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TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY



ALLISTON BRANCH
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

THIS BOOK AND CONTENTS THEREIN
BELONGS SOLELY TO THE
ALLISTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
ALLISTON, ONTARIO.

Mrs. Allan Corrigan

Tweedsmuir History Curator

1972 - 1978



Alliston Women's Institute is most grateful to Mrs. Corrigan, who compiled and set up this book. She has travelled many miles, visited archives, cemeteries and interviewed a great number of people.

It is our sincere wish that it will benefit students and others in our Community.

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*Tweddsmuir History
of Alliston,*

*Compiled By The
Womens' Institute,*

Organized June 15th, 1914.

This History commenced 1945.

We Treasure The Past,

We Face The Future.



SCRIPT OF MISS LAURA HEWELL, ALLISTON.



"FOREWORD"

I am so glad to hear that the Women's Institutes of Ontario are going to compile village history books. Events move very fast nowadays; houses are pulled down, new roads are made, and the aspect of the countryside changes completely sometimes in a short time.

It is a most useful and satisfying task for Women's Institute members to see that nothing valuable is lost or forgotten, and women should be on the alert always to guard the traditions of their homes; and to see that water colour sketches and prints, poems and prose legends should find their way into these books. The oldest people in the village will tell us fascinating stories of what they remember, which the younger members can write down, thus making a bridge between them and events which happened before they were born. After all, it is the history of humanity which is continually interesting to us, and your village histories will be the basis of accurate facts much valued by historians of the future. I am proud to think that you have called them "The Tweedsmuir Village Histories."

—Written by Lady Tweedsmuir.

Lord Tweedsmuir was Governor General of Canada from 1935 to 1940, and was a famous author who wrote under the name of John Buchan. Lady Tweedsmuir became an Institute member and suggested that the Institutes of Canada compile histories of their communities.

These books are known as Tweedsmuir Histories.

LORD TWEEDSMUIR

Lord Tweedsmuir was born John Buchan in Scotland, August 25th 1875, the son of Rev. John Buchan.

He was an Historian, Novelist and Governor-General of Canada from 1935 to 1940. He was called to the Bar in 1901.

From 1927 to 1935 he was a member of the British House of Commons for Scottish Universities. In 1935 he was titled "Baron Tweedsmuir".

Lord Tweedsmuir was author of a number of biographies and historical works. "Memory Held The Door" was his autobiography and one of his latest works. His library was bequeathed to Queens University at Kingston, Ontario.

John Buchan, the first Lord Tweedsmuir, died in Montreal on February 11th, 1940.

Farewell, most gracious scottish Laird
Your tongue and facile pen
Have ever cheered the loyal heart
All honour, prince of men.

On all your house and loved ones dear,
May choicest blessings rest;
The joy of service ever yours
And be from heaven blest.

Upon the Empires' Scroll of Fame
Your name for aye endure
Steadfast and faithful, noble mind,
God bless you - Lord Tweedsmuir.

Written by W. Sward Frost; was included in a Toast at "Lockbrae, Orillia" June 4 1938 following a tour of the Trent Waterway by His Excellency.

(Compiled in 1957 by Mrs. R. C. Walker, St. George, Ont.)

LADY TWEEDSMUIR

Susan, wife of our beloved Governor-General, has written many plays, children's books and reminiscences.

She was an ardent Women's Institute member in England, and was made an Honorary Life Member of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

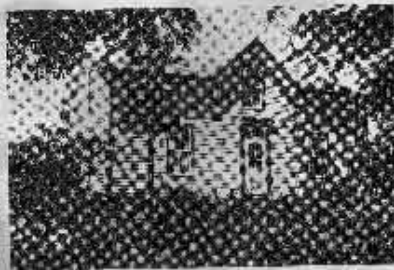
Lady Tweedsmuir advocated that our organization (W.I.) across Canada compile the histories of our local communities and villages.

She returned to England following the death of her husband, and is still residing there. (1972)

The name "Tweedsmuir Histories" was decided upon instead of "Village Histories" as the subject here might not be a town or village but a community. Lord Tweedsmuir was most interested in collecting and preserving historical records and it was a subject dear to his heart. In compiling our Books we not only pay tribute to his memory but also to our beloved Lady Tweedsmuir.



Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless



The Adelaide Hoodless Homestead, purchased for preservation by the Federated Women's Institute of Canada. The plaque was erected by the Historic Sites Board of Ontario.

Adelaide Hoodless was born in this farm house and lived here until she married John Hoodless in 1861. On February 19th, 1897 she organized at Stoney Creek the world's first Women's Institute. It was her belief that in this organization rural women could discuss their problems and work together to improve their standard of homemaking and citizenship. The movement spread rapidly throughout Ontario and later to other provinces. Mrs. Hoodless, a natural leader and forceful speaker, introduced the teaching of domestic science in Ontario schools and obtained funds for the building of Macdonald Institute at Guelph.



ALLISTON, ONTARIO



1972

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Christian Reformed Church | 14. United CO-OP |
| 2. B.M.H.S. | 15. Gibsons Trucking |
| 3. Catholic Church | 16. Fertilizer Plant |
| 4. Separate School | 17. Anglican Church |
| 5. Catholic Cemetery | 18. Presbyterian Church |
| 6. Necropolis Cemetery | 19. Fire Hall |
| 7. Hunter Laboratory | 20. Town Hall & Police |
| 8. Legion Hall | 21. Pentecostal Church |
| 9. Salada Pools | 22. United Church |
| 10. Public School | 23. C.F.R. Station |
| 11. Arena | 24. Hospital |
| 12. Curling Rink | 25. Museum |
| 13. Grange Hall | |

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Mrs. Fred Eldon
1952 - 1960



Mrs. W. Levens
1962 - 1964



Mrs. A. Corrigan
1972 - '78



Mrs. A. F. Merrett
1964 - 1972



Miss Gertrude Fawcett
1960 - 1962



LADIES WHO SERVED AS PRESIDENTS OVER THE YEARS.



MRS. J. T. BOWERMAN

1914 - 1918

1919 - 1924



MRS. JAMES ALLEN

1918 - 1919



MRS. DAVID NICOL

1924 - 1927

1934 - 1935



MRS. W. F. KNIGHT

1927 - 1929

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>	<u>ASSISTANT DIRECTOR</u>
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1948-1949	Mrs. H. B. Dunn	" " " "	Mrs. J. Corrigan	" " " "
1949-1950	" " " "	" " " "	" " "	Mrs. B. Whiteside
1950-1951	" " " "	" " " "	" " "	Mrs. A. Corrigan
1951-1952	Mrs. M. Hancey	" " " "	" " "	Mrs. K. Bender
1952-1953	Mrs. Harry Gray	Mrs. B. W. Thompson	" " "	Mrs. J. Hancey
1953-1954	" " " "	" " " "	" " "	" " "
1954-1955	Mrs. L. G. Whittick	Mrs. Roy Laking	" " "	" " "
1955-1956	" " " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1956-1957	Mrs. S. Bishop	" " "	" " "	" " "
1957-1958	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1958-1959	Mrs. A. Latimer	" " "	" " "	" " "
1959-1960	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1960-1961	Mrs. Winifred Hunter	" " "	" " "	Mrs. A. Latimer
1961-1962	Mrs. J. A. Hancey	" " "	" " "	" " "
1962-1963	" " " "	Mrs. John King	" " "	" " "
1963-1964	Mrs. Roy Peterson	" " "	" " "	" " "
1964-1965	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1965-1966	Mrs. John Whiteside	" " "	" " "	" " "
1966-1967	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1967-1968	Mrs. A. Latimer	" " "	" " "	" " "
1968-1969	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1969-1970	Mrs. Winifred Hunter	" " "	" " "	Mrs. A. Latimer
1970-1971	Mrs. J. A. Hancey	" " "	" " "	" " "
1971-1972	" " " "	Mrs. John King	" " "	" " "
1972-1973	Mrs. Roy Peterson	" " "	" " "	" " "
1973-1974	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1974-1975	Mrs. John Whiteside	" " "	" " "	" " "
1975-1976	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1976-1977	Mrs. L. McMillin	" " "	" " "	Mrs. L. McMillin
1977-1978	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1978-1979	Mrs. S. Knipe	" " "	" " "	Mrs. S. Knipe
1979-1980	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1980-1981	Mrs. A. Corrigan	" " "	" " "	Mrs. A. Corrigan
1981-1982	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1982-1983	Mrs. James Crosbie	Mrs. William Bell	Mrs. S. Knipe	Mrs. A. Corrigan
1983-1984	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "

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1918-1919	Mrs. J. E. Allen	" " "	" " "	" " "
1919-1920	Mrs. J. D. Rowertson	Mrs. M. A. Williams	" " "	" " "
1920-1921	" " " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1921-1922	" " " "	Mrs. F. Hurst	Mrs. T. P. Foster	" " "
1922-1923	" " " "	" " "	" " "	Mrs. R. Hamilton
1923-1924	" " " "	" " "	" " "	Mrs. E. J. Graham
1924-1925	Mrs. David Nicol	Mrs. L. J. Graham	" " "	
1925-1926	" " " "	" " "	" " "	Mrs. S. Rose
1926-1927	" " " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1927-1928	Mrs. W. F. Knight	" " "	" " "	" " "
1928-1929	" " " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1929-1930	Mrs. M. Thompson	" " "	" " "	" " "
1930-1931	Mrs. Walter Taylor	" " "	" " "	" " "
1931-1932	" " " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1932-1933	Mrs. C. W. Clark	" " "	" " "	Mrs. S. Stewart
1933-1934	" " " "	" " "	" " "	
1934-1935	" " " "	" " "	" " "	Mrs. L. Rose
1935-1936	" " " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1936-1937	Mrs. M. F. Knight	" " "	" " "	" " "
1937-1938	" " " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1938-1939	Mrs. M. Thompson	" " "	" " "	" " "
1939-1940	Mrs. Walter Taylor	" " "	" " "	" " "
1940-1941	" " " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1941-1942	" " " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1942-1943	Mrs. David Nicol	" " "	" " "	Mrs. W. Levens
1943-1944	Mrs. W. Levens	" " "	" " "	" " "
1944-1945	" " " "	" " "	" " "	Mrs. J. Hancock
1945-1946	Mrs. E. G. Tompkins	Mrs. Fred Wilson	Mrs. W. G. Washam	" " "
1946-1947	" " " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1947-1948	Mrs. M. F. Knight	" " "	" " "	" " "
1948-1949	" " " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1949-1950	Mrs. M. F. Knight	" " "	" " "	" " "
1950-1951	" " " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1951-1952	" " " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1952-1953	Mrs. J. E. Allen	" " "	Mrs. S. S. Dunn	Mrs. J. Bell
1953-1954	" " " "	Mrs. A. Gird	" " "	" " "
1954-1955	" " " "	" " "	" " "	" " "
1955-1956	Mrs. William Bell	Mrs. S. S. Dunn	" " "	Mrs. A. G. Gird
1956-1957	" " " "	" " "	Mrs. John Bell	" " "

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1964 - 1966	Mrs. H. Pearson, Mrs. E. Cumberland Mrs. D. Smith, Mrs. E.C. Graham, Mrs. C. Bisbee, Mrs. M. Beattie		
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1972 - 1974	Mrs. J. Cameron, Mrs. George Jackson, Mrs. Clifford Bisbee, Mrs. Job Small		
1974 -			

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Mrs. Fred Eldon	1954	June 11.
Mrs. J. A. Hancey	1955	April 1.
Mrs. Jack Cameron	1956	May 11.
Mrs. J. J. Graham	1957	May 10.
Mrs. T. P. Foster	1958	

CONVENORS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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1942 - 1943 Mrs. Joe Small

1946 - 1947 Mrs. J. A. Hancey

1949 - 1950 Mrs. Edgar Whiteside

1950 - 1953 Mrs. Ernest Cumberland

1953 - 1954 Mrs. Thompson Banting

AGRICULTURE

1954 - 1956 Mrs. Thompson Banting

AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE

1956 - 1958 Mrs. Thompson Banting

1958 - 1963 Mrs. Roy Peterman

1963 - 1965 Mrs. Joe Small

1965 - 1968 Mrs. Harry Burns

1968 - 1972 Mrs. Allan Latimer

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& CANADIAN INDUSTRIES

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1973 - Mrs. Frank Oliver

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1942 - 1943 Mrs. W. F. Knight

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1949 - 1950 Mrs. H. E. Shepherd

HISTORICAL RESEARCH & CURRENT EVENTS

1950 - 1951 Mrs. R. Walter Taylor

1951 - 1953 Mrs. Alex Halbert

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1953 - 1954 Mrs. Alex Halbert

1954 - 1955 Mrs. D. Diff

1955 - 1961 Mrs. Wesley Levons

1961 - 1962 Mrs. M. Downey

1962 - 1965 Mrs. Norman Horsbrough

1965 - 1967 Mrs. George Stuart

1967 - 1971 Mrs. D. Payle

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1957 - 1959 Mrs. Marshall Downey
1959 - 1960 Mrs. John Whiteside
1960 - 1962 Mrs. Elmer Halbert
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1963 - 1967 Mrs. Clifford Bisbee
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1968 - 1971 Mrs. Roy Laking

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1955 - 1960 Mrs. H. Elwood Dunn
1960 - 1972 Mrs. Arthur Merrett

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1959 - 1963 Mrs. Job Small
1963 - 1964 Mrs. Elmer Halbert
1964 - 1968 Mrs. Duke Smith
1968 - 1970 Mrs. George Jackson
1970 - 1972 Mrs. John Whiteside

INCLUDED IN AGRICULTURE ETC.EDUCATION

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1953 - 1955 Mrs. Fred Eldon
1955 - 1957 Mrs. A. Caesar
1956 - 1958 Mrs. Roy Peterman
1958 - 1963 Mrs. George Stuart
1963 - 1966 Mrs. Wesley Levens
1966 - 1971 Mrs. Roy Peterman
1971 - 1972 Mrs. G. Park

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CITIZENSHIP

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1954 - 1956 Mrs. George Faux

1956 - 1957 Mrs. G. W. Duff

1957 - 1959 Mrs. Job Small

1959 - 1961 Miss Gertrude Fawcett

1961 - 1963 Mrs. Elmer Stoltz

1963 - 1968 Mrs. Roy Laking

1968 - 1971 Mrs. Clifford Bisbee

1971 - 1972 Mrs. Roy Laking

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1958 - 1960 Mrs. W. A. Thompson

1960 - 1965 Mrs. Elmer Halbert

1965 - 1971 Mrs. Allan Corrigan

1971 - 1974 Mrs. Elmer Halbert

1974 - Mrs. Allan Corrigan

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1952 - 1953	Mrs. E. A. Graham
1953 - 1954	Mrs. Wesley Levens
1954 - 1955	Mrs. J. Hancey, Mrs. J. White Mrs. Allan Latimer
1955 - 1957	Mrs. M. Downey, Mrs. J. White Mrs. Allan Latimer
1957 - 1958	Mrs. H. Shephard, Mrs. Wesley Levens, Mrs. E. A. Graham
1958 - 1959	Mrs. C. Bisbee, Mrs. E.A. Graham Mrs. G. Stuart, Miss G. Fawcett
1959 - 1960	Mrs. W. Levens, Mrs. Ernest Cumberland, Mrs. T. Banting
1960 - 1961	Mrs. W.T. Alderson, Mrs. Harold Pearson
1961 - 1962	Mrs. J. Small, Mrs. E. Stoltz, Mrs. E. A. Graham
1962 - 1963	Mrs. C. Bisbee, Mrs. E. Halbert Mrs. Wesley Levens
1963 - 1964	Mrs. Winifred Hunter, Mrs. E.C. Halbert, Mrs. W. Levens
1964 - 1965	Mrs. G. Faux, Mrs. C. Bisbee, Mrs. Harold Pearson
1965 - 1966	Mrs. Roy Laking
1966 - 1967	Mrs. R. Laking, Mrs. S. Knipe, Mrs. Clifford Bisbee
1967 - 1968	Mrs. J. A. Hancey
1968 - 1969	Mrs. Roy Laking, Mrs. J. Hancey
1969 - 1970	Mrs. A. Latimer, Mrs. Roy Peterman, Mrs. R. Laking
1970 - 1971	Mrs. J. Hancey, Mrs. G. Stuart
1971 - 1972	Mrs. C. Bisbee, Mrs. H. Pearson
1972 - 1973	Mrs. J. Hancey, Mrs. L. Kennett Mrs. James Crostie
1973 - 1974	Mrs. Allan Latimer, Mrs. R. Laking Mrs. Oscar McMullin
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1956 - 1967	Mrs. George Faux	1952 - 1954	Mrs. K. Bunker
1967 - 1972	Mrs. Norman Townsend	1954 - 1956	Mrs. Harry Gray
1972 - 1973	Mrs. William Sall	1956 - 1958	Mrs. Wm. T. Alderson
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		1960 - 1962	Mrs. Clifford Bishoe
		1962 - 1966	Mrs. Cecil Fewster
		1966 - 1967	Mrs. M. Hareood
		1967 - 1970	Mrs. George Stuart
		1970 - 1974	Mrs. Roy Peterman
		1974 -	Mrs. Elmer Stoltz

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1957 - 1959 Provincial Board Director - Mrs. H. E. Dunn

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1954 - 1959 Federated Representative for Simcoe South - Mrs. H.E. Dunn
1968 - 1973 Tweedsmuir Curator - Mrs. Allan Corrigan
1970 - 1972 Member of Museum Board - Mrs. Allan Corrigan
1973 - 1974 Federated Representative for Simcoe South - Mrs. A. Corrigan

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1943 - 1946 Agriculture & Canadian Industries - Mrs. John Hall
1949 - 1950 Home Economics & Health - Mrs. Allan Corrigan
1950 - 1951 Secretary-Treasurer - Mrs. H. E. Dunn
1952 - 1953 President - Mrs. H. E. Dunn
1959 - 1960 Agriculture & Canadian Industries - Mrs. Job Small
1962 - 1963 - Citizenship & Education - Mrs. Allan Latimer
1966 - 1973 Tweedsmuir History Curator - Mrs. Allan Corrigan
1971 - 1974 Citizenship & World Affairs - Mrs. Allan Latimer

LADIES WHO SERVED AS PRESIDENTS OVER THE YEARS.



MRS. WILLIAM THOMPSON

1929 - 1930



MRS. WALTER TAYLOR

1930 - 1932

MRS. CHARLES CLARKE

1932 - 1934



MRS. DAVIS NICOL

1934 - 1935

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MRS. WESLEY LEVENS

1935 - 1937

LADIES WHO HAVE SERVED AS PRESIDENTS OVER THE YEARS



MRS. DERBY RUSSELL
1937 - 1939



MRS. WILLIAM HUNTER
1939 - 1942



MRS. JOSEPH A. HANCEY
1942 - 1945



MRS. WILLIAM BELL
1945 - 1948

LADIES WHO HAVE SERVED AS PRESIDENTS OVER THE YEARS.



MRS. ELWOOD DUNN
1948 - 1951



MRS. MARSHALL DOWNEY
1951 - 1952



MRS. HARRY GRAY
1952 - 1954



MRS. J. G. CHITTICK
1954 - 1956

LADIES WHO HAVE SERVED AS PRESIDENTS OVER THE YEARS.



MRS. CLIFFORD BISEE

1956 - 1958



MRS. ALLAN LATIMER

1958 - 1960



MRS. WINNIFRED HUNTER

1960 - 1961



MRS. JOSEPH A. HANCEY

1961 - 1963

LADIES WHO HAVE SERVED AS PRESIDENTS OVER THE YEARS.



