was honored for her years of work for the Liberal party, and Mrs. Smith was the guest speaker.

Audrey Johnston appreciation night speaker London S. MPP

The Elgin Provincial Liberal Association and Jim McGuigan, MPP Kent-Elgin, are hosting a dinner evening with Joan Smith, Chief Government whip and Deputy House Leader, to express appreciation to Audrey Johnston and a general salute to women in politics. Audrey is a tireless worker for the party, in West Elgin, which will be reunited with the rest of Elgin in the next provincial election.

The event is being held at the Elgin International Club Friday, March 6th. Reception will be at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7. See advertisement elsewhere in this paper for information on obtaining tickets.

Joan Smith, the feature, is another remarkable woman who has become one of the senior political leaders in Ontario.

Born in Calgary, she travelled a lot as a child because her father was in the army. However, the majority of her younger years were spent in London. She attended the University of Toronto, where she majored in philosophy and English. Joan met Don Smith when she was 20 and within the next year graduated, married and had her first baby. They lived in South London for the next 21 years where they raised a family of seven.

Even during this busy period of her life she found time for community work, her initial involvement being with Children's Aid, the United Way, and public housing.

Through the years her involvement widened to encompass a wide range of community services. For example, she served on the Board of Governors of the University of Western Ontario, the Board of Directors of the Regional Art Gallery, and was Founding president of London's Madame Vanier Children's Services. During the mid-70's she helped in the resettlement of South-east Asian refugees.

In the Autumn of 1984 she agreed to run provincially for the Liberals. Campaigning tirelessly she covered the riding twice and defeated the incumbent, Gordon Walker, by 8598 votes.

Her time is now divided between her home riding and her duties at Queen's Park. She still has time for concerns of a wider nature. On March 13 she is joining an all-party group of MPP's on a visit to Nicaragua to obtain first hand knowledge and impressions of what is going on there. All members of the party are paying their own way.



Kiwanis Club of West Lorne

honors

Rev

Norman Schlarbaum

of the

Rodney & West Lorne Baptist Church

February 12th

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FRAMED PICTURES OF WEST LORNE were presented Thursday night to Pastor Norman and Dorothy Schlarbaum at West Lorne Kiwanis-sponsored Recognition Night for the couple in West Elgin Legion Hall. Pictured with them are Loretta and Andrew Brndjar, daughter Ruth of London, and son John of Hamilton. Their other son, David, was unable to attend, living in Alberta.

Rev. Andrew Brndjar speaker at recognition night for Schlarbaums

After Pastor Andrew Brndjar delivered a This is Your Life - type of address at Pastor Norman and Dorothy Schlarbaums' recognition night Thursday in West Elgin Legion Hall, everyone knew a lot more about them.

Sponsored by West Lorne Kiwanians, 160 enjoyed a roast beef banquet catered by Lorna Rebekah Lodge, which was followed by the program.

The speaker explained that Pastor Schlarbaum has given 37 years of faithful ministry — 16 years at Eastern Bible College in Peterborough, where he was Dean of Men 13 years, followed by a three-year ministry in Newmarket and 17½ years in West Lorne and Rodney Baptist churches.

When Pastor Schlarbaum was dean, Andy Brnjdar was a student. Because the Dean was a good disciplinarian the speaker said students thanked God for him.

This phase of Pastor Schlarbaum's life came after he had spent five years as a sergeant in the Army, which the speaker said was the reason for the pastor's booming voice.

"Norman's character and ministry is an example to thousands of his students and parishioners," Mr. Brndjar stated.

LETTER

A letter was read from David Mainez, host of televised 100 Huntley St., informing that he had also been a student of Pastor Schlarbaum for three years. Because of taking many courses from him, Mainez's letter explained that was the reason he went into personal evangelism. Concluding the letter were the thoughts that Mr. Schlarbaum had faithfully served his Lord for many years, and it had been a pleasure to know such a man.

A London minister wrote a letter to be read at recognition night, which stated the writer had known Mr. Schlarbaum many years, and assured he will be missed by many, but the fruits of his ministry will last for many years.

Born in Galt, of parents who owned two grocery stores, Norman always had something to do, but declined entering the business. With two sisters he attended a United Church Sunday school. Later he attended a Nazarine-Free Methodist Church, finally deciding on the Pentecostal Church, Mr. Brndjar reported.

After war service, Mr. Schlarbaum entered the Pentecostal Church's Bible College from where he graduated with honors. Because of that and his other attributes, he was asked to join the college's staff, which he did and taught 16 years.

AS A STUDENT

Being a student of Mr. Schlarbaum's, when he was Dean of Men, the speaker said students thought how they could break the college's laws. But if caught they were up on the carpet before the Dean, who was always fair.

During these years Mr. Schlarbaum

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Pastor N. Schlarbaum recalls local ministry

Speaking at his recognition night, which West Lorne Kiwanians arranged Thursday night in West Elgin Legion Hall for 160 friends, Pastor Norman Schlarbaum reported his 17½ years of ministry being what God expected of him.

In this, he assured not many people realized what all he had done for area people through the years. While his ministry at West Lorne and Rodney Baptist Churches concluded the end of January, he reported still being called back to the area to see people.

However, now that he and his wife, Dorothy, are living retired in London, their visits to the area will be fewer.

Concerning his years here he reminisced in his address which he termed "The man with the keys."

RING OF KEYS

Coming to West Lorne he said he walked around with a ring of keys in his hand, first to the post office when it was in Earl Lemon's building, and later in the new location in the Gangle building.

During those morning walks down town he said he always had a "Hi Neighbour" for everyone he met which, friendly greeting he said he did not find other ministers giving.

At first, he reported, Portuguese looked at him in wonderment when he greeted them so, but as time went by they accepted him and sometimes brought him into their street conversations.

Because of being accepted by them, although most are Catholic, he considered that a breakthrough with them. However, he assured there are a few Portuguese Baptists', two of whom he married and that further broke the ice with the Portuguese community.

"If you ever have an opportunity to attend one of their weddings and receptions, I recommend you accept, because food is great and abundant", he assured.

STREET CONGREGATION

As far as he was concerned, he had two congregations — one in his churches, the other on the street.

He reported his street congregation held a going away party for him in the basement of West Lorne Community Hall at which 30 to 35 attended.

Organized by Irene McGregor, a Catholic, Father DeJonge attended, whom Pastor Schlarbaum assured was a member of his street congregation.

"Some of them attend church, and some don't, but I reached them on the street with the Word of God", he explained.

Because he was one of two or three ministers living in West Lorne, he explained that he was called on to pray at special events. One was the official opening of the village's sewer system.

Wondering what to say, he reported having looked everywhere, but couldn't find where any minister had dedicated a sewer system. And he said it no doubt

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was the first time the editor reported such a prayer in the paper.

"If you don't believe prayer is answered, you have to because the sewer system is still working," Mr. Schlarbaum mused.

WATER USE

"At our church they put a tv camera in the sewer line to determine why so much water was being used, them apparently not realizing baptism in our church is by immersion," he said.

"I later prayed to dedicate the water treatment plant, and the arena's new ice-making equipment."

The latter was such a great prayer the editor quoted it and it made headlines in the Mercury and Sun," he recalled to the amusement of the audience.

Referring again to his ring of keys, he reported Baptists trusted him with keys to the manse and the church, and he batted 99 percent — almost as good as the claim on Ivory soap — at turning the heat up and down, and playing the chimes.

"The keys opened many other doors — doors to people's hearts."

In his 150 visits last year to the hospitalized in Chatham, London and St. Thomas, the miles involved he assures he never considered.

HOSPITAL VISITS

But in making hospital visits he said he tried to make them different from those of other ministers. Instead, he visited as a friend or neighbour in their sickness and loneliness, no matter what church they attended, he explained.

Mr. Schlarbaum admitted missing Wilfred Johnston, because he had spent many hours with him on several visits to the hospital.

If I forgot, Wilfred would ask for prayer. He never forgot!" the speaker said.

One of the sad aspects of his ministry was that he buried 125 choice people no matter their church affiliation.

"Some people thought Emerson Padfield phoned me to preach at funerals because the deceased didn't have a minister. In most instances they had another connection with me," he assured.

Happier times were marrying 75 couples, and as a Protestant minister he married them irrespective of their affiliations, because he understood that Jesus would have done the same thing.

GOD'S KEYS

"God gives keys to ministers, priests and everyone else interested in the beautiful outreach of life, which results in saving some from hell and for Heaven," he explained.

However, after leaving West Lorne he said he is putting away the keys he used so much locally, but in God's providence and everyone's prayers he assured he will be able to use other keys in the work of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," he concluded.

Kiwanis Pres. Bob Walker thanked Pastor Schlarbaum for his message and everyone for helping to honour such a great couple. And he thanked all who made the recognition night possible, including the Legion for the use of its facilities.

In conclusion, he read verses of "If I can help somebody," which were most appropriate.

Rev. Andrew Brndjar

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taught over 1,000 students who are scattered across Canada, United States and overseas, the speaker reported.

"All of them would have liked to have been here tonight to pay tribute to Norman, and all would have said nice things about him," Pastor Brndjar assured.

During his years at college, Pastor Brndjar reported being president of Student Council, which brought him in close contact with Dean Schlarbaum.

IN RODNEY

Coming to Rodney as pastor of the Pentecostal congregation, the speaker reported Mr. Schlarbaum would pay a visit each summer to unwind, the two going fishing during the day, and Andy arranging nightly meetings throughout the area for Mr. Schlarbaum to preach at.

That was before he proposed to Dorothy when 40 years old, the speaker recalled. Actually, he reported everyone tried to get him married off before that, but he waited to find the right lady.

However, in 1962 Mr. Brndjar reported receiving a phone call from Pastor Schlarbaum who stated he had found the right woman, and asked Andy to be his best man, which he happily accepted.

With Andy's Rodney connection, Pastor Schlarbaum was introduced to Rodney and West Lorne Baptist congregations when a Pentecostal minister at Newmarket. And this is how the Schlarbaums came here and ministered for 17½ years, Mr. Brndjar explained.

ONLY FAILING

The only failing the speaker said his friend has is his ability to carry a tune, and he proved it by playing a tape of the church's 110th anniversary, where Mr. Brndjar was guest minister. Included was some of Pastor Schlarbaum's monotone singing, tapes of which the speaker said he would sell for $10 each. There were no takers.

A man of good humor, diligent in his hospital visitation, which resulted in him driving thousands of miles a year to see congregation members and all others from the area, Mr. Brndjar said the community was sorry to see Pastor Schlarbaum go into retirement and move to London.

In conclusion, the speaker asked no one to be sorry for ministers who have no cottages, don't spend winters in Florida, because a University of Western Ontario professor's studies prove preachers' sex lives are longer than most other professionals, including editors, doctors, architects and other professional people.

REASON

The reason? Ministers spend more time around the house, have a quiet, more satisfying life, their wives marry for love rather than money, resulting in ministers living to ripe old ages, thus the real reasons for them having long sex lives.

Because of this, Pastor Brndjar said that should be a key to recruitment of young men into the ministry.

He congratulated Kiwanians for holding recognition night for the couple, which was a wonderful, warm and worthwhile gesture.

Kiwanian Harley Lashbrook introduced the speaker, and Kiwanian Wolfgang Leipmann thanked him.

ENTERTAINMENT

A trio of Cindy Walker, Nancy Fedor and Laurie McLeod sang several appropriate religious numbers.

Head table introductions were made by Kiwanian Winn Leipmann. Club President Bob Walker spoke briefly and presented the Schlarbaums with a half dozen pictures of West Lorne in a frame, which will be a constant reminder of their years in the village.

Kiwanian Bill Graham played the guitar and led a sing-song, accompanied at the piano by Kiwanian Ray Peckham. The latter also acted as chairman.

"Wolfgang Liepmann Night"



Elgin International Club

Saturday, May 23rd, 1987

Sponsored by West Lorne Kiwanis Club Inc.

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WL Kiwanis Pres. Bob Walker pays tribute to W. Liepmann

"It was an honor to be chosen to speak at Wolfgang Liepmann Night," West Lorne Kiwanis Pres. Bob Walker stated Saturday in the International Club, but he said he accepted with trepidation, because it would be difficult to talk about a man who has done so much for the community, his country, his family and church.

The speaker said Mr. Liepmann has made a great many decisions by "precision guesswork", each decision taking him forward physically, mentally, spiritually and socially.

Pres. Walker reported having talked to a mutual friend from Pennsylvania at a convention, who expressed Mr. Liepmann's greatest attributes as integrity and sincerity, which were obvious on the original meeting.

Pondering that, Kiwanian Walker said everyone who knows Mr. Liepmann would be of the same opinion. Another supplier reported only a handshake, never a signed agreement, was all that was required to do business with Milner-Rigsby, which is the only company he carries on business with in that manner.



WEST LORNE KIWANIAN HARLEY Lashbrook presented Wolfgang Liepmann with a VCR on behalf of the club and the 240 attending Saturday's Wolfgang Liepmann night in the International Club. Also pictured are Kiwanis Pres. Bob Walker, who was the speaker, and Kiwanian Ray Peckham, who was master of ceremonies and contributed entertainment. The book at bottom right pictures sailboats which have won the Americas Cup, the gift of a supplier.

REVIEW

Reviewing Mr. Liepmann's life, Pres. Walker said it was amazing how intertwined their lives have been, both having worked for the same company, doing some of the same jobs, lived on the same street, attended church in the same building, he sponsored Win Liepmann for his citizenship, and the Liepmann and Walker families attended the same Kiwanis talent shows to see and hear their daughters compete sometimes in the same category.

Now he and Mr. Liepmann are members of the Kiwanis Club, Mr. Liepmann for 35 years, being a former president and the speaker being the current president.

"Everyone who has come in contact with Mr. Liepmann and family are honored and proud their lives have touched," Pres. Walker said. "And the community is justly proud to have a man who cares and promotes it."

LIFE

The speaker went on to tell about the honored guest's life in Germany, as a prisoner of war here, since immigrating in 1951, his years with West Lorne Lumber and Erie Flooring, later joining Andrew Rigsby.

Taking Milner-Rigsby over following Mr. Rigsby's death, Wolfgang has taken the firm from being the smallest manufacturer in the area to the largest employer.

Originally, his company made tent pegs, whipple-trees, wheelbarrow handles, splints and tongue depressors, and now is one of the largest manufacturers of laminated truck trailer flooring, a maker of plank and parquet floorings, stair treads and many other wood products.

In '85, grandson Rodger joined the firm, making three generations, all of which are records Mr. Liepmann is justly proud.

"Our area is the winner. Our gain is his home country's loss.

"I'm certain one of Wolf's guides through life has been the saying: "The winner never quits — the quitter never wins!" Kiwanian Walker said.

"In addition to being a builder of his company, he has taken time from his busy schedule to be a builder of his church, a builder of his community, and a builder of the Kiwanis Club. He lives by the Kiwanis motto We Build, and this year's theme, Take Time to Care."

"This great builder has put together integrity, sincerity and concern for his fellow man and moulded it to achieve the great goal — success."

During their travels he and Mrs. Liepmann are like photographers — always seeing people in the best light.

In conclusion, Kiwanian Walker read prose on Controls, which he assured Mr. Liepmann has to have to be successful, and he presented Mr. Liepmann and his wife, Gertrud, to the audience, which prompted a standing ovation.

240 honor WL industrialist Wolfgang Liepmann Sat. night

The International Club was almost full Saturday night, when West Lorne Kiwanians sponsored Wolfgang Liepmann night in recognition of what he had done for the village, the community and the club the past 30 or so years.

It was the fourth villager Kiwanians have honored, and the second this year — Pastor Norman Schlarbaum — as well as the late Earl Lemon and the late Wilfred Johnston previously.

Mr. Lemon was a former club member. Mr. Johnston was a member until being hospitalized the last time. Mr. Liepmann is a 35-year Kiwanian having joined shortly after the club was chartered.

His son, Winfred, also a Kiwanian, entertained with piano selections prior to the roast beef banquet catered by the International Club's Ladies' Auxiliary.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Kiwanian Ray Peckham was master of ceremonies, who introduced the head table, played the piano for the sing-song, entertained with Kiwanian Bill Graham and John Campbell, and sang with Jannette Fisher.

Kiwanian Ray Jobson, son-in-law of the honored guest, offered grace. His daughter, Catherine presented her grandmother with a bouquet of flowers. Kiwanian Bill Seaton toasted the ladies, to which Nancy Lashbrook replied.

Entertainment was provided by Connie Baptista singing two numbers, one in Portuguese for the large crowd of her countrymen, many of whom are employed by Mr. Liepmann at Milner-Rigsby and another in English, which Shirley Walker accompanied. Sharon Liepmann, accompanied by Cindy Walker, sang two numbers, and Kiwanian Peter Ayling made a humorous presentation.

SPEAKER

Kiwanis Pres. Bob Walker was the speaker, an account of his address can be found elsewhere in this issue. In it, he paid glowing tribute to the honoured guest for all he has done for the village, community and the Kiwanis Club.

Presentatins and short addresses were were made by Reeve Joe Fischer on behalf of the village, Bill Seaton on behalf of the Kiwanis Club, Vera Ripley on behalf of the West Lorne Women's Institute, and Hilde Morden in recognition of Mrs. Liepmann's contributions to the village's WI, the district's, and for attending several world women's conferences.

Mike Bildy represented the Grace Lutheran congregation, where Mr. and Mrs. Liepmann are stalwarts.

Kiwanian Harley Lashbrook presented

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a VCR on behalf of the crowd, and explained that a video tape of the night's proceedings was being made for the Liepmanns as a lasting record of the evening.

MRS. LIEPMANN

Mrs. Liepmann remarked she was pleased so many attended to honor her husband, that it was difficult for her to say more than "thanks".

She admitted she couldn't believe it when she arrived at the hall and saw so many people in attendance, and when she came to Canada she never dreamed her husband would be so honored.

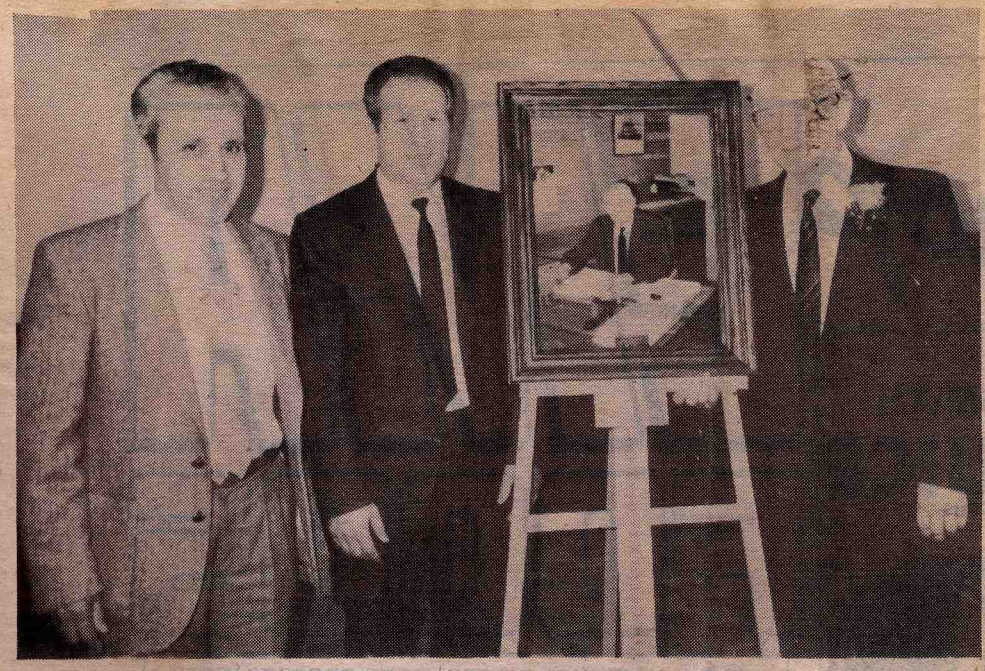
In conclusion, she said she is proud and happy to be a member of the community and the Women's Institute, because she considers herself just a plain housewife and mother.

Mr. Liepmann spoke at length, explaining how he came to West Lorne, a report of which can be found elsewhere in this issue.

At the conclusion he presented cheques to the Kiwanis Club and West Lorne, which were accepted by Pres. Bob Walker and Reeve Joe Fischer.

Pres. Walker accepted the cheque, assuring the donor the money will be put to good use in the community. He assured the donation proves Mr. Liepmann practices the Kiwanis principles of "We Build" and "Take Time To Care".

Reeve Fischer assured the money to the village will be used to pay for projects, the generosity being very much appreciated. The evening concluded with Pastor Norman Schlarbaum offering the benediction, and Win Liepmann accompanying the singing of "God Save the Queen."



MILNER-RIGSBY EMPLOYEES John Oliveira and Jack Lopes presented their boss of 25 years, Wolfgang Liepmann, with this framed color photo in his office, the frame being made by the two donors.

CARD OF THANKS

A very sincere Thank You to all our friends who attended the party in the International Club on Saturday, May 23rd. The party, the Kiwanis Club named Wolfgang Liepmann Night on a day the village council had declared Wolfgang Leipmann Day. Thanks for the various gifts. Thanks to everybody taking part in the program. Special thanks also to Ray Peckham, the MC, as well as the International ladies who put on a first class meal. It was a night cherished and long to be remembered.

Gertrud and Wolfgang Leipmann

As a prisoner of war Wolfgang came to Elgin, for being active- the community said thanks

By BOB MEHARG
T-J Staff Reporter

When Wolfgang Liepmann first came to West Elgin, all he really wanted to do was get home.

Owning a West Lorne factory, becoming a village councillor and having the community name a day in his honor were the farthest things from his mind as he worked in local fields under guard, a German prisoner of war.

But that is exactly what happened. On Saturday, his amazing life and contributions to the community were honored with the official proclamation of May 23, 1987 as Wolfgang Liepmann Day in West Lorne.

Born in Berlin, Germany, he joined the merchant marine in 1926 and during the next four years travelled to Africa, and the Far East, and South America. By 1936 he was a master mariner and served on merchant ships as a second or third officer.

DECLARED WAR

In 1939, Britain declared war on Germany. Three months later Mr. Liepmann was on board a vessel headed from the Canary Islands to Germany where he was to take up duties as a navigation instructor for the German airforce. Waiting for him at home, were his wife Gertrude, two children "and another one on the way."

He would not see them again for six years.

His vessel ran into a British blockade. He and the other merchant seaman on board were taken prisoner and shipped to several detention centres in England.

In 1940, after the fall of Dunkirk, there was a concern that a German invasion of Britain was at hand, so the prisoners were shipped from England to Canada.



WOLFGANG LIEPMANN

Mr. Liepmann eventually ended up in a camp in northern Ontario near Monteith, a camp which eventually held about 2,000 prisoners.

Mr. Liepmann said conditions at the camp were tough, but bearable. During the course of the war, they started to deteriorate.

He was then shipped to Elgin County to work as field labor on local farms based out of a POW camp in Glencoe.

Then the war ended, but instead of being sent home as he expected, "I was given the privilege of staying on in Glencoe to pick sugar beets," he said. "When you are the victor, you can do what you want."

CHOICE

He was given the option of staying in a detention camp or signing a six-month contract to work on a farm, where conditions were better, the work was outside and you could sometimes talk the farmer into providing a good meal.

"I was hopeful that after the term was over I would go home, but nothing doing," he said.

After six months, he was again given the choice to go back to a camp in Fingal or continue working in the fields.

"So voluntarily, I was compelled to again sign up for another six months."

In the meantime, he lost track of his family in Germany. For the first years of the war, he and his wife had been able to write letters. Later, after the bombing of their home in Hamburg, she and the three children, including the baby, had been forced to flee. As the war closed, the flight became a constant race from the approaching Russian army until the family found safety with relatives in what is now Poland.

Finally, in November, 1946, Mr. Liepmann was sent to a detention camp in Fingal and on Christmas Eve stepped off a truck in the town, where his wife had fled, and put his arms around the son he had never seen.

During the next five years he was an interpreter for the British armed forces. Then he managed to find a ship under construction on which he could serve.

At the same time, the Elgin farmer for whom he had worked during the last year of his imprisonment wrote offering him a job.

"We had a family council and we decided to take whichever came first," he said.

Money for construction of the ship ran out, and the family moved to Canada. But by the time they arrived, the farm owner had changed his mind.

Luckily, Mr. Liepmann found a job with the West Lorne Lumber Company. That sawmill was taken over in 1954 by its parent company Erie Flooring and Wood Products Ltd. and by 1955, he was its purchasing agent.

That same year, he moved to another wood products company, the Milner-Rigsby Co. Ltd. as a partner. When Andrew Rigsby died in 1962, Mr. Liepmann became company owner.

Milner-Rigsby with 125 workers, is now the largest employer in the village. As well as providing that employment in the district where he was once a prisoner, Mr. Liepmann also has been president of the local Kiwanis Club three times, and served on the village council from 1959 to 1961. That is why the local Kiwanis Club has named him the club man of the year and why the local council picked up on it, to make it official.

Wolfgang Liepmann Day was officially observed at a reception held in his honor at the International House near West Lorne on Saturday night. Mr. Liepmann was characteristically modest about the honor. "I'm just happy today to have been able to be of service and able to provide the village with work," he said.

Ray Peckham

Recognition Night



Saturday, April 22, 1989

West Elgin Legion Hall

140 HONOR RAY, ALICE PECKHAM AT KIWANIS RECOGNITION NIGHT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd, 1989

One hundred and forty tickets were sold for Saturday's West Lorne Kiwanis sponsored Ray Peckham Recognition Night, and many more could have had West Elgin Legion Hall been able to accommodate more.

The branch's Legion Auxiliary catered a tasty smorgasbord, which everyone enjoyed, thanks for which was expressed by Kiwanian Peter Ayling with Jean Jamieson responding.

During the social hour, Kiwanian Winn Liepmann provided background piano music. Kiwanian Bob Walker acted as master of ceremonies. Rev. James Potter of the United Church, offered grace. Mary Liepmann introduced the head table, and Kiwanian Bill Seaton toasted the ladies, to which Vivian Ayling responded.

ENTERTAINMENT

During the entertainment period, the highlight for the crowd was Ray Peckham and Janette Fisher singing a couple of songs they sang many times to many crowds through the year. Mrs Fisher also sang two numbers, accompanied by Ruth Mistele. Kiwanian Bill Graham accompanied himself on the guitar for two songs, and Allison Peckham, granddaughter of the celebrants, who had just competed in London's Music Festival, played two numbers on the piano.

The United Church choir, of which Ray has been a member for years, sang three numbers, one especially written for the occasion by choir member Bill Graham, which featured four soloists.

SPEAKER

Kiwanian Harley Lashbrook introduced quest speaker Jim McLandress of Chatham, formerly of West Lorne.

While his address was not a "roast" in the true sense of the word, Jim poked good natured fun at Ray in stories, all of which was new material to the audience. And wife, Alice, came in for some good natured jokes, all of which kept the audience amused for 20 minutes.

Peckham's son Vaughan, introduced his family, his brothers' and several relatives.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations were made by several, Reeve Charles Rushmere presenting a framed picture of the C & O Station. The choirs' presentation was made by member Ken Watterworth, and Kiwanis Pres. John Lawerence announced that the club was having the occasion video taped so the couple would have a lasting memento of the evening.

Kiwanis Lt.-Gov. Charles Scott of London, former interim minister in the United Church some years ago, spoke briefly, congratulating the Peckhams.

He reminded that Ray is a natural motivator, and has prompted many people to do things, him being a leader in Kiwanis, being president four times. "And he has used his talents in the club, the church and community, which has been a part of the couple's lifestyle," Lt.-Gov. Scott said.

In conclusion he brought greetings from the Kiwanis International Governor, and the Governor of the Eastern Canada-Caribbean Division.

GIFTS

Pamela Lawrence presented a gift to Alice on behalf of her friends.

Fran Graham spoke briefly on behalf of Alices' friends, and J.J. Prince on behalf of the audience, stating "Ray is a toastmaster of toastmasters, having acted as such on many occasions through the years."

In response to all the nice things said about himself and Alice, plus gifts received, Ray admitted that for once in his life he was at a loss for words, so thanked the audience for attending, and for making a recliner chair their gift, which he assured he and Alice will enjoy for years to come.

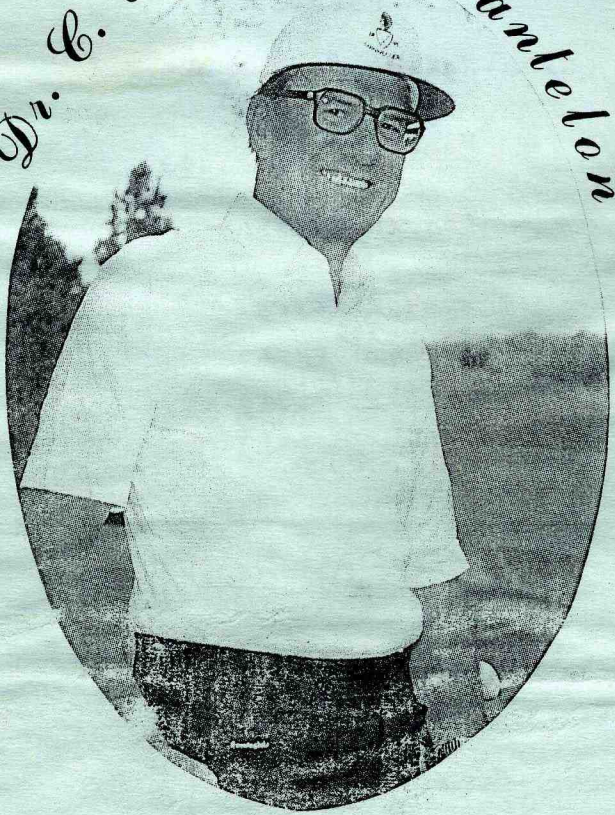




Souvenir Program

Appreciation Night

Dr. C. B. - Bruce - Canteen



Saturday May 12, 1990.

DR. C. BRUCE CANTELON

Dr. Charles Bruce Cantelon was born in Lucknow, Ontario. His father was a banker. He received his elementary schooling in many schools in Ontario; Meaford, West Lorne, Toronto and Ridgetown.

Dr. Cantelon went to the University of Western Ontario Medical School. He interned at St.Joseph's Hospital in London.

Dr. Cantelon set up his first practice above the J.T. Lemon store on the west side of Graham Street. Later in the year he moved his office to the Campbell and Craig building which is about where the Krebz Jewellery store is today.

In 1949 Dr. & Mrs. Cantelon moved from their apartment on Main Street to their new home at 190 Graham Road and built an office attached to the house.