MRS. ROY PETERMAN
1963 - 1965



MRS. LORNE MOWULKIN
1965 - 1967



MRS. JOHN WHITESIDE
1967 - 1969



MRS. MARGARITA KNIFE
1969 - 1971

PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF ONTARIO

MRS. J. W. STONE.

On April 22nd, 1880, Annie Gertrude Parie, fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parie, was born on the farm for which her grandparents received the Crown Land, and where the Historical Auld Kirk Church now stands. Her brothers and sisters were - Dalton, Jennie, Gladys (Mrs. Elmer Knoeshaw) and John of Cockstown.

After attending a rural school and Bradford High School, she graduated in 1907, after which she attended Business College in Toronto. She was a secretary in Toronto until 1911.

On March 1, of that year she married John Wesley Stone, son of William Stone and Miss Louise Abernethy, both from the Bond Head district. On February 22nd, 1912, their only child Dorothy Parie Stone, was born. She attended Bond Head School, and Toronto Normal School, and taught in S.S. No. 11, Tecumseh for five years. She passed away in Alliston, April 9, 1968.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone farmed for five years on Lot 3, Con. 7 and on Lot 1, Con. 4, both in West Gwillimbury. Then they moved to Bond Head Hardware Store. They were in Newton Robinson and Alliston for awhile.

In 1911 Mrs. Stone joined the James Mills Institute. In Bond Head she was a charter member of the Institute, which held its first meeting in the Sunday School room of the Methodist Church, on June 9th 1920. Mrs. W.A. Jamieson presided over the meeting in the absence of the District President, Mrs. J. A. Jamieson of Thornton.

The next meeting was held in Mrs. C. Noble's home and Mrs. Stone's aunt, Mrs. W. J. Abernethy was elected President and Mrs. Stone as Secretary-Treasurer. Next she became President of the Bond Head Institute. Then she was appointed Federated Representative to the Provincial Board in Toronto. Following this she was elected Provincial President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. Next she served as first Vice President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada during 1927-1929. She attended District Annule, meetings and such and was also on the staff of speakers for the Spring meetings. Mrs. Stone continued to be active in the Women's Institute work belonging to Alliston, Fisher's Corners and Bradford.

One of her great thrills in Institute work was in regard to the Bond Head Community Hall and Park, especially the planting of trees in it. The work was all done in the depression years.



When asked about her talents Mrs. Stone said she always loved music, books and oil painting and church activities, last but not least. She sang in Bond Head Presbyterian Church Choir for a number of years. Even in 1967 she has done some beautiful oil paintings, in Bradford, where she lives.

Mr. Stone passed away in 1948.

(Mrs. J.W.) Annie Stone,
December 9, 1967.

1914 - 1915

The Alliston Women's Institute was organized on June 15, 1914 by the District organizer, Mrs. Beattie and by Mrs. J. T. Bowerman becoming a branch of Simcoe West District.

The meetings were held in the Town Hall, Hurst's storeroom home of Mrs. W. S. Ellis. An address "Uplifting Womanhood" "Red Cross Work". Mrs. M. A. McManis gave the report of the Convention. There are no records of minutes for this year except the list of officers and average attendance of 18.

1915 - 1916

Programmes - "First Aid to Injured", "Women's Institute Work", "Soldiers to the Front", "Housecleaning", "Homemakers & Patriots", "Amazing social aid of Red Cross Work".

No Membership List. Average attendance - 27.

1916 - 1917

First list of Members - 27. Meetings held in Masonic Hall, Victoria St. East. Held 12 meetings and 34 work meetings.

First recorded minutes in our possession, June 1916.

There was much Red Cross Work done. Talk - "Present Day Needs".

\$42.00 was sent to District Secretary for Field Kitchen at Camp Borden.

\$50.00 for endowing a cot in Princess Patricia Canadian Hospital, Ramsgate, England. There was a great need for knitting and sewing as the war carried on. A list of work handed for the year is most interesting to read. Mrs. Mitchell, 80 years of age knit in 9 months, 39 pairs of socks.

There was a 200 Club formed for the purpose of raising money for Red Cross work. The leaders were - Mrs. W. J. Wilson, Mrs. J. T. Bowerman, Mrs. J. Allan, Mrs. A. Baycroft, Mrs. F. Hurst and Mrs. J. J. Harper. Each lady pledged a certain amount whereby we realized in 13 months, \$797.00.

Sent \$10.00 per month for Canadian Prisoners of War Fund. \$50.00 was given towards a Recreation Tent at Camp Borden.

Teas were held in Riverdale Park for our soldiers - 157th Simcoe, 170 Mississauga, Irish Fusiliers, 149th Lampton.

Proceeds of a concert given by Miss G. Barton was \$91.00 which she donated. The ladies in appreciation gave her \$15.00 to spend as she wished.

There were 156 parcels sent overseas with a value of \$45.00 Twelve bales of Hospital supplies were shipped to Canadian Red Cross, Toronto, value \$1119.20. Contents of bales were - 238 pair of socks, 232 sets of Pyjamas, 312 towels, 60 handkerchiefs, 50 miscellaneous articles. Total no. of articles - 1196. Contents of parcels - 320 pair of socks, 155 packages Cigarettes, 200 candles, 100 packages Tobacco, 155 packages Gum, 155 Shocafte Bars, 75 Cakes (Maple Icing) 75 Cakes of Soap, 58 Christmas cakes, 75 writing pads, 75 packages of Envelopes, 100 lead Pencils, 75 Towels, 150 miscellaneous articles. Total 1710. Expenditure - \$1233.25.

Parcels sent to Prisoners - Armour Corpl Peter McGovern, Geissen Camp; Pte. J. Reid, Wahn Rhd Camp; Pte. Andrew Smith, Dulmen Camp; Pte. Henry Riley, Dulmen.

Parcels sent to - Pte. J. Latimer, Pte. M. V. Coburn, Sgt. Jas. Mutchmor, Pte. F. Rilston, Pte. J. F. Dale, Pte. G. Dale, Lance Corp V. Dale, Pte. Stan Ikin, Pte. J. C. Arthurs, Sgt. C. R. Wren, Pte. James Crawford, Pte. W. McLaren, Pte. Wm. Downey, Pte. W. C. B. Blight, Pte. H. Hamilton, Pte. Chas. Marder, Pte. F. Johnson, Pte. C. Bailey, Pte. J. H. Upton, Pte. R. Todd, Pte. Wm. Henderson, Pte. F. Hines, Pte. J. Bartlett, Pte. W. E. Peacock, Pte. V. Graham, Pte. D. King, Pte. J. C. Brown, Pte. E. Filday, Dr. W. J. Drennan, Pte. T. W. Forrest, Pte. R. Rowbottom, Gunner J. H. Irwin, Pte. J. Magee, Pte. R. Evans, Pte. F. Evans, Pte. H. Evans, Pte. R. Wallace, Pte. R. Lightfoot, Pte. W. Holmes, Pte. A. Wiggins, Pte. E. Falls, Pte. Wm. Dungey, Sapper Wm. Davis, Pte. F. Holt, Pte. J. Wilkinson, Pte. L. Butler, Sig. S. A. Schrvutz (?), Trooper H. Baycroft, Pte. T. Swindle, Pte. H. Holmes, Gunner Reg Scott, Pte. R. Henley, Corp. E. H. Irwin, Pte. A. V. Craig, Pte. Geo. Graham, Pte. J. Ashworth, Bugler J. Service, Pte. J. Size, Pte. F. Shary, Pte. J. H. Faulker, Pte. E. Oliver, Sgt. A. H. Whale, Pte. Jas. King, Pte. T. J. Ritchie, Pte. D. N. Riley, Pte. G. W. Knight, Pte. C. Taylor, Pte. C. R. R. Rogers, Pte. L. Hazell, Pte. W. J. Coley Sapper C. J. Harper, Pte. A. Smith, Miss Edna Moore Reg. N., Pte. A. S. Callander, Pte. L. S. Haer, Lieut. F. Hipwell, Pte. R. R. Smalley, Pte. John Rennie, Pte. Bert Williams

1917 - 1918

Membership - 32

No. of Regular Meetings - 12
No. Work Meetings - 51

Meetings were held in the Masonic Hall until it was sold then packed boxes in Mrs. J.J. Harper's home. Mr. Paddison kindly gave the use of two rooms over his store for our meetings.

No. of Bales sent - 8 Value \$1665.95
No. of Boxes sent - 236 Value \$ 697.25 Total \$2363.20
Total number of articles - 3780.

200 Club collected \$86.52

Three large bales of clothing was sent to Halifax, \$5.00 sent to Children Shelter, Barrie. A Garden Party was held at the home of Mrs. John Dremman and \$113.00 was realized. A Raffle at the Fair cleared \$106.93 it being one ton of coal and 100 lbs. sugar. The amount sent to the Prisoner of War Fund was doubled making it \$20.00 per month. A special Thankoffing donation was sent for \$50.00.

1918 - 1919

Membership - 28

No. of meetings including work meetings
- 35.

During this year the First World War ended.

Meetings were held in Town Hall and Mrs. J.T. Bowerman's home and Mr. Whiteside's rooms.

The Institute sustained a sad loss in the death of the President & Mrs. J. Allen.

Total number of articles made - 2956.

7 Boxes of Hospital supplies and Refugee supplies, value \$1085.90.

4 Boxes to soldiers in Siberia.

254 Boxes to soldiers, Value \$832.95.

Bales of Clothing to needy in town Value \$15.00

Two shipments of fruit and vegetables sent to Barrie Canning Kitchen - 300 lbs and 1 box of chicken.

Three concerts were held, Tag Day, a booth at the Fair, one Tea and Shower for overseas boxes, two banquets and receptions for returned soldiers, one shower for a war bride.

It was decided to hold a Banquet and Reception for the returned men and their families each month until they are all home. First set for Feb. 14, 1919 in the Town Hall for 38 returned men - it was a great success.

After the war ended so little Red Cross work to be done the ladies felt they could not afford rent for a room.

In May the members appointed Mrs. J.J. Harper, Mrs. W.F. Knight and Mrs. L. Munshaw as a committee to confer with the men re - the proposed Memorial for the soldiers.

1919 - 1920

Membership 17

Held in homes of Mrs. W.F. Knight, Mrs. R. Hamilton, Mrs. J.T. Bowerman and in a room over Mrs. Hurst's Store.

Motion that we have a Childrens Aid Society. Much sewing was done for the Childrens Shelter in Barrie. The Girl Guid Organization was given support and executive assistance in their movements.

In the September meeting a motion carried for a Library to be started. Later there was a discussion of ways and means for opening of a Memorial Library. A committee was formed to meet the Board of Trade and ask for their co-operation. Mrs. J.E. Bowerman and Mrs. T.P. Foster were appointed to see Mrs. Will Hancey about processing lumber to build the selves for the books. A meeting was held to pick out books and to form a Library Board. The following members signed their names to the Declaration necessary before the Library could be opened - Mrs. J.T. Bowerman, Mrs. J.J. Harper, Mrs. F. Hurst, Mrs. T.P. Foster, Mrs., Mrs. W.F. Knight, Mrs. T. Callaghan, Mrs. J. McGill, Mrs. W.J. Wilson, Mrs. T. Evans and Mrs. R. Hamilton.

The Library was opened, December 20, 1919 over Mrs. H. Hurst's store with Mrs. J.J. Graham as Custodian. We secured 3 lending Libraries from the Dept. and a fee of 50 cents for each subscriber. Over 70 members enrolled.

1920 - 1921

Membership 28 Meetings held in the Library.

Very few minutes reported but it can be recorded the members were working hard for the Library. A concert was held in the Town Hall to raise funds. More shelves were ordered for the Juvenile Books. The first Annual Meeting of the Library was held January 4, 1921. Motion carried for a Card Index System. The members decided to sponsor the Dominion Chautauque for the winter months.

In April the ladies discussed buying a lot for our Memorial Library. Mrs. J.T. Bowerman and Mrs. R. Hamilton were appointed to buy the lot from Mr. J.A. Hutchinson and Mr. T.P. Foster.

Those appointed to attend the West District Annual were Mrs. W.J. Wilson, Mrs. R. Hamilton, Mrs. F. Hurst, Mrs. J.J. Graham, Mrs. W.S. Knight.

1921 - 1922

Membership 26 Held in Library, Homes of Mrs. R. Hamilton and Mrs. W.F. Knight.

Decided to accept Mr. Chas. Heath's offer to put on a picture show in the Town Hall under the auspices of the Women's Institute and to receive 25% of profits. Mrs. J.J. Graham was appointed delegate to the Toronto Conference on November 15 & 16.

First mention of Roll Call answered by "Helpful hint for Housework" or pay 5 cent fine.

1922 - 1923

Membership 26 Held in Hutchinson Store and Library.

No meetings reported from May to August. Discussed the advisability of starting our building according to the deed we either build or refund the lot. The President was to see an architect and have plans drawn up. \$75.00 was sent to Mr. R.J. Roberts for our Library plans, a Toronto architect.

A note of thanks was sent to Mr. Fred Banting for his generous donation.

Men were appointed to the Library Board - Messrs D. Nicol, T.A. Arnold and John Hutchinson. Council would not give a grant to the Library.

Decided to buy a Picture Machine for \$175.00 and to hold a Show each week - ladies appointed to look after it.

Mrs. R. Hamilton brought a trowel her husband had made and it was to be sent away to be silver plated and suitable inscription.

Much discussion for the day of laying the corner stone which was to be a thrilling event. Dr. Cunningham suggested that the Banting Honorary Tablet be unveiled the same day before the laying of the Corner Stone and agreed.

Reception Committee - Executive of Women's Institute, the Building Com. and Banting C. The decoration Com. - Dr. F.M. Walker, Cavanaugh; L.R. Munshaw, W.F. Knaey, S. Porter E.S. Schell, F.M. Hurst, W.A. Austin, J.A. Mitchell and L.W. Henderson.

Secretary instructed to write the guests - Mr. W.O. Carson, Inspector of Public Libraries, Mr. Boys M.P., Mr. Allen, Mr. D. Williams and to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario Col Harry Cockshutt.

Corner stone to be laid Friday June 8 1923

2 P.M. Reception and Luncheon at the Windsor House. 2 P.M. Unveiling of Banting Tablet at High School. 2:30 P.M. Ceremony at Library. 4 P.M. Afternoon Tea to be served.

Later letters were received accepting the invitations. Dr. D. Cunningham acted as toastmaster. NOT WRITE UP OF LAYING OF CORNER STONE.

Served lunch at Fall Fair and a Tag Day! Borrowed \$800.00 from Bank of Toronto.

1923 - 1924

Membership 18

Irregular meetings and few reported. Always discussing on how to raise money for the Building Fund. Decided to open the Library building in the afternoon taking the form of a Reception and a Concert in the evening.

The Memorial Library was opened on February 9 1924 by Dr. F. Banting. NO RECORDS OF THE OCCASION IN THE MINUTES.

1924 - 1925

Membership 12

Lawn Mower, window screens and shelving bought and paid for. Boy paid to paint the seats. Food Sale and Boothe at the Fair.

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Loan at Bank now \$400.00. Catered to the Farmer's Club for 300 at 75¢ a plate. Christmas Concert held. Quilted for a poor family in town.

Dr. F.M. Walker, Mr. Hill, Mr. E. Skelton representing Great War Veterans enquired concerning the use of the basement. Full permission was given the War Veterans to use our basement, rent free. Entertained the Veterans.

Ladies happy the Town Council gave \$181.50 also a Gov't Grant, this money was spent on Books.

Gov't gave reasonable terms for films and picture show each Saturday night started again. Bought flowers for lawn.

1925 - 1926

Membership 11 Meetings at homes of Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. J.J. Graham

Nearly hand clap when members informed they had made \$336.48 from Picture Show for year. Had a concert to commemorate opening of Library. Bought 2 dozen chairs. (1926 - 1927) No membership reported.

1927 - 1928

No membership reported. Meetings in Library and homes of Mrs. D. Nicol and Mrs. W.F. Knight.

Asked Eric Dowling to play for the season at the Picture Show.

Four members (not named) went to Bradford Wogen's Institute to report how we built our Library.

Still discussing ways of increasing funds. A Bake Sale and Boothe at the Fair and catered to a Civic Banquet (Honoring T.P. Loblaw). Rosemont Dramatic Club put on a Play we realized \$36.50. Mr. H. Solomon put on new leave troughing. Omitted the year before - Quilted a quilt for a burned out family. Had a Boothe at the Fair, a Tag Day for the Poppy Fund. Collected fruit for Sick Childrens hospital and sent Christmas treats to Christie Street Hospital.

1928 - 1929

Membership 9 Met at homes of Mrs. J.T. Bowerman, Mrs. J.T. Moore, Mrs. T. Banting.

Provided meals for Judging Class of the Dept. of Agriculture in Knox Church for 93 people. Had a Birthday Tea and a Valentine Tea.

Had a sewing course put on by the Dept., each member paid \$1.00 to pay expenses Baskets packed in December for needy.

Happy gathering in February when 16 members journeyed by sleigh to Mrs. T. Banting's home.

Moved and carried that the Librarian be paid \$6.00 a week.

Mr. Reilly was given the work of flooring the basement.

1929 - 1930

No membership reported Met at Library and home of Mrs. W. Thompson

No meetings reported until October. Boothe at Fair. Held a Treasure Chest for raising money. Held a Bake Sale and Valentine Tea.

1930 - 1931

Membership 12 Only 2 meetings reported.

Sent 3 parcels of cakes, fruit, candy, cake to Christie Street Hospital. 12 Baskets packed at Christmas and distributed locally. Canadian Legion donated \$10. toward this project.

1931 - 1932

No membership reported. Only Annual Meeting reported held in Library.

Treasurer's Report - have a balance of \$193.00. Election of Officers but no business reported.

1932 - 1933

Membership 14 Meeting held in Mrs. Charles Clark's home.

Catered to a meal in Knox Church for 125 @ 40 cents per plate. Menu - Cold Meat, Scaloped Potatoes, pickles, Jelly, Pie, Cake and Co fee.

Allandale players presented a play realized \$26.50.

1932 - 1933 continued

A Book Sale was held and after-noon Tea served on Halloween - about 100 Books donated.

New rules for Library - open Saturday night from 7:30 - 10:30 P.M. Salary of Librarian, 50 cents per hour for working hours. Employing a cleaner and fire-maker at \$1.00 per month. Add put in paper cost 25 cents.

Gave \$10.00 for Welfare work. Anniversary Concert held.

Only 6 members attended Annual Meeting held in Library.

1933 - 1934

No membership reported.

Only April meeting reported held to arrange a Concert.

At Annual meeting decided \$1.00 be given toward a Bank Account for the twin boys born to our District President (West).

First mention of Convenors appointed.

1934 - 1935

No membership reported

Met in homes of Mrs. W.I. Clark, Mrs. T.P. Foster, Mrs. K. Banting, Mrs. J.J. Graham, Mrs. Wes. Levens.

Sent \$10.00 to Children's Shelter.

Mrs. N. Banting had charge of Program taking her listeners around the world in the pursuit of Agriculture.

After-noon Bridge in Library, sale of Aprons and Tea for raising funds.

Paper on Legislation by Mrs. W.F. Knight.

Inspector of Libraries advised us to have Geographics bound in set of six and to add \$25.00 more children's Books.

Four members appointed to Library Board - Mrs. F.B. Elliott, Mrs. W.I. Clark, Mrs. J.T. Bowerman and Mrs. J.J. Graham.

Mrs. Walter Taylor gave a program on Historical Research taking us back to pioneer life 60 years ago.

Catered to a Veteran's Banquet - 40 cents a plate.

1935 - 1936

No membership reported

Held at homes of Mrs. L. McMulkin, Mrs. Wes. Levens, Mrs. F. Eldon, Mrs. T. Banting.

No meetings reported until October.

Mrs. F. Howson, Duntroon, District President, West, gave an address. She is planting an Institute Flower Garden buying roots from a member of each Institute - 50 cents. Money to be given to the Institute funds.

Held a bridge to raise funds. At Public School concert a draw was made on a Fruit Cake baked by Mrs. Geo. Stuart.

Baskets of Christmas Cheer distributed.

Second time Roll Call mentioned "Some useful hint of recipe".

Drove home from a meeting at Mrs. T. Bantings in a blinding snow storm.

Old Time Concert put on by Francis Lynch to raise funds 50-50 basis.

Mrs. Meyers to plant flowers in our lawn- branch buying the flowers.

Spent \$40.00 on Books. Miss Francis Lynch gave a report of GirlsConference.

1936 - 1937

Membership 26

Met in homes of Mrs. Wes. Levens, Mrs. W.I. Clark, Mrs. A. Graham, Mrs. D. Russell, Mrs. Joe Murphy, Mrs. L. McMulkin, and Library.

It was moved and carried that we accept a picture from Mr. Buyers of Lockport, N.Y., of a pioneer of this district. Words of appreciation was expressed for same. The members decided to avail themselves of the Co-Operative Study offered by the Dept.

Papers were read by Mrs. F. Eldon, Mrs. F. Backett, Mrs. F.H. Elliott, Mrs. N. Banting and Mr. J.T. Bowerman.

Paper was put on by John D. Rogers on a 50-50 basis.

Miss Francis Lynch attended a sewing and cooking class at Greemore then held classes here for members.

Booths at the Fair but no lunches served.

In October 16, 1937 it was moved and carried that our Institute be transferred from Simcoe West District to Simcoe South District.

Mrs. D.G. Russell consented to be leader for Junior members.

On account of the illness of our Librarian, Mrs. J.J. Graham, a leave of absence

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was given her and Miss Christine MacKeracher was appointed to take charge at \$19.50 per quarter.

Programs were mapped out and printed - this was the first time to be given to members. Nomination Committee first mentioned.

Letter of thanks was sent to Town Council for refund of Hall's rent.

Mrs. J.B. Stewart, President of Simcoe South District spoke on Institute work. Sent \$10.00 to Barrie Children's Shelter.

March 17, Kate Aitken, Beeton gave a demonstration. Admission - 15 cents.

1937 - 1938

Membership 38

Met at homes -

Mrs. T. Banting, Mrs. J. Hancey, Mrs. W.J. Wood, Mrs. Wm. Welch, Mrs. J.J. Graham, Mrs. L. McMulkin.

It is noticed the meetings are more interesting, thus membership increase.

Miss Jean Banting now Librarian at \$19.50 per quarter.

Papers - Mrs. Meyers, Mrs. Wes. Levens, Mrs. J. Hancey, Mrs. L. McMulkin.

Spent \$50.00 on new books. Tag Day for C.N.I.B. Sent \$2.00 towards Musical F.

Bid farewell to (Rev) Mrs. A. MacKeracher and (Rev) Mrs. Wm. Lee as members.

Sent \$1.00 to District Secretary to go towards a Radio for a Radio for Mrs. A. Walker (Past Area President), now an invalid.

Addresses - Mr. Armstrong gave one on "Canadian Banking", Mr. J.T. Bowerman on "Wills".

Sent Helen Banting and Francis Lynch to a Glove Making course at Cookstown.

Tea held to raise funds. Also a Card Party in Hunter's Hall.

Co-operated with other societies in providing Christmas baskets..

Mrs. F. Eldon looked after history of pioneer life here and sent it to Miss. H. Orchard.

Put on a Banquet for Veterans - served Pork, Scalloped Potatoes, Salads, Pickles Relishes, Tea Biscuits and cheese Tea and Coffee Price 75 cents per plate - 1.00.

Made reservations for 2 girls at Guelph Conference. Room & Board \$3.00 each.

1938 - 1939

Membership 40

Met at homes -

Mrs. A. Graham, Mrs. D.G. Russell, Mrs. F. Crosbie, Mrs. J. Murphy, Mrs. E. Mayes, Mrs. W.F. Knight, Mrs. W.I. Clark Mrs. F. Eldon.

Decided to appeal for more municipal and provincial help in maintaining Library.

Had a Tag Day for C.N.I.B. Had a Picnic on Mrs. D.G. Russell's lawn.

Booths at Fair. Sent 2 girls to Guelph the same as last year.

Miss Elsie Wey's application for Librarian was accepted.

Papers - Mrs. Meyers, Mrs. Wes. Levens (2). Obtained from Orillia, 100 books 30

Violet Hill Dramatic Club entertained. Proceeds \$43.20. Town refunded rental fee

Valentine Party held in Hunter's Hall; Christmas cheer packed for needy.

Report of training School for Jr. Girls Project was given by Mrs. Ritchie and Helen Banting, local leaders.

Mr. F. Lashley presented Slides of Homes across Canada.

Discussion was held about carrying on library. Dr. F.W. Walker, Mr. F.B. Elliott and Mr. J.E. Bowerman said they would help. Appointed Mrs. D.G. Russell, Mrs. W.J. Wood and Mrs. L. McMulkin to see the Lions for assistance. Discussion on forming a Central Library Committee and holding a public meeting was approved.

A tribute of sympathy was expressed in the passing of Mr. F.B. Elliott.

Thanks to the Canadian Legion and You Go I Go for their generous financial help.

1939 - 1940

Membership 36

Mrs. D.G. Russell appointed a Women's Institute member on Central Library Board.

1939 - 1950 Mintus Books still lost.

From Clippings - In 1939 the people voted to assume the cost of operating the library and relieve the ladies of the responsibility. This has resulted in a larger circulation of books because of the provision of funds which the ladies themselves could not furnish.

A tag Day was held for C.N.I.B.

1940 - 1941

NO REPORT

1941 - 1942

On an average, 4 Women's Institute members always assisted each day at the Red Cross Rooms. President of the Red Cross Society was an Women's Institute member and many other members served in committees for the various duties of the Red Cross..

1942 - 1943

There were 10 meetings held in the homes of Mrs. C. Clark, Mrs. Joe Murphy, Mrs. E.A. Graham, Mrs. A. Stone, Mrs. Wes. Lovens, Mrs. J. Hall, Mrs. E. Dunn, Mrs. T. Mayes, Mrs. Wm. Welsh, Mrs. T. Banting.

1943 - 1944

NO REPORT

1944 - 1945

NO REPORT

1945 - 1946

NO REPORT

1946 - 1947

There were 10 meetings held at the homes of Mrs. W. Coulter, Mrs. A. Graham, Mrs. F. Eldon, Mrs. Wm. Bell, Mrs. E. Dunn, Mrs. Wm. Hunter, Mrs. Jack Cameron, Mrs. (Dr.) R.C. Wilson, Mrs. T. Pulford, Mrs. M. Downey.

1947 - 1948

The 50th Anniversary of F.W.I.C. was held at Guelph on June 26, 1947 those attending from our branch was - Mrs. Joe Murphy, Mrs. T.B. Elliott, Mrs. M. Downey, Mrs. F. Eldon. The weather was perfect. The O.A.C. staff served lunch of sandwiches, cookies, doughnuts, Ice Cream and Coffee -- Free.

1948 - 1949

Only mention of meetings was one held at Mrs. E.A. Graham with 22 members present. Rev. Alex Halbert gave a talk on Citizenship. Mrs. E. Dunn reported a box of soap sent to Britain.

1949 - 1950

There were 10 meetings held in the homes of Mrs. W. Coulter, Mrs. A. Graham, Mrs. H. Gray, Mrs. E. Dunn, Mrs. A. Merritt, Mrs. A. Latimer, Mrs. Wm. Bell, Mrs. E. Brett, Mrs. L. E. Coutts.

On February 9, a very pleasant afternoon was spent when most of the ladies of the town visited the Library. The members of the Women's Institute served tea to commemorate the opening of the Library 25 years ago. Presiding at the tables which were decorated with spring flowers, were charter members who have worked so diligently to raise money for the building of the Library. A 3 tier birthday cake added to the decorating. It was trimmed with silver 25 on the top.

1950 - 1951

In June Alliston entertained Rosemont, Everett and Beeton at the Legion Hall. The Alliston ladies presented a Dramatic Episode of the life of Stephen Foster, the great American poet and composer. Mrs. E. Bunner related the life of Stephen Foster. Cast included Mrs. A. Latimer, Mrs. T.P. Foster, Mrs. G.W. Thompson, Mrs. E. Hawes, Mrs. R. Virtue, Mrs. W. Taylor, Mrs. R. MacKenzie and Mrs. A. Corrigan.

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On August 3, 25 members and friends of the Women's Institute journeyed to Midland to attend the Quilt and Rug Fair. Those who entered quilts from Alliston were Mrs. E. Halbert, Mrs. W.H.C. Ruthven and Mrs. Bertha Moore and the Alliston Women's Institute quilt designed and completed by Mrs. E. Agnew and her committee. Thanks was expressed to these ladies through the press.

At the Area Convention held at First Baptist Church, Barrie, Alliston branch was presented with a lovely Rosewood Cavel by Mrs. Fletcher, Provincial President with a sterling band bearing the inscription "Federated County Women of Ontario membership award 1949-1950 for having the largest increase in membership with the best average attendance".

At the October meeting held at Mrs. J.A. Hancey a poem was read in memory of the late, Mrs. John Ball, a very active member of the branch.

Sent \$25.00 to Save the Children's Fund, \$11.00 parcel to Care and 1/2 case of salmon to Phyllis Crosbie.

Decided to spend \$50.00 for chairs for the Arena and bought enough silverware to finish out the setting for 300 people.

Moved and carried we plan to fit up Library (downstairs) for our meetings. Bought a toilet from Knox church.

Mrs. M. Downey reported for sewing class for 11 girls.

Bought Brief cases for President and Secretary.

Skit put on by Mrs. Earl Leisner, Mrs. W.A. Thompson, Mrs. K. Bunner, Mrs. Vern Goutts and Mrs. G.W. Thompson.

Our branch sponsored a Bobby Burns Supper in the Arena. Pipe Sergeant O'Neil piped the honoured guests to the head table. The bonnie waitresses, members of the Women's Institute wore dark dresses and white scottish caps trimmed with plaid. Mrs. Harvey Davidson gave the address to the Haggis. Rev. H.P. Maitland said the Selkirk Grace. Mr. W.J. Wood proposed the toast to the ladies and paid tribute to the members of the Women's Institute. Rev. J.E. Holland, Toronto, was guest speaker and proposed the toast to "Immortal Memory of Robert Burns".

Catered to Co-Op Banquet.

Homes - Mrs. J.A. Hancey, Mrs. Wm. Bell, Mrs. Earl Leisner, Mrs. K. Bunner, Mrs. J. Cameron, Mrs. W.T. Alderson, Mrs. H.E. MacKenzie.

Speakers - Dr. Anderson, Miss Edna Martindale, Mrs. K. Bunner, Miss Edna Moore.

1951 - 1952

Membership 63 Life Member 1

Collected for C.N.I.B. sending on \$301.00. Sent \$25.00 to Unitarian Fund and \$3.50 to Navy League for Ditty Bags.

Enjoyed a theatre party and entertained our husbands.

Mrs. M. Downey and Mrs. H. Shephard attended Achievement Day with 5 of our girls exhibiting their project.

Miss McKee, Miss Selkirk and Mrs. Scott given gifts to show appreciation of their work in the Girl Guides.

First mention of Mottos in the June meeting.

Had an exhibit at Beeton Fair.

Sponsored the Leslie Bell Singers in St. John's Church.

Decided to charge \$5.00 for the Hall. Will be taking our turn selling in the booth at the Arena. Mrs. K. Downey reported tables being made for Arena.

An interesting letter was received from our corresponding Women's Institute in England.

Bought damask table clothes and Mrs. P. Eldon was made Custodian of same. The rental charge to be 25 cents. Bought a table and picture with Dr. Walker's \$50.00 donation. Cloth Rack bought for our Hall.

Old fashioned Bonnetts modelled by Mrs. W. Levens, Mrs. H. Shephard and Mrs. A. Latimer. The one worn by Mrs. Latimer was chosen to be modelled by our President at the District Annual.

Homes - Mrs. T. Banting, Mrs. W.J. Wood, From October on meetings in Library.

Speakers - Mrs. A. Vanderzaag, Mrs. W.J. Wood, Mrs. P. Thomson, Mrs. E. Leisner, Mrs. Newton Wilson, Mrs. A. Corrigan (Tribute to the late King George VI), Mrs. K. Bunner, Mr. J.B. McCausland, Mrs. Keith McRuer.

1952 - 1953

Membership 57 Life Member 1

We are honored to have Mrs. H.E. Dunn, one of our members, elected President of Simcoe South District.

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1952 - 1953

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Had our walls in Hall painted and bought necessary items for kitchen and drapes and alterations cost \$757.13. Paid \$81.86 for tables for our Hall.

Sponsored a concert in St. John's Church, the artists "The Songmen" led by David Buchterloney.

Had a display at Cookstown and Weston Fairs. Catered to Currier's Banquet.

Had a Food Sale in September and November. Catered to Co-Op Banquet.

Enjoyed a Picnic at Mrs. H.E. Dunn's Cottage, Wasaga Beach.

Donation \$5.00 given towards T.V. for Simcoe Manor. Sent \$25.00 to Care.

Again helping in Arena Booths this year. Helping with Child Health Centre.

Insurance put on contents of kitchen and meeting room. Gave old cups to Burns Group.

Taken out fee of \$5.00 in Women's Consumer's Association.

Mrs. F. Eldon showed the Tweedsmuir Book she is compiling.

Moved and carried chairs are not to be rented nor taken from the Hall.

Mrs. Joe Kennedy and Mrs. E. Leisner helped at the opening of the Simcoe Manor.

Decided to give \$25.00 or more for flood relief (Mayo's Railroad).

A proposed trip to Washington & New York was announced.

Mrs. A. Bunker reported buying a book with our grant for the Library.

Decided to help finish buying tables for Arena - \$50.00.

Mrs. H.E. Dunn reported grounds around the Library would be cared for by the Town.

Decided to have a lady clean the Hall once a month. Had a Tag Day for C.N.I.B.

Speakers - Miss Beba Rothwell, Mrs. Robt. Dayes, Mrs. C. McHabb, Mrs. P. Thomson,

Mr. D.A. Lapp, Mrs. G.W. Thompson, Mr. J.D. Bowerman, Mrs. R. Headley, Mrs. Dan Duff, Mrs. H. E. Gunn.

1953 - 1954

Membership 63 Life Member 1

Bought 2 dozen spoons for kitchen. Bought screens for a Hall and ventilating fan.

Assisted with Health Clinic twice a month. Assisted with X Ray Clinic twice.

Sent \$20.00 to Care. Gave \$5.00 for Project at Cookstown Fair. Sent \$10.00 toward

hand loom and sewing machine for War Widows in Korea. Sent \$10.00 to Cancer Fund. Sent \$1.00 per member for Alfred Watt Memorial Scholarship. \$10.00 to Polio Victim Fund.

Had display at Cookstown Fair

Mrs. E. Bunker presented with a gift on leaving Alliston.

Hold picnic at Mrs. H.E. Dunn's cottage - Wasaga Beach.

Moved and carried that one member worthy of a Life Membership in our branch be awarded this honor each year.

Those attending Canada Day at A.C.W.N. meeting in Toronto were Mrs. H.E. Dunn,

Mrs. J. Kennedy, Mrs. J. Cameron, Mrs. H. Gray, Mrs. J. Small, Mrs. J.C. Chittick, Mrs. W. Gibson.

Toured Blanton Shoe Factory. Party held at Rosemount.

A gift was presented to Mrs. E. Leisner who left for Killarook.

Mrs. J. Hand was engaged as a Caretaker at \$22.00 per month.

Purchased 8 teapots and 2 dozen pitchers for the Arena.

Sent our President, Mrs. W. Gray, to the Guelph Conference.

Held an Escort Night for our members.

A linen cloth for our table was sent to us from Beaumont & D'Arcy Women's Institute in Gloucestershire, England. It was hand embroidered by the members, flowers for countries - England-Wild Rose; India - Lotus Bud; Daffodils - Wales; South Africa - Protea; Scotland - Thistle; Australia - Wattle; Ireland - Shamrock; New Zealand-Ferns; Canada - Maple Leaf. In each corner - Windsor Castle, Buckingham, Sandringham, Glamis.

Catered to Banquets for Teachers Federation and Liberal Organization.

Sponsored and helped with Red Cross Campaign.

Moved and carried we give our first \$150.00 instalment towards a bedroom at C.N.I.B.

Mrs. G.W. Thompson was presented with a gift, leaving to reside in Quebec.

Speakers - Mrs. J.C. Chittick, Mrs. E. Mard, Mrs. E. Duff, Mr. Sparks, Mr. J.C.

McHabb, Mrs. Newton Wilson, Mrs. G.W. Thompson.

1954 - 1955

Membership 61 Life members 3

Another \$50.00 was sent toward C.N.I.B. bedroom. Sent \$10.00 to Save the Children's Fund. Sent \$6.00 to Hospital for Sick Children. Sent \$10.00 to Women of Geylan. Later sent \$200.00 to C.N.I.B. obligation of 1954.

Mrs. F. Eldon was presented with a Life Membership. Mrs. Joe Murphy presented with a pin on her 90th birthday & 30 years a member of our branch.

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Hosted District Annual. Picnic held at Mrs. E.E. Dunn's Cottage, Wasaga Beach.

Had walls of Hall painted and floor covering laid. Connected up Oil Stove to the Oil line, cost \$18.50. Bought dishes and flatware. Bought 2- 16 cup percolators at \$3.75 each. Built shelves in kitchen cupboards and lock purchased.

Had a display at Boston Fair. Held a Bake Sale. Collected clothing for Korea.

A bus trip was taken to Niagara Falls. Canvassed for C.N.I.B.

Gifts given to Mrs. F. Piddick and Mrs. Vern Coutts on leaving for Bracebridge.

Catered to Masconic Banquet. Family Night at Rosemont.

Decided to put our Christmas parcel money and birthday money in Bank.

Moved and carried to cater to the Ecotarians each Monday night. Members divided into 8 groups.

Mrs. D. Duff given a gift on leaving the town.

Mrs. J. A. Lancey was made a Life Member.

Speakers - Mrs. F.B. Pearson, Miss Harris, Mrs. E. Gray, Mrs. Jean Pitcher, Mr. D. Lapp and Mr. K. McRuer.

1955 - 1956

Membership 55 Life Members 3

Sent \$20.00 to Polio Fund, \$3.00 to P.W.I.B., \$25.00 to Care, \$10.00 to Hospital for Sick Children, 25cents per member towards sending a P.W.I.O. delegate to Ceylon.

It was agreed that the Horticultural Society improve the Library grounds and that we pay 1/2 of a fence, the Library Board paying the other half. Helped Library Board with \$100.00 towards a fireplace. Put a railing on stairway. Motion carried a box to made for garbage containers and have a collector pick it up.

June meeting held at Mrs. D. Chantler's farm.

Still helping with Baby Clinic. Sponsored a Red Cross drive. Sponsored T.B. Clinic.

Slip Cover course a great success. Assisted at Variety Night for District Funds.

Sent a sweater and 1 Cord of wood for a needy family.

Mrs. A. Downey still remaining as a representative on Arena Board.

Motion carried we increase rent to \$7.50. Canvassed again for C.N.I.B.

Speakers - Mrs. R.W. McGuire, Mrs. R. Williams, Mrs. W.W. Campbell, Rev. Mr. H. Bridle.

1956 - 1957

Membership 43 Life Members 4

Bought a second hand Stove and 25 more chairs.