Dr. Cantelon's favourite sport is golf. He was a charter member of the West Lorne Kiwanis Club when it was organized in 1950. He served for a few years on West Lorne Council and he was coroner of Elgin County for over twenty-five years.

He has two sons from his first marriage, David and John. He later married Joyce (Miller) and has a step-son, John, and a daughter Catherine.

Dr. Cantelon retired in 1990. He spends a great deal of time golfing now. He was a truly dedicated family physician.

Dr. Cantelon sees 300 patients in one day

Yes! It's true! West Lorne's Dr. Bruce Cantelon greeted over 300 of his patients as he welcomed them to an Appreciation Night in his honour at the International Club on Saturday night, sponsored by West Lorne Kiwanis Club.

Cantelon, who has been in practice for 42 years, said hello to some adults he brought into the world four decades ago. "We'll miss him. He was a good doctor," said Jack Ripley, who was brought into the world by Cantelon the first year the doctor came to practice here.

Donna Ripley, a nurse, worked with Cantelon at Dutton's Bobier Convalescent Home. "He was good. He put himself out for people," she said. Cantelon, a country doctor of the old school, was on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Nowadays it is practically impossible to get a doctor to come to West Lorne. But Cantelon was present at a lot of births of people from West Lorne. Betty Krzyworaczka said, "He brought all mine into the world and helped with seven grandchildren. A great guy!"

Winn Leipmann provided cocktail hour music at the piano.

Entertainment following the dinner was provided by among others, Shirley Walker accompanying Barbara Bijker and Earla Walker who sang some old favourites, Carol Ripley on piano, and Ann Prud'homme and Sharon Leipmann sang several numbers. Kiwanian Bill Graham sang a song he wrote about "the doctor", accompanying himself on guitar.



Dr. Bruce Cantelon received a certificate of congratulations from MP Ken Monteith, right, on the occasion of his retirement after serving the people of West Elgin 42 years. Cantelon is seen here with grandson, Stephen Todd and Mrs. Cantelon. Mercury-Sun Photo

The International Club has recently acquired some classy scarlet cloth-covered cushion chairs, which are wider than the ones replaced. Therefore, fewer people can sit at the tables. But if more is merrier, which it was Saturday night, then a little crowding made the evening a success.

Elgin MPP Marietta Roberts presented him with a plaque from the people of Ontario, as well as a certificate. well as a certificate from Premier David Peterson.

A very special gift was a painting of his home on Graham Road, painted by Marie Spence, given him on behalf of everyone there.



Jeannett Fisher of West Lorne, congratulated Dr. Bruce Cantelon at an Appreciation Night held for him on Saturday night at the International Club. Mercury-Sun Photo

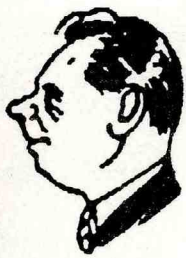
An Appreciation Night to honour

LYNN LASHBROOK

One Man's Opinion

Editorials

"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it"—Voltaire.



Saturday, October 20, 1990

Royal Canadian Legion Br. #525
Rodney, Ontario

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Rodney Inc.

Honouring a local legend

By Kathy Rumleski

Former editor and publisher of the Rodney Mercury and West Lorne Sun was honoured for his lifetime of dedication to the area this past Saturday evening. The Rodney Legion was the site for family and friends of Mr. Lashbrook to come together to express appreciation to him.

The evening began with a reception of punch and hors d'oevres prepared by Fairles K Food Market. The meal was served at 7:30 by the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary.

Following dinner, several members of the Ridge Players performed a few numbers for the enjoyment of the audience.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Jim Price, of the Rodney Kiwanis Club, which sponsored the evening of appreciation.

Several politicians honoured Mr. Lashbrook and shared memories of times spent in council meetings. The Honourable Ken Monteith congratulated the Kiwanis Club for honouring one of its own. "Too many times those in their own community don't receive thanks." Monteith called Mr. Lashbrook a legend in the media.

Many of the politicians in a roundabout way said that they missed him, but C. I. Black came right out and said it. "Lynn, I miss you." He added that this former editor could never be accused of sitting on the fence.

Two Kiwanians told of his many services to their club. "Lynn's been a faithful member of Kiwanis through thick and thin. We have appreciated your service," Harvey Miller told him. Lynn is one of three charter members still active in the Rodney club.

Lynn's brother Harley recounted the years he and Lynn spent working on the papers. "He never backed down from doing any job that had to be done he kept us informed for 49 years," Harley said.

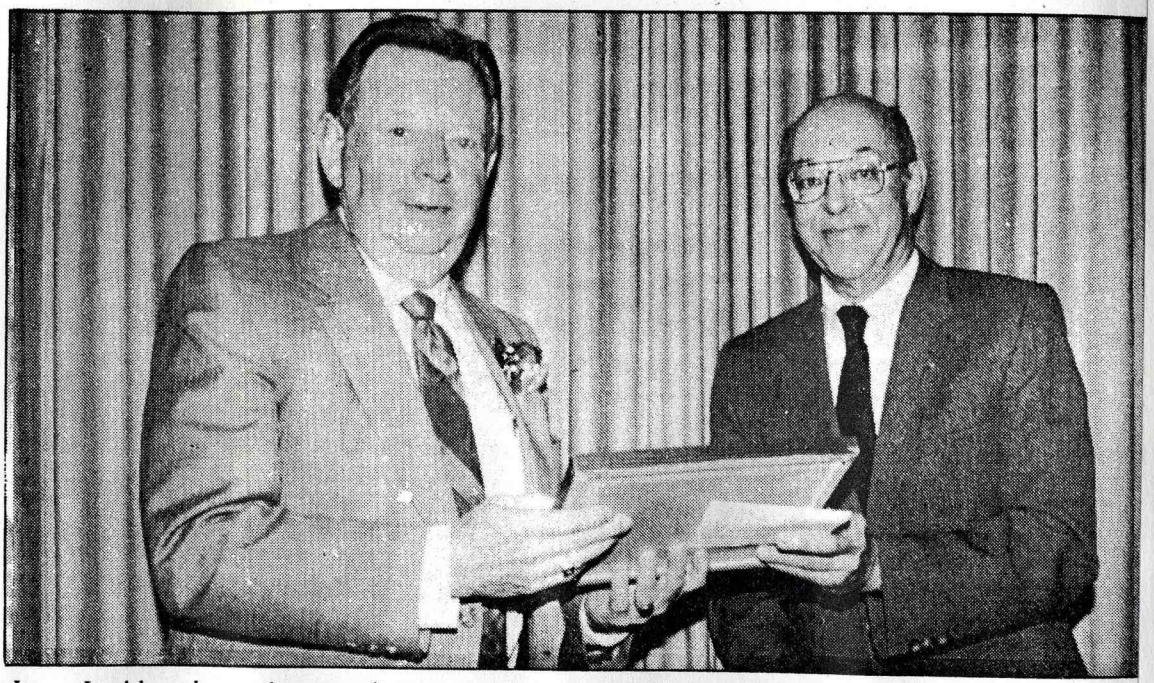
Mr. Lashbrook was not only kept busy attending council meetings, anniversaries, etc., but for one year he was president of the Canadian Community Newspapers' Association.

The people gathered to honour this man also heard from his wife Shirley and daughters Heather, Jane and Laurie. They admitted that it wasn't always easy being the wife and children of a newspaper publisher, but the pride in their husband and father was always evident during their speeches.

Finally, it came time to hear from the guest of honour himself. "I'm flabbergasted to see how many people showed up to honour Lynn Lashbrook," he began. Mr. Lashbrook thanked all the people who supported the papers and supported him through the years. "I have a lot of good friends here tonight," he said. "It's a real thrill to see so many people here tonight."

Kiwanis President John Fisher officially closed the vening and presented Mr. Lashbrook with a plaque of appreciation.

Many of the speakers showed their true respect and admiration for this man throughout the course of the night. However, there were a couple of speakers who did not attend to honour Mr. Lashbrook, but rather to bad-mouth the present owner and employees of the papers. It was unfortunate that such a lovely night had to be dampened with this rudeness.



Lynn Lashbrook was honoured at a special appreciation night, held for him at the Rodney Legion and sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. At the close of the evening Mr. Lashbrook was presented with a plaque showing appreciation for his many years of service to the community. Presenting him with the plaque, at right, Kiwanis President John Fisher.

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WL water to Glencoe May 15?



CANADIAN ARMED FORCES units from London and Sarnia stopped for lunch in West Lorne Community Centre Saturday noon, after spending the night at Port Glasgow, and testing their mobile communications on Silver, Middle and Hog Sts. Saturday morning. The young soldiers were fed from their mobile field kitchen. Their night at Beattie Access proved interesting, because seeing campfires on the beach they checked and found smelt fishermen at the mouth of Creek 16, which for some was the first time they had seen such fishing.

With water pressure in Glencoe said to have been down to four pounds one recent day, and up to nine pounds at night, the village's water and pressure shortage problems may be ended for all times within two weeks. That is, if everything goes well and water reaches there with only the pressure of West Lorne's system.

Glencoe wasn't to receive water until July, but its water problem is so critical it can't wait that long and Ministry of Environment approval has been received to temporarily circumvent the resevoir and pumping station being built north of West Lorne.

With West Lorne 700 feet above sea level, and Glencoe at least 25 feet higher, engineers Nisbet-Lethan figure with pressure in West Lorne at 50 pounds water should wind up at 27 pounds in Glencoe, taking the extra elevation and line friction into consideration.

QUANTITY, QUALITY

But that is considerably more pressure than Glencoe has been accustomed to, the supply will be unlimited and the quality will exceed the government's maximum standard.

Of late, and this is not the peak consumption period, Glencoe's wells were yielding too little at night to build reserves

WL water to Glencoe May 15th?

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for the following day's use. In addition, quality was poor.

Because of this, Glencoe's new reeve — Doug Reycraft — recently phoned West Lorne PUC to ask if it coud supply his village with water as quickly as it could be arranged.

He was assured this would be the case, because the pumping station can produce up to 750,000 gallons a day, as it is, but only is required to pump 300,000 gallons a day to Rodney, West Lorne, Dutton and 401 service centres.

So Glencoe can buy up to 450,000 gallons a day right now. However, the water it will receive from West Lorne originally will only supplement what Glencoe's wells can produce.

Once Glencoe starts buying water, West Lorne PUC will start receiving 35 cents per 1,000 gallons with which to help pay for pumping station expansion and improvements, as Rodney, West Lorne, Dutton and 401 service centres have been paying for five years. And this in addition to the 95 cents per 1,000 gallons.

The water line which has been forced under the Thames has to be hooked up. But the river flooded its banks the first of the week, flooding the excavation on the north side.

An effort is to be made to build a dam around the excavation, pump it, hopefully that the connection can be made immediately.

Another connection has yet to be made at Strathburn, but no problem is expected there.

So far the line has been filled to the Thames. Gallonage required to fill the rest has not been determined.

Before water can be put into Glencoe's system a chlorine solution of 50 parts per million has to be left in the line 48 hours to kill bacteria.

So Glencoe's first expense for water will be filling the line, and flushing it.

West Lorne PUC Manager Perry Willits assures the pumping station can handle Glencoe's requirements without the additional quarter million dollar expansion the government is demanding, but will have to be completed anyway.

Rodney, West Lorne Kiwanians visit Eagle filter-pump plant

Rodney and West Lorne Kiwanians got an "inside" look at the Eagle filtration and pumping station Thursday night, where they were told of improvements made under Phase 1 of the expansion and improvement program which has been accomplished at an expense of over a quarter million dollars.

Phase II, another quarter million dollar expense for a large settling tank, is next on the program, which West Lorne PUC members hope will be the finale in the Provincial government's demands for improvements and expansion.

Reeve Harley Lahsbrook reviewed the first phase, telling Kiwanians what all has been involved the past five years.

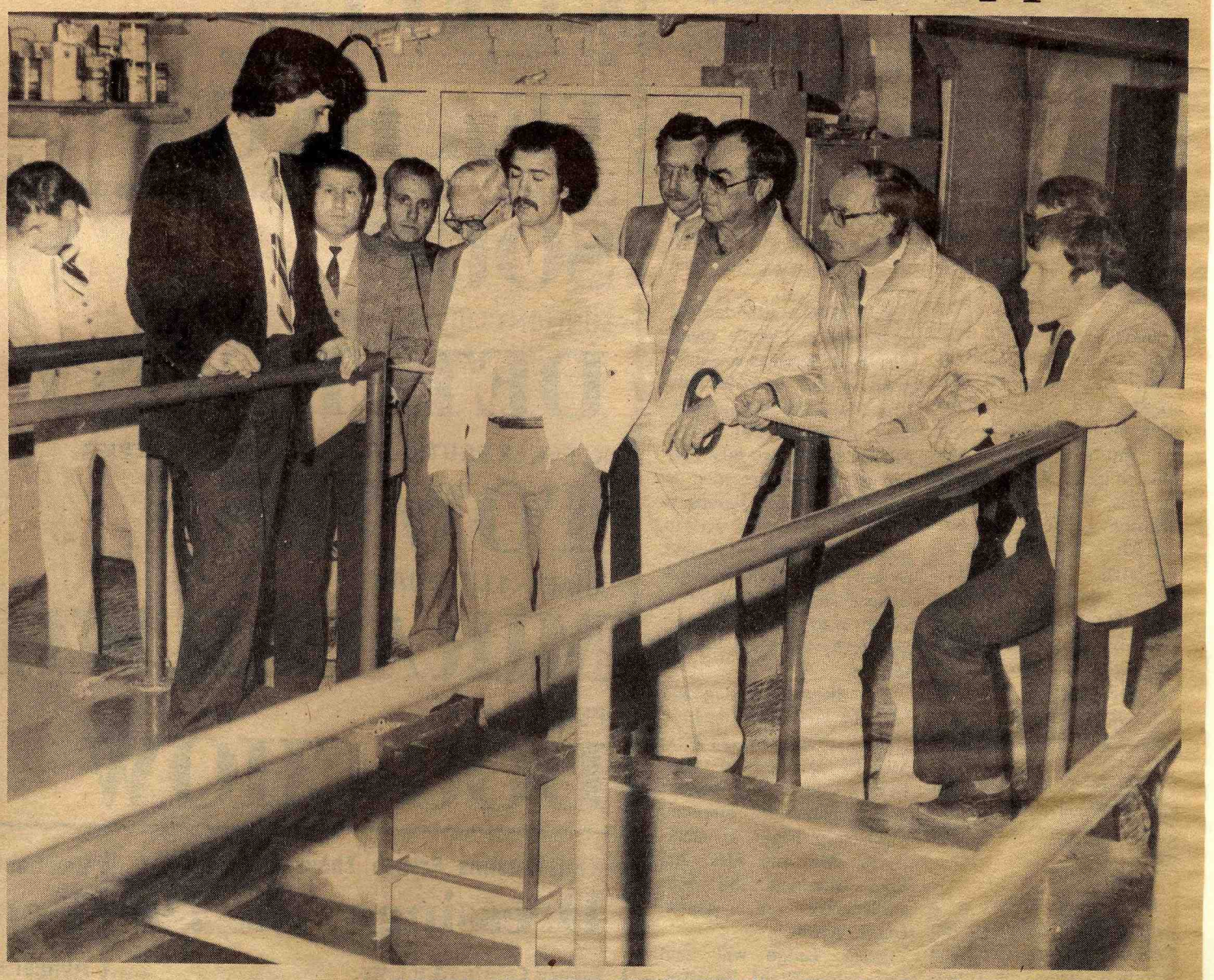
PUC Manager Perry Willits took visitors on a tour of the low lift pumping station at the beach, followed by a tour of the filter plant and pumping station at the top of the bank.

FILTRATION

With new filter materials Manager Willits told how quickly water can be cleansed, and proved it by letting water filter through the materials, the level going down quickly.

The backwash operation — removing dirt from the filters and flushing it back to the lake — was demonstrated, which requires tens of thousands of gallons of water each time.

When the lake is dirty filters being used have to be backwashed twice a day. But with new filter material over a million and a half gallons a day can be filtered, which is one-third more than Rodney, West Lorne, Dutton, the 401 service centres, and Glencoe are expected to use even during the peak consumption period in summer.



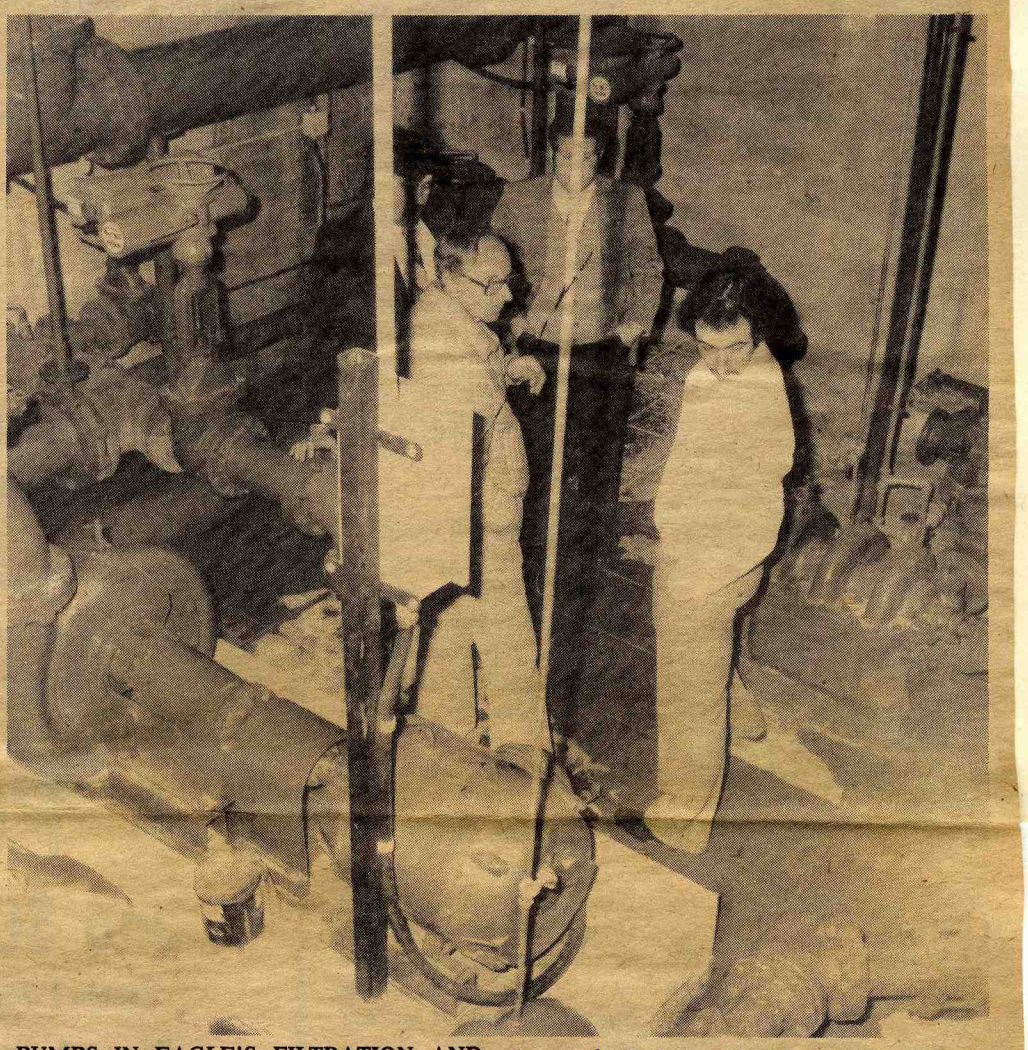
RODNEY AND WEST LORNE KIWANIans toured the Eagle filtration and pumping station Thursday evening following the club's weekly dinner. Looking into one of the filters while PUC Manager Perry Willits explains the operation, filter materials and backwash methods are: Rodney Kiwanian Bev. Lashbrook, Mgr. Willits, West Lorne Kiwanians Jack Lopes, John Oliveira, Wolfgang Liepmann, Louie Leonardis, Ray Reckham and Winfrid Liepmann, and Rodney Kiwanis Pres. Bruce Swain.

PUMPING

Mr. Willits explained the plant's pumping, one of two of the smallest pumps being all that is required for current consumption, and likely will be sufficient for summer. But it has a back-up pump the same size, plus two much larger pumps.

To cover every eventuality, the plant has its own diesel generator, which has far great capacity than will ever be required, Manager Willits assured.

Considerable other information, such as alum used to settle water, chlorine gas used to kill bacteria, etc., were explained as well as all other operations much to Kiwanians' amazement.



PUMPS IN EAGLE'S FILTRATION AND pumping station were explained by PUC Manager Perry Willits at left to West Lorne Kiwanians Winn Liepmann, Jack Lopes and Louie Leonardis. Fewer than alf the pumps are pictured with one of the inal small pumps more than adequate to supply Rodney, West Lorne, Dutton and 401 service centres. The large one in the foreground is one of two large pumps, each of which is far larger than is necessary to supply them, plus Glencoe when it comes on steam, even during the peak summer consumption.

Zebra mussel sampling stations set up at Port Stanley

This summer the Elgin County Fishermen's Association in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources Aylmer District office set up two sampling stations off Port Stanley to collect information on the biological impacts of the zebra mussel in Lake Erie.

The project which is running from July to November of 1990 is part of the ministry's overall monitoring strategy and is being assisted by the commercial fishermen of Lake Erie. In all there are 17 sampling stations with overall direction being provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources Lake Erie Fisheries Station located at Wheatley.

Participants are collecting information to determine dispersal and settling of the microscopic free floating zebra mussel larvae and the growth rates of the young mussels. At the same time water samples are taken to see what impact the mussels are having on water clarity and native microscopic plant populations.

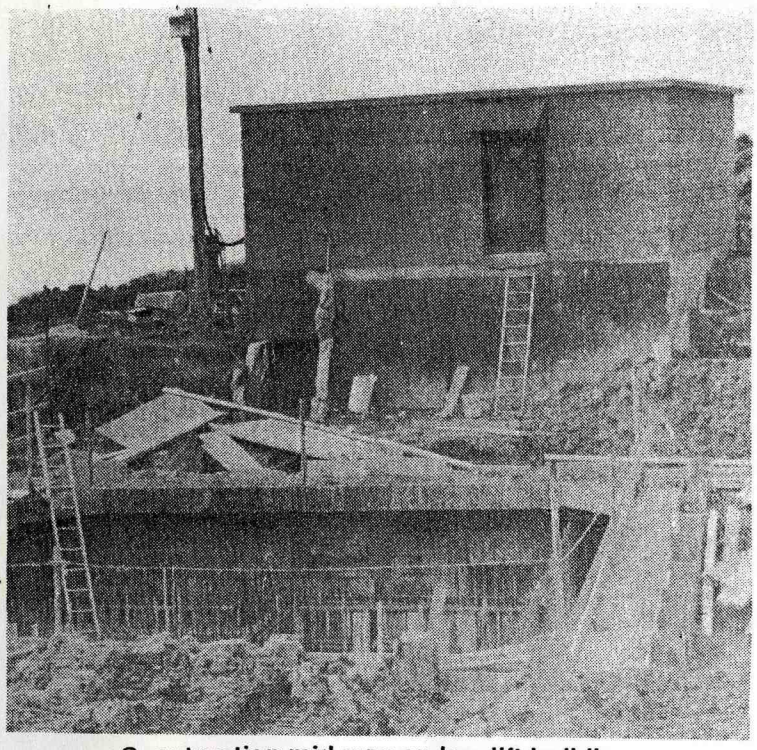
The ministry constructed the zebra mussel sampling boxes to be set throughout Lake Erie three metres below the surface. These 50 x 25 x 20 centimetre aluminum boxes contain eight removal plates to which the larvae can attach onto and grow. The rest of the sampler is made up of a marking buoy, float and anchor.

In August, Port Stanley commercial fishermen Sam Vary and son Steve set two of the sampling boxes nicknamed 'zebra mussel condos' at two monitoring sites south of Port Stanley. Once every two weeks since then, the Varys visit each sample station to do a test to determine water clarity as well as collect one compartment of the condo and 1,000 millilitre of water. The 'condo apartment' or sample plate, water sample and water clarity reading are sent onto the ministry's fisheries station laboratory in Wheatley. The sample plate is checked for mussel development while the water sample undergoes analysis to monitor the microscopic plant life.

Water project progresses



Site inspector Tom Gonyou looks over the site plans



Construction mid way on low lift building.

By Sheila McBrayne

West Lorne's Water Intake Project is about one-fifth complete and work will continue on into the new year.

The project is divided into two contracts. The first contract is with Voyageur Marine who are working on the valve chamber and all the work in the lake. This contract started on July 6 and will be completed by the end of 1992.

The second contract is with Stone Town of St. Mary's and this company is working on the modification to the high lift, construction of the new low lift and the excavating of the earth. This contract began on July 20 and is expected to be completed some time in 1993.

The consulting engineers of the approximate $5-million project is Proctor and Redfern Limited from London.

Presently, the workers from Voyageur Marine are dredging out the lake bottom, where they will be placing the 590 metres of pipeline. The pipeline itself will be saddled by concrete mouldings to anchor the pipe. Site Inspector Tom Gonyou said that the marine workers have had some problems with the wind. "If it's too windy, or if the wind is blowing the wrong way, they can't work," he said. When the conditions are right, the men work around the clock to take advantage of the good conditions.

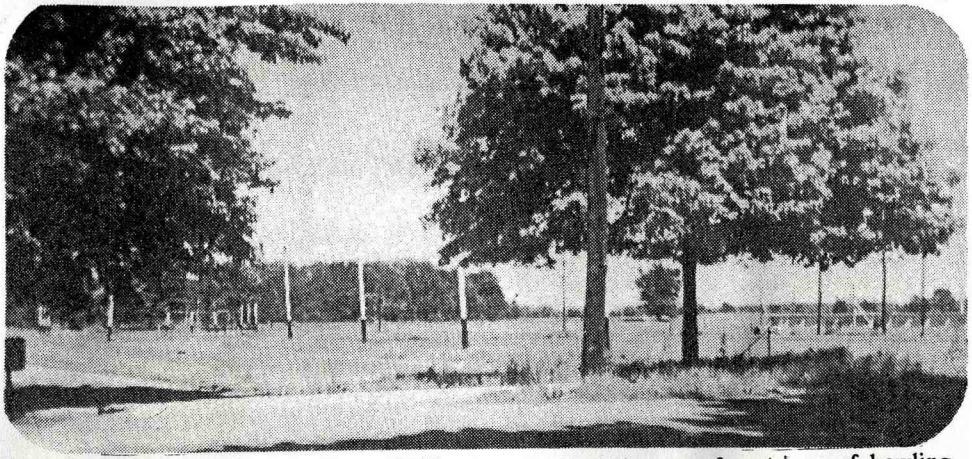
A tug and a barge come to the site via Lake Erie from Port Stanley with the drench digger and other supplies. The concrete mouldings are also being transported to West Lorne's Intake Project on the barge.

The pipeline is extended out into Lake Erie for about 590 metres (from the valve chamber to the point of intake) to ensure a good sample, Mr. Gonyou explained. The pump is already sunk in the water.

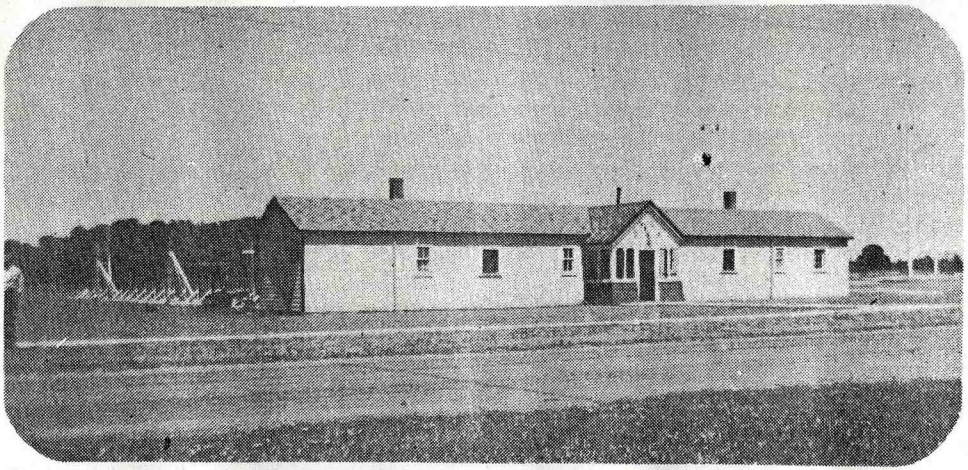
West Lorne may have noticed truck loads of large stone going through town lately. These loads of sandblasted Armor Stone are being transported from Amherstburg. There's about four loads brought to the site each day. The stones are being used to protect and stabilize the shoreline.

The West Lorne project, when completed, will service 10 municipalities. West Lorne is the legal owner of the system, while Dutton, Dunwich, Aldborough, Rodney, Ekfrid, Glencoe, Mosa, Bothwell and Newbury have all purchased capacity in the system.

The need for this new intake system surfaced about three years ago with the Zebra Mussel problem.



Forty-five years ago the late Henry Miller gave West Lorne 11 acres for a Community Centre, 40 years ago it looking like this from the Jessie St. corner. White and black poles in the middle were for strings of bowling green lights, boards for the outdoor rink are in the right background.



Forty years ago the Recreation Centre building, which contained change and rest rooms, plus a central heated room, looked like this, and opened onto the outdoor rink behind. When the hangar was moved from Fingal air base it was located immediately behind. The ball diamond was floodlit then too as poles and lights behind and at right prove.

Photos by Harley Lashbrook



March 1994

Skating Carnival

Celebrating 40 years

By Ruth Ferguson

The West Lorne Figure Skating Club is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

To celebrate, this year's carnival will be made up of numbers from past carnival themes. At present there are 175 members of the club. Membership peaked at more than 200 a few years ago. Everyone takes part in the carnival, including the adult learn-to-skate group.

Club president Helen Campbell joined the board in 1988 and stated that they try to make the carnival bigger and better every year. "We continue to strive for improvement and hopefully we do so," said Helen.

Since this is a special anniversary year, as part of the carnival the club is asking former members to bring their skates along to take part in a parade of skaters during the show.