Mrs. J. Cameron was presented with a Life Membership from our Institute.

Skit put on by Mrs. F. Gray and Mrs. C. Risbee- Mrs. E297 visited Mrs. 1956 to talk over the changes in time.

Sent \$5.00 to Baseball Association, \$10.00 to Polio Victims, \$25.00 to Care.

Walls painted and curtains cleaned during summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett employed as caretakers.

Motion passed to buy "Pioneer of Adult Education in Canada", one for Library and 1 used for members. Motion passed to make a "quilt".

Entertained at Gimco Manor. Women's Institute Night catered by Rosemont.

Col. Baker of C.N.I.B. wrote stating our money was used for furnishing a record room to record music by loud speaker - a plaque to be placed on door.

Had an exhibit at Boston Fair. Made Cancer Dressings. Baby Clinic carried on.

Canvassed for C.N.I.B. Helped with T.B. Clinic.

Motion passed that we charge Horticultural Society for use of Hall.

Executive catered to a birthday party and money used for kitchen needs. Light

Fixture bought and installed by Geo. Alderson without charge.

Alliston branch hosted Variety Night for District Funds.

Held an afternoon Tea to celebrate 60th Anniversary of P.W.I.O.

Mrs. Geo. Stuart our representative on Arena Board.

Speakers - Mrs. Ned Levens, Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. T. Banting, Mrs. H.A. Dunn.

1957 - 1958

Membership 39 Life Members 5

Mrs. J.J. Graham was presented with a Life Membership.

Helped with T. B. Clinic, Baby Clinic, made Cancer dressings, made baby layette for Arabian Babies.

Assisted at Variety Night at Bradford for District Funds. Canvassed for Red Cross.

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1957 - 1958

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Mrs. J.J. Graham was presented with a Life Membership.
Congratulations went to Mrs. H.E. Dunn who was elected to represent Simcoe Area as their Provincial Board Director.

Had a Picnic the same day as the Quilt and Rug Fair at Collingwood.

Sent \$25.00 to Care, \$10.00 to Hospital for Sick Children, \$50.00 to the Whalen Fund.

Sent Mrs. J.A. Hancey to Guelph Conference and Jean Thompson to Junior Variety Night at Cookstown. Entertained at Simcoe Manor.

Mrs. C. Bisbee is our Arena Representative.

Minister's wives were made honorary members. Toured Saxter Laboratories.
Speakers - Mrs. Ison, Mrs. Burgess, Miss Margaret Bailey, Miss Edna Martindale, Mrs. Bert Dunn, Mrs. Bert Broderick, Miss Lockerbie and Rev. Mr. J. Shilton.

1958 - 1959

Membership 44 Life Members 6

A Life Membership was presented to Mrs. T. P. Foster.

Helped with Baby Clinic. Demonstration of First Aid by Health Clinic Nurses.

Helped Mrs. Geo. Stuart cater to a wedding.

Our branch went to Barrie Museum followed by a Picnic.

Held Workshop on Millinery. Mrs. F. Eldon and Mrs. A. Latimer attended a Weedsmir Workshop at Cookstown. Had Cookstown ladies as our visitors.

Mrs. E. Agnew showed a lovely Afghan at the Quilt and Rug Fair.

Two members were invited to a Cancer Society dinner in Barrie.

Motion carried to donate a Memorial Shelf for the Library and place a book in memory of a deceased member.

Sent donation to Sick Children's Hospital, \$10.00 to Retarded Children, \$10.00 toward B.M.H.S. Awards.

Displayed antiques at a meeting. A Card Party was held to raise funds.

Report from Mrs. Geo. Stuart we have a 10 foot right of way to the Library, the committee decided \$200.00 too high a price for the 36 foot strip of land.
Speakers - Mrs. R. Williams, Rev. Mr. Burgess, Mr. K. McRuer, Mrs. Ison, Miss Miriam McMann.

1959 - 1960

Membership 48 Life Members 6

Guests at our May meeting were from Rosemont, Tottenham and local friends.

Helped with T. B. Clinic and Baby Clinic. Canvassed for Red Cross.

Gave \$10.00 to Save the Childrens Fund, \$25.00 to assist with a Day Camp at Earl Rowe Park, \$25.00 to Refugees, \$10.00 to B.M.H.S. towards Awards

Toured Georgian China. Held a Picnic in Riverdale Park. A car load of ladies attended Gilford's Women's Institute 25th Anniversary Tea. Held a Pot Luck Dinner.

Card Parties continued to raise funds. Entertained at Simcoe Manor.

Exhibited at Cookstown and Beeton Fairs. Still serving meals to Rotarians each Monday evening. Catered to a Doctor's Banquet and 45 men later on.

Mrs. Geo. Stuart suggested a start be made on the extension of our building. Committee formed of Womens Institute Executive, Mrs. Geo. Stuart and Mrs. A. Merratt.

Mrs. Joe Hancey informed us that the Adelaide Hoodless birthplace had been purchased by F.W.I.C. and asked by F.W.I.C. President for 10 cents per member donation toward the project.

Speakers - Mrs. Wendy Hicks, Mrs. R. Williams, Miss Davidson, Mr. Anthony, Mrs. J. Shilton, Rev. Mr. W.M. Lee, Mrs. Charles Spencer.

1960 - 1961

Membership 44 Life Members 6

Purchased a Piano for \$125.00. Held a meeting at Earl Rowe Park.

Mrs. C. Bisbee is still our Arena Board representative.

Helped with Baby Clinic. Had a booth at the Trade Fair selling Aprons and Home Baking. Card Parties continued and money raised to go toward kitchen equipment.

Enjoyed a Bus Trip to Peterborough. Exhibited at Cookstown and Beeton Fair.

Entered our Quilt and Rug Fair. Held a Tea and showed Arts and Crafts.

Served meals at the Arena for the Orange Celebration. Catered to a dinner for Development Association, Odd Fellows Banquet and for Miss Sneddon.

1956 - 1957

Membership 45 Life Members 4

Bought a second hand stove and 35 more chairs.
Mrs. J. Cameron was presented with a Life Membership from our Institute.
Skit put on by Mrs. R. Gray and Mrs. C. Bishop. Mrs. 1897 visited Mrs. 1956 to talk over the changes in time.
Sent \$5.00 to Baseball Association, \$10.00 to Police Victims, \$25.00 to Care.
Walls painted and curtains cleaned during summer.
Mrs. and Mrs. Bartlett employed as caretakers.
Motion passed to buy "Pioneer of Adult Education in Canada", one for Library and 1 used for members. Motion passed to make a "quilt".
Entertained at Simcoe Manor. Women's Institute Night catered by Rosemont.
Col. Baker of C.N.I.B. wrote stating our money was used for furnishing a record room to record music by loud speaker - a plaque to be placed on door.
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Canvassed for C.N.I.B. Helped with T.B. Clinic.
Motion passed that we charge Horticultural Society for use of Hall.
Executive entered to a birthday party and money used for kitchen needs. Light Fixture bought and installed by Geo. Alderson without charge.
Alliston branch hosted Variety Night for District Funds.
Held an afternoon tea to celebrate 60th Anniversary of F.W.I.O.
Mrs. Geo. Stuart our representative on Arena Board.
Speakers - Mrs. Wes Levens, Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. T. Banting, Mrs. H.E. Dunn.

1957 - 1958

Membership 39 Life Members 5

Mrs. J.C. Graham was presented with a Life Membership.
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Assisted at Variety Night at Bradford for District Funds. Canvassed for Red Cross.

of Mr. James Irwin.

Enjoyed a Bus Trip to Kitchener. Toured Sheriff Horsey Plant., Alliston.
Made a Quilt and all tickets sold on it later the draw was made at a Euchre Party. First time Women's Institute Grace mentioned.
Sent \$10.00 to Mental Health, Poling Fee for a member to attend Guelph Conference, \$10.00 to Save the Children's Fund, \$10.00 to Honor Students Night at B.M.H.S., \$1.00 per member to Mrs. Alfred Watt Memorial Scholarship, paid way for 2 delegates to Queen Elizabeth Building Toronto (no names given) for 65th F.W.I.O Anniversary.
Assisted with Baby Clinics. Sponsored a Cooking School by Consumers Gas Co.
Thanks was expressed to Mrs. T. Banting for the beautiful Women's Institute Crest she had made and presented to our branch.
Mr. K. Bulman installed folding doors for \$165.00. Floor painted by Mr. Art Marrett.
Mr. Sam Callagher, Mr. Geo. Faux and Mr. Edgar Bates.
Mr. Stanley Black caretaker given \$25.00 per month.
Speakers - Dr. J.E. Charters, Mr. Brown, Miss Sneddon.

1962 - 1963

Membership 52 Life Members 5

Catered to a Wedding Banquet, Sharon Women's Institute, 36-Op, 72 Nurses, McCarricks Golden Wedding. Still catering for Rotarians and Chamber of Commerce.
Our branch was invited to Everett Women's Institute to their 25th Anniversary. Our Ladies attended Thornton branch 60th Anniversary.
Had a Hobby Table at Beeton Fair. Entertained at Simcoe Manor.
Picnic at Riversdale Park. Toured Alliston Museum. Hosted a Tupperware Party.
Gave a Gift to Mrs. F.B. Elliott who left for Toronto and Mrs. A. Cousins to Braxton.
Card Parties to be continued every 4th Tuesday Evenings. Resumed after-noon Card Parties each Thursday. Mrs. Joe Hancey demonstrated how to make a Meat Loaf. Mrs. Harris demonstrated how to make fancy sandwiches.

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Sent \$10.00 to International Scholarship. \$10.00 Save the Children Fund, \$15.00 to Care, \$5.00 to Alliston Museum.
 Sent a motion to County Council re Stevenson Memorial Hospital having difficulty getting the full grant.
 Silent Prayer for Mrs. Fred Eldon who died November 8, 1962.
 Had the Great Mrs. T. Banting had given our branch framed with Mrs. Bantings name inscribed.
 Burns Townline Farm Forum and Everett Women's Institute guests of our branch.
 Expression of appreciation was given Mrs. E. Lavor as leader of 4H Girls.
 Increased Mr. S. Black's wages to \$30.00 per month.
 In Memoriam Shelf now in the Library and suitable books to be bought and placed thereon.
 Speakers - Mrs. W. Levens, Mrs. Allan Todd, Mrs. S. Owens, Mrs. F. Anthony, Mr. Fred Claridge.

1963 - 1964

Membership 52 Life Membership 4

Donated \$10.00 towards Honor Student Pins, \$15.00 to Care, \$10.00 to Retarded School, \$5.00 Pennies For Friendship. Bought Refrigerator from Mrs. Pearson Sr. \$60.00
 On June 13, 1963 we had a Burning of the Mortgage Dinner catered by Everett Women's Institute for 105 people. Mrs. Geo. Stuart and Mrs. Joe Hanney burned the paper. The \$5000.00 mortgage was paid off in two years. During the evening Mrs. Geo. Stuart presented our branch with the Ensign Flag to be placed on the Flag Pole.
 Pot Luck Picnic was held at Frank Nicol's Park.
 Town Council erected a steel Flag Pole on our property.
 4H Girls showed outfits they made. Leaders Mrs. E. Lavor and Mrs. H. Nicol.
 Leaders for next year are Mrs. E. Lavor assisted by Mrs. Sharp.
 Displayed antiques at a meeting. Hosted a lucky luncheon.
 A presentation was given Mrs. I. Davis (Mrs. Beatty) who had been remarried.
 Tweedsnair Book was ordered from Grand and Toy.
 Mrs. Geo. Stuart attended the Official Opening of the Retarded School as a representative of our branch.
 Fan obtained with I.G.A. slips. Gave bedding to a needy family in Adjala.
 A period of silence was observed for Mrs. J.J. Graham our last remaining Charter Member who died January 4, 1964.
 Catered to Baxter Laboratory dinner and Professional Women's Group.
 Donated \$1500.00 to furnish a Private Room in Stevenson Memorial Hospital. Mrs. E. Peterman and Mrs. Joe Hanney presented the cheque at the Hospital Board meeting.
 Motion carried that Mrs. Geo. Stuart and Mrs. A. Merrett meet with Library Board and Council re extending the Library with Centennial Library Grant from the Government.
 Twelve books ready for In Memoriam Shelf with fitting inscription on Plaque.
 Family Night held by Pot Luck Supper and Mr. Bill Kirkwood showed slides of Egypt and Biblical places followed by Euchre and Crokinola.
 Our branch as a group toured Stevenson Memorial Hospital and choose our room, next the elevator on the Main Floor also drapes.

1964 - 1965

Membership 51 Life Members 4

Sent \$10.00 toward Honor Student Night, \$15.00 to Care, \$10.00 to Save The Children Fund.
 Still catering to Rotarians and Chamber of Commerce.
 Presented Mrs. J. Cameron with a lovely clock on their Golden Wedding.
 Served Cookies and Tea at the Quilt and Rug Fair at Beaton.
 Held Picnic at Nicolson Park and Family Night with a Pot Luck Supper.
 Mrs. John Moore demonstrated Icings of Cakes. Entertained at Simcoe Manor.
 Presented a Gift to Mrs. H. Ellison who is leaving Alliston.
 On display were articles made by our 4H Girls "Cotton Accessories".
 Celebrated our 50th Anniversary on June 15. (See full write on Anniversaries).
 Catered to Jr. Farmers, Nurses, Truck Drivers.
 Bought tile for floor from Beaver Lumber Co. - \$792.85.
 Card Parties held once a month. Our members attended Cookstown Women's Institute
 Our ladies put on a Play in the Arena for Stevenson Memorial Hospital "THE OLD FAMILY ALBUM".
 Property Committee - Mrs. Geo. Stuart, Mrs. A. Merrett, Mrs. J. Whiteside.
 Insurance raised from \$1500.00 to \$2500.00 on Contents only - Dunsmuir Insurance Co.

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Donated clothing to an elderly couple in Isle and Christmas Gifts.
 Joe Haddock painted outside windows and doors - \$15.00.
 Paul McKelvey showed slides of Europe and Mrs. J.H. Ferguson gave a travelogue with slides to Europe.
 Decided to take our turn at Stevenson Memorial Hospital Gift Shop.
 Mrs. E. Laver Leader again for LH Girls - we rented 2 sewing machines for this Club at \$18.00.
 An Executive Meeting was held re - Centennial Gift with Mr. Geo. McCagus - much discussion but no decisions.
 Speakers - Mr. Dilts, Mrs. Donald Ferguson, Rev. Mr. W.R. Symons, John Ellenikkirk, Dave Willis.

1965 - 1966

Membership 39 Life Members 4

Ordered 24 Adelaide Woodless spoons at \$19.44, retail at \$1.25 each.
 A letter was received from the Eastern Star that they would not accept our terms for renting the Hall.
 Gave a gift to Rev. Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Lee for their Golden Anniversary.
 Five LH Girls showed blouses they had made as their project. Mrs. E. Laver has agreed to be our LH Club Leader again.
 Held a Picnic at Corrigan's Cottage, Lake Simcoe and a Pot Luck Supper after the Annual Meeting, Tourned Baxter Laboratory.
 Sent \$25.00 towards sending a Diabetic girl to camp, \$25.00 to Nurses Bursary, \$50.00 to help send 2 retarded children to camp, \$25.00 to Guides and Brownies, \$15.00 to Care, \$10.00 to Save the Children Fund, \$25.00 to needy family, \$10.00 for Retarded School, Collected Christmas gifts for Mental Health.
 Short Course held "What's New In Home Furnishings". Mrs. J. Whiteside volunteered to take the course "Block Printing" and gave a good display later.
 Catered to Mr. and Mrs. Art Stone's Golden Wedding, Orange Order, Odd Fellows.
 Motion carried that we lease our Hall for 50 years to Town. Legal papers signed by President and Secretary. Later Council wanted lease altered. Moved and carried that Mr. J.D. Bowerman convey to Council our feeling of resentment. Mr. Geo. McCagus withdrew our library would be torn down - back to where we started.
 Sent proceeds from Lucky Luncheon to Rotary Pool.
 Decided members of our Institute may have the use of our Hall free, for non profit.
 Rotary and Chamber of Commerce having a meeting afterwards be charged an extra \$5.00.
 Speakers - Mr. Ronald Pegg, Mrs. Jack Hamby, Mr. Ken Phipps, Mrs. Wes Lavens and Mrs. Rawdon Wilson.

1966 - 1967

Membership 41 Life Members 4

Mrs. Geo. Stuart reports that a retiring Bylaw states we must have room for 90 cars which stands in the way of our Centennial Project. A letter was written to the Press for publication our feelings in this matter.
 Held a Pot Luck Supper in April, October and March. A Picnic at Corrigan's Cottage.
 Sent \$10.00 to B.M.S.E. towards Honor Plan, \$200.00 to Rotary Pool, \$10.00 toward the establishing of a new District I in our District of Simcoe South, \$5.00 to Pennies for Friendship, \$52.00 to Retarded School for a pupil to attend summer camp, \$10.00 to UNESCO, \$10.00 to Care, \$15.00 to Save The Children Fund, \$5.00 toward Record Player for Simcoe Manor, \$15.00 to Horticulture Society, Brought gifts for Mental Health, \$25.00 to Retarded School.
 Entertained the residence of Simcoe Manor at a Picnic.
 Exit put on by Mrs. Gray, Mrs. King, Mrs. Laking, Mrs. Knipe, Mrs. Laver, Mrs. H. Pearson and Mrs. M. Downey.
 Catered to Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce. Served Tea to Stayner Ladies who had visited the Museum.
 Held a Lucky Luncheon in June with a good profit.
 Some of our ladies went on a bus trip to Expo in Montreal.
 Assisted with a Desert Euchre for District funds.
 Speakers - Mr. J.D. Bowerman, Mrs. E. Laver, Mayor Darling, Miss E. Peacock, Mr. Hunter B.M.S.E. teacher.

Membership 38 Life Members 4

The Centennial Committee attended a Public hearing on the Zoning Bylaw. Fountain installed by Mr. Walter Hall now our Centennial Project. Mrs. T. F. Foster and Mrs. J.A. Hancey have reached 50 years continuous service for Women's Institute.

Pot Luck Supper was held followed by a Variety Programs also a Picnic at Corrigan's Cottage.

At various meetings there were displays of Old Lace and Old books. A Skit by Mrs. Harold Robinson, Mrs. W. McMullin, Mrs. J. Hancey, Mrs. H. McMullin.

Mr. S. Black resigned as Caretaker and Mr. E. Mason took his place.

Mrs. A. Lattimer attended the Guelph Conference.

Mrs. S. Knipe and Mrs. Jerry Moon attended the Training School "Hats For You". Mrs. Jerry Moon will carry on as 4H Girls Club Leader.

Sent \$10.00 to B.M.S.N. for Honour Student Night, \$5.00 to Sr. Citizens Choir, \$50.00 to Alliston Citizens Band, \$10.00 to Care, \$15.00 to Save the Children Fund, \$15.00 to Mental Health, \$50.00 to Retarded School, \$25.00 towards Miss Elsie Hey's gift.

Bought 10 stacking tables, 4 dozen forks and 1 dozen knives.

Presented "Portraits Of The Past" in the Arena and the proceeds given to assist with the beautification of the Boyne River.

We had one minute of silence for the death of Mrs. E. C. Graham.

Catered to the Hog Producers. We have catered for 13 years weekly to Rotary.

A Reception held in the Library Hall for Miss Elsie Hey who was Librarian for 30 years was catered by our branch. Held a Desert Card Party for funds.

The Zoning Bylaw was lifted now wondering how this will affect our adding the extension to Library. We are willing to donate \$2000.00.

Speakers - Miss H. Peacock, Mr. Graham Bell (Hydro), Mr. Dave Sealy, Mr. Wesley Mason.

1968 - 1969

Membership 35 Life Members 4

Held Pot Luck Supper and a Picnic at Mrs. Allan Corrigan's Cottage.

Sent \$10.00 to B.M.H.S. for Honour Pins, \$15.00 to Save the Children Fund, \$10.00 to Care, \$50.00 to Mrs. Bryan (husband a heart transplant donor).

Bought new curtains for Hall - \$145.00.

Gave the Sr. Citizens group the Hall free for once a month, for Card Parties.

Mrs. S. Knipe and Mrs. Jerry Moon took the 4H Spring Project.

Held another Lucky Luncheon. Still catering to the Rotary Club.

Mrs. S. Knipe attended the Guelph Conference.

Mrs. L. McMullin presented our award at B.M.H.S. Awards Night.

Speakers - Mr. C. Fitzgerald, Miss Anne McRuer, Mrs. G. Mallion, Mrs. A. Corrigan, Miss E. Peacock, Mrs. R. Williams, Mr. Van Weissen.

1969 - 1970

Membership 37 Life Members 4

Toured the St. Lawrence Starch Co., Port Credit. Entertained at Simcoe Manor.

Moved and carried we hung old clock from Library in our Hall when fixed.

Letter sent to Rotary Club we are no longer able to cater to their weekly dinners. Held Pot Luck Supper and Picnic at Mrs. A. Corrigan's Cottage.

Decided to give Mr. E. Mason, our caretaker, \$50.00 wages.

Mrs. Jerry Moon, Mrs. S. Knipe and Mrs. H. Oliver our 4H Girls Leaders.

Mrs. A. Merrett and Mrs. L. McMullin demonstrated "The Main Dish Makes The Meal", a Training course they had taken - 2 casseroles.

Sr. Citizens presented our branch with a Kitchen Step-up Stool.

Sent \$10.00 to District Funds, \$20.00 to Kinsmen, \$25.00 to Santa Claus Parade. Bought Indoor, Outdoor Carpet for stair steps from Guild Interiors - \$285.00

Mrs. Fayle displayed old Silver and gave a most interesting talk thereon.

Speakers - Mrs. S. Owens, Mr. Hill (Hydro), Rev. Mr. Townsley, Mr. A.A. Fountain and Mr. M. McRuer.

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1970 - 1971

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Membership 40 Life Members 4

Sent Resolution that Capital Punishment be re-instituted.

Mrs. A. Latimer is our representative for 2 years on the Town Council Community Board.

Telephone Committee set up - Mrs. J. Cameron, Mrs. H. Spindloe, Mrs. R. Laking, Mrs. J. Hancey and Mrs. R. Downey.

Enjoyed a dinner at the Windsor Hotel paid by our treasury.

Entertained at Simcoe Manor. Sponsored an Art Show. Toured Simcoe Museum and ate our lunch in Springwater Park, Midhurst. Picnic at Mrs. A. Corrigan's Cottage. Members attended 50th Anniversary of Beaton branch and 50th of Tottenham branch.

Our members attended a celebration for a member for 52 years - Mrs. T. P. Foster on her 90th Birthday in St. John's United Church.

Mrs. A. Norvent and Mrs. J. Whiteside attended a Training Course in Alliston (no project named). Mrs. J. Crosbie and Mrs. E. Spindloe attended a Course on "Accessories for a Home".

Mrs. A. Latimer attended the Guleph Officers Conference.

Our members attended at Tottenham a District Luncheon for District Funds.

Moved and carried we purchase a \$1000.00 Canada Savings Bond. Sent a gift to Mr. and Mrs. E. Black on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Sent flowers to Mrs. Moon in appreciation for her work with the 44 Girls.

Hosted a "Luncheon Is Served" for branch funds.

We had our Piano tuned, (no cost stated).

Mrs. A. Latimer displayed well known herbs.

Sent \$100.00 to Homemakers Service, \$15.00 to Care, \$10.00 to Save the Children Fund, \$15.00 to Panatung Hospital.

Speakers - Mrs. G. Wright, Miss R. Peacock, Mrs. M. Sutherland, Mr. J.B.

Bowman, Mrs. W. Sutton and Mrs. C. Fisher.

The Alliston Branch of the Women's Institute was organized June 15th, 1914. The first officers were as follows:

President - Mrs. J. T. Bowerman
 1st Vice President - Mrs. J. Allan
 2nd Vice President - Mrs. Evans
 Secretary - Mrs. J. Hamilton
 Treasurer - Mrs. Frank Hurst

During the years of the first World War, the Institute was organized as a war work unit for the community, and the records show the wonderful work that was carried on.

Money was needed to buy wools and materials for sewing and knitting for overseas needs. The ways and means where this money was raised were various. Donations from church organizations and other societies were of generous amounts and gratefully received. Sales of homemade baking were held by the ladies. Social teas, concerts, etc. and other projects provided funds for the continuous need.

The women of the Alliston Institute, after finishing their war work, reviewed their efforts, making up totals which in some cases gave the ladies who have worked unremittingly, whether there were funds with which to liquidate their expenses or not, a surprise when they learned to what their work actually amounted. From September, 1914 to April, 1919, both months included, the amount of cash received was \$6,110.42, of which \$5,991.25 was disbursed, leaving a balance of \$119.17 in the treasury at the conclusion of operations. During the four and a half years they worked, the W.I. members were sometimes discouraged because funds were not forthcoming to liquidate all the expenses they wanted to incur. They had, however, some optimistic supporters and were encouraged to go ahead with the assurance that the money would come when it was most needed. It seemed to be a fact that the public was awakened to a greater degree when there was a great big deficit. Something always turned up and funds were available so that the work undertaken by the women of this organization was carried right through to the demobilization of the men when no further efforts on their part were required for the comfort of the soldier. During the war period this Institute prepared and despatched to the Red Cross headquarters 50 bales containing 1,167 dozen surgical dressings and 5,519 other articles; 684 boxes were sent to soldiers overseas; 2,400 pairs of socks were knit and sent; \$400 was given to the Prisoners of War Relief Fund; \$8,486 contributed to the Canadian Red Cross and patriotic purposes; and \$160 towards a motor ambulance. At the time of this review, reports for the previous twelve months were also presented. Receipts for the twelve months were \$1,318.88, leaving on hand the balance of \$119.17 noted above. The activities of the women for the year may be partly measured by estimating how much effort was required to accomplish these results: Four bales of hospital supplies sent to the Red Cross; 3 bales of refugee clothing despatched; 254 boxes sent out for overseas soldiers; 3 shipments of fruit and vegetables of about 3,000 pounds and 1 box of chickens to the county canning kitchen; 1 bale of clothing for local relief. 3 concerts were held; 1 tag day was pulled off, and a booth maintained at the fair; a tea and a shower for overseas boxes was held, 3 banquets and receptions were given returned men, and 1 shower was given the bride of a soldier who had married overseas. The officers for the current year were elected as follows:

President - Mrs. J. Bowerman
 Vice President - Mrs. J. McKillican
 Secretary - Mrs. M. A. McEann
 Treasurer - Mrs. J. J. Harper
 District Director - Mrs. T. A. Arnold



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HALL

MEMORIAL LIBRARY, ALLISTON, ONT

ALLISTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE SPONSORS RED CROSS



LADIES WHO WORKED FOR RED CROSS - SECOND WORLD WAR

LEFT TO RIGHT:

BACK ROW: Mrs. J.J. Graham, Mrs. L.W. Henderson, Mrs. W. Kerr, Mrs. Jos. Milligan, Miss Tena McLean, Mrs. Alex Forrest, Mrs. Jos. Rutledge, Mrs. A. Merrett, Mrs. F. Irwin, Mrs. P. Eldon, Mrs. Jos. Murphy.
MIDDLE ROW: Mrs. T. Hayes, Mrs. E.C. Graham, Mrs. Wm. Smith, Mrs. W. Thompson, Mrs. F. Hackett, Mrs. J. Cameron, Mrs. J. Ball, Mrs. C. Henderson.
FRONT ROW: Mrs. J. Christian, Mrs. W. Levens, Mrs. J.A. Hancey, Mrs. C. Lawrence, Mrs. J. Foote, Mrs. H. Alsopp, Mrs. G.M. MacLean, Mrs. T. Evans, Mrs. C. Scott, Mrs. N. Morrison, Mrs. Thos. Callagher, Mrs. E. McNabb, MacLean twins.

A branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society was organized in Alliston at the Town Hall, on Thursday evening, and, judging by the calibre of the officers elected, it bids fair to make a valuable contribution to the effort of Canada to alleviate distress caused by the present war.

At the request of the Women's Institute, council, at its last meeting called the meeting. Reeve W.J. Cunningham was slated to be chairman but a severe cold interfered, and the duty was relegated to Rev. P.N. Knight who, after explaining the purpose of the meeting, called on Dr. E.T. Atkinson, president of the Barrie branch. Dr. Atkinson recited the history of the Red Cross from its inception at Geneva in 1863 to the present time. He told of some of the work of the Red Cross during wars and pestilences in various parts of the world.

Rev. N.R.D. Sinclair, also of Barrie, told more of the work, of the Red Cross in peace and war. The method of organizing was explained. It was not necessary to organize a branch in every small place. If a branch were formed in the larger centre of a community, outlying places could contribute as auxiliaries. The method of organizing the Alliston branch, as suggested by Mr. Sinclair was followed at a later stage of the meeting.

Mrs. C. Brown of Barrie supplemented what the two speakers had said, and answered questions about the organization. While the women of Alliston had initiated the organization in Alliston it should be understood that it was not a women's work alone but one in which every person in the community should have a part.

At the commencement of the meeting, Mr. H.L. Oliver was elected to take the minutes.

At the close of Mrs. Brown's address the following motion was presented by Rev. James Dorrman: That, having heard speakers representing the Canadian Red Cross Society, the citizens of Alliston and district assembled in Alliston this 12th day of October, 1939, desire that a branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society be formed in Alliston and district,

that officers be elected at this meeting and that the officers when elected, apply for a Charter of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

The motion was passed without further discussion and a nominating committee was appointed composed of Mrs. J. J. Milligan, Mrs. E. A. Graham and Mrs. W. D. Thompson.

The motion later presented by these ladies embodied the following: That the list of people as read by the Nominating Committee be the officers of the Alliston Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, and that these citizens proceed to further organize the Branch along the lines suggested by the Parent Organization.

The officers elected were the following:

Honorary President, the mayor of Alliston, Reeve W. J. Cunningham, acting.
President, Mrs. J. B. Foote.

Honorary Vice Presidents, the Reeves of Tossacrontio, Adjala, Wesa and Tecumseth, Robt. Dermott, Earl Wilson, George Banting, Norman Brawley.

First Vice President, Mrs. Ross Williams.

Second Vice President, Mrs. A. F. Merrett.

Secretary Treasurer, Mrs. George Stuart.

Executive Committee -- Citizens E. J. McCarroll and Dr. F. W. Walker;
Lions Club, L. H. Inch;
Legion and the Military, E. Skelton;
W.A. of Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Mrs. H. E. Dunn;
Rural, East of Alliston, Mr. George Drennan;
Rural, West of Alliston, Mrs. W. Wood.

After the officers had been elected and the organization of a branch in Alliston assured, offers of help began to come in. The Lions Club, through Mr. J. D. Bowman, presented a cheque for \$15, with the explanation that the money was the proceeds of the draw held here on Fair Day, and that provided the Tuesday nights' dances were sufficiently patronized more would be forthcoming from the Lions Club.

Since the meeting another cheque for a much larger amount has been received by the Secretary Treasurer from the Board of Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the speakers of the evening and also to Mrs. W. D. Thompson who presided at the piano for the singing of the National Anthem and other tunes.

Mr. Knight, the chairman, stated that all patriotic citizens of Alliston and residents of the surrounding territory felt the need for such an organization as the Red Cross. "We are all in this thing," he said, "and all must work and must give. We will be proud to have a part, even a small part in this great organization. It was to be regretted that the war has come upon us but now there is much to be done." Mr. Knight asked for the support of everybody for the officers who have been elected. He urged that they be given suggestions as to what to do to help out the work and he particularly suggested that the executive make good use of the men in this locality. He was pleased to hear from the lips of the Barrie speakers that the Red Cross in that town are still assisting the soldiers and families of soldiers of the last war. Many of them still need help and they must not be overlooked. "We must," said he, "enter this with a tremendous amount of enthusiasm. May our membership be worthy. May our contribution be big. May the officers receive all the support it is in our power to give them."

Acknowledging the vote of thanks, Dr. Atkinson congratulated those who had been elected to office and advised them that they had begun a happy era in Alliston. He said the happiest faces in Barrie were those around the Red Cross rooms. The only way to be happy, he said, was to work for someone else. The campaign for funds, Dr. Atkinson stated, would begin on November 15 and last for three weeks or longer; this would be arranged by the national organization. The local branch should now get ready for the campaign by lining up the committees. This is now a Red Cross Centre. Its circumference extends beyond the limits of the town. The officers should now get out and organize the auxiliaries in the outlying centres.

Reeve W. J. Cunningham was urged to take the floor and address the meeting. The acting Mayor said he had been only too pleased to accede to the motion of council passed at the request of the Women's Institute. The work of the Red Cross was a worthy

one and not at any time more than the present. One object of the present conflict was to make the world better. He was pleased to read the message of the Pope who had urged the Christian people to fight against these two monstrous nations who were persecuting their neighbours and who were the enemies of God. It does not matter, the Reeve said, whether you are a Jew, a Gentile, Catholic or Protestant, they are after you all alike. Under these conditions it is no wonder a Red Cross organization is necessary. The dying soldiers need your help, starving children need the food you can provide; We hope that this organization will find expression in giving help to the cause that needs it so badly in this hour of the country's distress.

The visitors, with the speakers for the Voluntary Registration of Canadian Women, who were at the meeting, were afterwards entertained by ladies of the Institute to lunch in the Memorial Library.

WAR WORK OF W.I. (1941-42)

Knitting

Army socks---68 pr.
Seamen's socks---17 pr.
Seamen's stockings---15 pr.
Sleeveless sweaters---15
Turtle neck sweaters---15
Scarves---18
Mitts and Gloves---40 pr.
Helmets and Caps---45 pr.
British Civilian Children's socks---30 pr.
Girls' and Boys' sweaters---14
Ladies' sweaters---10
Total---283

Sewing

Men's pyjamas---15 suits
Boys' pyjamas---15 suits
Boys' shirts---19 - 16 size
Girls' skirts and blouses---30 - 16 size
Girls' skirts and blouses---16 - 14 size
Girls' coats---5 - size 6
Girls' coats---10 - size 4
Girls' dresses---3 - size 6
Girls' dresses---16 - size 4
Women's dresses---9
Women's bloomers---25 pr.
Women's gowns---5
Girls' gowns---10
Babys' gowns---10
Total---184

Co-operating with the RED CROSS SOCIETY, the above work was done from material supplied by the Red Cross Society. Red Cross workroom was used two afternoons each week.

Quilting was always in progress with an average of four W.I. members assisting each day.

President of the Red Cross Society, an Institute member and many other W.I. members served in committees for the various duties of the Society.

In Flanders' fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead; short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Following the organization of the Red Cross Society Branch, the movement for the Voluntary Registration of Canadian Women will be explained by Mrs. T. I. Barton of Barrie, and other speakers and opportunity given to all women to register in this patriotic movement.



PUBLIC MEETING

A Public Meeting, sponsored by the Alliston Women's Institute, will be held in the

TOWN HALL, ALLISTON

Thurs., Oct. 12, 1939 at 8 o'clock p.m.

For the purpose of organizing in Alliston a Branch of
THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

This meeting will call for the attendance of every man and woman in the district. There is work to be done for Canada. Britain needs your help.

15,000,000 people belong to the world wide Red Cross Society. Shall we not have a strong branch in Alliston?

GOD SAVE THE KING

W. J. Cunningham, Reeve and Acting Mayor

Speakers for the
Red Cross
Meeting

Dr. E. T. Atkinson
Rev. N.R.D. Sinclair
Mrs. G. Brown
-- All of Barrie and
others

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

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---Lieut.-Col. John McCrea

40th Anniversary of Alliston WI

1954



L-R Back row: Mrs. Chas. Manning,
Mrs. Jos. Hancock, Mrs. W. Alderson;
Front row: Mrs. A. Latimer, Mrs. C.
Bisbee.



L-R Back row: Mrs. W. Gibson, Mrs. A. E.
Graham, Mrs. S. Black, Mrs. Chas.
Manning, Mrs. W. McMullin, Mrs. J. Small;
Front row: Mrs. J. J. Graham, Mrs. E.
Agnew, Mrs. A. Stone.

Mr. & Mrs. Percy Fosters'
Golden Wedding Anniversary



L-R: Mrs. J. Hutchinson, Mrs. J.
Hancock, Mrs. J. J. Graham.

District Annual



Mrs. Verne Couatts and Mrs. A. Latimer

40th Anniversary Tea

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1954



L-R: Mrs. R. W. Taylor, Mrs. Jos. Murphy, Mrs. F. Eldon, Mrs. J. J. Graham.



L-R: Mrs. W. Alderson, Mrs. A. E. Graham, Mrs. A. Latimer, Mrs. Jos. Hancey, Mrs. Chas. Manning.



L-R Back row: Mrs. J. Small, Mrs. L. McMillkin, Mrs. E. Dunn, Mrs. A. Latimer, Mrs. W. Alderson, Mrs. G. Hancey, Mrs. M. Downey, Mrs. C. Faux;
Middle row: Mrs. E. Cumberland, Mrs. H. Shepherd, Mrs. W. Levens, Mrs. E. C. Graham, Mrs. J. Nicol;
Front row: Mrs. Duff, Mrs. J. Cameron, Mrs. R. Laking.



L-R: Mrs. Chas. Manning, Mrs. C. Bisbee, Mrs. A. Latimer, Mrs. W. Alderson, Mrs. Jos. Hancey.



Alliston WI Marks 50th Anniversary - June 15, 1964

"We can't rest on our laurels. We must keep striving to meet the challenges of the times," Mrs. Roy Peterman told the 200 or so guests attending the 50th anniversary party of the Alliston Women's Institute. The party was held Monday afternoon in the Alliston library hall. Mrs. Peterman is the 1964 president of the Alliston WI.

"A 50th anniversary is a time to assess the achievements of the past and consider the needs of the future," she said.

The Alliston WI membership has grown from "only a handful" in the beginning, to about 56, including associate members, today. When the branch was first formed in Alliston, knitting and sewing for the armed services was one of its major activities. Then, many local residents participated in its war work projects without actually joining the branch.

Mrs. T. F. Foster, for 45 years a member of the Alliston branch, gave a resume of the past 50 years of Alliston WI work.

One householder told a fund canvasser, "Please don't put my name down. My donation (which is all I can afford) is so small, but I wish you every success." Mrs. Foster said this small donation was like the parable of the loaves and fishes, multiplied over and over again. At one point, when difficulties had reached new heights, the WI was on the verge of dropping the library project. Then one member pulled the members together with new determination. She said, "No, we will not give up. There have been too many prayers offered for this memorial to our boys."

Finally on June 8, 1923 the corner stone was laid by Lieut. Governor Cockshutt and in Feb. 1924 the memorial library was officially opened by Dr. Fred Banting, who bravely gave his life in the second world war, and who we now mourn as the late Sir Frederick Banting.

This fine, new hall, so well equipped, was paid for last year. Mrs. Foster said, "It was commemorated by a banquet when the mortgage was burned." The extra addition is a benefit financially to us and a service to the town and surrounding district as well. We have a regular income from dinners served weekly to the Rotary Club, and a small rental income from bridal showers, bake sales, wedding receptions, card parties and banquets.