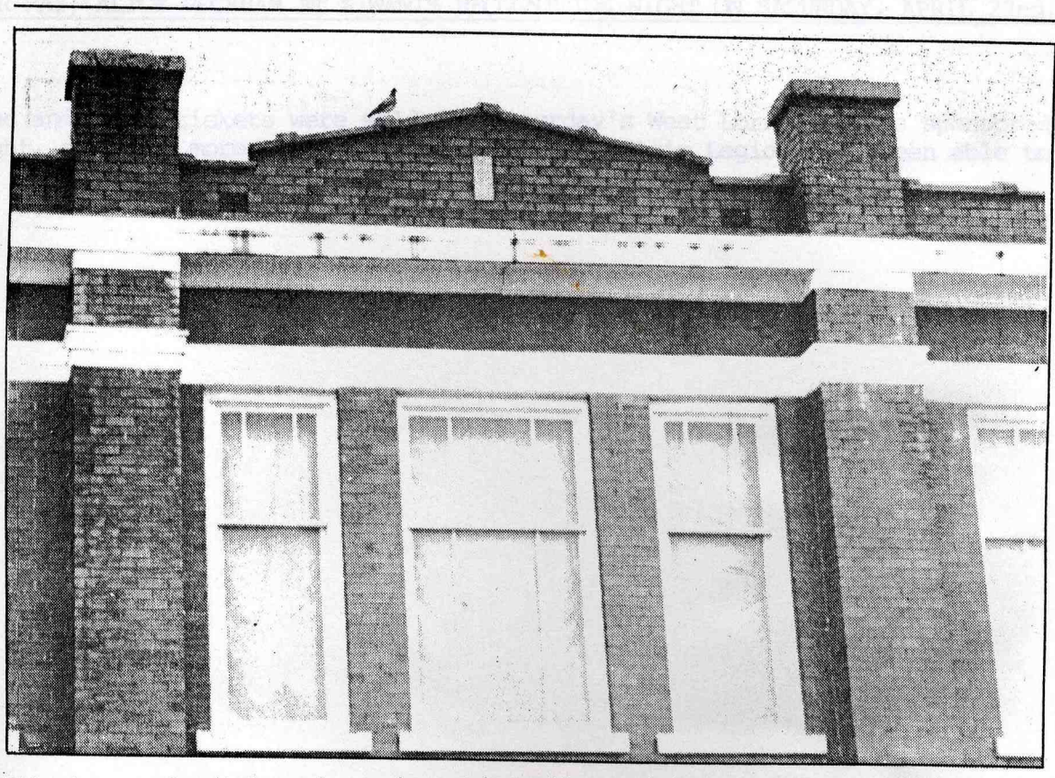
There will be 13 group routines including A Day at the Circus, Snoopy on Tour, Olympic Dreams and Land of Make Believe. Several soloists will also perform.

As a special attraction, Paul Kittmer and his partner, Sara Thury, will be feature skaters. Paul began skating at the age of 5 at the West Elgin Arena. He has been training in Toronto for the past three years and has been with his partner for one year. They recently competed in the Canadian Nationals in Edmonton in January and placed 9th in the novice pairs division.

The Figure Skating Club has three club coaches-Beth Evans, Patsy McGill and Greg Knight. These coaches teach the badge time and group lessons and also give private lessons. Four freelance coaches also teach out of the West Elgin Arena.

The figure skating club will have a memorabilia display set up during the carnival so people can see the history of the club.

Rehearsals for the March 5 carnival began in mid-January. The carnival is expected to be about 2 hours long. Shows will be at 2 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. Adult admission will be $5, and preschoolers are free. There will be a reduced admission price for students. Tickets are only available at the door and there is no reserved seating.



This pigeon makes its home in an air vent in West Lorne's town hall. The roof leaks and chimney bricks are practically falling off. Wheelchair ramps must be installed next year.

Minor repairs completed at W. L. Community Hall after inspection

By Sheila McBrayne

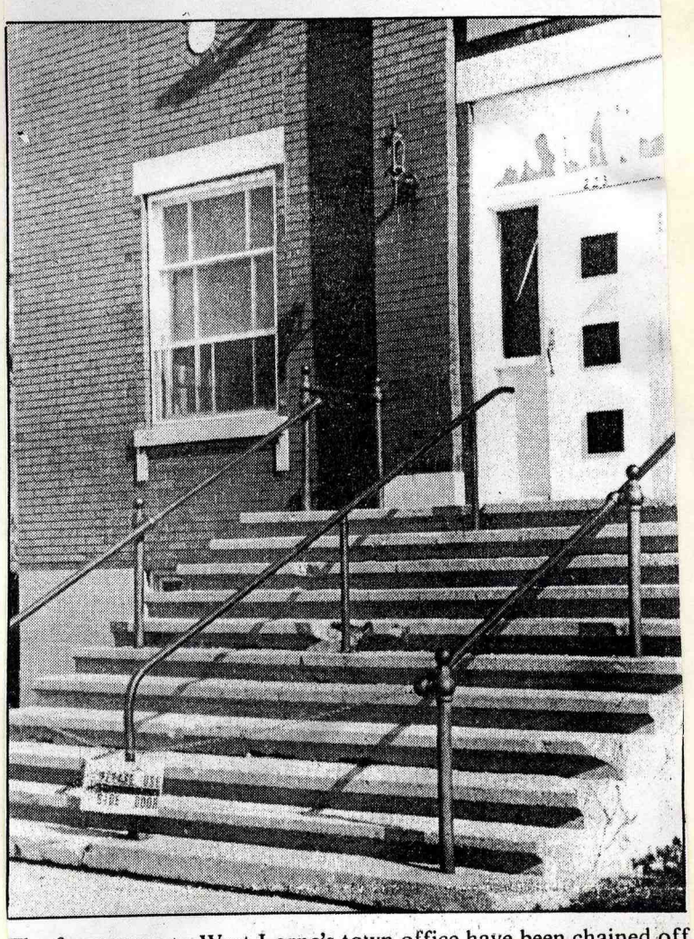
The West Lorne Community Hall had its fire inspection December 4, 1990, and passed with only six small infractions being pointed out to be fixed. Jeff Slater, village employee, told council at the January 7 regular session of council that all the violations had been repaired or installed according to the requirements set by the inspecting fireman, David Cadogan.

"There weren't any major things that we had to take care of," Mr. Slater said. Clerk-treasurer Donna MacDougall said that the chain at the bottom of the front steps had been removed, but they were still waiting a warning sign to replace the chain.

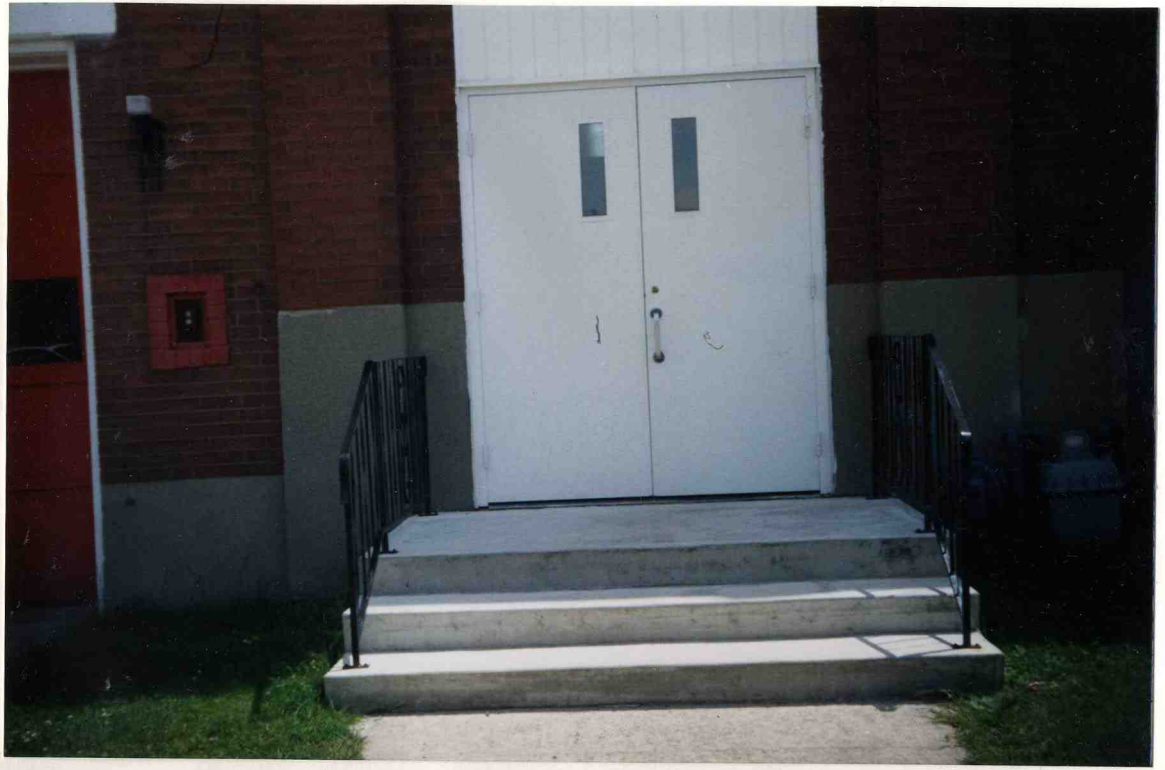
Other additives to the village's hall were exit signs and access to exit signs. Repairs were done to the side door to make exit and entry more easily accessible. The West Lorne council chambers has also bee designated as a non-smoking area. Three of the four West Lorne councillors are smokers, but are abiding by the new stipulation and reserving smoking for breaks. The new no-smoking policy was initiated by Councillor Dougal Carmichael in response to citizen complaints at the November 26 regular session of council. A resolution was passed by council at the meeting with the policy to come into effect December 3, 1990.

In adition to the no smoking signs posted in the council chambers, an occupancy load restriction is also displayed. The occupancy load of the chambers is not to exceed 60. This safety measure was part of the requirements set out by the fire inspection.

RODNEY, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1990



The front steps to West Lorne's town office have been chained off



New cement steps and railing and repairs to the door are some of the improvements made to the hall.



West Lorne Council

Pictured here are the newly-elected West Lorne Council; (Back row left to right) Councillors Tammy Swain, Fred Rees and Helen Okolisan. (Front row left to right) Deputy-Reeve Dianne Buchanan, Reeve Joe Fisher and Clerk-Treasurer Donna MacDougall.



Saying good-bye

Aldborough Township Reeve Harry Mezenberg presents Past Deputy-Reeve Curtis Hay with book ends on behalf of the county Dec. 5.

Mr. Liepmann took over Milner-Rigsby with 7 workers; now 125

The tremendous growth of the Milner-Rigsby Company under Mr. Wolfgang Liepmann was explained recently to Rodney Kiwanians by his son-in-law, Ray Jobson, who is the company's production manager.

From only seven employees when Mr. Liepmann bought the industry from Andrew C. Rigsby in 1962, it has been expanded from more than a frame office building with Mrs. Harold Schnekenburger as secretary, an old sawmill and lathe building, to newer manufacturing buildings. The company has continued to expand until today, when it includes the former Canadian Canners brick building on Argyle St., several large new buildings and the former West Lorne Industries, employing 125.

After immigrating Mr. Liepmann worked at Erie Flooring. Recognizing his abilities in the lumber business, Mr. Rigsby asked Mr. Liepmann to join his firm. In poor health, Mr. Rigsby sold the industry, which was still making whiffle trees, tent post and pegs for the Army, etc., to Mr. Liepmann.

Recognizing increasing interest in picnicking, Mr. Liepmann started making cedar picnic tables, many of which were sold to the provincial parks.

FLOORING

Flooring for trucks became a staple.

Recognizing the demand for truck flooring, Mr. Liepmann bought the Canadian Canners' buildings and started laminating truck flooring 38 and 40 feet long, which was just what transport truck trailer manufacturers were looking for to reduce labor costs and improve trailer floors.

Originally each piece of oak had glued applied with a paint brush and clamped together to dry over night. Later a gluing machine was installed, increasing and improving production. The procedure was unique in North America.

When microwave glue drying was developed, the first new Milner-Rigsby plant was built on the south side of Elm St., and there was no stopping the company from then on, Mr. Jobson explained.

Kilns had to be added to keep pace with requirements for dry wood.

The former Conklin Lumber property was purchased after it went bankrupt in December '81, for further expansion. On it a large new warehouse was built. Now a new office building is complete where the Conklin office-store combination was.

Then there was the addition of West Lorne Industries, which is now a stair step and flooring plant. That plant was expanded and a new lumber stacker building was built there recently.



MR. WOLFGANG LIEPMANN IN HIS new white oak walled and hardwood floored office, which is a great improvement in quality and size over the cubby-hole he had in the former little office building at the north corner of Elm and Argyle Sts., which building he, son Winn, son-in-law Ray, and secretary vacated recently.

See picture on page 10.

Mr. Jobson explained that his father-in-law accompanied an Ontario government-sponsored trade mission to Europe in 1965, where some contracts were made which resulted in Milner-Rigsby selling laminated table tops, etc. That business has continued to expand, until now, when an average of two containers a month are shipped to Germany and Holland.

Because Germans view stairs as furniture, Kiwanian Jobson said the country is a major market for laminated stair steps. Toronto is another, because older, narrow houses are being refurbished and spiral staircases are required to save space.

While steps are laminated, he assured the ladies grading the oak are so exacting that it is difficult to determine that a step is anything but one oak board.

Milner-Rigsby also makes parquet flooring, but not in competition with Erie Flooring.

As far as Milner-Rigsby is concerned, parquet flooring is a means of eliminating as much waste as possible, thus keeping the company's products competitive, competitive even with American products, the manufacturers of which are at the source of the supply of wood.

GOOD FOR WEST LORNE

In addition to employing 125, Mr. Jobson explained that Milner Rigsby is good for West Lorne because of the amount of taxes it pays, it is the second greatest hydro consumer, being only exceeded by Form Rite which has electric furnaces.

As for the 125 employees, he said 65 percent are Portuguese immigrants. So happy are they with their work, pay and benefits, fathers, mothers and children work there.

And this is the case despite the company not having a union. However, Mr. Jobson reported employees have superior benefits, including hospitalization, dental plan and an excellent pension.

While he said it all costs money, management feels it owes its dedicated employees the best possible benefits. One of these is the dental plan, because before hiring on at Milner-Rigsby some employees had never been to a dentist.

Getting their dental problems overcome cost a lot of money, but once accomplished absenteeism reduced considerably, he explained.

Proof that good working conditions, good pay, and fringe benefits have paid off, is the fact there is little staff turn-over, the company not losing 10 employees a year, and it having a long list of people who want to work there.

FREE TRADE

As for threatened free trade, Mr. Jobson said it will not mean much to Milner-Rigsby, because it buys 500,000 board feet of oak a month from Pennsylvania, which is greater than the entire Canadian production for the year.

With most of the American competition in southern states, he figures there won't be any tarriff against Milner-Rigsby's production, because it costs southern flooring manufacturers too much to transport their products up here.

One problem in the States for Milner-Rigsby was that so many sawmills, with which the company was dealing, went out of business in the '82-'83 depression, the company couldn't get enough lumber when business picked up here.

Because of that, the company had to resort to using walnut for stair steps, which some thought too expensive, but really was on a par with American oak, which buyers found very difficult to believe, Mr. Jobson assured.

Concluding his address, he invited Kiwanians to tour the plant some evening in the fall when it is running overtime to see how big it is, how two laminated oak planks, 120-feet long are glued and cured in one and a half minutes in a micro wave "cooker", as well as stair steps and parquet flooring, plants, etc.

The invitation was accepted.

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THE MILNER-RIGSBY CO. LTD.

MANUFACTURERS OF HARDWOOD PRODUCTS SINCE 1906

WEST LORNE, ONTARIO

History of The Milner-Rigsby Co. Limited

On company letterhead we read "In business since 1906". This is slightly presumptuous. It refers to a plumbing & heating business, a joint venture of the Milner and McKillop families.

Next we see the handle factory in existence "MILNER TURNED GOODS", owned and operated by John Milner sr. and later by John Milner jr. On the main street of West Lorne, the family operated a small saw mill. Here white ash logs were sawn into billets which were worked into handles: Hammer, Axe, Pike Pole, Canthook etc, but also they were catering to the agricultural community of horsedrawn vintage by supplying neck-yokes, single trees, double-trees etc.

With the advent of farm tractors the latter became more or less obsolete. John Milner jr. decided that a shot in the arm was needed.

In October 1950 "Milner Turned Goods" was converted to "The Milner-Rigsby Co. Limited". Andrew Rigsby, a Dresden, Ontario citizen and businessman joined John Milner jr. and brought new ideas with him. They started catering to the industry making road transportation equipment.

Unfortunately, John Milner jr. passed away before the young company had a chance to get off the ground. To fill the void Mr. Rigsby accepted help in the person of Vince McHale. After one year, however, the marriage was over. Mr. Rigsby later said "Vince wanted to build a niche for himself, but the opportunity was not there".

On October 1, 1956 Wolfgang J. H. Liepmann joined the company as a junior shareholder. A legal contract was set up to regulate the continuity of the company. An addition to existing business was a "bush operation", i.e. purchase of standing timber and its harvesting, combined with export of veneer logs overseas. For a few years, log picnic tables were supplied to many Ontario Provincial parks, Springbank Park in London and the City of Toronto.

1960 saw one event of importance: The last remnants of the sawmill were removed and a manufacturing building was erected on the site.

Early in 1961 Winfrid W. Liepmann joined the company as Lumber Inspector. He is a graduate from the Memphis, Tenn., School of the Hardwood Lumber Association.

Suddenly, on 16 July, 1962 Mr. Rigsby took sick and an hour later, in the ambulance, he passed away.

Now it was up to W.J.H. Liepmann to set the course for the company. The direction was very simple. Fruehauf Inc. of Toronto, one of our main customers, had expected us to start manufacturing laminated trailer flooring. Mr. Rigsby had always declined to do so. Now it was "Full speed ahead". The implementation, however, was not quite as simple as giving the order. Facilities and capital were needed.

Mr. Gabriel Gat had previously shown an interest in Milner-Rigsby, and he purchased Milner-Rigsby shares from time to time.

Late in 1962 property of Canadian Canners on Argyle and Elm streets, long considered a white elephant, was acquired and slowly transformed into a factory producing laminated trailer flooring. It is added here, that this was the first time, edgeglued flooring was being produced in Canada. It was a long uphill battle, to convince the trucking industry, that this was the way to go.

The first battery of two drykilns was erected in 1965 with one each to follow in 1970 and 1972.

In 1974, the company received new blood in the person of Ray Jobson, who was holding the rank of Major in the Royal Canadian Regiment. After 20 years with the armed forces he resigned and joined the family of his wife Dagmar.

Father and brothers-in-law together started a seemingly never ending process of adding facilities and machinery to the company's assets.

1975 plant III, the big blue building, together with a boiler-room and a boiler together with kilns 5,6 and 7. Three more kilns were added in 1977, ## 8, 9 and 10. Nos. 11 and 12 followed in 1979. In 1979 the share holding of the Gat family were purchased by us.

West Lorne Industries, a pallet-producing company, was for sale in 1980. It was purchased and converted, as our plant #4, into a mill room producing OAK stairtreads and turning squares.

1984 was a double header. As a first in Canada, four new kiln chambers (##13, 14, 15 and 16) and a warm water boiler, all computer-operated, were added to supply the kilndried material which was required in ever growing quantities to feed the production lines.

Also, in the same year, Conklin Lumber Co. had gone bankrupt. Their West Lorne premises were acquired, lock, stock and barrel. Their truss operation was taken over intact and utilized for two years. Then it was discontinued as other plans had been made for the property.

In 1985, the third generation of our family in the person of Roger Jobson has joined the company. After obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree at The University of Waterloo he attended the Memphis School of the National Hardwood Lumber Association and is now looking forward to a long career in lumber.

Finally, in 1986, a lumber stacking device in a separate building was added and the company's head office, long overdue, was erected on property formerly owned by Conklin Lumber. It is a showcase displaying several of Milner-Rigsby's products.

The company has many dedicated employees at all levels and, thanks to them all, a flourishing business.

In the 1950's the company was operating with six to ten employees, the present payroll shows 125.

Now, as everything is more or less the way he dreamed about, there is only one chore left to be done by the man who started this in 1962:

> To think of retirement and hand the reins over to the next generation.

Old Canning Factory



Plant #2



Original Office

Plant No. 2



Old Stacker

View of Lumber yard



Plant No. 3



New Kilns



New Warehouse



RODNEY, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 1974 Copy 15¢



MAJOR RAY J. S. JOBSON, OFFICER COMMANDING THE HONOR GUARD WHEN THE Queen and Prince visited London last June, retires from the Canadian Armed Forces today, Thursday, Jan. 31st, after 21½ years service, 19 of which were with the Royal Canadian Regiment. Friday he will join his father-in-law, Wolfgang Leipmann, and brother-in-law, Winn, at Milner-Rigsby Co. Ltd. Ray is the husband of the former Dagmar Leipmann. They have three children: Roger 11, Jane 10, and Catherine 3, all of whom will be moving to West Lorne as soon as possible. Ray is the son of Col. Roger and Mrs. Jobson of Saskatoon, Sask.

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Erie Flooring

ERIE FLOORING & WOOD PRODUCTS LTD., in WEST LORNE, ONT.

The Company was founded and brought into operation in August 1940 to manufacture Hardwood-Flooring in the plant of the former Seaman-Kent Co., in West Lorne. The plant, which was idle for 10 years, was bought from the village of West Lorne, has been thoroughly repaired and considerably altered. It succeeded in a short time in producing first class flooring for the general market, later also for Government purposes.

The Company maintains a Wholesale Branch for Flooring and Hardwood Lumber in Toronto.

Since March 1942, the Company had been engaged exclusively in the manufacture of Army Crates for Chrysler Corporation of Canada.

The Company was controlled and managed by three brothers, Dr. Arthur, Robert and Alexander Haas, who came from Czechoslovakia.

The Management and 150 employees - all Canadians - did their best for the War effort.

FOURTH 1941 GOLD QUARTER

SECOND 1941 SILVER QUARTER

War Finance Committee

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Pay Roll Savings Division

Honour Roll

This is to Certify

that the employees of

Erie Flooring & Wood Products
Limited
West Lorne, Ontario

are making a meritorious contribution to Canada's War Effort by the regular purchase of War Savings Certificates and Bonds

BASIS OF AWARDS

Gold = 100% of employees participating
Silver = 90-99% of employees participating
Bronze = 75-89% of employees participating

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PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

FAIRBAIRN STUDIO

Founders of Erie Flooring



Untimely loss

Gabriel Gat, 53, Erie Flooring manager, dies of heart attack

Gabriel Gat, 53, of 536 Chiddington Ave., London, passed away Friday, April 25th, in Victoria Hospital, the result of a heart attack.

He was vice-president and general manager of Erie Flooring and a highly respected citizen by everyone who knew him.

Born in Czechoslovakia, he came to Canada in 1950 with his wife, the former Stephanie Hartman. They have two sons: Gabriel Jr. and Douglas, both of London.

He was employed first as manager of West Lorne Lumber Co. until it was sold in late 1962. In 1958 he became vice-president of Erie Flooring and Wood Products after the death of Dr. Haas, and became manager of the plant following the death of Mr. Por in 1965.

He was a charter member of West Lorne Kiwanis Club, joining shortly after he came to the village. Since then he has been interested in every worthy cause in the community.

Mr. Gat was a member of several flooring associations.

During his managership Erie Flooring expanded considerably in the number of employees, products and production.

After expanding the plant greatly the past few years for block flooring production, with new equipment, new buildings, etc., he was working on plans for even greater expansion at the time of his death.

His death will be a great loss to the company, its employees, the community and his family.

The body rested at Prevent Funeral Home until Saturday at 2.30, when Rev. John Scharrer of St. Thomas Lutheran Church, former pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, West Lorne, officiated at the funeral. Father E. Boday of St. Stephen's Church, London, offered prayers. Miss Vicki Gibbard of St. Thomas, sang, "When does death overtake me."

Interment was in St. Peter's Cemetery, Tyrconnell.

Pallbearers were: Wolfgang Liepmann, Tom Por, Robert Walker, Norman Walker, Newton Walker and George Berdan.

Business associates, friends and relatives attended from Winnipeg, Montreal, Toronto, Kitchener, Tillsonburg, London, St. Thomas, Windsor, Sarnia, Chatham Rodney, Dutton, West Lorne and community.



Gabriel Gat became Vice President of Erie Flooring in 1958 after the death of Dr. Haas, and became manager of the plant after the death of Gene Por in 1965. He was manager until his death on April 25th, 1969.

Erie Flooring





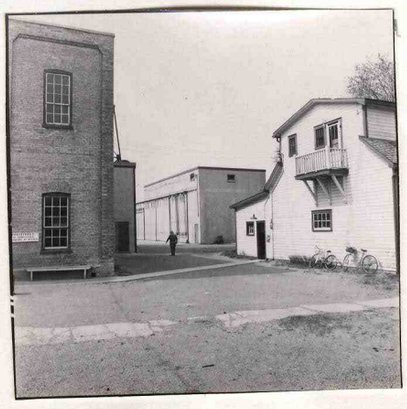
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General Manager

Robert G. Walker

1969 - 1991

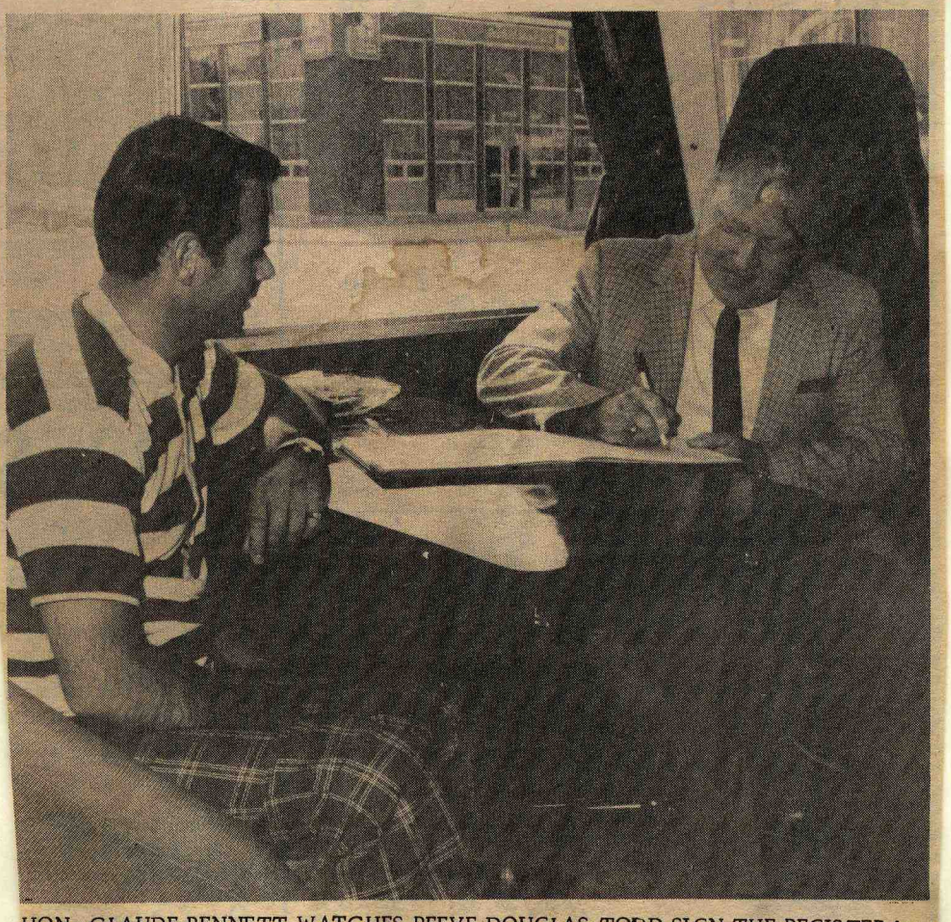


Familiarization tour

Minister of Industry, Tourism visits Erie Flooring, Lakewood



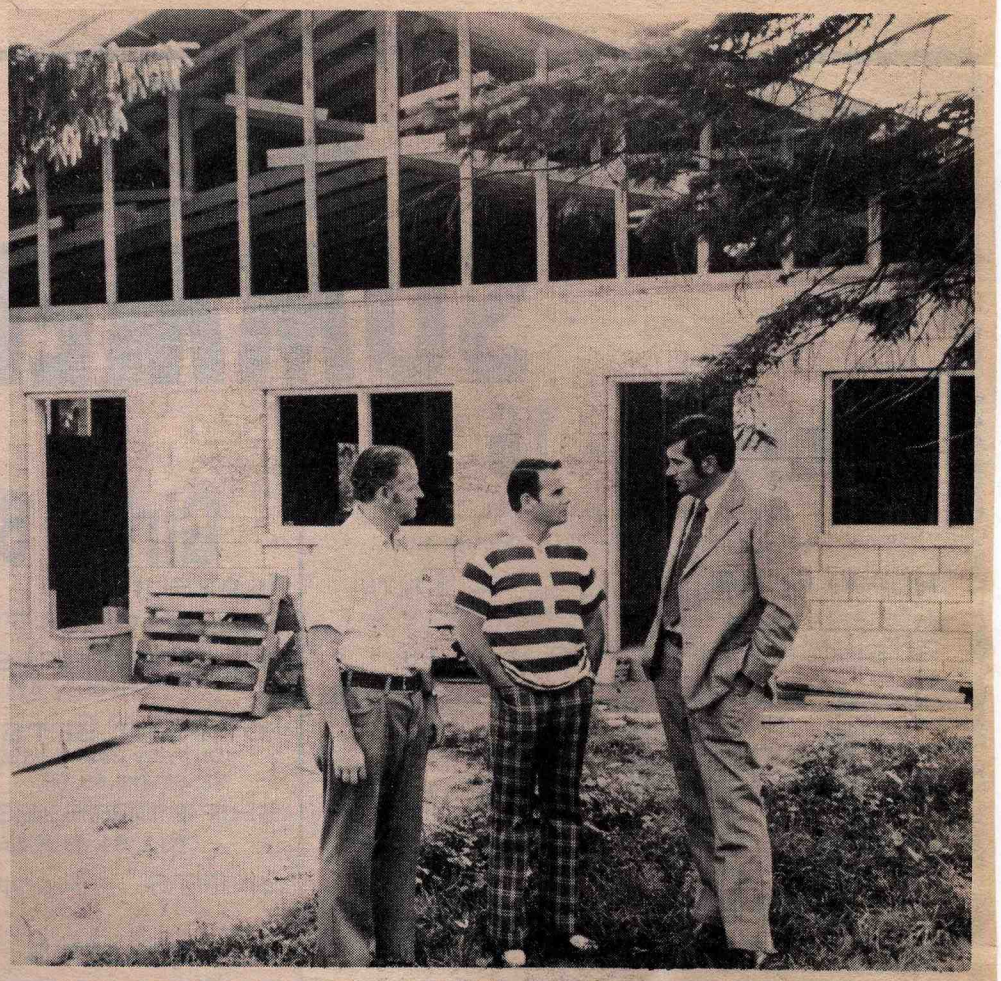
HON. CLAUDE BENNETT VISITED BRIEFLY in front of West Lorne Community Hall with Reeve Douglas Todd, Sgt. F. L. Hurlbut of the OPP Detachment, West Lorne Councillor Harley Walker and Aldborough Reeve and Elgin Warden Nelson Johnston.