We gave \$1500.00 to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital this year to furnish a two-bed ward.

Your library hall speaks of the past, the present and the future, the Alliston WI was told Monday afternoon at its 50th anniversary party. The speaker was Mrs. George S. Wice, Tottenham, South Simcoe district president. Never neglect any part of the work which the WI stands for, Mrs. Wice urged the 200 or so guests in the audience, from all parts of Simcoe area. Another speaker, Mrs. G. R. Lane, Coldwater, area board director to the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, complimented the Alliston WI on its 50th anniversary program. "So much work goes into these programs, that the work of planning them represents the work done by the branch over the past 50 years which the programs are designed to illustrate," she said.

Area president, Mrs. Russell McElwain, Phelpston, drew a parallel between transportation now and in the early days of WI work. "Nowadays to get to a meeting, we just jump into a car and go. Back in the pioneer days of WI work, the founding members of your branch had to harness up the horse and come to meetings in a buggy. Even so, when they arrived, they managed to accomplish enough at their meetings to make us envious today." Speaking of the future, Mrs. McElwain predicted the "young faces around town - descendants of those who started the WI here, will carry on the work of the branch founders."

Besides the verbal congratulations from the speakers, the Alliston WI also received many congratulatory cards. These messages were read out by Alliston WI secretary, Mrs. John King.

Musical numbers kept the program rolling. The Tee-We-Gwill branch staged a comedy skit of a WI meeting. This was much appreciated by the audience inside, and a group of small children who watched it through the library hall windows. There were several vocal solos. Singers were Mary McRuer and Jean Thompson, both of Alliston. Mrs. Elmer Stoltz, Alliston sang a solo accompanied by Mrs. Bruce Knowles; then joined in a trio with Mrs. J. J. Drannan and Mrs. Orrin Cave.

Past presidents attending the anniversary party received corsages. These included Mrs. Wesley Levens, Mrs. Gertrude Hancey, Mrs. William Bell, Mrs. Arthur Merrett, Mrs. Marshall Downey, Mrs. Harry Gray, Mrs. J. G. Chittick, Mrs. Cliff Eisee, and Mrs. Allan Latimer. Mrs. Winnifred Hunter was absent. Corsages also went to Mrs. Peterman, Mrs. J. O. Whiteside, Alliston WI vice president; and to the special guests. These were area president, Mrs. Russell McElwain, Phelpsden, Mrs. G. R. Lane, Coldwater, provincial board director, and Mrs. George S. Wice, Tottenham, South Simcoe district president.

This year's president, Mrs. R. Peterman, who had warmly welcomed the many visitors from other Institute Branches and the visiting Officers, expressed her appreciation of their coming to add to the enjoyment of the occasion. As at all good birthday parties, there were refreshments and a birthday cake on an attractively decorated table to conclude a splendid afternoon.



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1964



*Alliston Women's Institute
request the honour of your attendance
at this*

*50th Anniversary
on Monday, June fifteenth
nineteen hundred and sixty-four
at three o'clock*

*Library Hall
Alliston*

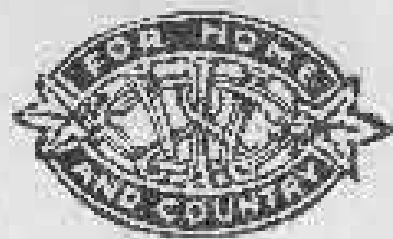
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Mrs. John King
49 King St. S., Alliston, Ont.*



Tee table at 50th Anniversary



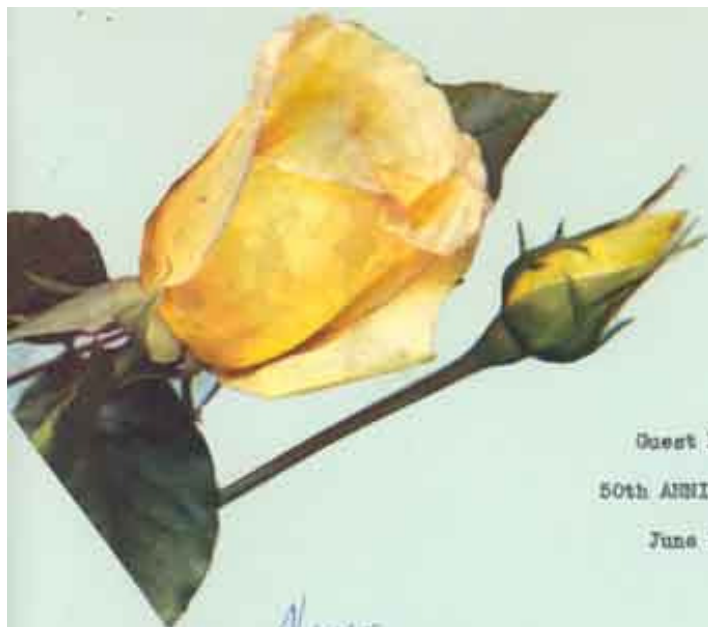
Mrs. Wice and Mrs. Peterman



Mrs. Joe, Emily, Mrs. Marshall Denny, Mrs. Harry Gray, Mrs. Roy Edwards, Mrs. J. O. Chittick,
 Mrs. A. F. Macroft, Mrs. Cliff Biscoe, Mrs. Allen Watkins, Mrs. Ed. Bell, Mrs. Ned. Lewis.



Mrs. T. P. Foster and Mrs. Jos. Hancey



Guest Register
50th ANNIVERSARY TEA
June 15, 1964

NAME	BRANCH
Harriett Kerby	Gilford
Hertude Cranen	Gilford
Ladie Todd	Gilford
Ruby Kell	Gilford
Marion Weaver	Gilford
Heleny Harwood	
Joy McMillen	Alliston
Hervina Fewster	Alliston Institute
Evelyn Stafford	New We Howell Norton
Jean Stafford	Lovato
Lane Rumble	Hollows
Mary Geisendorf	Hollows
Lane Hamblly	Hollows
Olue Bowden	Hollows
Pearl Spring	Stroud
Evelyn Brady	Stroud





NAME	BRANCH
Mrs. W. Carr	Thornton
Marcell R. Reynolds	Beeton
Laura Russell	Alliston
Hella Stephenson	Beeton
Jessie D. Monkman	Cookstown
Drene McMaster	Cookstown
Helen Baxter	Everett
Kay Patton	Alliston
Anna Bolger	Alliston
Marian Stone	Alliston
Lena E. Chubine	Cookson's Mill
Mrs. S. Sloane	Cookson's Mill
Sadie Mandy	Cookson's Mill
Mrs. Dorothy Constable	Churchill
Mrs. A. Toad	Churchill
Mrs. James Shilton	Alliston
Mrs. J. G. Chubbuck	Alliston
Mrs. D. Monkman	Cookstown
Jessie Monkman	" "
Mrs. R. Higgins	Beeton
R. Burns	Everett
Mrs. H. Campbell	Beeton





NAME	BRANCH
Mrs Ida Cook Westrie	
Mrs James Smith	Yallow's W. I.
Mrs Gladys Dyer	Little's Hill W. I.
Mrs Marion Lackie	Little's Hill W. I.
Mrs Angus Blair	Alliston
Mrs John Course	Cook's Town
Mabel Hand	Alliston
Mrs Edward Bone	Thornton W. I.
Mrs Helen Smith	Thornton W. I.
Mrs Edgar Thompson	Strand W. I.
Mrs Emma Black	Strand W. I.
Mrs Emma Lucas	Strand W. I.
Mrs E. W. Kettle	Becton, Ont
Mrs Hilda McKenna	Patterson Ont.
Mrs A. E. Hooper	Becton
Mrs C. Culgan	Becton
Margaret C. Lamb	Becton
Mrs Mrs L. Galtton	Alliston
Mrs M. Elison	Thornton
Mrs P. Blasky	Thornton
Mrs A. Reid	Thornton
Mrs A. Black	Thornton
Mrs C. B. Johnson	Thornton





NAME	BRANCH
Bea E. Cumberland	Alliston
Lila Whitcombe	Alliston
Lila Small	Alliston
Rosamond Byrnes	Alliston
Bessie Halbert	Alliston
Evelyn Thompson	Alliston
Gladys Peterman	Alliston
Winifred A. King	Alliston
Mrs Norman Townsend	Alliston
Mrs Annie Gibson	
Euseph Alderson	Alliston
Jean E. Corrigan	Alliston
Bea Horsburgh	Alliston
Margaret Latimer	Alliston
Katherine Ellison	Alliston
Mrs Wesley Levens	Alliston
Mrs H.E. Shephard	Alliston
Kathleen Laver	Alliston
Victoria Paur	"
Dulcie Lakings	Alliston
Edna McMulkin	"
Nellie Cameron	"





NAME	BRANCH
Mrs Orma Lighton	Little's Hill W.D
Mrs R. Riley	Crestwood
Mrs C. A. Spencer	Thornton
Mrs Maunie Moon	Allenton
Mrs. Lula Gohsen	Stroud
Mrs. Roy Goodfellow	Stroud
Mrs Geo. F. Dice	Tottenham
Mrs Pauline Sechely	Tottenham
Mrs. O. W. Pettit	Tottenham
Mrs. Bob Thomson	Tottenham
Mrs Gloria Haza	Everett
Mrs Mary Gallagher	Everett
Mrs Florence Black	Thornton
Mrs Kath Beatty	Thornton
Mrs M. Y. Cunningham	Thornton
Mrs. George Holt	Thornton
Miss Alice Thomas	See also Lewis
Miss Mary Goodridge	See also Lewis
Mrs Emma Appleback	See also Lewis
Mrs. Stuart Longford	" "
Mrs Sophie K. Lee	" " "
Mrs. J. A. Hancey	Allenton Ontario





NAME	BRANCH
Mrs. Charles Brown	Bond Head.
Mrs. G. E. Leuninger	Wellsbrook.
Mrs. Mary Lintgen	Ballistown
Mrs. John W. Darling	
Mrs. Irene Knauder.	"
Mrs. D. Wake	Rosemont
Mrs. J. Dawson.	"
Mrs. E. MacKillop	"
Mrs. W. Little	"
Mrs. Hubert McDowell	"
Mrs. R. Masell	"
Mrs. H. Butt	"
Mrs. H. Salomon	"
Irene Nelson	"
Mrs. V. Butt	"
Mrs. Don Campbell	Vancouver, B.C.
Mrs. Harold Swaffeld	Rosemont
Mrs. Emma Matthews	See Mr. Larch
Mrs. Wallace Helbert	See Mr. Larch
Mrs. R. L. Brown	See J. J. Smith
Mrs. J. J. Leuninger	" " "
Mrs. D. Leuninger	" " "





NAME	BRANCH
Mary Ann Tager	Stroud
Phyllis Boyd	Stroud
Mrs. John T. Tager	Tara.
Ann J. Tager	Williston
Mrs. Ernest Bell	Gilford
Mrs. H. P. Maitland	Tronto
Mrs. L. Sturgeon	Gilford
Mrs. R. Nally	Stroud
Mrs. M. Cook	Stroud
Mrs. Clarence Ward Caldwell	District President
Mrs. G. R. Lane	Caldwell Board Member
Mrs. Chas. Bailey	Williston
Mrs. Abbie Brecken	Ridge
Mrs. E. M. Crawford	Ridge
Miss Kate Bardon	Ridge
Mrs. F. Ken	Everett
Mrs. H. Jackson	Everett
Mrs. Helen Bess	
Mrs. Clara Patton	Hollars
Mrs. J. Jones	Hollars
Mrs. Roy Smith Cookstown	Hollars
Mrs. W. J. Morrow	Little's Hill





NAME	BRANCH
Mrs. G. Hawton	Boston
Mrs. F. Arney	Bond Head
Mrs. A. Sutherland	Bond Head
Mrs. H. Stoddart	Bond Head
Mrs. C. Townly	Alliston
Olewen E. Evans	Alliston
Emily Evans	"
Mrs. Margaret Stoltz	"
Mrs. J. J. Brennan	"
Mrs. Grace Cave	Alliston
Mrs. Alfred Cole	Rosemont
Mrs. Ben. Steers	Sisters Census
Mrs. Delton Jackson	" "
Mrs. Jas. Steers	" "
Mrs. Eva Hodgson	"
Mrs. R. Cowen	Rosemont
Mrs. E. Hall	Rosemont
Gladys Bowerman	Alliston
Mrs. Fred Jackson	Strand
Mrs. Henry Juhl	Cotter-Wright
Mrs. B. Kupper	St. W. Church
Mrs. Emma Bowerman	" "





NAME	BRANCH
Mrs Walter Andrews	Fishers Corner
Mrs Edna Bell	Beeton
Mrs McDonald	Cookstown
Mrs Joseph Day	Cookstown
Mrs Isabel Baxter	Levenh
Mrs Donald Kerr	Garrett
Mrs. E. McLean	Crown Hill
Mrs Dorothea Cousins	
(Mrs) Bertha Lee	Coulson's Hill
(Mrs) Anne Cooke	Coulson's Hill
(Mrs) Mary Sealer	Coulson's Hill
Mrs Edith Goddard	-
Mrs Ronald Allan	Churchill
Mrs Russell Stewart	Churchill
Mrs Emil Hollings	Everett
Mrs R. W. Maguire	Mineasing
Mrs R. W. Elwain	Crossland
Mrs W. W. Cole	Beeton
Mrs F. A. Wright	- Beeton
Mrs. F. E. Parsons	Beeton
Mrs. E. Kneeshaw	Bond Head
Mrs E. Hannah	Bond Head



The Alliston Women's Institute celebrated its 60th Anniversary of the founding of the branch on Wednesday, June 5 1974 in St. John's United Church.

Following the singing of the Institute Ode, the President Mrs. James Croasbie extended a welcome to all present. The Rev. J.F. Shilton spoke on behalf of St. John's Church and Mayor Oak Gray brought congratulations from the Town of Alliston. Greetings were also accepted from Mrs. N. Tuck, Provincial Board Director of Crown Hill; Mrs. R.W. Maguire, Minesing, Area Vice-President and Mrs. Cecil Reynolds, Beeton, District President. A message was read from Mrs. Gordon Mallion, Tottenham, Area President, who was attending a meeting in Vancouver, B.C.

The highlight of the program was the presentation of the interesting history of the branch by Mrs. Allan Corrigan.

A humorous skit "A meeting in Mrs. Tidybird's home" was presented by Mrs. S. Knipe, Mrs. John Ball, Mrs. J.A. Hancey, Mrs. Elmer Halbert, Mrs. H. Gray, Mrs. A. Merrett, Mrs. H. Hook, Mrs. H. Spinloe, Mrs. L. Kennett, Mrs. A. Corrigan.

Debbie Hall, Debbie Dunn and Steven Wray entertained with musical numbers.

Past Presidents, many of whom are still active, are - Mrs. Wesley Levens, Mrs. J.A. Hancey, Mrs. Wm. Ball, Mrs. Arthur Merrett, Mrs. Marshall Downey, Mrs. Harry Gray, Mrs. J.C. Chittick, Mrs. Clifford Bisbee, Mrs. Allan Latimer, Mrs. Winifred Hunter, Mrs. Roy Peterman, Mrs. Lorne McMullin, Mrs. John Whiteside, Mrs. S. Knipe and Mrs. Allan Corrigan.

A delicious luncheon followed in the Church Parlor and included cutting the large yellow and white frosted cake by two Past Presidents, Mrs. W. Levens, age 90, and Mrs. J.A. Hancey, 87 years of age.

Members from other branches attending the happy event were Cookstown, Ivy, Stroud, Averett, Rosemont, Gilford, Bond Head, Thoronton, Heaton, Tec-We-Gwill, Fisher's Corners, Bradford, Churchill and Ridge.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PAST SIXTY YEARS - ALLISTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In 1902 a delegation was sent from the Cookstown Women's Institute to Alliston to interest our ladies in Institute work - this was in the winter time and they came by cutter. Unfortunately there were not enough women present to form a branch. It was not until June 15, 1914 that our Women's Institute was formed by the District Organizer, Mrs. Beattie. The meeting was held in the Town Hall. The first Officers were: President - Mrs. Joseph T. Bowerman; Vice President - Mrs. James Allan; Secretary - Mrs. Richard Hamilton; Treasurer - Mrs. Frank Hurst. The charter members are all deceased. The first list of members recorded was in 1916 there being 27. At this time we Belonged to Simcoe West District.

The first years were spent in War Work. Unless one reads the minutes one cannot comprehend how hard our members worked - knitting, sewing, packing boxes. Money had to be raised for materials by teas, concerts, plays, bake sales, booths at the Alliston Fall Fairs. In one year alone 156 parcels were sent overseas. Donations were sent to the Prisoner of War Fund, toward a Field Kitchen at Camp Borden, endowing a cot in the Princess Pat Hospital, Ramsgate, England. When the war ended "Welcome Home Dinners" were given to all the boys. Treats were sent to Christie Street Hospital, Toronto, for ten years.

Then our thoughts turned to sponsoring a Memorial Library. Our first library was started over Hurst's Store, now Patton's Drug Store in 1919 with Mrs. J.J. Graham as Custodian. The members were exceedingly busy raising funds even canvassing from door to door. They sponsored for some years a Picture Show in the Town Hall every Saturday night.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLISTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE continued

In 1921 a lot was purchased from Mr. J.A. Huthinson and Mrs. T. P. Foster for \$11.00 per foot frontage where the present Library stands,

On June 8, 1923 the Corner Stone was laid by the Lieut. Governor of Ontario, Col. Harry Cockshutt and a banquet followed in the Windsor Hotel. Dr. Frederick Banting gave us a generous donation.

On February 9, 1924 our lovely Memorial Library Building was opened by Dr. Frederick Banting which we are justly proud of.

Our work did not end here for we had full responsibility of furnishing the rooms, paying for Hydro, Heat, Taxes, Books and the Librarian's wages. The basement was given to the Veterans for a Club Room which was used by them until 1945 when they purchased their own accommodation.

It is interesting to note in 1923 we catered to a banquet for 125 at 40 cents per plate. The Menu - Cold Meat, Scalloped Potatoes, Jellies, Pickles, Pie, Cake, Tea and Coffee.

In 1928 we catered to a Civic Banquet for 225 guests in honour of the late T.P. Loblaw who gave us our hospital and to the late Mr. Fred Morrow for his generous gift.

In 1937 our branch was transferred to Simcoe South District.

In 1938 Miss Elsie Ney became our Librarian and continued for 20 years.

During these years our great burden was lack of funds for the up keep of the Library; as it grew in popularity so the members continually discussed ways and means how to carry on this project. Finally in 1939 the people voted to assume the cost of operating the Library. This resulted in a larger circulation of books.

Then the war years came upon us once again and our members assisted each day at the Red Cross Rooms.

In 1949 our Women's Institute served tea to commemorate the opening of the Library 25 years ago and this was a very happy event.

In 1950 we fitted up the downstairs for our meetings and so we were busy raising funds to buy drapes, piano and kitchen equipment.

In 1951 an interesting event was the sponsoring of a Bobby Burns Supper in the Arena. The same year our branch was presented at Area Convention with a Rosewood Gavel for having the largest increase in membership and the best average attendance for the year. We presented a Dramatic Episode of the Life of Stephen Foster which was fun to do. A table and picture was purchased from money given by Dr. F.M. Walker.

In 1952 we were honoured in having one of our members, Mrs. H.B. Dunn, now Mrs. Arthur Kerrett become President of our District. First mention was made of our Tweedsmuir History Book with Mrs. Fred Eldon as Curator. A trip was also enjoyed to New York.

In 1953 a linen tea cloth was sent to us from Staunton and District Women's Institute in Gloucestershire, England beautifully embroidered flowers of the different countries and four castles, since then this cloth has graced our Officer's table at each meeting.