HON. CLAUDE BENNETT WATCHES REEVE DOUGLAS TODD SIGN THE REGISTER in the government's mobile office, which parked briefly in front of West Lorne Community Hall last Wednesday afternoon, when the Minister of Industry and Tourism visited with local municipal officials.



ERIE FLOORING MANAGER BOB WALKER SHOWED THE HON. CLAUDE BENNETT a sample of the company's red oak parquet flooring as it comes off the assembly line during the minister's tour of the strip and parquet flooring assembly lines.



LAKEWOOD TRAILER ESTATES WAS VISITED BY THE HON. CLAUDE BENNETT, centre, and he talked with the company's secretary, Bob Walker, about the park's 40' by 100' concrete block recreation hall and some of the campground's other features. David Watson, London, District Director of the Ministry of Industry and Tourism, is at left.



MRS. MARGARET PETHERICK RECEIVED these gifts at her pre-Christmas retirement party in Town and Country Restaurant, which was attended by 50. Holding gifts of walnut were: Ian Cruickshank, a teaspoon rack, George Bell a clock and Jerry Walker a candelabra. The group wished her many years of health and happiness in retirement after working 38 years as Erie's secretary.

West Lorne's Form Rite plant trims staff to 65 employees

Form-Rite Ltd. in West Lorne has trimmed its staff to 65 employees from 145 but all those laid off were offered jobs at the firms London, Ont., plant, according to West Lorne plant manager, Americo Simoes.

The automotive steel tubing manufacturer has taken the steps to be more competitive within the industry, he said.

Eighty employees received layoff notices in October to take effect December 19th. During a plant shutdown between December 19 and January 5, equipment was transferred between the two plants so the West Lorne plant becomes the primary manufacturer and cutter of tubing.

It is bent at the London plant. In the past the firm purchased tubing to bend.

The tubing is used in brake lines, cooling lines and other areas in the engine. Eighty per cent of Form-Rite's business is with Ford and General Motors.

Forty-three of those offered a transfer to the London plant accepted.

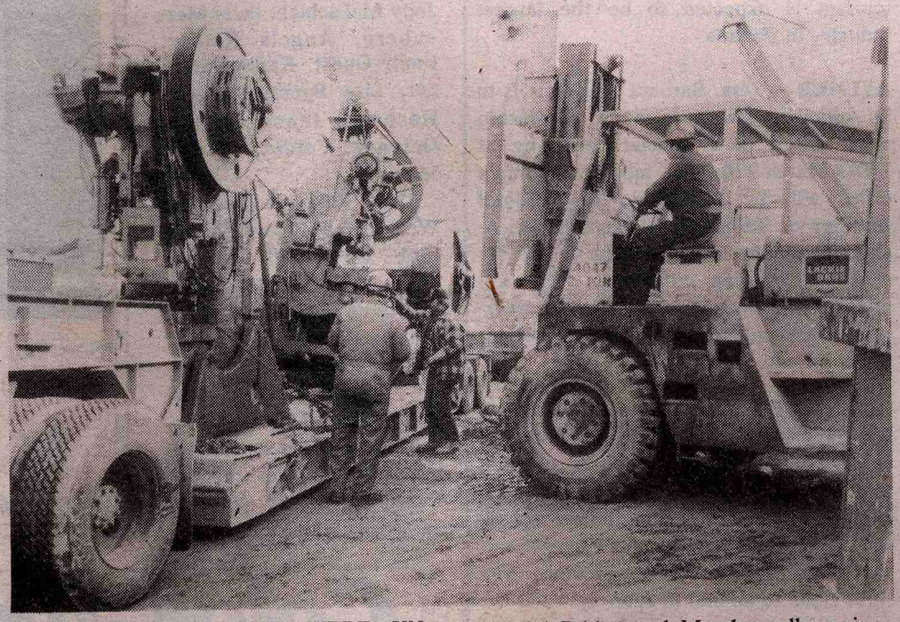
Two shifts continue at the West Lorne plant and Form-Rite's long-term goal is to get more machinery at the West Lorne plant and hire more staff back. Mr. Simoes said, "I doubt we'll ever have 150 people back here," he added, "you never know what the automotive industry brings."

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West Lorne, Rodney industries booming; expansions rumored



ERIE FLOORING'S TWO NEW KILNS will be roofed immediately so work at finishing the interior can be started. Jim Smith of Rodney, has the contract.



SEVEN LARGE PRESSES WERE UNloaded at the Rodney plant of Dresden Industrial Friday and Monday, all coming from the company's Dresden plant.

With Erie Flooring building two large kilns to dry 100,000 board feet each, and Rodney's new industry, Dresden Industrial, receiving seven presses from the terminated Dresden operation, expansion of both industries is obvious.

A large expansion was rumored for Form Rite Tube, but it is only a 20 by 30 foot addition for a compressor, Production Manager Americo Simoes states. However, he assures everything is being done to expand production and get employment back to where it was before 100 lost their jobs there before Christmas, 75 of whom accepted work at the company's parent plant in London.

Eighty are employed at Form Rite, which is about half the number when the plant was at peak production over a year ago.

DRESDEN INDUSTRIAL

Dresden Industrial, with four presses sitting idle, they will be put in production as quickly as contracts can be found from the booming auto parts segment of Southwestern Ontario industry.

Last fall, when an industrialist showed interest in locating west of the plant, the Industrial Commission asked if the company would sell land at the north end of its property so Centre St. could be extended further west. The answer was "no," with Manager Rodney Nunn explaining that would restrict future plant expansion in that direction.

With four unused presses, there is a rumor the 450-foot building will be extended to accommodate this and other equipment.

Sixty are employed there, 25 being added since Christmas.

ERIE FLOORING

Erie Flooring is rumored to have developed an automatic machine to make

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herringbone hardwood flooring, which could be one reason for the company building the larger kilns. Management is saying nothing about that or future plans.

One hundred and ten are now employed there.

Milner Rigsby is operating at peak capacity with 110 employees. Other than computerising its kilns this year, no major expansion is planned. The past two years expansions of a large warehouse, a sorting-stacking machine building, and a new centrally located office, results in the industry having to catch its breath.

Emblematic Jewellery has 75 employed, which is down from around 100 before Christmas, 25 being laid off then because of the seasonal lag in business. Since then, business has been picking up and the year looks good, Jim Whyte states.

With a flood of eggs, now that chain stores have over-killed the market with 99-cent a dozen of grade A large eggs, Lashbrook Produce is humming with 14 employees, trying to keep up with demand. Summer being the peak season, some students will be hired then.

CENTRAL WELDERS

Central Welders is humming with 24 employees. While the number is down from the peak of 40 in the late '70s, it is 50 percent higher than the low of 16 in the early '80s.

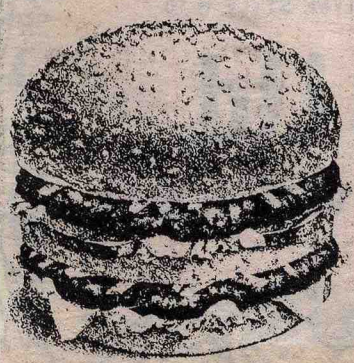
Five years ago, 90 percent of the company's business was farm related, mainly for gravity feed bins, the other 10 percent being for industry.

With farming in a sad state, Manager Mike Sohl says the company's business has done a complete about face with 90 percent of work being for industry, the other 10 percent for the farm.

So, while some industries are holding their own, others are expanding, and rumors are circulating Dresden Industrial and Erie Flooring are going to expand more this year.

Support a hero





Rick Hansen is coming to our area.

Rick Hansen is a true Canadian hero who has taken a dream and turned it into a goal. Rick is wheeling 40,073 kilometres around the world to raise funds for spinal cord research, rehabilitation and wheelchair sport.

In honour of his arrival in our area, McDonald's is proud to host a very special day.

Rick Hansen Day, Monday, November 24th, 1986

For every Big Mac* sold on Rick Hansen Day, $1.00 will be donated to the Rick Hansen Man in Motion Canadian Trust Fund.

Together, we can help a hero reach his goal and make a dream come true.

McDonalds near West Lorne
Highway 401 West
East of West Lorne

McDonald's®

Rick Hansen at Eagle Thur. 4:35 New Glasgow at 7:20 am Friday

Latest information concerning Rick Hansen's arrival at Eagle is at 4:35 pm Thursday, where WESS students and others will greet him and present donations.

WESS Principal J. J. Prince states students will hold a walkathon to No. 3 highway that afternoon, and are collecting money for sponsorships.

WESES Principal Floyd Patterson said teachers would decide how and if students can be involved. However, at 4:35 special transportation would have to be arranged to return them to school, from where they would have to be picked up by parents.

Weather is also an unknown factor for children to walk that far, he pointed out.

Hansen will spend the night at Wardsville's Wagon Wheel Motel.

He is scheduled to resume his journey west from New Glasgow at 7:20 am Friday morning.

Sgt. Williams of the Dutton OPP Detachment, reports cruisers from there will lead and follow Hansen's entourage through the detachment's district.

Frank Sgro of McDonald's 401 Restaurant, is in frequent communication with Hansen's "Man in Motion" organization, because McDonalds is sponsoring the tour.

Monday has been designated as Rick Hansen Day at McDonalds, when the restaurant will donate $1 from the purchase of each Big Mac.

Dutton Lions have raised a considerable sum, so has West Lorne Optimists, and Rodney Kiwanis have donated $100. Combined with what students raise a good sum will be raised for Hansen's cause in West Elgin.



GUY LOMBARDO LISTENS TO WARDEN DOUGLAS TODD welcome the famed band leader and his Royal Canadians to West Lorne at last Wednesday night's dance in the arena.

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WEST LORNE KIWANIANS' CHALlenge Trophy in Sunday's Great Ride For Cancer, was presented by Leola Lawrence, chairman of the West Elgin Cancer Society, to Kiwanis President Bob Walker. At right is Kiwanian Ray Jobson, at left Rodney Kiwanians Brad Newlands and Bill Nethercott, who witnessed the presentation and reported Rodney and West Aldborough riders had raised $1,660.

$3,213 raised in WL's Great Cancer Ride; Rodney $1,660

West Lorne Kiwanians' Great Ride for Cancer Sunday resulted in beating last year's total by over 50 percent — $2,000 to $3,213, which was twice the amount raised in Rodney's initial ride.

So the challenge trophy West Lorne Kiwanians made available was retained for their village.

Dutton's ride was supposed to have been organized by the Lions Club, but it did not materialize because the person in charge went on vacation, taking all the information with him.

Instead, Jim White of Emblematic Jewellery, a member of the Dutton club, and son, participated in the West Lorne "ride" and raised $1,000.12.

That brought the total raised in the three villages to $5,873.

Mr. White raised the greatest amount of money. Helen Mooser raised $546 and Nancy Lashbrook $516. Arnold Lee raised the most in Rodney $207.

RODNEY RIDE

Sponsoring Rodney Kiwanians were pleased with results of their initial ride. With that experience under their belts they hope to interest more than 24 riders next year, and in getting more sponsors.

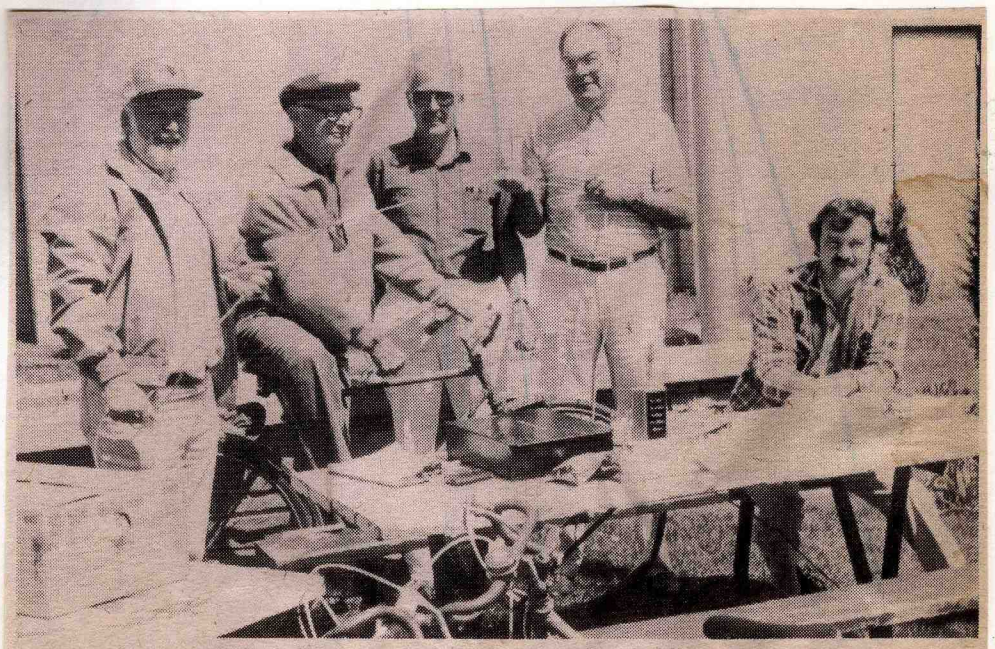
Lack of participation among high school students was obvious, which all three sponsors hope to be able to rectify next April.

A little levity was introduced into the Rodney and West Lorne rides, when former West Lorne Kiwanis President Peter Ayling kidnapped Arnold Lee, because he and West Lorne Kiwanians thought Rodney Kiwanians were using unfair tactics.

Taken to West Lorne in ropes, Mr. Lee arrived after he had turned in his pledge sheet so had no money on his person, which West Lorne Kiwanains could add to their ride's total.

Mr. Lee was thought to have been the oldest participant, his age and that of his bike totalling 100 years .

Pledged sheets and donations can be left at the bank.



WEST LORNE KIWANIAN PETER Ayling kidnapped Rodney Kiwanian Arnold Lee and took him to West Lorne's Great Ride for Cancer registration table in front of the arena, where Kiwanians Ray Jobson and Ray Peckham help hold the captive. The kidnapping resulted because West Lorne Kiwanians thought their Rodney counterparts were cheating. Optimist Pres. Brad Reive, at the table, enjoyed the fun.



TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO THE WEST Lorne Peewee baseball team won the Ontario "C" championship in the third and final game played Saturday in Simcoe. The players are, left to right, front row: Jerry Jeffery, Bob Pinter, Vaughan Peckham, Tommy Lemon, Ken Walker, Donald Howse, David Hepburn, and Eric Johnston. Back row, left to right: Orval Gibson, coach, Ken Hawksby, Bill Kyle, Dave Scafe, Willie Milligan, Johnny Martin, Bryon Fluker, Ron Horn, Maurice Giles, scorekeeper, Wilf Johnston, Manager and coach.

Barb Johnston Photo



WEST LORNE GOLDEN GHOSTS WON the Henry Miller Trophy in 1966 for placing first in the rural hockey league season. Front row: Alphonse Willie, Ken Walker, Doug Howse, Gord Timson, Bill Durfy, Wardsville, Elmer Avery, St. Thomas, and John Buttinger. Back row: Harley Walker, Ray Buttinger, Leo Willie, Cam. Leitch, Bill Lang, St. Thomas, Art Zoller, Mike Vojin and Richard Pyatt.

Olympic Torch observances being planned

Although everyone was alerted last October to the fact the Olympic Torch would be carried through Elgin and St. Thomas, Dec. 29th and 30th this year, it is only now plans are starting to be made to celebrate the occasion.

Several months ago names of several local students were announced who had been given the honor of carrying the torch one kilometer through West Elgin.

Receiving it Dec. 29th in East Elgin will be youths from there, who will carry it to Aylmer. Other will carry it through St. Thomas, Port Stanley, Fingal, Shedden, Wallacetown, Eagle, West Lorne, winding up in Rodney before dark.

Starting in St. John's, Newfoundland, the flame will arrive in Elgin 43 days later.

Other than in St. Thomas, where the torch will stop for 10 minutes, all other municipalities will have two-minute stopovers for speeches, presentations, etc.

Planning is just nicely getting underway in St. Thomas for the stop at City Hall. There the mayor is expected to speak, school bands play, medals and certificates be presented, and possibly winners of the Olympic Torch essay contest will be announced.

Locally, planning will commence next Wednesday, Oct. 28th, in Rodney Council chambers, where representatives from Aldborough, Rodney, West Lorne and Wardsville, will meet to discuss the type of observance that should be held.

MEDALS

In each of West Lorne and Rodney, six medals will be presented by a representative of the federal government, one each to the outstanding boy and girl athlete, a coach, sports official, volunteer and a sponsor of sport activities. Recipients will be determined by submission to councils by the public.

In addition, councils can name 100 people to receive certificates for their general contributions — other than sports — to the community.

Thought is being given to holding a parade, which likely would start on No. 3 highway at the east townline and follow the Torch through Eagle, West Lorne to Rodney.

ANNIVERSARIES

The suggestion has been made that Rodney and West Lorne observe their 80th anniversaries of incorporation on the 29th, instead of the 21st, because that is so close to Christmas and a busy time.

Lions Clubs across the country are acting as liaison for runners, making certain they are at their starting spots on time. They are also in charge of commemorative souvenirs, such as lapel pins, torch shaped candles, etc.

Pick Olympic Torch runners for Elgin

Elgin County will be "sharing the flame" on December 29th and 30th, when the Olympic torch is relayed through the area, and the event already is creating local excitement.

The Olympic torch will arrive in St. Thomas 43 days after its start at St. John's, Nfld. It will come into Elgin County on Highway 3 from Tillsonburg to Aylmer, along Highway 3 to St. Thomas, down Highway 4 through Union to Port Stanley, up to Fingal and Shedden, and then down through Wallacetown, West Lorne and Rodney.

Elgin county residents who will be torch bearers are: Marsha Ackland, Iona Station; Cheri Lynn Bradish, Glanworth; Jill Hind, West Lorne; Jennifer Pickard, St. Thomas; William Berry, Aylmer; John Croft, Aylmer; Stephanie Dakins, Aylmer; Tracey Firby, Aylmer; Timothy Hill, Aylmer; Daniel Murray, Straffordville; Larry Nelson; Aylmer; Jayson Oliver, Aylmer; Diana Telfer, Aylmer; Darrin Whaley, Aylmer; Peter Afman, St. Thomas; Paul Difonte, St. Thomas; Ronald Douglas, St. Thomas; Melissa Harris, St. Thomas; Linda Hoffer, St. Thomas; David Jones, St. Thomas; David McConnell, St. Thomas; John Rupcic, St. Thomas; Janice Auckland, St. Thomas; Randy Dawdy, St. Thomas; Steven Garvin, Shedden; David Johnson, St. Thomas; William Manu, St. Thomas; Jennifer Morrow, St. Thomas; Jody Brokenshire, Iona Station; Bonnie Hitchman, Shedden, Marion Jones, Dutton; Toni Merks, Dutton; Jeremy Snow, Dutton; Linda Donkers, Rodney; Patsy McGill, West Lorne; Janet Swain, West Lorne.

2000 IN FESTIVE MOOD WHEN OLYMPIC FLAME ARRIVED HERE

An estimated 2,000 Aldborough, West Lorne and Rodney residents lined the route of the Olympic Flame down No.3 highway to Eagle, into West Lorne, terminating for the day in Rodney, Tuesday, Dec. 29th.

Despite a cold north wind, people in a festive mood waited for the flame, all being thrilled to have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the torch, some taking the opportunity to touch it.

A small group welcomed the flame when it entered Aldborough at the east townline.

At Eagle a crowd estimated at 250 waited up to hour and a half before the flame arrived. However, they were entertained with live music and were kept warm inside with hot chocolate and coffee served from West Lorne Optimists' mobile canteen.

Presentations of olympic-Celebration 88 Medals were made to Aldborough's male athlete, Rob Schnekenburger, female athlete Carolyn Quinton, sport official Dora Fisher, coach Alphonse Willie, sport volunteer Ed Kebbel, and sponsor West Lorne Optimist Club.

These and many certificate presentations were made by Warden Bill Martyn, Reeve of Yarmouth, in the unavoidable absence of Agriculture Minister John Wise.

Reeve Dan Perovich made the introductions and spoke briefly concerning the township's honor in having the Flame pass through.

WEST LORNE

The Flame was carried toward West Lorne by Linda Donkers of Rodney, and Patsy McGill of West Lorne. About 100 gathered in the arena for presentation of medals and certificates.

By the time the Torch's entourage arrived the crowd was estimated at 500, which gave a rousing welcome.

Janet Swain of Eagle, carried the FLame toward Rodney. Villagers welcomed the Flame a half hour later with about 1,000 in the business section , many with immitation Olympic Torches sold by the Lions Club.

Previously, medals and certificates were presented in the fire hall. Reeve C. I. Black introduced recipients, giving reason for the honor. Presentations were made by Warden Martyn.



Celebration '88 certificates were presented to - front row: Sonya Payne, Lisa Bragg, Audrey Johnston on behalf of her late husband, Wilfred, Ada Brush, and Peter Pinter. Back row: Jim Bernath, Paul Herbrand, Ray and Vaughan Peckham, Jim Gardiner



Recipients for Olympic - Canada 88 Medals for participation in sports had their medals presented by Warden Bill Martyn, Gloria Walker, Mike Mosser, Allan Ross, Phil Mark, Jim Brush.

STUDENTS CHEER PRIME MINISTER

A rousing welcome by about 850 flag waving secondary and elementary students greeted Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and his wife Mila when they arrived at West Elgin Secondary School March 8th, 1988.

Enroute from Chatham to London the Prime Minister arrived with his party in a bus of security and members of the national media, about 3 p.m. for an hour-long visit with the students.

Prior to their arrival in the gymnasium, the local high school band entertained the excited students as well as parents and friends. Invited guests included Elgin County Board Chairman Carol Walters, Director of Education Tom Cunniffe, Warden Bill Martyn, Dunwich Reeve Albert Ford, Aldborough Reeve Dan Perovich, Rodney Reeve Charlie Black who was represented by Councillor Louise Begin, West Lorne Reeve Joe Fischer, and Dutton Reeve Bob Purcell was represented by Clerk-Treas. Helen Schram.

Principal Jerry Prince began by introducing the special guests accompanying the Prime Minister and his wife-Minister of Agriculture John Wise and his wife Anne, and Minister of State for Finance Tom Hockin of London and his wife Mary.

Student Coucil president Greg Prince had the honor of introducing the Prime Minister as follows:

> "First of all I would like to point out that we are also honoured with the presence of the Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable John Wise and charming wife Anne. I would also like to welcome all the other visitors, parents and press, to West Elgin Secondary School, it is a pleasure to have you here today. On behalf of the entire student body I would like to exclusively welcome Mrs. Mulroney, we assure you that you are as beautiful in person as you are on T.V. We are extremely pleased that you could accompany your husband today.
>
> Nearly one month ago in the front hall Mr. Prince came running up to me practically jumping up and down. My first reaction was "Take a valium pal!!" but when he told me the Prime Minister was coming I was jumping up and down with him.
>
> On behalf of the student body and myself I would like to welcome a man who I admire more than anyone in Canada, a man who has been a student like us, a steelworker at Bai Comeau, a labourer, and a lawyer, learning his lessons from the school of hard knocks.Throughout his life he has proven that hard work and devotion do pay off. The Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Mulroney has shown that one from an average Canadian family can rise to the highest office in our great land.
>
> We, the students, are sons and daughters of farmers, factory workers, and businessmen. We are the life blood of Canada and we salute you as one of us.
>
> It is now my great honour to present to you, the Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Brian Mulroney."

The Prime Minister expressed his delight in being at West Elgin and said that it reminded him as it would anybody of his background and roots.

Raised in a small, isolated papermill town, his father an electrician, he comes from a large family.

He told the students that irrespective of their background," "all of you can aspire to the highest places in the land without fear-

a great tribute to Canada." After hearing Greg's introduction which was bilingual, Mr. Mulroney said he was going to send half of his caucus down to learn French.

Mr. Mulroney described how unemployment has dropped from 11.7 per cent in his three years as prime minister. He stressed the gains in youth unemployment, which has declined by 6%.This drew loud cheers from the audience.

On free trade, Mr. Mulroney renewed his position that the agreement would create jobs, 120,000 of them, and said he viewed the agreement as a major ingredient in his program to reduce unemployment.

Outside the school, a handful of farmers and others protested the free trade deal.

Following his short speech Mr. Mulroney answered some tough questions from the students. A number of subjects were covered,including abortion, free trade, unemployment, acid rain, South Africa, his government scandals and agriculture(at which time he was assisted in answering by John Wise).

Two questions were directed to Mila as Lise Begin asked her, in French, if she in any way promoted a clothes designer. Mila answered, in French, saying no that she purchased only Canadianmade clothes. The other question to Mila was asked by Carolyn Quinton as to why she chose Cystic Fibrosis as her charity.

Students offering other questions were Carvell Loomis, Hedwig VanAsten, Jennifer Bol, George Prieksaitis, Dianne VandenBiggelaar, Connie Baptista, Andrew McCallum and Susan Fisher.

At the close, Student Council Vice-President Margie Young presented flowers to Mila Mulroney, Anne Wise and Mary Hockin. She also gave Mila a donation, on behalf of the school, to her charity, Cystic Fibrosis.

Another roar went up as the Mulroney's departed but not before shaking many more hands and picture taking on their way out.

This was the first visit to the area by a prime minister since John Diefenbaker 25 years ago.

John Wise honoured

The John Wise appreciation dinner, held Saturday, Sept. 16, was successful in raising several thousand dollars for the John Wise Scholarship Fund. About 2,000 came to the event held at Gary and Ronnie Balthes' farm in Norfolk County.

"It was more than we expected despite the weather," said Mrs. Balthes.

"It's a great night," said Mr. Wise at the dinner. "We said we were going to go, rain or shine . . . I appreciate all the support, not just tonight, but over the last 30 years."

Deputy-Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture Don Mazankowski was on hand to honor Wise. He described Wise as "the best Minister of Agriculture Canada has ever had." He said John and Anne Wise have both put in a lot of hours in the past 30 years.

"They really deserve the tribute they're getting tonight," said Mazankowski. "Many people wouldn't be farming today if it wasn't for John Wise."

The John Wise Scholarship Fund scholarships will be awarded to top graduating students interested in pursuing post-secondary education in the agriculture field. Donations to the fund may be sent in care of the Elgin PC Riding Association, Box 604, St. Thomas.

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John Wise

Forty years of W.L. Kiwanis activities recalled

By Lynn Lashbrook

The 40th anniversary of the West Lorne Kiwanis Club was celebrated at Thursday night's meeting, when the club's community activities through those years were recalled by Kiwanians Bill Graham and Harley Lashbrook.

The meeting was the first in the new Kiwanis year, when third-time president, Peter Ayling, took over.

He reminded members that Kiwanis International's major objective for the next three years is: "Young Children Priority One." Bill Graham was named chairman of the committee.

The president also warned that several new members are required if the club is to continue and increase its community service. In this regard, a roster of 50 names of prospective members has been submitted, with invitations to join to be sent out immediately.

RESUME

Kiwanian Graham's resume of activities went back to the early '70s, when the club needed to raise a lot of money for the arena, so gambled on contracting with Guy Lombardo and The Royal Canadians to play for a dance in the arena.

"It was such a success Lombardo returned four times, and the Duke Ellington band played one year, when it was impossible to contract Lombardo," Kiwanian Graham recalled.

In the early 50s the club held Hobby and Talent Shows in the arena, which were very successful in giving local and district merchants opportunities to display their wares. However, only the Talent Show has survived, the 37th to be held in April at WESS, he explained.

AMAZING

Kiwanian Graham found it amazing that a small club from such a small village could get members to go on six international interclubs into Ohio and attend evening, breakfast and noon meetings before returning.

"They were good ambassadors for Ontario and Canada," he said, "because they took along 'peace offerings' of Canadian bacon and cheese, and a bottle of Crown Royal for each club's president."

Through the years the club raised considerable money with projects such as a walkathon from West Lorne to Dutton, Wallacetown, Eagle and home. It raised $600 for the arena. In addition, the club spearheaded raising $200,000 for the arena floor's replacement.

APPRECIATION NIGHT

In another line of endeavour, Kiwanian Graham recalled the club, and Rodney's co-organizing the first appreciation night, when former Aldborough boy, Bob Bandeen, then president of Canadian National Railways, was honoured with a banquet at the International Club, which a capacity crowd attended. Other appreciation nights were held for Kiwanians Earl Lemon, Wilfred Johnston, Wolfgang Liepmann, Ray Peckham, Dr. Bruce Cantelon, Norman Schlarbaum and Mark Quinton.

Kiwanian Graham assured he is always pleased when knocking on doors and canvassing for the Cancer Society, to say: "I am a Kiwanian." And he admitted particularly so when the club raises around $3,000 for the worthy cause in such a small village, and by a club with so few members.

LASHBROOK

Kiwanian Harley Lashbrook, a 36-year member, said he has enjoyed every minute in Kiwanis, including all the work and money-raising events.

"West Lorne's is one of the smallest clubs in the division, but I doubt there is any service club with so few members who have raised more money and accomplished more for their community."

"However, we require more members to continue the projects for the community the club wants to achieve. Fortunately there is a second club in the village doing other things, that so few Kiwanians can't achieve," he said.

ARENA

Kiwanian Lashbrook recalled the major role the club played in replacing the old arena, which he said was a Godsend, because now the community has a modern arena for all to enjoy.

He also recalled Santa Claus parades, cider-making, pancake breakfasts and geranium sales, and other such activities which not only raised money, but kept club members working together, and interested in continuing to do good works for the community.

He reminded that through the years, the club has continued to sponsor ball, hockey and soccer teams, and was the first around to sponsor hockey showdown contests.

Visiting Kiwanian Harvey Miller recalled when both West Lorne and Rodney clubs had so few members for two years they combined for dinner meetings at New Glasgow Restaurant. Then, when Rodney got a new president who enticed 10 young members to join, the clubs plit up, the Rodney club continuing with over 20 members.

Visiting Kiwanian Lynn Lashbrook reported always having promoted club activities in the Sun and Mercury, and will continue when asked and available.

Charter Pres. Prevett concluded the meeting, Pres. Peter Ayling wishing the club well on its 40th anniversary, together with the wish that the club continues its community service for another 40 years.

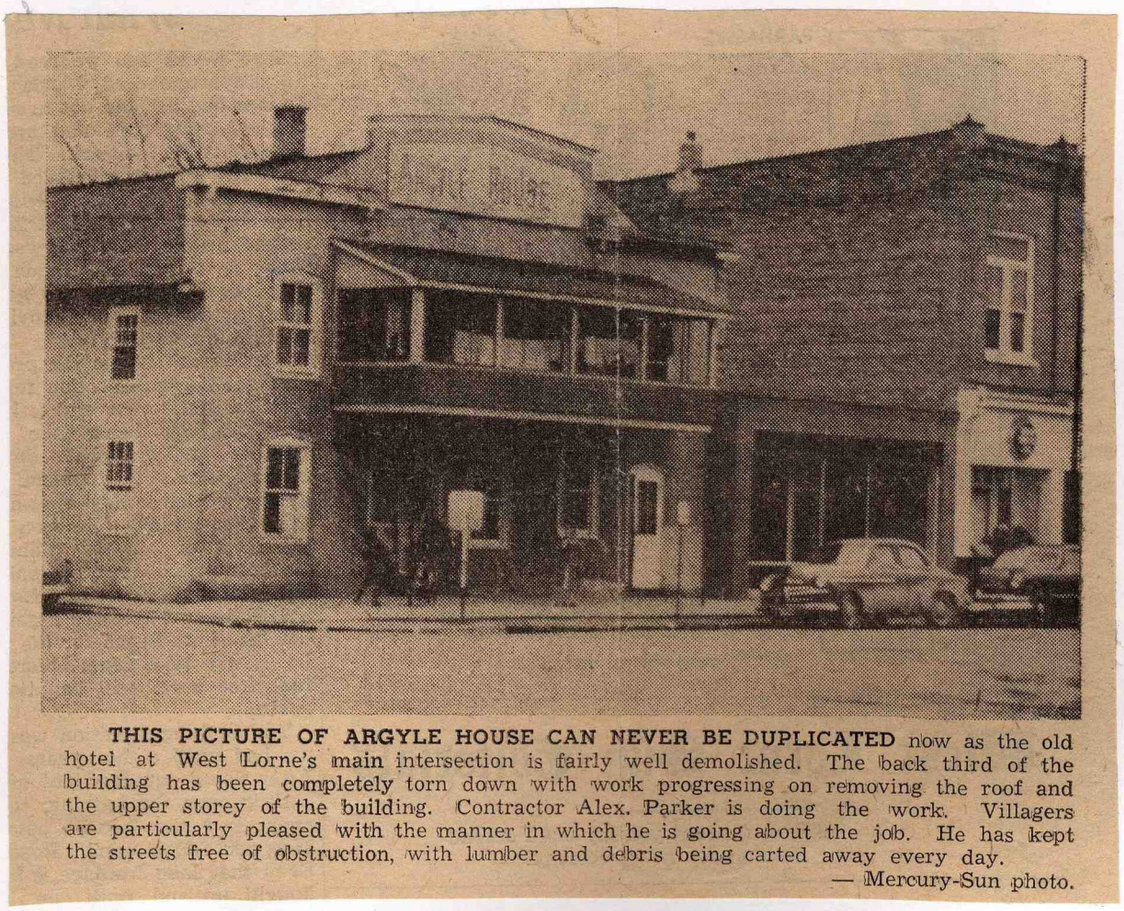


Charter members of the West Lorne Kiwanis Club (1950) were recalled at Thursday night's meeting, when two charter members — Charter President Ron Prevett, and Wilfred Rewbotham — attended. Possibly eight or 10 of the original 26 members are alive. From left to right in the front row, are: Norman Thomson, charter treasurer Gordon Stephens, Basil Fisher, Pres. Ron Prevett, 1st Vice-Pres. Maynard Hopper, secretary Vincent McHale and Archie "Baldy" McKillop. Middle row: Norval Murray, Larry Hosey, Archie McMillan, 2nd V-P Emerson Woodruff, Gabriel Gat, Tom Dymock, Wilfred Rewbotham, Stuart Ronson, Earl Lemon, and Wilfred Johnston. Back row: Wilfred Livermore, Peter Kemp, Jim Lemon, Dr. Bruce Cantelon, Jim Cowan, Cecil Reid, Jack McDonald, Orval Gibson and John Atkinson.

Former West Lorne Kiwanis presidents

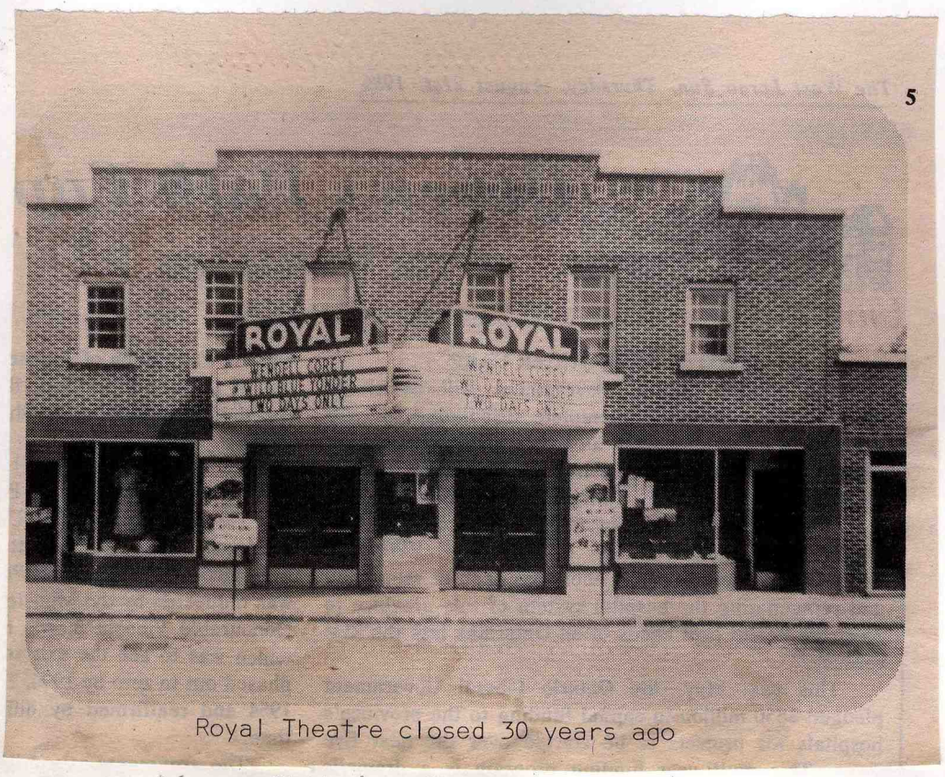
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Many changes



THIS PICTURE OF ARGYLE HOUSE CAN NEVER BE DUPLICATED now as the old hotel at West Lorne's main intersection is fairly well demolished. The back third of the building has been completely torn down with work progressing on removing the roof and the upper storey of the building. Contractor Alex. Parker is doing the work. Villagers are particularly pleased with the manner in which he is going about the job. He has kept the streets free of obstruction, with lumber and debris being carted away every day.
— Mercury-Sun photo.

This is now where the Bank of Montreal is located

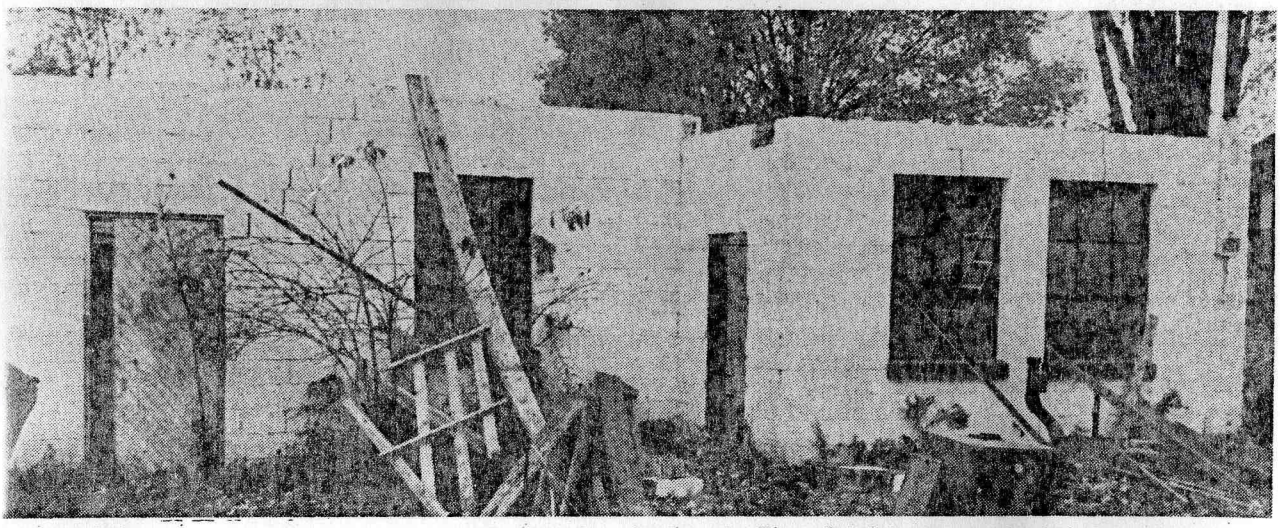


Royal Theatre closed 30 years ago

Now EMA Grocery Store



FORMER BUDGET PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING building has been demolished by Jack Grover Demolition of Rodney. Built at least 65 or 70 years ago as a knitting mill, it relocated a few years and closed. Maynard Hopper started a chemical manufacturing company there, which operated for about 15 years. The past few years the property has been owned by Mrs. Cnockaert. In a deteriorated condition, and a hazard to children, West Lorne council ordered the building torn down.



S CONCRETE BLOCK BUILDING, BUILT BY BUDGET Products in which to store flammable materials, has also been demolished. After Budget Products closed down, the new user made fibre glass replacement fenders for pickup trucks, etc. Plans for the property are unknown. A year ago Albert "Windy" Robbins wanted to build an apartment house there, but was refused by council.

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GRAND Re-OPENING



Doug McGill, Betty and Allan Ross, owners and operators of Ross' EMA, West Lorne, would like to welcome all to the Grand Re-Opening of their EMA store at 170 Main St., West Lorne. Ross' EMA now has a new look which offers you a full service Deli and Bakery. Don't miss the excitement of their Grand Re-Opening now on.

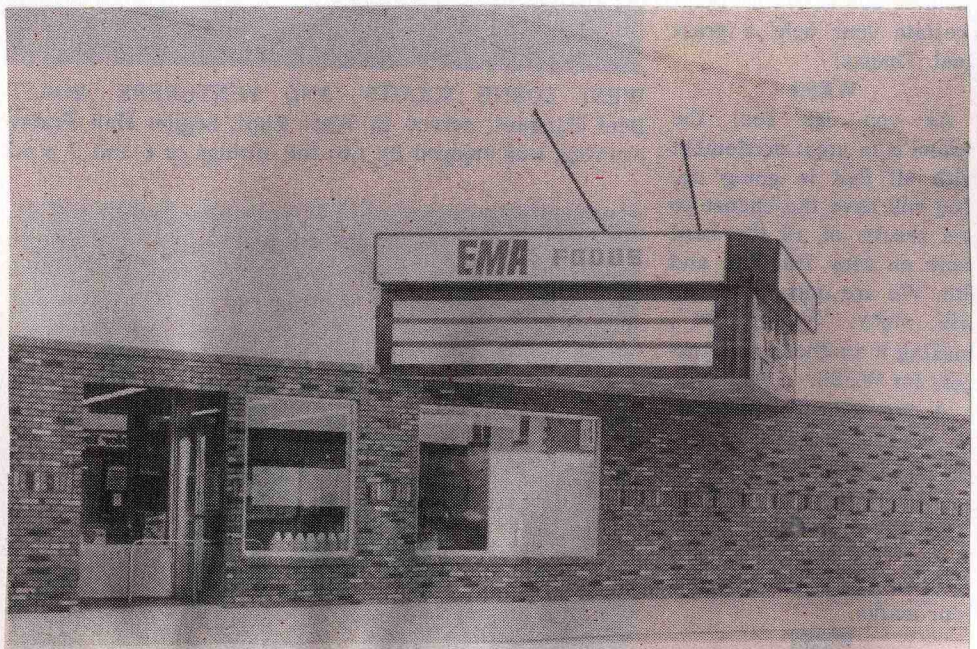
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APPEARANCE OF ROSS' EMA STORE'S front has been changed by having a window bricked in so a bake shop could be installed behind. It opened Monday with a wide variety of pastries, bread and buns. Cathy Johnston and Karen Leitch are the bakers, their initial offerings being bought as fast as they could produce them. Tuesday they baked more and could hardly keep pace with demand.

Ross' EMA updates meat dept. adds bakery dept., displays

Shoppers have been inconvenienced a little the past few weeks while major renovations have been going on in the meat department, refrigerated counter displays have been installed and a bakery department added.

It is the latter that shoppers notice on entering the store, because the aroma of freshly baked breads, rolls, desserts, etc., permeates the air.

All brand new equipment of the latest technology, the department is operated by Karen Leitch and Cathy Johnston. Both have been literally run off their feet since their products were available three weeks ago.

Several varieties of bread, buns and desserts are baked daily, with demand keeping pace with the large glass oven's capacity.

The bakery department is located in the west corner of the building, where the office was previously. One display window on the front of the building had to be bricked in to accommodate the new department.

While the fruit and vegetable department has been doubled with a new display, and more freezer displays have been added, it is the meat department which has had the greatest renovation and improvement.

In addition to having a new refrigerated display case for cut meats, etc., a larger one for prepackaged meats, one for deli foods has been added.

But behind the meat counter the biggest improvements have been made. There all meats are cut, wrapped and priced, the latter by computer. It not only prints the cuts of meat on a label, but the price per pound, the total price, and the date it was wrapped.

That room is retained at 50 degrees to keep meats at their maximum freshness.

A large addition has been built behind Krebsz Jewellery for a new produce department and additional warehousing.

While improvements and additions have been made at considerable expense, Allan Ross says his father impressed on him years ago that "you can't get ahead by staying equal," thus his reason for continuing improvements to give shoppers the best possible foods of the widest variety at competitive prices, plus service variety at competitive prices, plus service.

He invites everyone to drop into the store anytime and view the big improvements.



New fruit and vegetable counter double the department's display



Anne Wrobel works in the newly renovated meat department, which has a new refrigerated display case



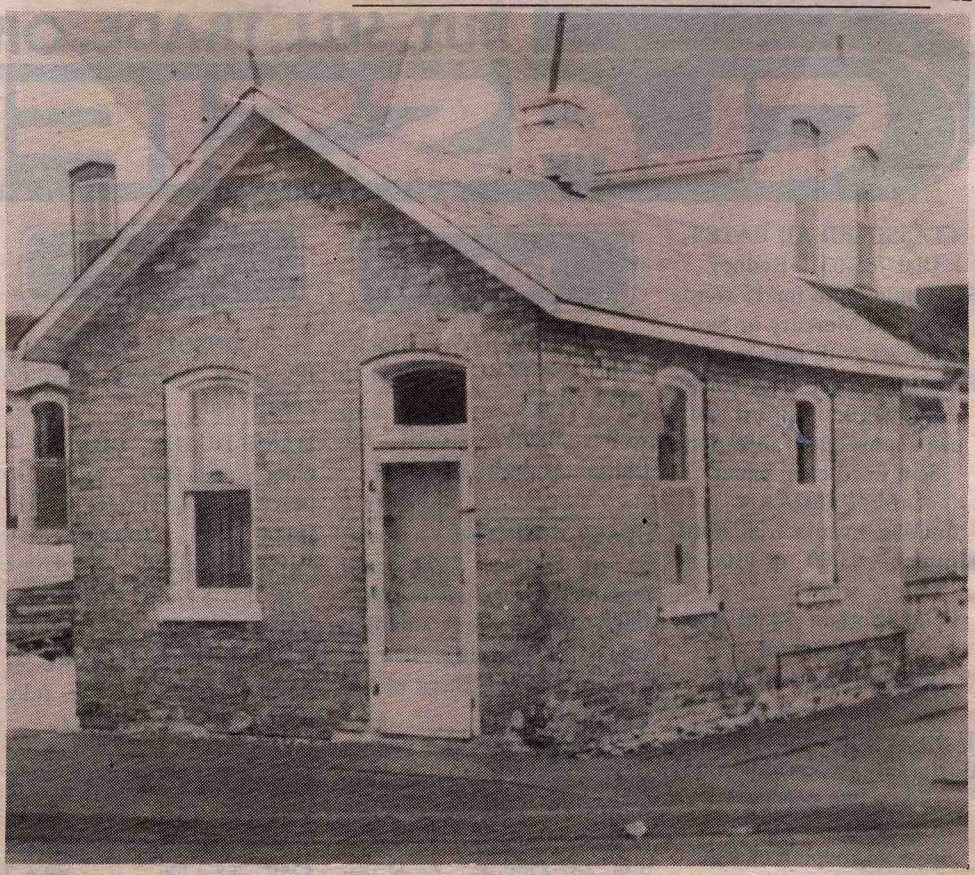
Karen Leitch and Cathy Johnston operate the new bakery department



Prepackaged fresh meat are in the new refrigerated case at left, and deli meats in the one at right



West Lorne's New IGA Store opened for business Wednesday, April 11th, 1962, with a large crowd waiting to enter the store to take advantage of the many opening weekend specials. Here the crowd is seen waiting its turn to enter the store one hour after the 10 a.m. opening ceremony.



A WEST LORNE LANDMARK is coming down — the white brick office of the late Dr. William Brock, who was the village's first doctor. He had the office built in front of his house at the north corner of Graham and Maple in 1877, where he doctored thousands of patients until the day he dropped dead there in 1916. When not busy he would play checkers with patients. The doctor's office and home is now owned by Doug Carmichael, who will renovate the house to four apartments. First bricks were removed from the office the first of the week.

Dr. Brock was West Lorne's first doctor and first reeve, being elected in 1907, when the village was incorporated. Previously he served on Aldborough's council. He was a staunch Conservative and member of Grace Anglican Church, where he was the Rector's Warden. He taught school in Jarvis and Wardsville before becoming an MD and setting up a practice in Wardsville, moving to Rodney for a few months before deciding on West Lorne as his permanent location. He died after practicing 39 years. The late Mrs. John Hunchberger was a daughter.

HOME HARDWARE'S GRAND OPENING THURS.-SAT., NOV. 3RD-6TH, 1988

Expanded from 1,300 square feet in 1976 to 7,000 now

The Grand Opening of Rudy Huver's Home Hardware will be held Thursday through Saturday, and will be followed up with special promotions the following four weeks.

He is very pleased with his greatly expanded store--over five times larger than when he bought it--and wants everyone to see for themselves, both the expanded retail area and the greatly increased stock.

Since Mr. Huver bought Crest Hardware from Messrs. Fisher and Kemp and took over in January '76, he has contiually improved the interior of the original McKillop and Ferguson Hardware building.

Joined Home

With only 1,300 feet of retail area originally, and having experience in the hardware business in St. Thomas, he realized the Home chain was best as his supplier, so joined the hardware distributor immediately.

By '82 it was obvious he could not continue to operate effectively and meet everyone's hardware needs, so added 2,000 square feet to the rear of the building, and improved customer off-street parking behind.

The addition opened that November, and it had the desired results--increased merchandise and better display, thus a greatly increased volume of business.

Lemon Building

Owners of the Lemon building proved interested in selling, so the north part, formerly the post office, was incorporated into the hardware store, the other two stores continuing to be operated as a clothing store. It continued that way for over a year.

The Spring of this year, Mr. Huver decided to go out of the clothing business so he could expand his hardware into the other two stores, making 7,000 square feet of shopping area.

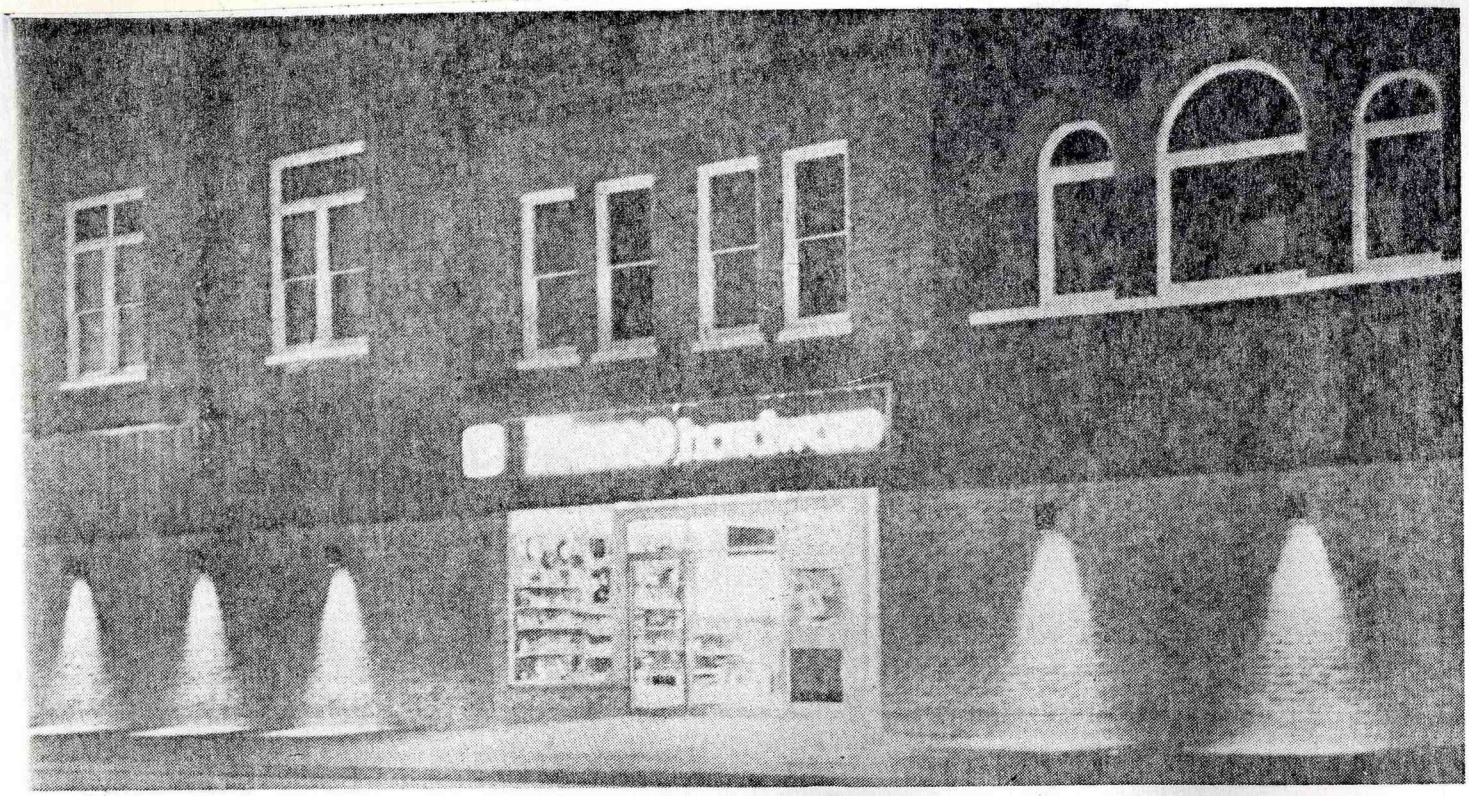
With the outward appearance looking like three stores, he consulted with Home Hardware's planning department, whose architect recommended a drastic change to its appearance.

Consulting further with contractor Martin DeWilde, they proceeded to front the store with grey stone and illuminate it at night. Now the facade is modern in every detail and greatly enhances the appearance of the Graham St. business section.

Interior

Interior of the original store has been changed by display counters being placed on the angle to better serve shoppers. And the expanded staff--now up to six salespeople--are most helpful in assisting shoppers find what they want, as well as giving advice on product lines.

Although shoppers have been visiting the store throughout three expansions, Mr. Huver invites everyone to view his 7,000 square feet of retail area and greatly expanded stock to see for themselves that West Lorne's Home Hardware is West Elgin's centre for all home and farm requirements.



Facade of Home Hardware a striking view when illuminated.



HONOR OF CUTTING THE CHAIN AT THE Grand Opening of West Lorne's enlarged Home Hardware was given to Sharon Huver, daughter of owner Rudy Huver, right. Holding the chain were employees Duncan McPherson and Betty Krzyworaczka. Watching in the background were employees Fred Titus, Pat Frank and Marg VanDyk. Not pictured is Bonnie Ratz.

West Lorne Hardware Merchant

Rudy Huver, is holding the Grand Opening of his greatly expanded store Thursday through Saturday, and he invites everyone to visit the store and see for themselves, have a coffee and he'll give accompanying kids balloons.

Born in Holland, he came to this country in 1956, settling in Amherstburg, where he worked in a factory 12 years before buying a Ross St., St. Thomas hardware.

Realizing his business "was on the wrong side of the tracks," he tried to buy Fisher and Kemp Hardware for two years, before being successful in January '76.

Since coming to the village 12 years ago, he continued to not only greatly expand hes business, making it a key factor in West Lorne's business section, but played roles in the community.


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JAN., 1989 WEST LORNE HOME RENOVATION MOVES;
PAUL VERBRUGGHE STARTS OWN REAL ESTATE BUSINESS

Two changes in West Lorne's business section occurred during Christmas--New Years week, when West Lorne Home Renovation Centre moved to the north corner of Graham and Main, and Paul Verbrugghe started renovating 167 Main for his new real estate office.

The former Ronson building had been vacant many months prior to the recent federal election, when Conservatives set up their constituency office there.

Prior to that, it was to have been the new home of the Village Flowers, but staff problems did not permit.

Now it is the new location for the Home Decorating Centre, renovations to which commenced prior to Christmas and continue, it likely being two or three weeks before the owners Tom and Barb Page have it ready for a grand-opening.

They are pleased with the move, despite all the extra work and expense, because the corner building offers far greater exposure for merchandise to passersby.



GST deciding factor in Thomson closing

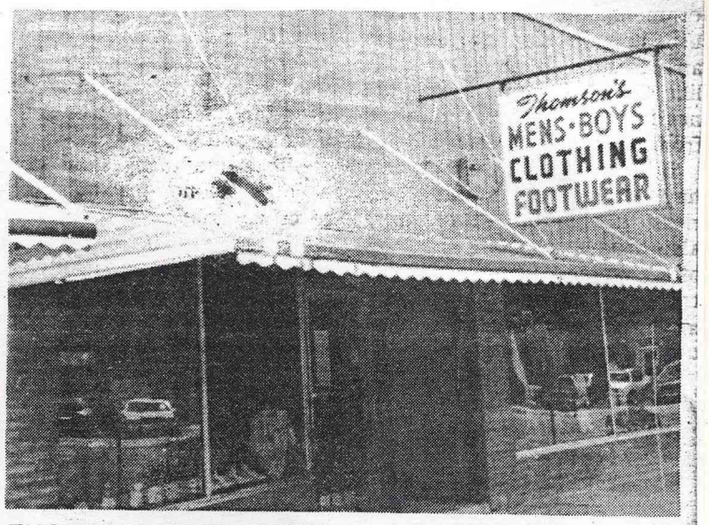
By Sheila McBrayne

Thomson's Men's Wear has been a part of West Lorne and the surrounding area for more than 65 years and has seen many changes over the years, but the new GST was the final factor that convinced Ruth and John Thomson to close their doors.

"We're closing the store on Monday (January 1, 1991) the day the GST goes into effect. We were waiting to see if it would pass. We would have stayed open longer. But we made the commitment to close the store when it was officially passed," Mr. Thomson said. The Thomsons went into partnership in the business in 1970 after Mr. Thomson's father, Norman, passed away. "I used to work here as a kid. I'd say I have about 40 years of experience working here," Mr. Thomson said.

The business sold a full line of men's clothing for work, play and leisure. The store was always located at 227 Graham Road and was expanded about 20 years ago. The Thomsons have seen many changes through the years and among those changes were the store hours. "The stores aren't open as much as they used to be. They used to be open until 11 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The Thomsons have witnessed many changes in styles through the years, but Mr. Thomson said "clothes always seem to revert to the old styles."

The Thomsons admit that their retirement was not far off when the GST triggered them to close. "The GST was one reason for quitting. It's just a lot of bookkeeping and work. We were going to retire later this year, but the GST just made us do it sooner," Mr. Thomson said. Mr. Thomson is looking forward to playing more golf. "It never seemed like I had any time for golf before. I took my clubs out every spring and polished them up, but never had a chance to golf," Mr. Thomson said.



THOMPSON'S MEN'S WEAR closed its doors after being a part of the West Lorne business section for over 65 years.
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Farmer's Market

WEST LORNE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA - ELGIN PRESBYTERY

The old Methodist Church located on Munroe St. south of the railroad tracks was renovated in 1889. Robert McFate was secretary and William Clark was treasurer of the board. Other members were Charles Bainard, D.B. Freeman, H.S. Dingman, Wm. Danby, A.D. Boss, John Bolsby, Thomas Harris, A. McLachlin, and Wm. Petherick. Squire Amasa Wood of St. Thomas gave $500.00 cash and also a bell weighing over 500 pounds for the church. The bell with its rich tones could be heard all over the village. It tolled for weddings, funerals, church services and victories, such as at the end of world war I. It tolled when Queen Victoria died, January 22, 1902 and also for King Edward, May 6th, 1910. It was also used as a fire bell.

Union of Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches of Canada, was consumed June 10, 1925 and the church was named "The Knox United Church of Canada", although union did not actually take place until 1926.

In 1933 the cornerstone for the United Church was laid. The former Know Presbyterian Church was rebuilt for the United Church by Mr. W.T. Merrett. The bell from the old Methodist Church was placed in the belfry and is used every Sunday to call the people to worship.

An electric organ was installed and the organ from the Methodist Church given to the Eagle congregation. Later a new Hammond Organ was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Basil Fisher and by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kemp in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Howieson. After Peter Kemp's death in July 1985, his organ was presented to the church.

Mrs. W.T. Merrett had been organist in the Methodist Church since she was fourteen years of age and had continued in the United Church until her death in 19 . Her mother, Mrs. Noah Dodd, made the grape juice and prepared Communion for many years, as also did Mrs. Merrett and sometimes assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Orville Gibson.

Eagle United Church amalgamated with West Lorne in 1962.

A new addition of two educational rooms was built in 1960 by W.T. Merrett and his firm, the Miller Lumber Company.