In 1954 we started catering each Monday night to the Rotarians and this carried on for 15 years.

In 1956 we furnished a Record Music Room in the C.N.I.B. Baker Hall, Toronto and a suitable plaque is placed on the door.

In 1957 we held an afternoon Tea to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of F.W.I.O. and in this year we were pleased that Mrs. Arthur Merrett was elected as Simcoe Area Provincial Board Director.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLISTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE continued

A bus trip to Peterborough was enjoyed in 1960. This year plans were started to build an extension downstairs to our building. A Mortgage was taken of \$5000.00 and on March 10, 1961 this large room and kitchen was opened. This same year the late Mrs. Thompson Banting presented us with a beautiful hand made Women's Institute Crest. Many of the members gave generously cash donations toward the Building Fund.

In 1962 we donated an InMemoriam Shelf to our Library with suitable books to be bought and placed thereon in memory of our departed members.

On June 13, 1963 we celebrated by a dinner the burning of the Mortgage. It seems unbelievable we were able to pay off this debt in two years. Mrs. George Stuart, at this time presented us with a Flag.

On January 4, 1964 we observed a moments silence for our last remaining Charter Member - Mrs. J.J. Gragam. This year we donated \$1500.00 to furnish a Private Room in Stevenson Memorial Hospital. Now that our debt was cleared our thoughts turned to extending the Library upstairs with a Centennial grant. We celebrated our 50th Anniversary with over 200 present. Our ladies put on a play in the Arena for our hospital "Ye Old Family Album" - another highlight.

In 1966 we were sorry the proposal to build an extension to our Library had to be shelved as we could not agree with the Town's proposal and we were harassed by its lack of co-operation.

In 1967 our ladies went on a bus tour to Expo at Montreal. We installed a Fountain to beautify our front lawn as a Centennial project. We presented "Portraits of the Past" in the Arena which was most successful and the proceeds were given to beautify the Boyne River.

In 1972 we celebrated our F.W.I.C. 75th Anniversary. Again in this year we started discussing the extending of the Library. We voted unanimously to move up stairs and the Library Board to turn our large down stairs Hall unto a modern Library. The Lease was duly drawn up and signed. We enjoyed a bus trip to the Erland Lee Homestead, Stoney Creek.

In our new Quarters we added a kitchen with cupboards including new stove, Refrigerator, bathroom, fire door and tool shed to store our extra tables and chairs. With an electric fire grate in the Fire Place it is a very cozy room and our first meeting was held on April 13, 1973 and we are most happy with this arrangement.

Our Life Members are Mrs. J.A. Hancey, Mrs. J. Cameron and Mrs. A. Merrett.

Down through the years we have sponsored our 4 H Girls, Girl Guides, Baby and T.B. Clinics, C.N.I.B. and Poppy Tag Days, honour students at B.M.H.S. Nurses Bursary, sent children to the Diabetic Camp and Retarded Camps, Work Shops, Cooking Schools and Short Courses.

We have entered Quilts in the Quilt & Rag Fairs, exhibited at Becton and Cookstown Fairs and have taken our turn at entertaining at Simcoe Manor.

We have donated to so many worthwhile causes that it would appear we are boasting if we named them all - suffice it to say with our building space we were able to raise money by catering, Lucky Lincheons, Card Parties, thus we were able to donate freely. We would like to say when the Alliston Arena was built in 1950 we provided the 300 piece setting of Silver, the Pots and Pans, Stove and some tables and chairs. We also supported the Retarded School and Rotary Pool.

The older members I am sure harbour fond memories of those early strenuous days when money was scarce and assistance was scant. We to-day feel it all worth while and very rewarding as we look back on our happy times to-gather working side by side for our Community, Home and Country.

WE TREASURE THE PAST
WE FACE THE FUTURE.

Compiled by Mrs. Allan Corrigan.

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*Alliston Women's Institute
request the honour of your attendance
at their
60th Anniversary
on Wednesday, June the fifth
nineteen hundred and seventy-four
at three o'clock
St. John's United Church
Alliston*

*R.S.V.P. by May 27
Mrs. Wm. Ball
77 Church St. E.
Alliston, Ontario*



LEFT TO RIGHT

Mrs. J. A. Hancey, Mrs. James Crosbie
President, Mrs. Wesley Levens.



BACK ROW: Mrs. Winnifred Hunter, Mrs. James
Crosbie (President), Mrs. Roy Peterman, Mrs.
Samuel Knipe, Mrs. Marshall Downey.

FRONT ROW: Mrs. Allan Corrigan, Mrs. Harry Gray,
Mrs. Wesley Levens, Mrs. J. A. Hancey, Mrs.
Clifford Bisbee, Mrs. Allan Latimer, Mrs. Arthur
Merritt.



LEFT TO RIGHT PAST PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Winnifred Hunter, Mrs. Clifford Bisbee,
Mrs. Allan Corrigan, Mrs. Harry Gray, Mrs. Jas.
Crosbie (President), Mrs. Wesley Levens, Mrs.
Roy Peterman, Mrs. Joseph Hancey, Mrs. Samuel
Knipe, Mrs. Allan Latimer, Mrs. Arthur Merritt.

60th Anniversary of Allston Women's Institute

Held in St. John's United Church

June 5 1974

Mrs James Croshaw	Alliston
Mrs George Jackson	Alliston
Mrs Edward Spindler	Alliston
Mrs Clarence Hoggard	Day
Dr. Isabelle Fayle	Alliston
Mrs J. Cochran	Day
Mrs J. Carruthers	Day
Mrs John Cowan	Stroud
Mrs Wallace Spring	Stroud
Mrs Joseph Walter	West Kennebec
Mrs Gordon Rice	Stroud
Mrs H. Parker	Stroud
Mrs Tom Hand	Stroud
Ann Abbeigh	Everett
Lyla M. Crocker	Everett
Elizabeth Patton	Everett
Dora Reed	Everett
Elice Eaton	Everett
Adeline Neal	Cookstown
Elizabeth Donnell	Cookstown
Annie Gibson	Alliston
Donalhy Turner	Alliston
Janet Kiser	Cookstown
Janet May	Cookstown
Bessie Axford	Cookstown
Anne Montmar	Cookstown
Mrs Hopper	Cookstown



ANNIVERSARY CAKE

Mrs. Norman Tuck, Crown Hill	Prov. Bd Dir. Subdiv
Mrs Allen Orr Luc. H. Swill	R.R. Bradford, On
Mrs Mina Stuart	
Mrs Frank Little	Alliston
Mrs Lois Murray	Rosemont W. 1.
Mrs Edgar Fitch	Alliston R.R. 2.
Mrs Gordon Drury	Beeton
Mrs. E. E. Hawes	Alliston
Mrs W. A. Kelly	Alliston
Florence Wilson	Alliston
Mrs Lauren Little	Rosemont
Mrs. T. E. Dunn	Alliston
Mrs. C. J. Fitzgerald	Alliston
Mrs Margaret Somerville	(Everett W. J.) Alliston
Mrs. Gertrude Hancey	Alliston Ontario
Mrs. A. Kriep	Alliston
Mrs Frank Chiles	Eslet - Alliston W. 1.
Fattie McMillan	Alliston
Dulcie Laking (Mrs R)	Alliston
Mrs. Murray McNamee	Lockstown
Rev. Mrs. James Shellen	Alliston
Mrs. James Shellen	Alliston
Debbie Lane	Alliston
Debbie Dunn	Alliston
Stevens May	Alliston
Mrs. Wes. Lewis	Alliston
Mrs. E. Halliday	Alliston
Mrs. A. Latimer	Alliston
Mrs. Edwina B. Wing	Alliston
Mrs. M. McKeown	Ridge

Mrs Roy Peterson	Alliston
Mrs. Dorothy Harwood	Alliston
Mrs. Margaret Stoltz	Alliston
Mrs. H. Kirk	Alliston
Mrs. Wm. Sutherland	Bond Head
Mrs. A. Green	Bond Head
Mildred Gray	Alliston
Jean Burns	Alliston
Mrs. Jack Madill	Alliston
Mrs. O. Brown	Rosemont
Mrs. John Gallagher	Rosemont
Emily McKellican	Alliston
Annie Bates	Alliston
Jessie Townsend - - -	Alliston
Elsie Curry	Bradford
Cynthia Dillard	Bradford
Gray Reynolds	Beeton
Mrs. C. Reynolds	Simcoe South West
Mrs. Harvey Spindler	Alliston
Mrs. Margaret Merrett	Alliston
Melissa Graham	Alliston
Caroline Collins	Alliston Green
Ila Stewart	Beeton
Aida Watson	Beeton
Marion Watson	Beeton
Alice J. Hook	Alliston
Lee Farrell	Alliston
Bess Cumberland	Alliston

Mrs. W. Hagley.

Mrs. Jennie Bracken

Mae Lutherland

Mrs. Keatha Riley

Mrs. Marguerite Hansen

Mrs. Mercedes McKelican

Mrs. W. T. Alderson.

Lewen Dawson

Mrs. C. Gallagher

Hazel Pradock

Lisa Baxter

Florence Phillips

Florence Landertin

Pauline Shaw

Ruth Newton

Norma Noble

Mrs. Norma Kowalski

Mrs. Louis Baker

Mrs. George Holt

Mrs. G. N. Altman

Mrs. G. Reid

Mrs. E. N. Smith

Mrs. Willa Kearns

Mrs. Cliff Stephenson

Mrs. M. G. Cunningham

Mrs. H. Middlebrook

Mrs. D. Stephenson

Mrs. N. Baxter

Mrs. C. Bisbee

Mabel Hand

Laurel Daly

Cookstown

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Everett

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Alliston

Mrs. Allan Corrigan	Alliston
" Winifred Hunter	Beavrie
" Helen McDougall	Toronto
" Olive Ruddle	Baxter
" Mary Ellis	Lockwood, Sask
" Hilda Henderson (William)	Baxter
Leana Mackay (Sam)	Baxter
" Mrs William Ball	Alliston
Mr J Small	Alliston
Mrs. Milton Armstrong	Alliston
Mrs Cecil Hawkins	Alliston
Mrs Wilfred Nelson	Rosemont
Mrs Olive Brett (Nelson)	Rosemont
Mrs Betty Chipchase (Ross)	Long
Mrs Earl Reid	Long
Mrs Harold Pearson	Alliston
Mrs John Longhead	Crossland, Simcoe
Mrs R. H. Macquie	Windsor
Mrs Owen Bell	Gilford
Mrs Lura Rogers	Gilford
Mrs. G. Sawyer	Gilford
Mrs Harold Parritt	Gilford
Mrs. Ernest Bell	Gilford
Mrs Sherman Todd	Gilford
Mrs Mary Keene	Churchill
Mrs. Robert Kell	Gilford
Mrs Mrs Ingram	Churchill
Mrs. Norman Baker	Cookstown
Mrs Sylvester Carter	Cookstown
Mrs James Ream	Cookstown
Mrs Emerson Cave	Cookstown
Mrs Arthur Mait	Cookstown
Mrs Helen Struth	Cookstown
Mrs H. Myles	Cookstown

Grace Kirby

Elspeth Milne

Christy McKinn

Frances Bryson

Skibma Leach

Margaret Cunningham

Emmalyn Crawford

Eradyne Crawford

Mrs. Mrs. Oak Gray

Mrs. Earl Cunningham

Mrs. Wm. Soper

Mrs. Harry Hilcox

Mrs. Dalton Jackson

Mrs. H. Harvey

Emily Thompson

Mary Helen Wood

Coreen Deane

June McDonald

Mildred Hunter

Mrs. Jas. Andrews

Mrs. Fred Arney

Mrs. Elsie Reynolds

Bernice Dawson

Florence Dawson

Nellie Randall

Emma Anderson

Grace Pendleton

Luby Hilborn

Mrs. Clarence Noble

Mrs. Edwin Johnson

Mrs. Marmaduke Handell

Mrs. Harry Wright

Mrs. Herb Hounstone

Mrs. Doris Hilcox

Cookstown

Alliston

Edmonton

Alliston

Rosemont

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ETROAL EVENTS

LIBRARY BASEMENT BECOMES NEW HOME FOR WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

OCTOBER 11, 1951.

Last spring owing to the increase in membership our branch felt the homes could not accommodate them any longer, so the idea was conceived to make the basement of the Public Library our permanent meeting place.

Before this time the Veterans used these rooms, rent free. They too felt they needed larger quarters so purchased the home now called "Walker Hall".

The space occupied by the oil tanks has been converted to a washroom and the tanks have moved outside. The kitchen has been modernized with built in cupboards, sinks, counter space and shelves, even to new linoleum on the floor.

Wainscoting has been added to the lower walls to eliminate dampness due to the underground construction. The woodwork has received a fresh coat of paint, turquoise. All this along with the twenty five nesting chairs, the acquisition of a piano and some new kitchen equipment has served to create a home like atmosphere.

On October 11, 1951 we held our first meeting. The president's table was covered with a lace cloth and a beautiful floral centre piece. The presiding officers were: President - Mrs. Marshall Downey; Secretary - Mrs. J. A. Hancey; Treasurer - Mrs. Jack Cameron.

These new quarters are very much appreciated by the membership.



Where All Community Helped

All community helped in building of Alliston Arena and Community Centre. Mrs. M. Downey, president of the Women's Institute, and J. D. Bowerman are looking at some of the silverware donated by the WI.



Mrs. Jos. Murphy on her 90th Birthday

At the June meeting, 1951, of the Alliston Women's Institute, special tribute was paid to those members who were grandmothers and great-grandmothers. A splendid program was arranged by Mrs. H. Sheppard which included a poem read by Mrs. A. Graham, entitled "A Child Needs a Grandma"; and a poem read by Mrs. White. The two old songs sung by Mrs. Shaw were much enjoyed, "Do You Ever Sit and Dream?" and "Maggie, the Cows are in the Clover", with Mrs. Dick as her accompanist.

Mrs. J. Hancey read a paper on "Elizabeth, the Queen Mother", which was thoughtful and appreciative, and expressed the affectionate admiration which our former Queen will always have from us.

Mrs. Harry Gray gave a talk comparing the grandmothers of today with those of fifty years ago which was both humorous and discerning. We were reminded of many interesting things, one of which was the fact that though the elderly ladies of fifty years ago did not use make-up, they did jeopardize both health and comfort for sake of a stylish figure.

The great-grandmothers present at this meeting were Mrs. Walter Taylor, Mrs. Ab. Graham, Mrs. M. White and Mrs. J. Murphy. They were each given a corsage. Mrs. Murphy was awarded a prize for being the oldest.

The roll-call brought forth mention of about thirty things which make our life easier and pleasanter than it was for our grandmothers. Such things as short hair and nylons were mentioned as well as many electrical appliances and indoor plumbing.

During the business meeting, interesting reports of the District Annual Convention held at Bond Head last month were given by Mrs. Halbert and Mrs. Eldon. In closing her report, Mrs. Eldon expressed the pleasure and pride of the Alliston members in having one of their members chosen as the District President for the coming year, this honour and responsibility having been given to Mrs. Elwood Dunn.

Mr. J. G. McNabb addressed the meeting briefly on the matter of an organization of air-craft spotters being formed in the near future, and requested that the Institute contribute several volunteers for this group.

The secretary announced the holding of a "Family Picnic" for all South Simcoe Institute members and their families at Innisfil Park the afternoon of July 10th, from 2:30 p.m. on. Each family is to take their own food and dishes. Mrs. Elwood Dunn invited the Alliston Institute ladies to the Dunn cottage at Wasaga Beach for a pot-luck picnic. The date was set tentatively for the second Wed. in August.

A contest which consisted of identifying the photographs of the grandmothers, taken in younger days, was won by Mrs. Marshall Downey. This provided much merriment, and was followed by refreshments served by the committee of hostesses.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF ADDITION TO ALLISTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HALL

On March 10, 1961 the Official Opening of the addition to the Women's Institute Hall was held. Mrs. J. A. Hancey, President, was in charge.

Guests were present from Beeton, Cookstown, Everett, Rosemont and Tottenham Institutes.

The Hall has been much enlarged, to make a fine spacious room (in due course there will be facilities for shutting off part of the room for use by smaller groups).

There is a large new kitchen with plenty of cupboards and a long service hatch. The new back entrance will be a great convenience in delivering food direct to the kitchen. The Hall boasts perimeter heating with a brand new furnace, and the walls have been painted in a warm rosy/beige shade. The floor is bear concrete for the time being but the Institute members have plans for covering it, as finances permit. They had worked like the proverbial beavers to be all spick and span for the opening day. baskets of flowers added a festive touch.

Each of the guest groups contributed a number to the programme. Mrs. Kettle of Beeton told of the hilarious results when a telephone operator mixed up the calls between doctor and plumber, patient and customer. Mrs. Wylie, Cookstown and Mrs. Ron McKelvey, Rosemont, each sang a solo, for Everett Mrs. Donald Kerr and Mrs. Donald Stevenson did an amusing skit about contests, and Mrs. Charles Morrow contributed a recitation on behalf of Tottenham.

The highlight of Alliston's part of the programme was a short history of their Institute. Much of the work of its preparation had been done by Miss Gertrude Fawcett. After her sudden death Mrs. Morrow carried on, from notes Miss Fawcett had left. How many remember that, in 1930 "when money and spirits were low" some of the ladies got out and sold hot dogs up and down the street while other members kept the pot boiling at home base ?.

The programme completed, Mrs. J.J. Graham, a Charter member of the Alliston branch poured tea at a table decorated with candles and a pretty arrangement of yellow and mauve chrysanthemums. Refreshments, and an opportunity to see through the new rooms wound up a very enjoyable afternoon.



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Mrs. J.J. Graham (Charter member), Mrs. J.A. Hancey (President), Mrs. Wesley Levens, Mrs. Marshall Downey, Mrs. Arthur Herrett, Mrs. Clifford Blaboe and Mrs. Allan Latimer.

Simcoe County Women's Institutes Held Convention in Alliston

Simcoe County W.I. Area Convention was held in Alliston Memorial Arena, on Oct. 30 and 31, 1961, with an attendance of 455 ladies, and Mrs. W. W. Campbell of Stroud in the chair. The theme for the convention was "Let us take time for all things". After the opening exercises, the minutes of 1960 convention were read, followed by the Financial Statement, and Auditor's Report.

Miss McKercher, Director Home Economics Service, Toronto, then gave her address, stressing the fact that we are not careful enough filling in forms; also when having Short Courses try and plan for Branches to get together; have a social time at our meetings, for friendliness is good for all of us. She felt also that it was good to move conventions around as everyone then takes an interest, and she finished by saying that what we pass on to others is, what we, ourselves, as W.I. members, create.

Miss Colley, Director of County Recreation Association, Barrie, led in a Sing Song, then gave greetings from her department. She stated that 3,300 children enrolled in summer classes this year, and asked us to keep up our support. Mrs. James Bell gave a splendid report of the Guelph Conference on Adult Education, stressing the fact that we as adults, should try and educate our children by our example. There are not enough trained men to fill the jobs. One-third of the students quit at grade 8. It is up to the W.I. members and parents to try to make students see the need for education, for in this day and age education is necessary.

Mrs. E. Sallows reported on Home Economics and Health, and Mrs. R. McElwain on Public Relations. Mrs. E. Douthwaite, chairman of the Scholarship Committee, urged branches to send in their donations towards the new scholarship, which is to be known as Simcoe County Women's Institute Area Scholarship. Mrs. H. Ottaway, Barrie, gave the report of the Federation of Agriculture, and Mrs. Goodfellow gave the first reading of Resolutions. "In Memoriam" was very fittingly done by Centre Simcoe. The meeting was adjourned and a delicious turkey dinner was served in the Alliston United Church by Alliston W.I.