Ministers have been:

Rev. W.M. Kiteley	1926
Rev. W. Stafford	1930
Rev. W.T. Eddy	1933
Rev. W.J. Wilson	1938
Rev. R. Simpson	1940
Rev. L.G. Purchase	1943
Rev. O.R. Dyke	1948
Rev. Hill Hamilton	1950
Rev. H.E.J. Moorhouse	1954
Rev. Alex Taylor	1965
Rev. Chas. Scott	19
Rev. Van Slyke	19
Rev. John Vardy	19
Rev. Leonard Terry	1983
Rev. ~~John~~ JAMES Potter	1984

....Dedication Service....

WEST LORNE UNITED CHURCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH, 1934

Rev. W. T. Eddy, B.D. ..... Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAISE **Holy, Holy, Holy**

LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

HYMN 86

All people that on earth do dwell
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed:
Without our aid He did us make,
We are His flock, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why, the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure:
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

READING OF LESSON **Psalm 84 Hebrews 10: 19-26**

SOLO **Mr. J. C. McKinnon, of London**

PRESENTATION OF BUILDING

Keys Presented to the Board of Trustees by Mr. A. Petherick on behalf of the Building Committee

DEDICATION CEREMONY (All Standing)

Minister: Let us solemnly dedicate this place to its proper and sacred uses.

To the worship of God our Father, by whose favour we have built this house: to the glory of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Saviour: and to the praise of the Holy Spirit.

WEST LORNE UNITED CHURCH

Dec. 18, 1949, at 8.30 p.m.

PRocessional Hymn - 64 -"Angels from the realms of glory"

Vocation by the minister.

Hymn - 66 -(first and last verses only) "God rest you merry, gentlemen"

Choir - "A Joyful Christmas Morn"-Gevart.

Choir & Sop. Solo - "While Shepherds Watched" -Smart - Soloist, Mrs. T. F. Ripley.

Choir & Tenor Solo - "No Candle was there and No Fire" - Lehman - Soloist, Mr. Paul Shippey.

Choir & Sop. Solo - "Calm on the Listening Ear of Night - Manney - Soloist - Miss Mabel Gammon.

Choir & Tenor Solo -"Today is Born Immanuel" -Praetorius - Soloist, Rev.O.R.Dyke.

Hymn - 51 -"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Choir - "Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella".

Manger Scene - "Sleep, Little Dove" Soloist, Miss Yvonne Ripley.

Offering
Dedication of the Offering

Soprano Solo - "O Holy Night" - Adams - Mrs. Basil Fisher.

Choir & Sop. Solo - "And There were Shepherds" - Wilson - Soloist - Miss June Merrett

Choir & Sop. Solo - "There were Shepherds" -Vincent -Soloist, Miss Mabel Gammon

Choir & Tenor & Sop. Solos - "Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn" Maunder Soloists, Mr. Paul Shippey and Mrs. T.F. Ripley.

Choir & Sop. Solo - "Sing, ye Heavens"-Tours Soloist - Mrs. T. F. Ripley

Hymn - 59 (first verse only) -"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

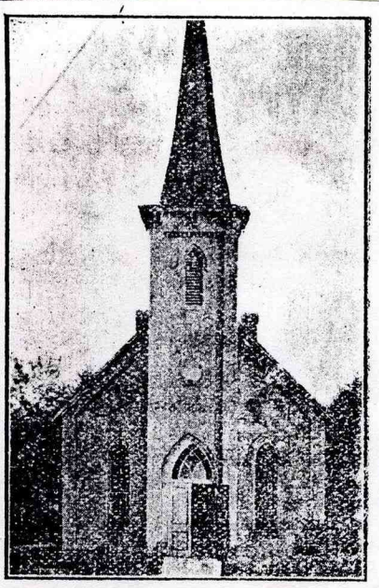
Benediction, with "Three-fold Amen" by choir.

Choir Director - Mrs. Basil Fisher

Organist - Mrs. Wm. T. Merrett.

Your minister takes this opportunity of extending to all members and adherents and friends of this Church his sincere wish that Christmas may be a happy occasion and the New Year rich in God's abundant blessings.

Rev. Oswald R. Dyke,
minister.



Old West Lorne Church

Becomes New Parish Hall

It would seem very appropriate at this time when Wesley Church, West Lorne, is being remodelled and made suitable for the carrying out of Religious Education among the younger members of the congregation that a little of its past history be related.

In the year of 1874 the present church building was erected. Rev. Thomas Hanna was pastor and the following comprised the Trustee Board Lawson Bullock, Richard H. Axford, Charles Bainard, James Mulholland, George Mulholland, Hiram Mulholland, Henry Potts, John Bolsby, James Salter, James Hinds, H. George Justerson, Henry J. Hinds, Daniel Freeman, John Matthews and Daniel Tibbitts. Rev. Hanna was followed by Rev. C. Teeter and the records of the Official Board show the following estimates for circuit expenses for the first year of his ministry.

Salary of minister	$250.00
Amount for board	130.00
Moving expenses	7.89
Horse keep	50.00
Shoeing	5.00
Children's Fund	19.48

Making a total of $462.37, of which amount Bismarck appointment as Wesley Church was then called, was to pay $100. In that year the circuit received from the Missionary Fund $91.66 to help pay the above amount. The circuit consisted of Bismarck, Eagle, Rodney and McColl's School House with preaching at Rodney once in two weeks and at Eagle and McColl's once a month.

Heading the list of devoted men who have served as pastors on this charge are Rev. Thomas Hanna 1874, Rev. C. Teeter 1875, Rev. G. A. Schram 1876, Rev. William Baugh 1877. In 1879 there were two pastors on the charge with Rev. J. G. Fallis as Superintendent and Rev. C. Teeter as assistant. The circuit then consisted of Bismarck, Rodney, Eagle, Duart, Clearville and Silver Street. Rev. C. Teeter resigned and Rev. W. Marks came, he in turn was followed by Rev. Jos. Pring. Muirkirk was evidently added to the circuit in 1880 and the Townline in 1881. In 1882 Rev. C. C. Couzens was pastor with H. Irvine as assistant and later in 1883 T. Voden was assistant. The circuit became a one-man charge in 1884 with Rev. C. C. Couzens as pastor. Following him came Rev. P. W. Jones in 1885, Rev. W. Gundy in 1887, and Rev. C. T. Scott in 1888. During the summer of 1889 the church was rebuilt and the bell placed in the tower through the generosity of the late Amasa Wood, who gave the bell and a substantial contribution.

The continuing list of pastors is as follows:—Rev. C. Brown 1891, Rev. C. P. Wells 1893, Rev. F. E. Malott 1894, Rev. J. E. Holmes 1896, Rev. W. Fansher 1897, Rev. J. W. Hibbert 1898, Rev. W. J. Ashton 1901, Rev. W. R. Vance 1905, Rev. W. Patterson 1909, Rev. C. W. Baker 1910, Rev. G. C. Gifford 1912, Rev. J. W. Andrews 1914, Rev. J. W. Penrose 1917, Rev. J. Ball 1920, Rev. O. J. Lawson 1923, Rev. L. Harvey 1924, Rev. J. H. Hussar 1925, and Rev. W. M. Kiteley 1926, as the present pastor of the West Lorne United congregation.

The Young People's Society of the West Lorne United Church sponsored an entertainment given by nine young ladies of Alma College, St. Thomas, in Wesley Hall, on Monday, March 21, which proved to be of more than usual interest. In spite of unfavorable weather the receipts at the door amounted to $61.75. The programme was of a superior order. Dr. Dobson, principal of the College, acted as chairman. Piano solos were rendered by Miss Angeline Hilderweirdt, of Eagle, and Miss Roe, of Chatham; vocal solos by Miss Pulen, of Woodstock; readings by Miss Saunders, of St. Thomas; violin numbers by Miss Crocker, of St. Thomas. The closing feature was a short play given by five of these young ladies, Misses Richardson, Harmer, Sanders, Labeau and Armstrong introduced by Miss Adams, teacher of expression. The whole programme reflected very creditably upon the training which these students are receiving. Dr. Dobson and his staff deserve special credit for the work which they are doing.

ABANDON CHURCH ON 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Old Methodist Church Is Left for New Building

WEST LORNE, April 11.—Unique services were held in the old former Methodist church, the occasion being the 60th anniversary and also the farewell as the church is being closed. The United congregation has been worshipping in this building while their church has been reconstructed, and now that the new church is completed, will move into it next Sunday. Only three persons were present who were present at the opening 60 years ago. They were Miss Louise Baker, Mrs. William Pethrick asd Mr. John Bainard.

The original trustee board was composed of the following, not one of whom is now living: Lawson Bullock, Richard Axford, Charles Bainard, James, George, and Hiram Mullholland, Henry Potts, John Bolsby, James Salter, James Hinds, H. Justerman, H. J. Hines, Dan Freeman, John Matthews, Daniel Tibbits.

Rev. Donald Stewart of Rodney and Rev. Dr. McDonald of Wallacetown were the special speakers. Reference was made to the memories and associations that cluster around a church after 60 years of service. Dr. McDonald made reference to the great Cathedral of Liverpool which has been 30 years under construction and will not be completed for 30 years or more. The men who made their contributions at the beginning have passed away and present planning and building is for the next generation.

The choir furnished excellent music with the solo parts being taken by Mrs. T. F. Ripley and W. T. Merritt.

NEW UNITED CHURCH AT WEST LORNE DEDICATED

Rev. Dr. J. R. Hall, President of Conference, Officiates at Ceremony

1934

WEST LORNE, April 17.—The dedication of the new United church at West Lorne on Sunday was an inspiring event. Hundreds of people came from far and near to participate in the service and to see the beautiful place of worship.

In the morning Rev. Donald Stewart, B. A., of Rodney, assisted the pastor, Rev. W. T. Eddy, and Rev. J. R. Hall, D. D., president of the London Conference, took the dedication ceremony and preached the sermon. The key of the church was presented to the trustees by A. Petherick, chairman of the building committee.

Dr. Hall took as his subject "The Nature and Function of the Church." The church, said Dr. Hall, is a home in which all true members are brothers and sisters. It is a home to which men and women can come and find refuge and rest from the world. Outside the church a man loses much of his identity and value. His rightful place is in the home with the family.

In the evening Dr. Hall spoke on "The Finality of Jesus' Teachings." When Jesus spoke he said the last word on many subjects. Take, for instance, his parable of "The Laborers in the Vineyard." Jesus desired every man to have work, and said every man is to be rewarde according to his need. That is the last word in the labor question. Every man working and receiving enough for his needs. Or take the question of money, Jesus said money was to be used for human happiness and need. Men must acquire it for the good they could do with it It is a servant not a master of men. The question of race and nationality is settled in the parable of the Good Samaritan. The ideal of fatherhood and brotherhood is made actual and possible in the teachings and life of Jesus. But we will not follow him said the speaker. We turn aside to easy compromise and involve ourselves in terrible confusion.

Five people joined the church on profession of faith and dedicated themselves to the service of God and the new church.

The choir, led by Mrs. W. T. Merrett, rendered excellent music. They were assisted by the Wallacetown Male Quartette, who sang "In My Father's House," and also by Mr. J. G. McKinnon, of London, who sang "Open the Gates of the Temple."

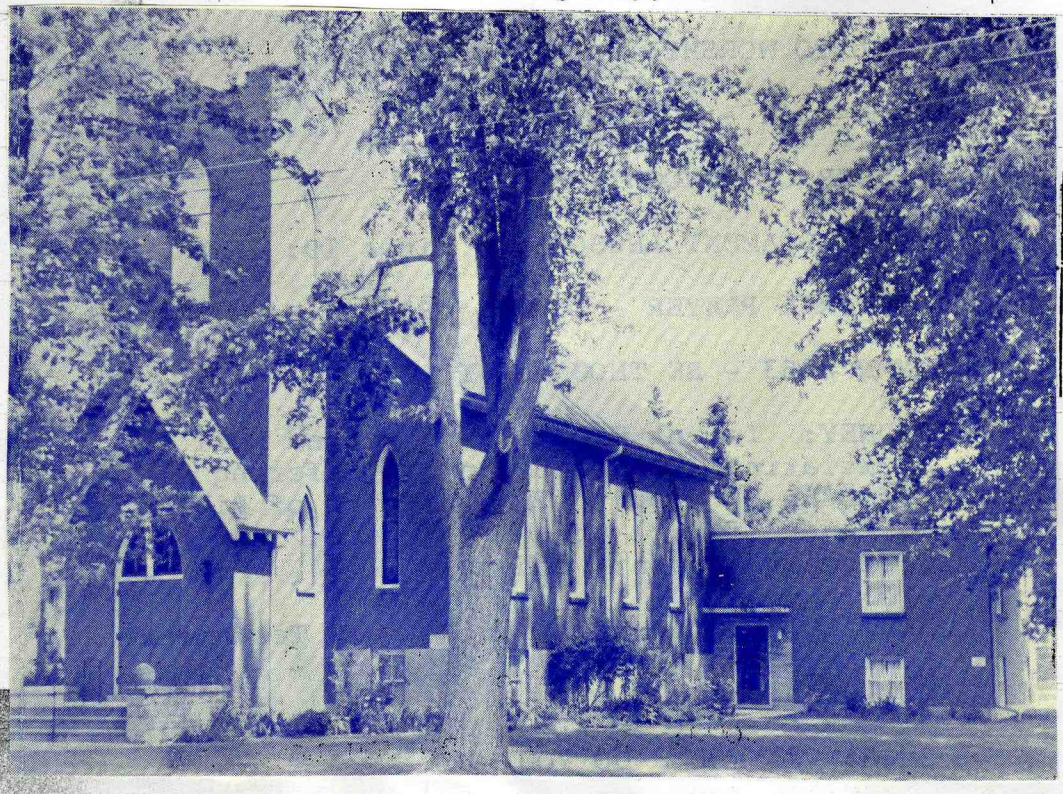
At the evening service the pastor was assisted by Rev. C. P. McFarlane, Rev. A. Gray, Rev. I. H. MacDonald and Rev. Robt. Campbell The quartette sang "Rock of Ages" and "That Beautiful Land," and Mr McKinnon sang "Consider and Hear Me."

Atelegram of congratulations from Rev. H. A. Carr, a former pastor, now of Banff, Alberta, was read at the evening service.

The architect and carpenter, W. T. Merritt, received many congratulations on the excellent taste and finish throughout the whole building.

The contributions to the building fund were very liberal and the building committee were delighted with the response.

In the afternoon an open meeting of the Sunday school was held with a very large attendance. Ex-Warden Gordon Newell was the special speaker and gave a very inspiring address, which was much enjoyed.



Holland

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The first family reunion of the descendants of Thomas Joseph and Sarah Holland, was held on Sunday Aug. 2nd at New Glasgow, when over 80 relatives sat down together for dinner.

After dinner, Mr. R. A. Holland of Windsor, only surviving member out of a family of eleven children of the late Joseph Holland, gave an interesting talk on the Holland History, which he traced back as far as the year 962 during his trip to England some few years ago.

An election of officers for the year 1937 was held. President, Mr. R. A. Holland; Sec. Treas, Mrs. Earl Graham.

Ref. Committee - Mrs. L. W. Holland, Chairman, assisted by Miss Bertha Holland, Mrs. John Cook, Mrs. John Sloan and Mrs. Lorenzo Holland.

Programme Committee - Mr. L. W. Holland assisted by Mrs. T. F. Ripley and Clarence Holland.

It was decided to hold the reunion annually at New Glasgow the 1st Sunday in August.

The afternoon was spent in renewing old acquaintances and visiting with relatives and friends.

Relatives were present from Union, Pt. Talbot, Chatham, Windsor, Riverside, St. Thomas, Los Angeles Cal., Muirkirk, Detroit and West Lorne.

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WEST LORNE UNITED CHURCH CONGREGATION CELEbrated the 100th anniversary of the construction of the building and the 50th anniversary of the formation of the congregation Sunday. The building was the first Presbyterian Church in the village, which was raised and remodelled in 1933. The church bell was taken from the Methodist Church, which disappeared from its Munroe-Ridge St. corner several years ago. The addition at the right was constructed in 1960.

50th of congregation

WL United marks church's 100th

West Lorne's Presbyterian Church was built in 1875, and because Uniteds took it over after union in 1925, the congregation celebrated the 100th anniversary of the building and the 50th anniversary of the congregation Sunday.

Capacity crowds attended both services to hear Rev. Lorne O'Neil of Central St. United in St. Thomas, and Norfolk Judge Groom at morning and evening services respectively. Soloists from Chatham and Glencoe, and special numbers by the choir, added to both services.

Rev. O'Neil spoke on "The surprise everyone would receive in life when they let Christ in". Judge Groom spoke about the Good Samaritan from a legalistic standpoint, stating God expects us to act the same as the Good Samaritan, rather than like the priest and Levite, who neglected to treat the injured man. Leaving such things undone is not expected of us," the Judge pointed out.

Following the morning service a meal was served to about 150, and after the evening service coffee and donuts were served.

Several attended from a distance and renewed acquaintances with many.

HISTORY

In 1872 the first Presbyterian service was held in the public school, with Rev. John Munroe of the New Glasgow church, the minister. Two years later another base was laid for the United congregation when Methodists built Wesley Church one street

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MRS. VERA NEIL AND MRS. VERA RIPLEY PARTICIPATED IN Sunday's 100th anniversary at West Lorne United Church. Mrs. Neil has been a church organist and an accompanyist 50 years, and Mrs. Ripley has been a member of the church's choir 50 years, and sang in other choirs nine years before that. She also sang a solo in Sunday morning's anthem.

United anniversary

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west of Graham, and facing the railroad, with Rev. Thomas Hanna being the first minister.

In 1889 Wesley Church was rebuilt and a bell hung in its tower through the generosity of Amasa Wood of St. Thomas.

In 1925 Presbyterians and Methodists voted to unite and formed Knox United Church of Canada, although union did not take place until the following year. First minister was Rev. W.M. Kitely.

Other ministers were: Rev. W. Stafford 1930, Rev. W.T. Eddy 1933, Rev. W.J. Wilson 1938, Rev. R. Simpson 1940, Rev. F.G. Purchase 1943, Rev. O.R. Dyke 1948, Rev. H. Hamilton 1950, Rev. H.E.J. Moorhouse 1955, Rev. Alex Taylor 1962, Rev. Hill Hamilton 1965, Rev. Trevor Richard 1966, and Rev. James Vanslyke 1970.

In 1933 the church was rebuilt, with a basement being placed under it by W.T. Merrett, and the bell from the Methodist Church, which had closed, was placed in the belfry.

A new organ was presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Basil Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kemp in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Howeison of Windsor.

Three years later a two-storey, 25 by 26-foot brick addition was built on the south side of the church at the back, for Sunday School rooms at a cost of $10,000. Mr. Merrett oversaw construction for Miller Lumber Co.

In memory of Mr. Merrett, and his wife, who played organs in the church for 60 years, new lighting was installed in the chancel by the family this year.

United Church Women hold 25th anniversary

West Lorne United Church celebrated the 25th anniversary of its U.C.W. in a special service Sunday, Jan 11th.

That day, Rev. Jim Potter sat among the congregation and seemed to enjoy himself, while the ladies conducted the entire worship service.

Guest speaker was Joan Patterson, president of the Elgin Presbyterial, and whose message, "We Respond", was enjoyed by all.

Mary Rose opened the service with a warm welcome and the Call to Worship. Jean Bell followed by reading Psalm 100 and leading the Prayer of Confession as well as the Assurance of Pardon.

Nellie Hewings explained the meaning of the "Anniversary Logo", which was displayed on special envelopes. She then read the introduction to the Scriptures. Reading Scriptures were: Betty Ross, Margaret Barber, Helen Mooser and Carolyn Jewell.

Mary Rose read the History of the West Lorne U.C.W., compiled by Mrs. Agnes Reid, who, unfortunately could not be present. In it she stated that for many years the United Church had two main organizations; The Women's Missionary Society and the Women's Association.

In 1962 the two organizations were combined to become one, known as the "United Church Women."

The purpose of this organization was to unite all women of the congregation for total "Mission of the Church and to provide a medium through which they may express their loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian Witness, Study, Fellowship and Service." The West Lorne United Church Women elected Mrs. Manson (Margaret) Robinson as their first president.

There were to be 10 meetings a year under different leaders at West Lorne and Eagle, that is, until Eagle disbanded. There was also an evening group which held meetings for a few years. There were four general meetings a year when all the groups met together in the church. The ladies supported their allocations which were set each January.

Dagmar Jobson read the announcements and called for the offering. Ushers were Bertha Cooper, Katherine Schepanski, Georgina Staddon and Joyce McFadden. Dedication of the offering was sung by all.

The Litany was led by Marion Hauser with the congregation responding.

At this time the candle lighting ceremony was celebrated.

First Candle: representing the past, was reminisced by Vera Ripley and lit by Erie Bird. The second candle: representing the Present, was explained by Mary Belle Cook and lit by Francis Graham. The third candle: representing the Future, was read by Donna Ripley, and lit by Kim Jewell, and little Katie Smale.

The guest speaker brought an excellent message on "We Respond" and was graciously thanked. Kathy Johnston led the Commissioning and Benediction. Janice Brearley closed the service with the reading "God's Presence in our Lives."

After the service, everyone was invited for coffee and a piece of anniversary cake, made and decorated by Kim Jewell and Terri Smale. Susie Staddon had the honour of cutting the cakes.

Potter for being so helpful and letting us have a free hand.

WL Church of Christ marks 90th anniversary, Sunday

A beautiful, sunny first day in May provided a Spring-like mood for an important celebration by West Lorne Church of Christ (Disciples) as the congregation marked its 90th year (1887-1977) Sunday.

The celebration had four phases . . . first, the 11 am. worship and Communion service with 60 present; second, anniversary dinner at 1 pm. when 40 sat down to a generous roast beef dinner (family style) at Town and Country Restaurant, third, the 7:30 pm. evening service with 110 present, and fourth, the fellowship-refreshment time in the lower hall at 8:50 pm. which many remained to enjoy.

Rev. Joseph D. Driskill, Disciple-ordained and serving the United Church of Canada as Chaplain at the University of Western Ontario, was guest speaker for both services, his messages being "A Vision Rekindled" and "A Time to Celebrate!" morning and evening, respectively.

CHALLENGE

Rev. Driskill challenged the congregation in the morning to rekindle the vision with which the Disciple movement was born in the early 1800's — the Holy Grail of Christian unity. He indicated that though union conversations between Anglican, Disciple and United churches faltered, new conversations are under way between the Disciple and United Churches.

Our goal is not simply a merger, but rather the creation of a new church into which each of our two churches brings its own unique contribution.

In the evening he recalled Isaac's persistence in redigging Abraham's wells and the scene at the cross where the soldiers gambled to win Christ's seamless tunic.

He stressed that inevitably we take risks in life and that the important thing is how significant the cause for which we risk our honour, name and fortune. He stressed how urgently the world needs a church that will take risks for its Lord today in terms of making a real impact for love, justice, and peace in this day and age.

MUSIC

Special music was provided by Mrs. Anne Driskill who sang at both services: "Eternal Life", "Thanks Be to God" and "Happy Birthday!" The West Lorne Ecumenical Choir, with members from the Disciple and United Churches, sang two anthems in the evening service: "Redeeming Love" and "Let Us Cheer the Weary Traveller", under the direction of Mrs. Robert Walker. Organist and pianist for the services were Mrs. Grace Lemon and Miss Beth McKillop, respectively.

Among the numerous guests sharing the day with the congregation were Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Parsons of Poplar Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rolfe, Sr. of Windsor, President and Past-President of the Ontario Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), respectively.

Ecumenical and Disciple sharing from the Rodney-West Lorne-Dutton area and from nearby communities was symbolized by the following clergy present: Rev. James Vanslyke of the United Church, Rev. Norman Schlarbaum of the Baptist Church, Rev. Thomas Gray of the Rodney Christian Church, Rev. Dr. B. C. Eckardt of First Church of Christ (Disciples), London, Rev. D. L. Howlett serving the Ridgetown-Northwood Disciple Parish, Rev. Ben L. Herring of Princess Avenue Christian Church, St. Thomas, and that grand old man of the Disciple ministry in Ontario, who will reach his 92nd year May 13, Rev. Wm. Bilson of St. Thomas.

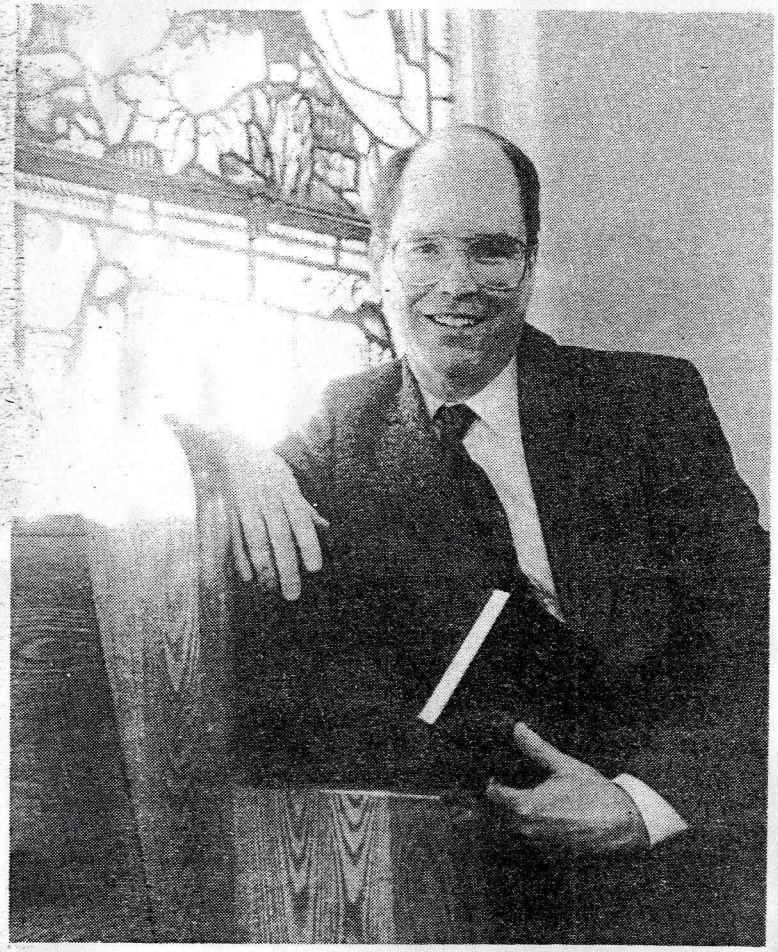
Elder Earl Lemon and Board Chairman Donald McKillop join Rev. Halsey Wakelin in expressing the congregation's gratitude to all members and friends of the congregation who, by their presence and help, (much of it behind the scenes) helped make the celebration of the 90th year a significant and memorable day.

HISTORY

Today we are heirs of yesterday, heirs of Scotch Baptists who migrated to Southwestern Ontario via Lake Erie, having developed early ties with the Disciples of Pennsylvania (followers of Thomas and Alexander Campbell) and with the Christians of Kentucky (followers of Barton W. Stone) both movements uniting in 1832.

Even so may the heirs of yesterday be enabled today to be shapers of tomorrow, even a people of God who demonstrate that God, Himself, is in the midst of life every day for those who have seriously taken the risk of belonging to Jesus Christ, having named him Saviour and Lord of their lives.

Meet your local pastor



JIM POTTER grew up in the church and is now the minister at Calvary United Church. — Mercury-Sun photo

By Kathy Hollingsworth

For seven years, Jim Potter has been the minister at Calvary United Church. Born in Nova Scotia, Potter attended Queen's University and received a BA in history and a Masters Divinity. He has been married for 12 years to his wife Louise, whom he met while attending university. They have four children, Geoffrey, 10, Jennifer, 8, Beth, 5, and Emily 3.

"I grew up in the church, but I never thought I would be a minister," says Potter. He drove a bus for a while and then decided to see if the ministry was what he wanted to enter into. He went to Cape Breton as an intern and that's when he decided the church is where he wants to be.

Working on his sermon and visiting people in the community and in hospital, he keeps himself busy. "If needs come up, we try and respond to them," says Potter. He is doing what he loves best, working with, and helping people. Sometimes people who are travelling a long distance stop at the church for a prayer before heading towards the big cities.

When it comes to the Canadians going to war in the Gulf, "I'm not that happy about them going to war, nobody likes to see war. It's difficult, you can't let Saddam Hussein do what he wants," says Potter. Each Sunday the church lights a candle to express its desire for the men and women to come home soon. "Since it has already started, we have to support them there and hope they will be home soon," says Potter.

WEST LORNE ANNIVERSARY, OCTOBER 21, 1990

ORGAN PRELUDE

GREETING

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

CONGREGATION: the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them--the Lord, who remains faithful forever. (Psalm 146:5,6)

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Almighty God, you have sent Jesus to show us how to live. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may follow him in faithfulness all the days of our lives. Amen

DEDICATION OF NEW HYMNBOOKS

HYMN #95 - "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

WEST LORNE CHILDREN'S TIME

THE CHAPELAIRES

SCRIPTURE: RUTH1:1-19a

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CHAPELAIRES

THE OFFERING

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. (1 Chronicles 29:11)

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING: #296 vs. 1

We give Thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be:
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

OUR PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As our lips praise you and our spirits seek your power, so our hands provide the support for your church at work today. Thank you for giving us this privilege. Amen.

HYMN #50 - "HOW GREAT THOU ART"

SERMON - "THE ABANDONED BAG"

HYMN #49 - "AMAZING GRACE"

COMMISSIONING

Go to be Christ's body in the world.

BENEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

CHORAL AMENS

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (Twenty-first after Pentecost)

Ruth 2:1-13
Psalm 128
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

There is a nursery available today for children five years and younger. These children can go to nursery after the children's time or before if they like. There is no Sunday School today because of the set-up for lunch.

Our thanks to Mr. Ross Daily for bringing our message this morning and to the Chapelaires for adding to our worship with their musical gifts. Thanks also to the people who prepared our lunch after the service, to the people of Wallacetown United Church for lending us some hymnbooks and to those who watched children.

This week Jim will be attending the semi-annual meeting of the Canadian Bible Society in London on Tuesday, 3:00-9:30 p.m. and a London Conference Stewardship meeting on Wednesday 10:00-3:00 at Westminister College, London.



Anniversary Sunday

West Lorne Christian Church's history spread over 100 years

Rodney's Christian Church's history, published as part of its 100th anniversary, September 7th, 1975, records that the West Lorne sister church traces its roots to Argyleshire, Scotland, from where pioneers landed at Port Galsgow.

Some settled and established a church in Eagle. From that church grew congregations at Rodney, and West Lorne. Later the Eagle congregation became a community church of Methodists, Baptist, Presbyterians and United; the type of church some hope for today. Also mentioned are sister congregations of Lobo (Poplar Hill), Mosa, Ridgetown and South Dorchester (now Mapleton).

Celebrating our 50th anniversary in 1937, John A. McKillop wrote an excellent detailed account of the first 50 years, copies of which are available from the Ontario Archives.

The West Lorne Church reached 50 years with flags flying high. Possibly by the height of its 100 years was during the late 20's and early 30's, when the largest attendances were recorded. Rev. Fred E. Dunn was the minister in the late 30's and early 40's. He was followed by Rev. David Waterworth, Rev. Quigley and Rev. Elmer Stainton. In the 50's Rev. T. A. Gray, Rev. Ray Whitton and Rev. Carr ministered. The 60's brought Rev. J. P. Murray and Rev W. O. Weale who led into the 70's.

These ministers all carried a dual ministry with Rodney. In the early 70's West Lorne went on its own for a period under the leadership of Rev. Wm. Bilson. In 1973 the church shared Poplar Hill's Rev. Steve Dobbins.

Many other renovations and installations were made possible through memorial funds established by former members and families, for which the congregation is thankful and fortunate .

The past 50 years the congregation has enjoyed summer exchange for holidays with sister congregations in the village. Most recently they have been with Baptist neighbours, who down through the years, have supported various special occasions, which are acknowledged with gratitude.

The 100th anniversary will be held Sunday, May 3rd.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (DISCIPLES) WEST LORNE, ONTARIO.

REV. DR. R.G. DAKIN
MINISTER

MRS. MARGARET MURRAY
ORGANIST

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY SERVICE
MAY 3, 1987

2:00 p.m. ORDER OF WORSHIP

AN ACT OF REVERENCE

Organ Prelude
* Call to Worship (read in unison) 56
* Holy, Holy, Holy
* Invocation Prayer
* Hymn I Love Thy Kingdom Lord 428

AN ACT OF FELLOWSHIP

Announcements and Greetings
Special Music -- Earla Walker & Barbara Bijker
God's House - Old Testament 4
(read responsively)
Special Music -- Kivell Family Singers
Pastoral Prayer -- "Remember Those Who Are Our Forefathers"

AN ACT OF COMMUNION

Meditation
Hymn Here At Thy Table Lord (vs. 1-3) 451
Institution and Participation 79
(Let each person examine himself and so let him partake)
Communion Hymn (Vs. 4)
Special Music -- Earla Walker and Barbara Bijker

AN ACT OF DEDICATION

Offeratory Sentence (Responsively) 83
Offering
* Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

* Please Stand

AN ACT OF RENEWAL

Special Music -- Kivell Family Singers
Scripture Lesson

Sermon Rev. Dr. R.G. Dakin

* Hymn--O Church of God, Our Solitude Forsaking 432

* Benediction

Postlude

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Announcements:
Buffet Meal: Immediately following our worship service a buffet meal will be served in the basement. Since seating is limited, we invite you to use the sanctuary for a time of fellowship.

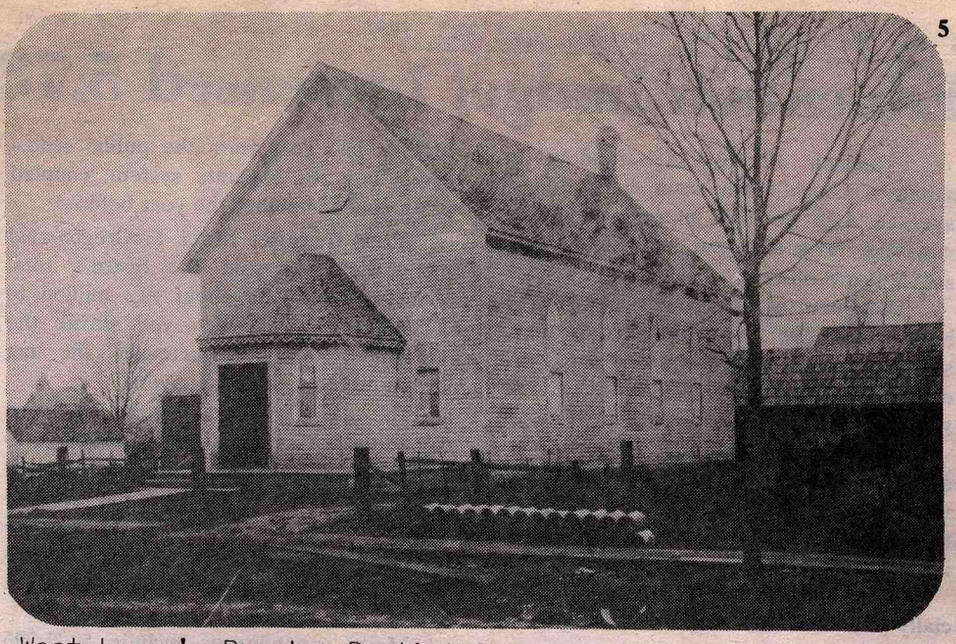
Greetings: It's heartwarming to have so many friends, former members and former pastors to remember us and help celebrate this important event in the life our church -- our greetings and appreciation to all of you!

Thanks: We can't begin to thank enough, all those who gave of their hard work and many hours to prepare for this day. Not only did they sparkle to this event, we trust God will add sparkle to their heavenly crowns, as well!

May Schedule:

Ron & Carol will be on vacation for the next 3 weeks. The following arrangements have been made for the services:

May 10 -- 11:00 a.m. Regular Service with Rev. Norm Schlarbaum as guest speaker.
May 17 -- Vacation Sunday.
May 24 -- Regular Service with Rev. Norm Schlarbaum
May 31 -- Rev. Dakin will return from vacation and be with us to lead the worship service once again.



West Lorne's Regular Baptist Church which was built in the 1870s, burned April, 1946, its replacement - - below - - being opened one year to the date later.



West Lorne Baptist Church to mark 111th anniversary

Morning and evening anniversary services are planned April 26th in the Baptist Church.

The morning service will commence at 11 a.m. with Rev. James Lewis, the speaker, and special music by the choir.

A pot-luck dinner will be held at the close of the morning service, and all are invited to attend this special time of fellowship.

The evening service at 7:30 p.m. will be a musical praise to our creator God who made a beautiful land for our forefathers to settle. Slides set to music will comprise part of the service.

Mr. Cam McWilliam will provide special music.

Please come and enjoy these special services.

WEST LORNE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. James K. Lewis - Interim Pastor

Mrs. Alice Humphries - Organist

111TH. ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

SUNDAY - April 26, 1987

Morning Worship - 11 A. M

'Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.' (Heb. 13:8)

Call to Worship

Hymn 20 - Holy, Holy, Holy

Prayer of Invocation

Responsive Reading # 36

Choir

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:8-25

Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Welcome and Announcements

Choir

Hymn 225 - The Church's One Foundation

Sermon: The Same Yesterday, Today, Forever?

Hymn 324 - Faith of Our Fathers

Benediction

WELCOME to our visitors, particularly to those who call West Lorne 'home', and are back home today with family or friends. May you find His presence very real as we worship together on this Anniversary Sunday!

Evening Service - 7:30 P.M.

We Plow the Fields and Scatter - Call to Worship (Slide presentation)

Hymn 16 - For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1-13 & 26-31

Special Music - Cameron McWilliams

Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn 286 - This is My Father's World

'He is Able' - slide presentation

Special Music - Cameron McWilliams

Sermon: Creation: In God's Likeness?

'How Great Thou Art' - slide presentation

Hymn 414 - Day is Dying in the West

Benediction

THANK YOU to everyone who has helped make this day a 'special day'! We are grateful to the choir, the ladies trio, Alice Humphries, Cameron McWilliams and all who have led us in the musical part of worship. We are also grateful to the ladies who provided the food for the Anniversary Pot-Luck Dinner at the conclusion of the morning service. May the Lord's blessing be upon all who ministered, in whatever way, and to those who were ministered unto, this day.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: Anniversaries come, anniversaries go, but the Word of the Lord remaineth FOREVER.

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEST LORNE

A Service of Celebration
for
40 Years of Ministry

Processional Hymn: For Many Years, O God of Grace
#639 (Rise)

Opening Verses:
Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.
Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things; His right and and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.
The Lord has made His salvation known and revealed His righteousness to the nations.
Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;
Make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing.
Let the sea resound, and all that is in it, the world, and all who live in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy.
Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God. It is He who has made us, and we are His;
We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.
For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 27 (Be seated)

Hymn of Praise: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
#339 vv. 1-3

Old Testament Lesson: Joshua 24:14-24

Special Music: "Feed My Lambs" by Natalie Sleeth

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
#39

Gospel Lesson: John 14:15-27 (Rise)

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (p. 12)

Hymn of the Day: By Grace I'm Saved (Be Seated)
#373 vv. 1-3, 5-6

Sermon: "By Grace You Are Saved"
Text: Ephesians 2:8-9

Offertory Hymn: The Church's One Foundation
#473 vv. 1-2, 5
(The offering will gathered during the hymn.)

Special Music: "Largo from Carmen" by George Bizet

Prayers (Rise)

Lord's Prayer (all)

Benediction

Recessional Hymn: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
#475

The Preacher:	Rev. Mervin Huras
The Lectors:	Rev. John Obeda
	Dr. Albin Stanfel
The Liturgist:	Rev. Randy Kleemola
The Organist:	Mr. Winfred Liepmann
The Soloist:	Miss Sharon Liepmann

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:
"God has a purpose for each one of us, a work for each one to do, a place for each one to fill, an influence for each one to exert, a likeness to His dear Son for each one to manifest, and then, a place for each one to fill in His holy temple."
-- Arthur C. Hall --



Lutheran Church

1953-1959 - Pastor Sharrer
1961- Pastor Lootsma
1974- Pastor Huras
Pastor Obeda
Pastor Craig Brehens
Pastor Kleemola
1994- Pastor Eric Betcht

Tarja Kleemola attends International Lutheran Women's Convention

Mrs. Tarja Kleemola of Grace Lutheran Church, West Lorne, joined approximately 9,000 convention delegates and guests attending the 50th Anniversary convention of the International Lutheran Women's Missionary League June 27-30 in Cleveland.

The convention's theme was "Celebrate the Jubilee! Glorify His Name!" Highlights included the celebration of the 50th anniversary, selection of mission projects, Bible study, featured speakers, Reach Out sessions, displays and tours.

A Historic Pageant guided conventioneers to "Remember" their history as they celebrate today. Missionaries from all around the world have returned to the United States to share in the historic occasion.

For the delegates, a convention highlight was the setting of a mission goal and selection of the mission projects for the biennium from the 23 proposed projects totalling $1,380,000. Friday a special Thankoffering was gathered in celebration of the anniversary.

The ILWML has over 200,000 members in the United States and Canada. From the beginning of the League, the emphasis has always been to encourage and equip members to reach out in love, to provide opportunities for mission service and to gather funds for mission projects all over the world including the US and Canada.

Featured speakers included Dr. Raph Bohlmann, president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and Dr. Glenn O'Shoney, executive director of LC-MS Board of Missions who informed the convention about the mission work of the church and challenged them to become more involved in the mission thrust to the world. Leading the daily Bible Study was Dr. Dale Meyer, "The Lutheran Hour" speaker. Dr. Paul Maier and Ms. Marilyn Bader were also featured speakers.

Six special "Reach Out" sessions Saturday afternoon featured visiting foreign missionaries, family life, evangelism, women and the church, and mission work in the church.

A Festival Service with communion closed the convention. Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, former Lutheran Hour speaker, was the preacher for the service and banners from each of the 45 United States and Canadian districts were displayed.

Grace Anglican congregation has good year in '73

The annual vestry meeting of Grace Anglican Church was held Jan. 23rd in the church hall, when Rector Brian Hold presided, and Barbara Inder, was again voted Vestry Clerk. Herb. Chaplin was chosen Rector's Warden and Jim Black was voted the Peoples' Warden and Reg Williamson, Deputy Warden. The following were appointed to the Board of Management: Edith Timson, Mary Healy, Ann Chaplin, Gertie Wilson, Bertha Carter and Ted Soles.

Jim Black retained the office of treasurer, and expressed appreciation to all those, who, by their generous contributions, made it possible for the church to pay off its current debts -- the Diocesan budget, $600 for sewage connection, and $1,800 for repairs to the hall roof.

Other items of importance were discussed, and the Rector spoke of the possibility of having a mid-week Bible study with a Eucharist at Dutton and Port Stanley, if the people are interested.



Grace Anglican Church

Meet Anne Mills

Grace church's new Lay Pastor

Mrs. C. Anne Mills has been appointed Lay Pastor of the Parish of St. Peter's, Tyrconnell with Nativity, Dutton; St. Stephen's, Burwell Park; and Grace Church, West Lorne, effective February 15th, 1993.

A recent theology graduate, M. Div. Huron College 1992, Anne had obtained a B.A. in psychology and religious studies from King's College (1985) an E.S.T. from Stratford Teacher's College (1958).

For many years, Anne had served as Lay Person and Reader in the parishes of Holy Trinity, Chesley, and Trinity, Lambeth. Before the birth of her children, she had taught for ten years in the public schools of Hamilton and London. In the intervening years, she has also worked in nursing homes in Lambeth and London, worked at Guide Camp, been Chaplains' Associate at Parkwood Hospital, and been owner and manager of a kennel for boarding.

Anne has served summer Chaplaincies at Sibbald Pt. Park, Toronto and Rondeau Park, and she served as Pastor in a summer parish at French River and Biscotasing, Algoma. Diocesan training programs in which she has or is taking part include: Marriage Preparation, Building Family Strengths, and Bible Studies for Families. She has served on the Family Ministries Committee, hopes to serve on the Refugee Committee, and is keenly interested in Rural Ministries.

Anne is married to Thomas Mills. They have two grown children, Keith and Duane. In addition to family interests Anne also enjoys cabinet-making, art, music and studies in psychology.

REV. T. GODFREY INDUCTED INTO LOCAL 3-POINT CHARGE

A service of induction for the Rev. Tom Godfrey, as minister of Dutton, Wallacetown and West Lorne Presbyterian churches, was conducted by the Presbytery of London, on Sunday evening at St. Andrew's Church, Wallacetown.

Rev. Dr. Leslie Files of New St. James, London, and Moderator of Presbytery was in charge of the service. The sermon, "Living by the Grace of God", was delivered by Rev. Don McInnes of London.

Rev. David Clements, Interim Moderator, narrated the steps leading up to the call, followed by Preamble and questions from the congregations, Declaration of Induction, signing the formula, and the right hand of fellowship by members of Presbytery.

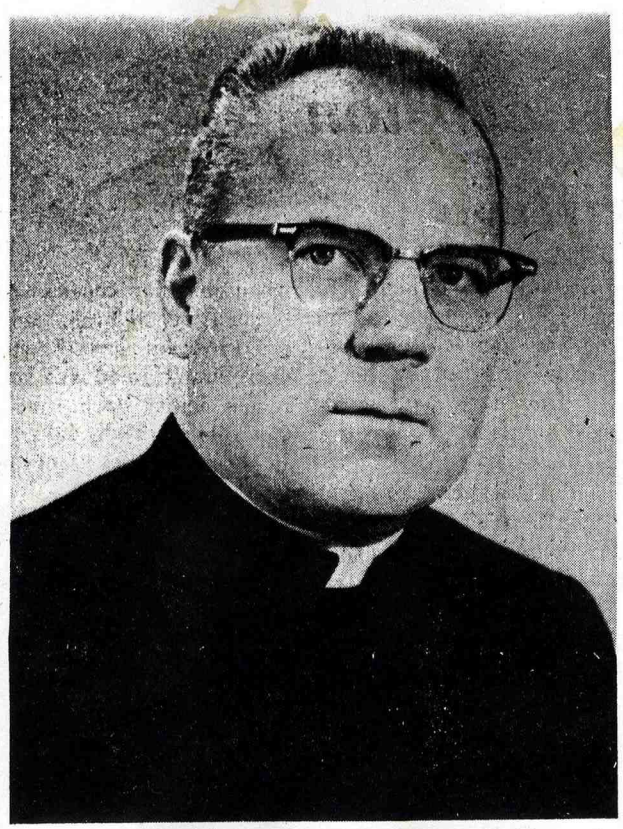
Rev. J.M. Pollack of Hamilton Rd. Church, London, gave the charge to the newly-inducted minister and to the congregations.

Special music was provided by guest solist Mr. Paul McWilliam, accompanied by Lynda Drummelsmith.

Following the closing hymn Rev. Godfrey pronounced the benediction.

A time of fellowship was enjoyed in the lower hall where refreshments were served.

Words of welcome were expressed to Rev. Godfrey and wife Donna Jean by the clerks of session and other visitors.



Father Wm. G. Smith announces retirement; killed in car accident

The Sunday before Christmas Father William G. Smith surprised St. Mary's and St. Helen's parishes by announcing his retirement effective in the new year.

Before he could retire he was involved in a head-on car-bus crash south of Watford, killing him instantly Friday, December 30th.

He was southbound in his '75 Oldsmobile when he ran into the front of a Charterways bus in which the driver and two passengers were injured. His car was a complete write-off, and $25,000 damage was done the bus.

After a post mortem the body rested in St. Mary's Church, where hundreds of parishioners and friends visited and paid their respects to the family. Prayers were said Sunday night.

What was to have been the deceased's final services Sunday morning were taken by Father Clare Coleman.

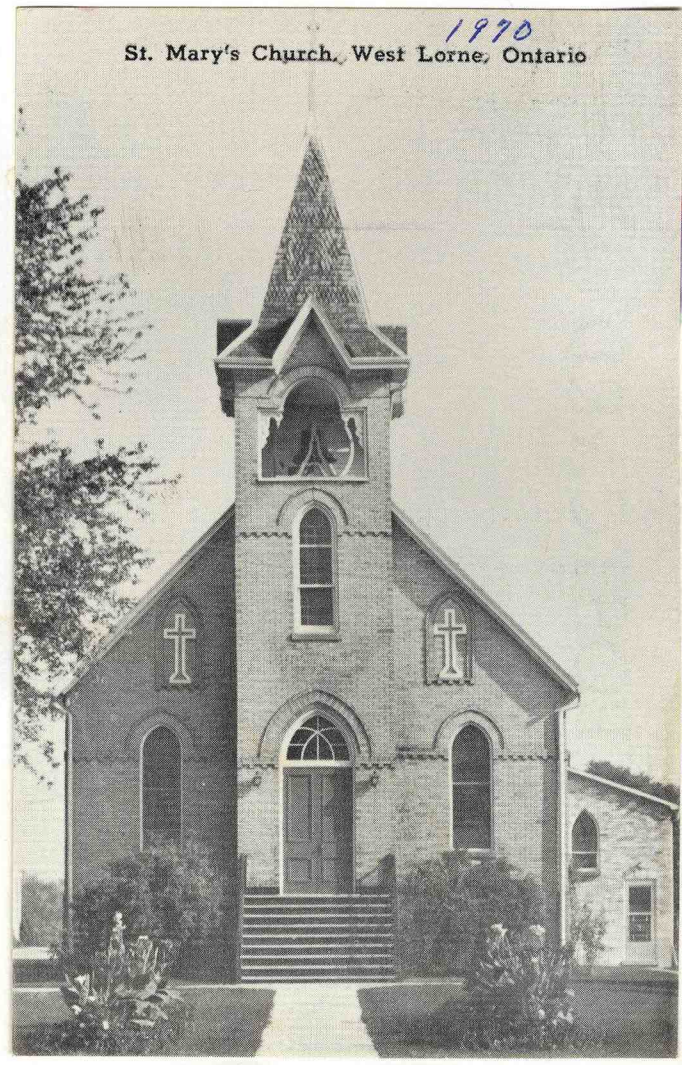
The funeral Mass was said to a crowded church Tuesday at 11 am., with interment at 2:30 in Glanworth Cemetery.

EDUCATION

Born at Glanworth 68 years ago to John and Jessie Smith, he attended public school there and Beal Technical School in London, planning a career in architecture. Later he changed his mind and graduated from Central Collegiate in London, and went on to study at University of Western Ontario.

Interested in music, he became an organist at an early age, being organist at All Saints' Anglican Church in London, while a university student.

Studying music with the organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, he was the youngest organist at the church the summer he was converted to Roman Catholicism.



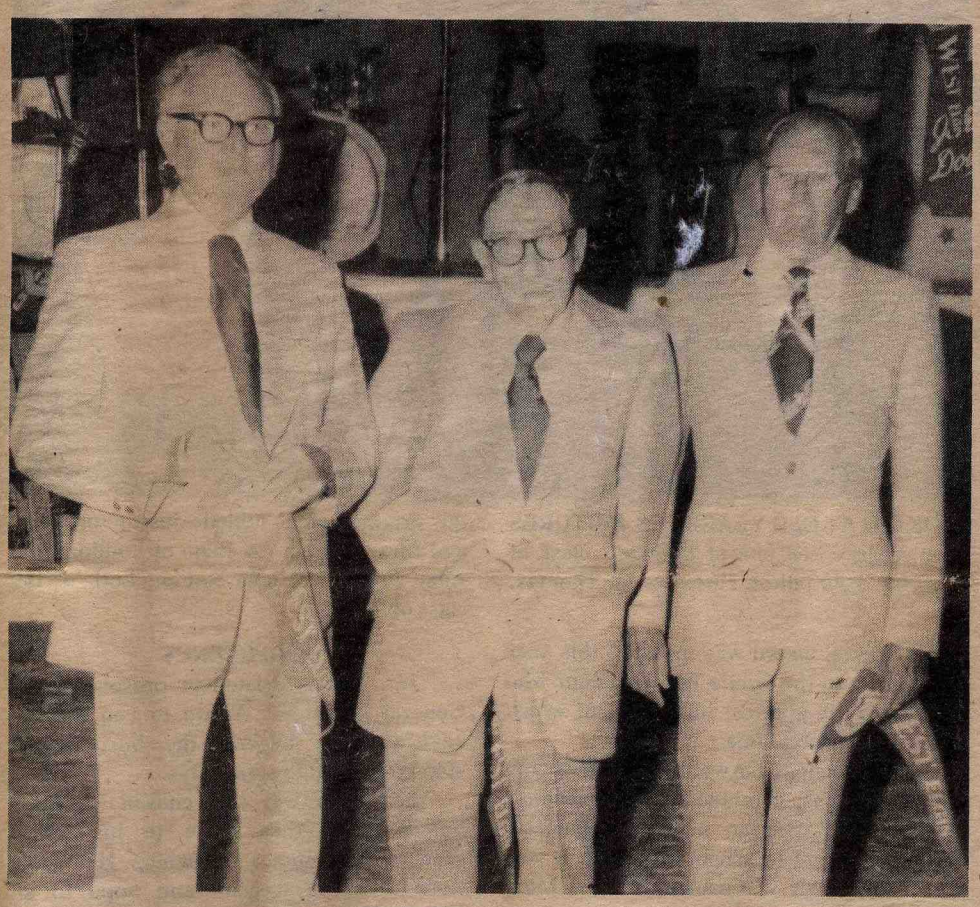


Saturday night's WESS reunion

WESS'
25th



FIVE MEMBERS OF THE ORIGINAL Students' Council attended: Jean Reid Leitch of Largie, Joe Fischer, Bob Ronson of Orangeville, Jill Arnold Soos the Treasurer, and Jon Jewell the President.
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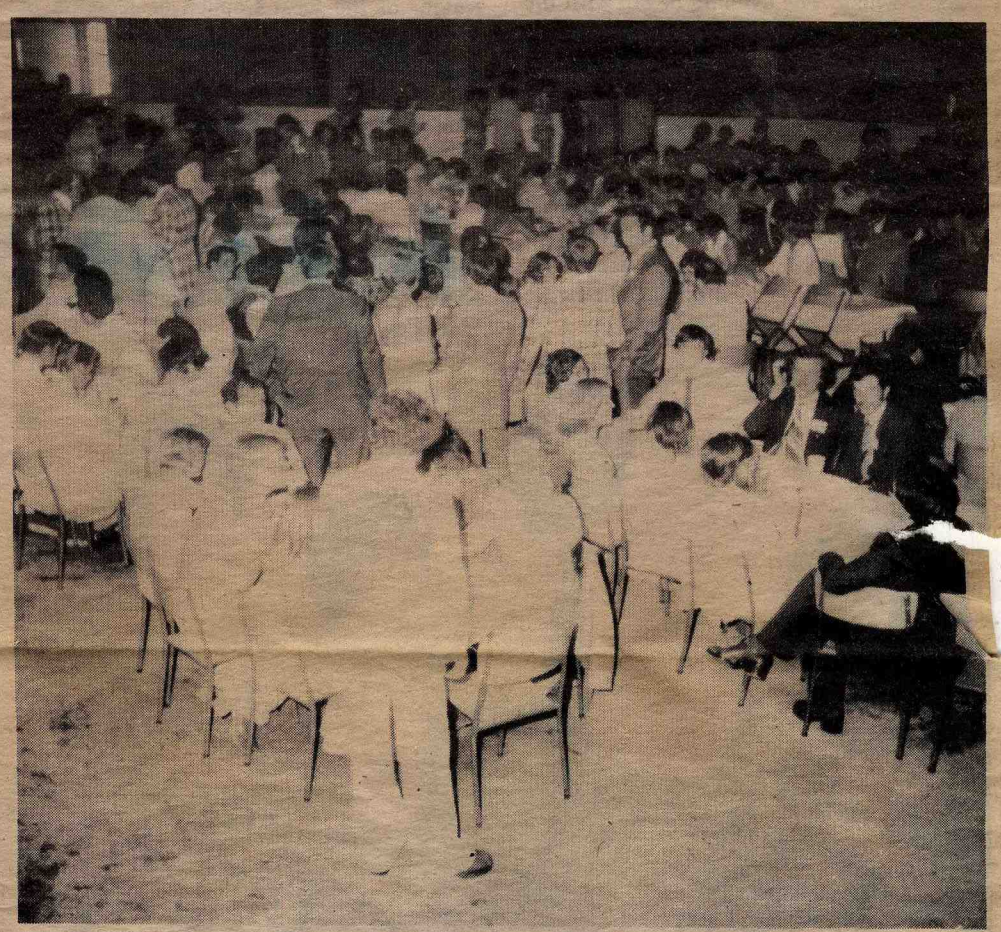
FORMER WESS BOARD MEMBERS Arnold Lee was recognized for having served the longest of anyone, and Joe Kearns and Wilfred Rewbotham for being original Board members. The only other original was Earl Lemon, who was a member prior to the school being built.
Mercury-Sun Photo



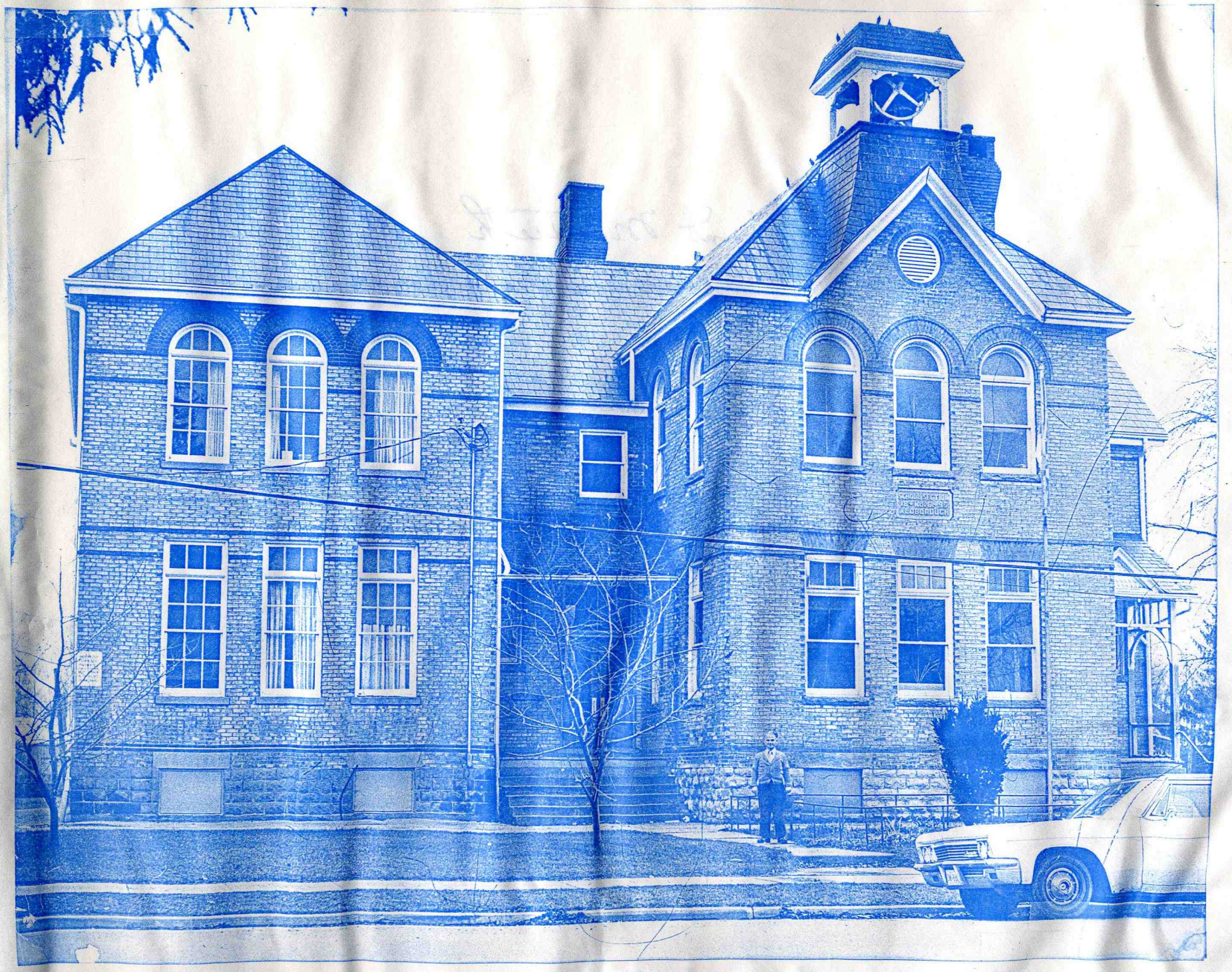
ATTENDING FROM THE FURTHEST were Lillian Gemmel Keller of Sacramento, Calif., Pat Johnston of Vancouver, BC, and sister Linda Johnston Buker of Chetwyne, BC.
Mercury-Sun Photo



ROAST BEEF SMORGASBORD WAS served to over 1,000 Saturday evening, with lines forming on both sides of two tables in the large room at the front of the arena, before individuals proceded to the arena floor where tables and chairs were set up.



HUNDREDS OF FORMER WESS STUdents crowded the west end of the arena from five o'clock until the wee hours of the morning, first visiting with their former school chums, then enjoying a beef smorgasbord and finally dancing to the music of Johnny Downs and his orchestra.
Mercury-Sun Photo



Old West Lorne Public School

Jan. 22nd 1966

Education Minister Davis Says New Area Schools Best Way to Provide Equality in Education

RODNEY (Staff) — The Hon. William G. Davis, in a speech to large crowd attending last night's official opening of the new Aldborough Township Area public school, said "that the complete establishment of such township school areas is the only way in which the sincere effort to provide complete equality of education can be made in Ontario for rural pupils.

"Good education needs good planning", Mr. Davis said, "and effective planning cannot be done without administrative units of reasonable size. The historic rural school section, with its one-room school played a worthy role in the province's pioneer days, but it lingered too long on our educational stage.

"The trustees are to be congratulated on their efforts to have this school opened by the start of the term last fall", he stated. They were able to overcome both the difficulties of construction and of establishing a township area. It is also to the credit of the trusees and Council that the rural sections in this area were amalgamated before Bill 54 came into effect.

"This modern approach to education in rural parts of the province is only one of many new areas of change in our education system. We are also now into educational television.

"There are few people left now", he said, "who would seriously deny the impact which television has made upon our way of living. The blending of sight and sound tends to dominate the senses. Television provides an intimacy of communication with immediacy and impact. It is a highly personal method of communication and this is perhaps its greatest asset, when used for educational purposes.

The minister also said that the opening of the Aldborough Township Area School brings to mind another relatively new area to our educational system.

PLANNING DIVISION

The Division of School Planning and Building Research, formed in 1964," he explained, "has received a great deal of attention in the past year and a half. The Division provides educators, architects, builders and engineers with considerable useful direction in the planning and construction of school buildings.

"To get their message across to everyone in the province, members of the Division arranged a series of five workshops in various areas, the most recent of which took place in Kingston in November. At that workshop over 130 delegates representing groups of architects, building contractors, trustees and educators from Eastern Ontario attended panel discussions and group meetings. They listened to speakers cover a wide range of topics from modular components for school buildings to the impact of educational television on school design and construction.

"Another interesting challenge in education these days", he said, "is the updating and constant revision of curricula. To help in this regard the department has expanded their Curriculum Division and are attempting to look at a child's education as a continual process from kindergarten to Grade 13.

"In this regard the results of the study by the Provincial Committee on Aims and Objectives in Education under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice E. M. Hall of Ottawa, will be of great interest to educators and public alike. The committee has held public hearings in Ottawa, London, Toronto and Sudbury, and has considered briefs submitted privately."

The Committee is made up of a representative cross-section of Ontario interests including those of the general public, teachers, universities, labor unions, trustees, and Home and School Associations. The members of the Committee have been carefully selected with a predominance of lay personalities.

"They are endeavoring to identify the needs of the child as a person and member of society. On the basis of the findings, they will try to set forth the aims of education for the educational system of the province. Their next task will be to outline the objectives for children in the age groups presently designated as kindergarten, primary and junior divisions, and to propose means by which these aims and objectives may be achieved.

A CONTINUING PROCESS

"You will see," the minister continued, "that curriculum is no longer a static framework of studies that is laid down and repeated year after year throughout the province for all children, regardless of their individual needs. It is rather, a continuing process under constant revision. We look to classroom teachers to assess new teaching methods and techniques and to make full use of the new teaching aids they evolve. Obviously, for the energetic teacher, there are exciting challenges ahead.

"Education," he said, "enhances personal fulfillment in a very immediate and direct way. Education justifies itself for it instills a discipline that will expand and make meaningful all the experience of a lifetime, making it possible to control results and direct them toward achievement of purpose. It develops the ability to choose, challenge and to change. In the future, time for leisure activities will greatly increase, and an educated person is more likely to engage in rewarding use of his free time, as he has the ability to discover and participate in creative activity.

"The community, the nation, and the entire civilization will benefit from this personal goal of education, for a society can be termed rational and learned only if its members are rational and learned. The advantages are circular: investment in education enriches the individual, who then contributes to the total good of the community and country, and an intellectually enriched country provides the context that stimulates further individual enrichment."

"HAPPY INFLUENCE"

In declaring the school officially opened, Mr. Davis expressed the hope that the knowledge gained at this institution, the skills that are acquired there, and the characters that are formed there, may have a useful and happy influence on the lives of its students.

The Aldborough Public School came into being following a series of meetings held in the fall of 1962 and early 1963 to discuss the school area formation. Township council at that time passed a bylaw joining 10 school sections to form the Aldborough Township School Area No. 1, effective Jan. 1, 1964.

The board of the new T. S. A. proceeded with the planning of a central school.

The firm of G. Duncan Black Ltd., St. Thomas, was engaged to design a suitable school for the area, and tenders were called October 22, 1964, for work to begin early in November.

When Bill 54 of the Ontario Legislature came into effect on Jan. 1, 1965, the remaining four school sections of the township were added to the Township School Area. The school opened in September, 1965.

The building is concrete block and brick construction. It consists of 12 classrooms and gymtorium, and is so designed that expansion can be made in three directions. The building contract, which provided an area of 19,000 square feet, amounted to $279,000, representing a unit cost of $14.68 per square foot



OFFICIAL OPENING—The Hon. W. G. Davis, Minister of Education for the Province of Ontario, was guest speaker at last night's official opening of the new Aldborough Township Area public school near Rodney. Receiving the keys to the school are left to right: Floyd W. Patterson, principal; D. A. Campbell, chairman of the Aldborough Township Area School Board; Mr. Davis, and Gordon Woolner, reeve of Aldborough Township.—(T.-J. Photo)



LARGE CROWD—A large crowd filled the gymtorium of the new Aldborough Public School last night to witness dedication ceremonies and the presentation of keys to Principal Floyd W. Patterson. Guest speaker for the evening was the Hon. W. G. Davis, Minister of Education for Ontario. Township council officials, school board members, and area educators were also on hand for the official opening.—(T.-J. Photo)

ELGIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

WEST ELGIN SECONDARY SCHOOL

Thursday, June 17 - 8:00 p.m.

Purpose:

To present and invite discussion concerning a proposal to create a unified Education Complex in West Elgin to serve students of grades 6 to 13 on the present campus of the West Elgin Secondary School. (See statement concerning this matter which appears in this edition.)

J.A. HARVEY
Chairman

W.W. ALLEN
Secretary

ELGIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Meeting concerning School Facilities in the Western Part of Elgin County

(The area referred to in the heading encompasses Aldborough and Dunwich Townships and a very small portion of the north-west corner of Southwold Township.)

In early 1969, The Elgin County Board of Education made a priority study regarding capital funds for school construction for its own use and for submission to the Ontario Department of Education and the Ontario Municipal Board. The replacement of the Rodney Public School and the West Lorne Public School were made a top priority. The matter was also related, as it still is, to the need to replace temporary facilities in use at the Aldborough Public School and the Dunwich-Dutton Public School. The two older schools were examined by officials of the Ontario Department of Education and a letter is on file recommending their replacement at an early date. Capital funds for debenture purposes for this project are available in the Board's forecasts for the calendar year 1971 if the project receives initial approval by the Ontario Municipal Board within this calendar year. The matter could, of course, be delayed but will involve revision of the Board's planning as related to other projects planned for Elgin County in 1972 and succeeding years.

The planning for this project has been under periodic consideration since March 1969 by the Board's academic supervisory officials. The matter has been given very careful attention in recent months. A report prepared by Area Superintendent K.R. Steven, after careful study with principals, superintendents and the Director of Education, was presented to the Board for discussion at its meeting of June 1st. The discussion of this proposal elicited considerable favourable comment and some reservations concerning a few of the implications of the report.

The Board was asked, without a formal motion to indicate approval of the presentation of this report for discussion with concerned

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groups in the western part of the County. The Board expressed approval of this procedure. It was decided to hold meetings with groups of teachers and with the newly created West Elgin Planning Board, if that organization so wishes. It was further decided to hold a public meeting at the West Elgin Secondary School. The whole matter, including the Board's discussion, was well reported in the St. Thomas Times-Journal of June 2nd.

At the public meeting in West Lorne, it is hoped that the presentation and discussion will serve to familiarize all those concerned with this proposal as well as the alternatives. It is hoped that the discussion will be representative of all points of view if it is to be of value to the Board in decision making. Interested persons in the community who wish to read this brief prior to the meeting may be able to make arrangements to borrow a copy from a teacher in one of the schools.

WESES Principal Paterson retiring June 30

After 42 years of teaching and attaining the age of 60, WESES Principal Floyd Patterson is retiring the end of June in favor of doing some of the things he has wanted to do for years.

He reports having made his mind up a year ago to retire the end of this term, and is eagerly looking forward to not answering any more bells and being confined to a small office. However, he admits he is going to miss the camaraderie with teachers and students.

But he yearns to get back to gardening, hobbies he hasn't paid any attention to for years, do some travelling and more flying.

His wife, Ellen, who is administrator at Beattie Haven, and is on her third career, has no intention of retiring, he reports.



HERE SINCE '65

Mr. Paterson came to this area in 1965 to be the initial principal at Aldborough Public School. Fourteen years later he became principal of the senior elementary school in West Lorne and has enjoyed his eight years there.

Originally of the Sudbury area, where he taught and became a principal, he says he has seen many changes and improvements in elementary education during his 42 years on the job.

Most changes have been for the better, because of having to keep pace with students' ever-increasing knowledge gained from informative television and reading.

"Today children's vocabularies are far more extensive than ever before. They know how to express themselves orally, and write better than previous generations. And more changes and improvements are coming," he reports.

A LEADER

Talking with principals and teachers from all over the province, he reports most readily admit Elgin is a leader in education.

"They say we are miles ahead of most other counties — a hallmark in education — and I believe we are," Mr. Paterson admits.

"Our teachers are nothing but the best, and education will improve because

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Accolades paid Floyd Patterson

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"Retiring herself four years ago, Mrs. McCallum reported trying to talk Mr. Patterson into joining others who enjoy retirement." Speaking for the original APS staff she wished him good luck.

EXCITING

The school's original secretary, Doris Melnyk, reported the first weeks at APS very exciting.

She recalled the first day, when buses arrived cards were given each child with the number of the bus they were to return home on that afternoon. But at recess and noon hour students were trading the cards, she said.

The first week the fire alarm sounded without teachers and students having had a fire drill. No one knew who was responsible until a little boy was walking down the hall with a teacher some time later and said he didn't touch the red thing.

In retirement, she said, Mr. Patterson would be cooking for only two, and because his is such an avid gardener she gave him a pair of knee pads.

In conclusion, she said she had worked 12 years with him and with a wonderful teaching staff, which was a pleasure. And she wished Mr. Patterson well in retirement and thanked him for so many pleasant memories.

DAUGHTER

Mr. Patterson's daughter, Marlene, a grad of Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, B.C., where she lives, assured it was great to be back in Rodney and gratifying to see so many people present to honor her father.

She revealed being a principal's daughter is a mixed blessing, because she had to go to school early each day with her father, instead of on the bus with other students, teachers and students expected more from her — perfection and a high achiever, which she admitted she wasn't.

In fact, she recalled that when Mrs. Audrey Johnston was teaching at APS, she sent Marlene to the principal's — dad's — office three times.

In kindergarten, other children left school early, but she had to wait for her father, and later she had to put up with hearing a lot of gossip about him.

On behalf of the family she wished her father well in retirement.

YOUR LIFE

Bill Prieksaitis, with the help of others, arranged a "This is Your Life" type of slide presentation showing Mr. Patterson from a baby to the present.

He was assisted by son, George, Margie Young and Shawn Bragg, who impersonated two people in Mr. Pattersons life.

Final speaker was Mr. Patterson, he thanked the Board of Education for hiring him, and he explained how he and the family located in Southern Ontario from the Sudbury area.

In the summer of '64 he and the family drove through this part of the province looking for a place they would prefer to live. Because principals' jobs were easy to obtain, he applied at Palmerston and Rodney, and accepted the latter's offer. On arriving home received a phone call from Palmerston that its board had accepted his application.

NO REGRET

"We never regretted accepting the principalship of the Aldborough school," he assured.

"And I was always fortunate in having a powerful staff of fine teachers to help me survive. And I had a fine local board to work with, later a good county board," he said.

"I have not made my decision lightly to retire," he said. However he admitted his 90 year-old mother said he was getting too old to be principal, so he quit.

"With so many of my former colleagues retiring and saying how much they like it, I decided to give it a try," Mr. Patterson admitted.

In conclusion, he offered his thanks for the kindnesses everyone had shown him, the kind words expressed that night, and his pleasure in seeing so many of his former teachers, some from long distances to attend his retirement party.

The balance of reports of Floyd Patterson night will appear in next week's issue.



PRINCIPAL FLOYD PATTERSON DISplays the picture of an oriole presented him by the staff and former WESES teachers at a party in his honor at Second City, London, Friday night.

Accolades paid Principal F. Patterson at retirement party last Wednesday eve.

Among many accolades paid retiring Principal Floyd Patterson at last Wednesday night's Floyd Patterson night in Rodney Legion Hall, were those by many in education.

Wayne Neal, Superintendent of Education for West Elgin's four schools, extended best wishes on behalf of the board, in the absence of local trustee Ray Lemon, and for Director of Education Tom Cuniffe.

Mr. Patterson's 22 years is a record, with the Director of Education thinking the board should bronze the principal as parents do their babies' first shoes.

"Now we can stop keeping track of him," Mr. Neal said.

PLEASED

"Everyone is pleased to have known him, and we on the board, and teachers who have taught for him, appreciated his academic excellence. He is a first rate principal and ran first rate schools, which students, parents and teachers appreciated."

"When Mr. Patterson went to WESES as principal he requested the board close in some rooms, because the open concept design did not lend itself to good teaching, he said. For this he offered me a bushel of white beans, and when the job was completed he delivered," Mr. Neal quipped.

"For perseverence and setting a good example for teachers and students, everyone thanks him!"

"He's not retiring, he's just not going to show up at school anymore," Mr. Neal said.

PRESENTATION

Aldborough Reeve Dan Perovich said it was a pleasure to present a set of township bookends to Mr. Patterson on behalf of council, students and ratepayers.

Speaking for Aldborough Public School's original staff, Aleta McCallum said she was pleased to see "the boys" — original male teachers at APS — back for the retirement party.

She said the school's all-woman original staff had taught at various township schools previously, so had no background on how to deal with a male principal and male teachers. However, she admitted, the women were given the opportunity to continue teaching their way, but with suggestions from the principal, which some teachers found strange, but proved better.

APS OPENING

She recalled the school opening a week late and painters still on the job when it opened, but Mr. Patterson calming everyone by stating "Keep cool, don't get your bloomers in a knot." So when he left the school to become principal at WESES we gave him a knotted bloomer, she mused.

"We learned many good things from him, but when I wore a red dress and he said it indicated I was disturbed, I was careful not to wear one again," she said.

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PRINCIPAL FLOYD PATTERSON SHOWS the grandmother clock presented to him by original board member Lyle Mann on behalf of the 240 who attended last Wednesday night in Rodney Legion Hall to honor him.

Original APS board member John Fleming recalls history

John Fleming, an original member of Aldborough Public School's board of trustees, recalled the board's and the school's history at the original principal's — Floyd Patterson's — retirement party Wednesday evening in Rodney Legion Hall.

He recalled that 24 years ago — June '63 — Aldborough was declared a school area, so that fall he, with Don Campbell as chairman, and board members Lyle Mann, Keith Kelly and Maurice Mistele, were responsible for hiring an engineer to plan and build the school. Hiring a principal from many applications was next.

"On meeting Floyd Patterson, who had the experience, we hired him as principal, and after 22 years at APS and WESES, it proved a wise decision," Mr. Fleming assured.

Original board members, all but Mr. Campbell, who was absent, were introduced.

INTRODUCED

Original secretary-treasurer, Vince Black, and Harry Schindler the original head of bussing; the latter continues in that capacity, were also introduced.

Mr. Fleming recalled the board's many meetings to get the school off on the right foot. But it was a pleasure, as was meeting again with the man whose faithful contribution to education in the township and villages added so much to the community.

In conclusion, he extended best wishes to the retiree for many more years of good health and happiness.

Former trustee Keith Kelly recalled starting the school, and hiring Mr. Patterson. Since then, he assured Mr. Patterson has given leadership, set high standards for teachers and students, resulting in them going on to higher education because of having good backgrounds.

He said parents have been pleased with what the principal has done for their sons and daughters.

Concluding his remarks, Mr. Kelly said he was pleased to see old friends from the staff, and assured Mr. Patterson everyone appreciates everything he has done toward educating their children.

W. E. S. E. S.



SCHOOL BAND RECEIVES PRIZE — West Elgin Senior Elementary School band won a plaque and certificate in the St. Thomas Rotary Club's annual music festival. They were presented at the school recently by St. Thomas Kiwanian Brian Bolt, left, to band leader Ken McLagen. The band played two numbers, one of which won it first place. The band travelled to the London Kiwanis Music Festival last Friday where they placed fourth.

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Special Grade 8 Graduation Awards during graduation ceremonies at W.E.S.E.S. a week ago Thursday were presented to the following: Front row, left to right, Marilyn Vanderploeg, County Mathematics Award and Female Athletic Award; Cynthia Rees, Valedictorian, and Carla Staddon, Female Achievement Award and County English Award. Back row: Todd Rowsom, Most Improved Student Award; Kevin Prow, Male Athletic Award; Kim Beattie, Eddie Carter Award; Katie Baldwin, McKillop Award, and Steve Lunn Male Achievement Award and Citizenship Award.

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W. E. S. S.



WESS' BAND RECEIVED $1646.20 Cents from West Lorne Optomists and the International Club last week to assist the band pay its way this week to Expo '86. Presenting the Optimists' $500 was Brad Reive to Band leader Dave Cunningham. Accepting the International Club's $1,-146.20 was Ruth Ferguson, Ed Mechevech making the presentation.

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WESS band, chaperones left Tuesday for Expo '86



FORTY-FIVE WESS BAND MEMBERS and eight chaperones left school at 3 o'clock Tuesday for Pearson International Airport, where they boarded at 7:45 plane for Vancouver, and a five-day visit to Expo '86, where the band will play a few times. It took a two-ton van to transport their luggage and band instruments. Wednesday afternoon the band played at Xerox International Amphitheatre. This afternoon (Thursday) the senior band will play at Douglas College Theatre. Friday members have a free day at Expo. Saturday morning they will attend a music clinic, and a jazz concert in the evening. Sunday is the final day of competitions. In the evening members will attend the awards ceremony and reception for competing groups. Monday morning they will tour the city, go swimming, golfing, shopping etc., before departing at midnight, arriving in Toronto at 7 am Tuesday.

Mercury-Sun photo.

West Elgin Secondary School

The Band members of West Elgin Secondary School would like to express their gratitude to all those in the community who have supported us:

Bank of Montreal (West Lorne)
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Rebecca Lodge
Rodney Kiwanis Club
Rose of Sharon
United Auto Workers (Talbotville)
Village of Rodney
Wallacetown Optimists
West Elgin Dramatic Society
West Lorne Kiwanis Club
West Lorne Optimists

and all those who supported us by purchasing our pizzas and panzerotti!

Sincerely,

School Bands Perform at Expo

By Jennifer Bol

At 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13th, an airplane took off from Pearson International airport in Toronto heading for Vancouver, B.C. On the plane were several school groups including 44 West Elgin members and 9 chaperones who were on their way to Expo '86 as part of the Canadian Music Festival.

The festival is a combination of the Canadian stage band, concert band and vocal jazz festivals. It involved 8,000 students from St. John's, Newfoundland, to Nanaimo, B.C., and even some from Whitehorse in the Yukon.

At any time from Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at least one group was performing on one of Expo's four stages, giving a total of 950 performances throughout the week.

Wednesday, our first day, was highlighted by WESS' Intermediate stage bands' excellent performance in the non-competitive festival and an evening concert featuring Gary Burton on vibes and Makoto Ozone on piano.

The local senior concert band competed at Douglas College, Thursday at 4 p.m. As well, students took in some excellent clinics and performances by other schools' bands. We also got to work with an adjudicator for 45 minutes, after which we rode on the new Skytrain to the Expo site.

The concert Thursday evening featured Phil Mattson and the D.M. singers, a jazz vocal choir much like Manhattan Transfer. They were fantastic; a perfect ending for the day and for myself the highlight of the entire week.

Friday morning we awoke to rain, which stayed with us for most of the remainder of our stay. At 1:30 p.m. the concert band gave a 30 minute on-site performance in the pouring rain. Fortunately the stage nad a roof.

The concert Friday was particularly interesting to the flute and percussion players as it featured the Edmonton Wind Sinfonia and guest soloists Jim Walker on flute and Steve Houghton on drums.

Saturday was our only full day at Expo and it was enjoyed by all. Some pavilion favorites were the United Nations, Australia, British Columbia, the U.S.S.R., Ontario and Canada Place.

The 3-D movies were big hits, especially since we could sit down and rest our sore feet.

The concert Saturday featured the jazz group Quazz with soloists Al Vizutti on trumpet and Jim Walker on flute.

Sunday the group didn't arrive at Expo until well after lunch because of an unfortunate bus mix-up. This didn't please most people, especially when they were already grouchy.

We were averaging four to five hours of sleep each night plus miles of walking every day. Our singing on the bus was no longer entertaining to sleepier members in the back!

Sunday evening's concert by Doug and the Slugs didn't start until 10 p.m.

First, all 8,000 students and their teachers assembled for the awards ceremony. It started with speeches by such personalities as the president of the Canadian Stage Band Festival and the president of Yamaha, Canada. Then we were treated to a few tunes by last year's Rising Star.

The award is given to the one person who shows the most promise. Gold, silver and bronze awards were also given in each category. Finally, honour bands were picked. The adjudicators selected the best musicians to make up a concert band, a junior and senior stage band, a combo and a jazz choir.

It is quite an honour to be picked out of 8,000 kids as one of the best and West Elgin is proud to say one of its members was chosen for the Honour Concert Band.

Cindy Walker is a grade 13 student who plays trombone in the band. Next year she's planning on studying music at university. Congratulations Cindy!

Dragging ourselves out of bed Monday we packed our instruments and suitcases in a truck and began a short tour which ended up in the Capilano area, where we visited the salmon hatchery and the Capilano Suspension Bridge. The rest of the day was enjoyed at Stanley Park.

Luckily it was very nice out until 6 p.m. when the park closed. Then we had a couple of hours to eat supper after which we went shopping in the pouring rain. By the time we got to the airport we must have been quite a sight. We looked like a cross between a bunch of drowned rats and a bunch of zombies! Even though we were tired and ready to go home I know everyone had a good time and learned a lot too.

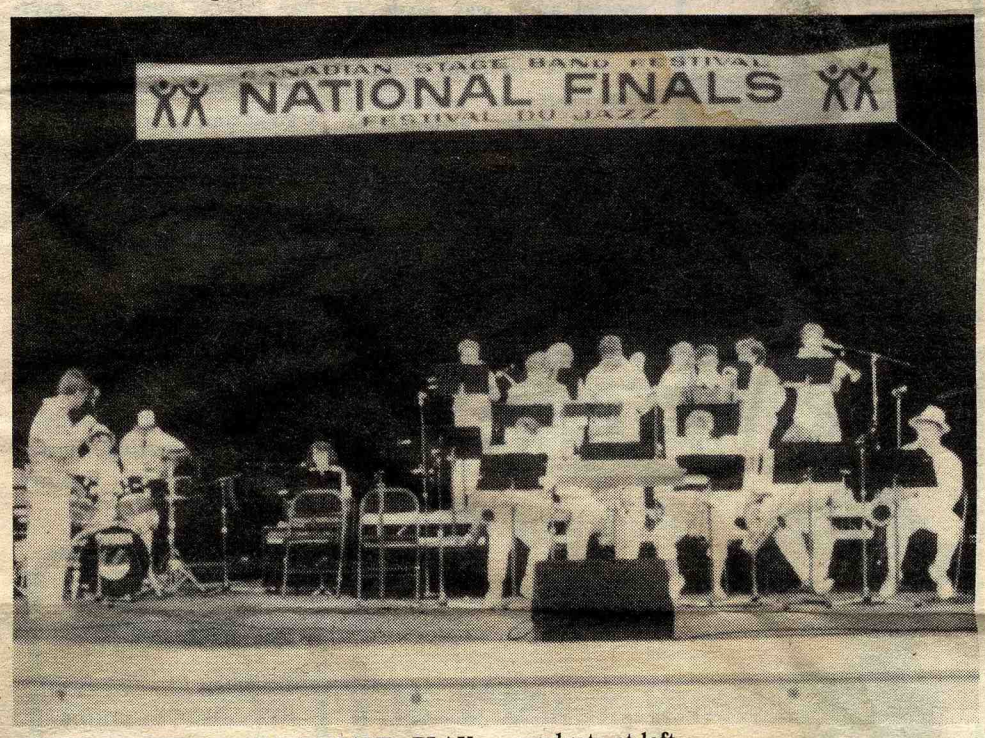
I'd like to say a few thank-you's. Firstly, thank-you to all the members of the community who supported our trip. We couldn't have done it without you. Secondly, thank-you to Ruth Ferguson, the president of the Senior Stage Band, who spent countless hours with pizza accounts, cheques and money problems. Finally, a huge thank-you to the world's greatest guy — our music teacher Dave Cunningham.



THE CONCERT BAND PLAYING IN national competition — and in their uniforms — at Douglas College.
Picture courtesy of Susan Quinton



WESS' CONCERT BAND PLAYING IN the rain on the stage of Washington State's pavilion.
Picture courtesy of Phyllis Tait



WESS' GRADE 10 STAGE BAND PLAYing in national competition at Douglas College, music teacher Dave Cunningham conducts at left.
Picture courtesy of Ruth Ferguson



GRADE 10 STAGE BAND AT EXPO IN the front row are: Director Dave Cunningham, Laura Ballantine, Susan Fisher and Karen Pickering. Middle row: Jennifer Bol, Michelle Miller, Lisa Wagner, Sherry Fodor, Catherine Jobson, and Cory Kenter. Back row: Jeff Hamilton, Shawn Cunningham, George Preiksaitis, John Harrison, Andrew Mooser, Jeremy Okolisan and Blair Szusz.
Picture courtesy Susan Quinton



CHAPERONES ACCOMPANYING WESS' band to Expo in the front row were: Carol Woolner, Bonnie Fisher, Sandy Holdaway and Joan Miller. In the back row: Barbara Bijker, Dagmar Jobson and Janet Quinton.
Picture courtesy Susan Quinton.



WESS' SENIOR STAGE BAND PLAYED FOR WESES students recently, to give them an appreciation that through practice students can become good musicians and together play good music. Conductor Dave Cunningham is at left. Front row: Carolyn Quinton, Brett Christensen, Gary Fenn, Ruth Ferguson and Jon Loren playing saxaphones. Middle row: Jill Hind and Cindy Walker, playing trombones, the latter playing a solo. Back row: Pattie Hopper, Leann Bijker, Alicia Stacey and Catherine Jobson on trumpets. Not pictured are Sharon Liepmann, Marie McPhail, Brenda Small and Don Barnet.



THE BEAT GOES ON — The West Elgin Jazz Band played a fantastic performance on Friday, September 25th for the whole school. That led to students dancing in the stands and the band received tremendous applause and shouts for more. Photos by Jeff Thompson



The West Elgin Secondary School Band cheer for victory as they head for Chicago for the International Music Festival. Mercury-Sun Photo

WESS bands get top marks

By Kari Christensen

There are a lot of smiling faces at West Elgin this week, and with good reason. Our concert and jazz band members are ecstatic after returning from what can be classified as a successful and memorable excursion to Chicago, Illinois. The undisputed highlight of our band careers has come from participating and placing in the International Music Festival over the past weekend, but this festival only marks the peak of a wonderful year. The work really began several months ago.

Since mid-September band members have been meeting for early morning rehearsals two, and some four, days every week. With noon hour sectionals scheduled some days as well, we've worked many, many hours. In March our concert band placed second in the St. Thomas Music Festival and we repeated the performance placing second at the London Festival in April. In the back of all our minds though, the Chicago Festival loomed like a thrilling and frightening ghost. It provided us with a goal, a purpose to perform to the best of our abilities.

Last Wednesday, 43 of us departed for Chicago, together with our conductor and chaperones Mrs. Brenda Price, Mr. Larry Schneider and Mrs. Judy Peters. Funding for the trip came through profits from selling pizzas, fruit, poinsettias and helping out at community bingos. A generous donation was also made by the Rodney Kiwanis Club. We wholeheartedly appreciate the outstanding community support.

With Chicago being the third largest city in the United States, the trip offered us the opportunity to see some of the best tourist attractions in the country. We visited the Museum of Science and Industry, attended a Chicago White Sox baseball game at Comiskey Park and relaxed on a luncheon buffet cruise on Lake Michigan. We watched a performance of the musical "Damn Yankees" at the elegant Drury Lane Dinner Theatre and toured the sites of Chicago on a double-decker bus. To keep in tune, we held a concert performance for shoppers at the Brickyard Mall and were surprised to discover that they announced our arrival on a huge, flashing advertisement sign outside the mall.

Together, we laughed, sang, played and had a great time. The festival performance and awards dinner was scheduled for Saturday.

The International Music Festival varies from other competitions in that there is no competition between bands. Rather, the band's performance is ranked according to how well they play in comparison to bands of similar size and structure worldwide. An esteemed panel of adjudicators listen to groups all over the world, from Mexico and Alaska to Honolulu and Bermuda. Not all of the bands present receive the prestigious awards and only a choice five per cent of all the awards are golds. To be given any sort of a medal is quite an accomplishment.

Thirty different ensembles, including choirs, orchestras and jazz bands, competed at the Congress Hotel in Chicago over the weekend. We had the chance to listen to other fine ensembles. At the awards dinner following our performance the adjudicators called up all of the conductors from the various schools to give them their awards. Our conductor was called on twice. First, to accept a bronze award for our jazz band and secondly, to accept the award for our concert band - a gold medal. It was a moment none of us will forget, ever. Only two golds were awarded that evening and one came to WESS, the first such achivement for this school. It is only the third of its kind in the history of Elgin.

Standing behind us all of the way giving up as many, if not more, hours of dedication and hard work was our conductor Mr. Mark Enns. It was through his guidance that we grew as musicians and were able to perform at an international level. We sincerely thank him for showing us how great we all can be.