The evening session opened at 7:30 with Mrs. R. McElwain, 1st Vice Pres. in the chair. The address of welcome was given by Mayor J. M. Storey, who gave a brief history of the town of Alliston and hoped we would enjoy our visit. Mrs. C. Ward, Centre Simcoe, thanked Mayor Storey for his kind words. Music was then given by Gilford W.I. choir, which everyone enjoyed.

The introduction and life history of our Provincial President was narrated by Mrs. W. W. Campbell and dramatized by the Executive and Conveners. Mrs. Lymburner thanked them for the unique presentation and said this was the first time she had been introduced in this manner, and enjoyed it very much. She mentioned the W.I. Booth at the Winter Fair this year, and also on February 19th, 1962, the 65th Anniversary of F.W.I.O. will be observed.

Then the delegates who attended the National Convention in Vancouver, gave a splendid report making all of us wish we could have been there. Music by the Gilford Choir, singing Hymn of All Nations, brought this session to a close very fittingly, with each member going home having enjoyed an inspiring programme.

Next morning, over 200 ladies again registered. After the opening exercises with Mrs. B. Walker, 2nd Vice Pres. in the chair, reports were given on Citizenship and Education by Mrs. H. Campbell, Shanty Bay. Historical Research and Current Events were presented by Mrs. R. Kell, Churchill. The Provincial President, Mrs. Lymburner, gave a splendid address. She stressed the point that our first obligation should be to our Organization. We are so busy helping other organizations that we forget our own. This year we have a special commitment to raise \$52,000 for a National Fund. Also we have to support the Adelaide Hoodless Fund and with our Scholarship Fund and our own branch needs, so all of us should really think and work for our W.I. Her talk was most inspiring.

The Alliston Trio gave an enjoyable rendition of old favourites. Reports on Safety, and on Agriculture and Canadian Industries were given by Mrs. T. H. Kells, Collingwood, and by Mrs. H. V. McKenney, Orillia, respectively.

A demonstration on flower arrangements was given by Mr. Bendell, Alliston, which was most interesting and at the end of the meeting two of the arrangements were presented to Mrs. Lymburner and Mrs. W. W. Campbell. Mrs. Ottaway gave the report on the Museum. Owing to the tearing down of the Museum Building, a new site had to be found. Six acres of land has been purchased at Midhurst, where a building will be erected, and she asked for the co-operation of everyone. The election of officers followed with Mrs. Lymburner conducting same. Luncheon was served in the United Church by the Gilford W.I.

Mrs. W. W. Campbell presided over the afternoon session which opened with a Sing Song led by Miss Colley. The By-Laws were then read by Mrs. Merritt, Alliston, and voted on. All were approved, and Mrs. Lymburner complimented us on making new by-laws.

Miss Snedden and Miss Hunt gave a report on the 4-H work, with a leader from each district giving a short skit. The Junior Institute Convener, Mrs. Waterson, Coldwater, also gave a splendid report. Mrs. W. W. Campbell gave the highlights of Mrs. Haven Smith, President of National Convention's address, "The Challenge of Tomorrow". Let us never underestimate the power of a woman. The A.C.W.W. has changed the thinking of millions of women. Sometimes when a person does not agree with you, things may not be what you think. Give one a chance to speak. If we have courage, we can overcome all obstacles. We should be able to say "I can." Mrs. Haven Smith will be a speaker at the 65th Anniversary in 1962.

Mrs. W. Goodfellow read the Resolution regarding Liquor Advertising. This was sustained and will be sent to the Provincial Convener. Mrs. Goodfellow then thanked Alliston W.I. for being our hosts and all who had helped in any way.

Mrs. W. W. Campbell closed with a few remarks saying she hoped the convention had given us more faith in our homes, our selves, and our Organization, and hoped we would work harder and remember what we had heard at our Annual Convention. The Convention was closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Eventful Past Recalled at WI Mortgage-Burning - Summer 1963

On Thursday evening, members and guests of the Alliston Women's Institute sat down to supper served cabaret-style by the ladies of Rosemont WI in the Alliston Memorial Library Hall. The occasion was a celebration for burning the \$5,000. mortgage which the Alliston WI took on two years ago when they enlarged the downstairs of the building.

After supper, Margaret Stoltz sang a solo entitled "Bless This House", accompanied by Mrs. Jean Corrigan.

Mrs. Clara Levens gave a brief history of the Alliston WI, how the library came to be, and how it has progressed. The Alliston branch was organized on June 15, 1914, with president, Mrs. J. D. Bowerman; first vice president, Mrs. J. Allan, second vice president, Mrs. Evans, secretary, Mrs. Hamilton, and treasurer, Mrs. Frank Hurst.

They soon found their work cut out for them, as the first World War started in August of that year. These women assumed responsibility for funds to supply war materials and with the community, carried on a strenuous effort for the duration. By the end of the war they had raised almost \$6,200.

Their meeting of Dec. 1919 records the opening of a library in rooms over Hurst's store (presently Patton's Drug Store). Later the rooms became inadequate, so the members got the idea of a library building in memory of servicemen killed in the war.

There was opposition to this plan, but the women overcame it. They bought a lot from Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Foster, and on June 8, 1922, the corner stone was laid by Lieutenant-Governor Cockshutt. On February 9, 1924, the library was officially opened by Dr. Frederick Banting, later Sir Frederick.

A few years ago the present group felt that the library needed to be enlarged. After much discussion and planning, only the basement was made larger. With increased demand for catering and rentals, the place is busy almost all the time.

Mistress of Ceremonies, vice president Mrs. Mina Stuart introduced Mrs. Gertrude Hancey, past president, and requested that Mrs. Hancey accept the honour of burning the mortgage.

Jack Bowerman, son of the first president, Mrs. J. D. Bowerman, addressed the members and guests, congratulating the members on their good work, and reminiscing on some experiences during his youth when he had to run errands for the first Alliston WI.

"I Shall Not Pass Again This Way" was Mrs. Stoltz's second solo. This was followed by a Treasurer's report from Mrs. N. Cameron. She announced that the group had a bank balance of \$726.15, even after paying the mortgage.

Aside from the actual burning of the mortgage, the highlight of the evening was a talk by Mrs. Stuart, a member of the building committee. She said she had a gift of a new flag for the WI. She referred to an editorial which had appeared recently about the sad state of the flag and flag pole in the library grounds. In the absence of Mrs. Gladys Peterman, president, Mrs. Hancey accepted the new flag on behalf of the Institute members.

Mrs. N. Horsburgh and Mrs. A. Latimer showed slides of past WI functions, flowers, and travel, while the tables were being prepared for an evening of cards.

Immediately after supper, in response to Mrs. Peterman's words of appreciation for the catering job done by the Everett ladies, Mrs. Burns of Everett made an announcement that all the proceeds their group had made for catering for this occasion would be turned over to the hospital fund.



SPECIAL EVENTS

CONT'D

MORTGAGE BURNING CEREMONY



Mrs. R. Peterman, Pres.
Mrs. J. Hancey, Past Pres.
Mrs. G. Stuart, Chairman of
Building Committee
June 13, 1963



Mrs. J. Hancey burning the
mortgage
June 13, 1963



ALLISTON W.I.
BURNING OF THE
MORTGAGE
BUFFET DINNER
THURSDAY JUNE 13
1963 6 P.M.
LIBRARY HALL



Mrs. G. Stuart presenting new
flag to W.I.; Mrs. R. Peterman
accepting for the membership.
June 13, 1963

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF F.W.I.O.

A celebration was held on February 11, 1972 at the conclusion of our Women's Institute meeting, for the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute at Stoney Creek, Ontario in 1897.

Mrs. Clifford Bisbee gave the history down through the years of the work of our Federated Women's Institute of Ontario. We were pleased to hear several numbers by the Alliston Senior Citizens Choir.

A very beautifully iced cake in Institute colors centred the luncheon table. Our two eldest Life Members - Mrs. E. P. Foster and Mrs. J. A. Hancey cut the cake. A social time followed this very happy occasion.

Mrs. John King,
Alliston, Ontario,
March 2, 1972.



Left to Right:

Mrs. Jack Cameron, Treasurer; Mrs. Allan
Corrigan, President; Mrs. John King,
Secretary. 1972.



Left to Right:

Back Row: Mr. R. Carlton, Mrs. David
McKillop, Miss S. Parling, Mrs. Sam
Johnson, Mr. E. Magee, Mrs. E. Magee, Mrs.
W. McMillin (hidden).

Front Row: Mrs. S. Knipe, Mrs. J. Hancey,
Mrs. M. Barry, Mrs. R. Horsburg, Mrs. W.
Robinson, Mrs. L. McMillin.
Pianist - Mrs. I. Long (not shown).

IN MEMORIAM
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEMBERS (DECEASED)
 "THEIR WORKS DO LIVE ON"



1919	-	MRS. JAMES S. ALLEN	(JOSEPHINE)	MARCH 11
1925	-	MRS. ALFRED WYLCROFT	(JEAN)	AUGUST 2
1926	-	MRS. PETER SIZE	(ELIZABETH)	AUGUST 12
1928	-	MRS. JOSEPH DUNHAM	(CHARLOTTE)	SEPTEMBER 11
1929	-	MISS MAMIE HANLEY		OCTOBER 5
1930	-	MRS. THOMAS J. ARNOLD	(ELIZABETH)	MARCH 15
1933	-	MRS. J. ROBERT HIPWELL	(NELLIE)	DECEMBER 29
1935	-	MRS. WILLIAM SCOTT	(LENA)	FEBRUARY 25
1936	-	MRS. WILLIAM S. WALLACE	(MARGARET)	FEBRUARY 1
	-	MRS. RICHARD HAMILTON	(ELLA)	MAY
	-	MRS. JOHN DICKEY	(MARY ANN)	DECEMBER 26
1937	-	MRS. BENJAMIN J. MILLER	(REBECCA)	MARCH 13
1938	-	MRS. ELI AGAR	(MARGARET)	MARCH 21
1939	-	MRS. WILLIAM THOMPSON	(MAUD)	NOVEMBER 22
1940	-	MRS. GEORGE MOORE	(ANNIE)	JULY 16
	-	MRS. WILLIAM S. KNIGHT	(BERTHA)	AUGUST 7
	-	MRS. WILLIAM J. WILSON	(MARIA)	NOVEMBER 24
	-	MRS. WILLIAM BANTING	(MARGARET)	DECEMBER 2
	-	MRS. C. DUKELOW	(FLORENCE)	DECEMBER 24

IN MEMORIAM

continued

1941	-	MRS. JOSEPH T. BOWERMAN	(IDA)	JULY 16
1943	-	MRS. W. SANDFORD ELLIS	(ELIZABETH)	JANUARY 4
	-	MRS. W. JOHN NORTON	(ELIZABETH)	JANUARY 13
	-	MRS. DAVID NICOL	(ACHES)	APRIL 23
1944	-	MRS. WILLIAM F. KINSEY	(EALY)	FEBRUARY 7
1946	-	MRS. WILLIAM J. WOOD	(NETTIE)	APRIL 5
	-	MRS. AUSTIN CARD	(LAURA)	DECEMBER 2
1947	-	MRS. WILLIAM F. KNIGHT	(IDA)	OCTOBER 13
1948	-	MRS. JOSEPH J. MILLIGAN	(JESSIE)	MARCH 16
1949	-	MISS MAE HEYDON		MAY 5
1950	-	MRS. WILLIAM HUNTER	(LOUISE)	FEBRUARY 10
	-	MRS. WILLIAM J. COULTER	(SARAH)	SEPTEMBER 5
	-	MRS. JOHN BALL	(NELLIE)	OCTOBER 5
	-	MRS. JOHN MCGILL	(ANNIE)	JULY 18
	-	MRS. ROBERT C. WHITESIDE	(ALDA)	OCTOBER 13
1952	-	MRS. THOMAS EVANS	(LUCY)	FEBRUARY 1
1953	-	MRS. ALEXANDER HALBERT	(CLARA)	AUGUST 27
	-	MRS. JAMES MCKILICAN	(ELIZABETH)	SEPTEMBER 20
	-	MRS. JOSEPH STONEHAM (MRS. M.A. MCMAHON)	(MARY ANN)	DECEMBER 26
1954	-	MRS. W. IRA CLARK	(LYDA)	APRIL 24
1955	-	MRS. EDGAR WHITESIDE	(EVA)	APRIL 11
	-	MRS. GEORGE DALE	(MARGARET)	OCTOBER 19
1958	-	MRS. FREDERICK C. FIDDICK	(CHARLOTTE)	AUGUST
	-	MRS. JOHN T. MOORE	(BERTHA)	OCTOBER 17
	-	MRS. ARTHUR MERRETT	(JENNIE)	OCTOBER 26
1959	-	MRS. NORVAL CAVE	(CHARLOTTE)	JUNE 2
	-	MRS. R. WALTER TAYLOR	(EDITH)	JUNE 20
	-	MRS. EDMUND AGNEW	(LAURA)	JULY 12
1960	-	MRS. JOHN D. FRASER	(FLORENCE)	DECEMBER 24
1961	-	MRS. JOHN HUTCHINSON	(SARAH ANN)	JANUARY 14
	-	MISS GERTRUDE FAWCETT		FEBRUARY 21
	-	MISS CLARA FERRIS		APRIL 30
	-	MRS. L. W. HENDERSON	(MARY JANE)	JUNE 22
1962	-	MRS. THOMAS J. CALLAUGHER	(EDITH)	MAY 25
	-	MRS. NORMAN ROSE	(MARY JANE)	AUGUST 22
	-	MRS. FREDERICK ELDON	(ELIZA)	NOVEMBER 8

IN MEMORIAM

continued

1963	-	MRS. EDWARD ANDERSON	(LOUISE)	JANUARY 5
	-	MRS. THOMPSON BANTING	(LENA)	APRIL 12
	-	MRS. GEORGE BELL	(MARY JANE)	AUGUST 18
1964	-	MRS. JOSEPH MURPHY	(ANNIE)	JANUARY 4
	-	MRS. JOHN J. GRAHAM	(MAUD)	JANUARY 9
1965	-	MRS. EARL BRETT	(EDNA)	MAY 1
	-	MISS ALICE REID		AUGUST 28
	-	MRS. G. FRANKLIN CROSBIE	(GRACE)	SEPTEMBER 22
1966	-	MRS. J. JOSEPH HARPER	(FRANCIS)	MARCH 20
	-	MRS. JOSEPH H. WHITE	(MARY)	APRIL 9
	-	MRS. THOMAS J. HENDERSON	(SARAH JANE)	JUNE 9
1967	-	MRS. WILLIAM MCGILL	(FLORENCE)	JUNE 12
	-	MRS. ROBERT PATTERSON	(JEAN)	JULY 5
	-	MRS. WILLIAM WELSH	(ANNIE)	JULY 16
1968	-	MRS. ELMER C. GRAHAM	(ETHEL)	FEBRUARY 1
	-	MRS. FRANK N. HURST	(EDITH)	JULY 8
	-	MRS. E. ALBERT GRAHAM	(MARGARET)	AUGUST 2
1969	-	MRS. GEORGE WILKINSON	(OLIVE)	MARCH 29
	-	MRS. LARRY MURSHAW	(LILLIAN)	AUGUST 16
1971	-	MRS. JOHN E. GODDARD	(EDITH)	JULY 8
	-	MRS. FREDERICK B. ELLIOTT	(BERTHA)	SEPTEMBER
1972	-	MRS. GEORGE WATSON	(REBECCA)	MAY 16
	-	MRS. WALTER M. LEE	(ELIZABETH)	MAY 20
	-	MRS. ELMER CONNELL	(ETHEL)	AUGUST 2
1973	-	MRS. T. PERCY FOSTER	(MARGARET)	JANUARY 12
	-	MRS. WESLEY STONE	(ANNIE)	JANUARY 14
	-	MRS. JOHN J. NICOL	(JEAN)	MARCH 16
	-	MRS. FRANKLIN HACKETT	(ETHEL)	MAY 21
	-	MRS. ARTHUR STONE	(MARION)	JULY 13
	-	MRS. WESLEY PENELTON	(MARY)	SEPTEMBER 27

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE PROJECT

January 24, 1951.

ALBION WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

BURNS SUPPER

PRIMER.....READ PRIMER.....ALL STAYED

INTER.....LASSIES.....DEACONS.....JACK CUMMON
PRIMER.....Sgt.O. SEAL,
Camp Borden.

ADDRESS TO LASSIES.....MRS.HARRY DAVIDSON

WELCOME PRIMER.....REV.H.P. MAITLAND

D I X I E R

ALL SING.....YA BANSE AND BANSE.....SEATED

Ye larks and braves o' Bonnie Doon, Ye'll break my heart ye warbling
How can ye bloom sae fresh and fair? birds,
How can ye chant - ye little larks, That wauken thru the flowery thorn
And I am weary, fad o' care. Ye mind me o' departed joys,
Depar'ted never to return.

OPENING REMARKS.....REV.H.P. MAITLAND

TOAST.....THE KING.....REV.H.P. MAITLAND

SONG.....STAR O' ROBBIE BURNS...MRS.D. SHEDDEN, Toronto.

TOAST TO THE LASSIES.....MR.W.F. MOOD

REPLY.....MRS.H.E. DUNN
President Women's Institute

SCOTCH DANCES.....MRS. HORSCH'S CLASS, Barrie.

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS.....REV.H.P. MAITLAND

TOAST....."THE NATIONAL MEMORY"

REV. C.K. HOLLAND
Toronto

SONG.....MRS. D. SHEDDEN, Toronto.

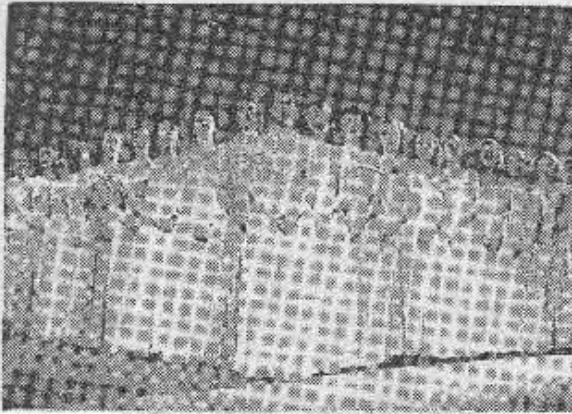
SCOTCH DANCES.....MRS. HORSCH'S CLASS, Barrie.

ALL SING.....ANNIE LASSIE.....SEATED

Maxwellton brass and Bonnie,
Where early Ie's the dew,
And its there that Annie Laurie
Gie'd me her promise true,
Gie'd me her promise true,
Which ne'er forget will be,
And for Bonnie Annie Laurie,
I'd lay me down and die.
Her brow is like the snow-drift
Her look is like the sun,
Her face it is the fairest
That e'er the sun shone on -
That e'er the sun shone on,
And dark blue is her eye;
And for Bonnie Annie Laurie,
I'd lay me down and die.

ALL LANG STAY

Leslie Bell Singers At Arena Friday For Women's Institute



DR. LESLIE K. BELL

Leslie Bell Singers Thrill Large Alliston Audience

The town of Alliston and the surrounding district had a rare privilege last Friday evening, Sept. 14, 1951 -- that of hearing and seeing the Leslie Bell Singers, of radio and concert hall fame. The Women's Institute deserves a great deal of credit for bringing them to town; quite an undertaking as they will assure you! They should feel amply rewarded. The setting--our own fine Arena. It was a surprise to many that the scene of many a hard fought hockey and lacrosse game should be a top-notch concert hall--spacious, beautifully decorated and acoustically excellent--a fitting background for the colourful beautiful costumes of the charming group of girls, about thirty-five in number--the Leslie Bell Singers.

They opened their program with three beautiful religious numbers. The first, the great Luther Hymn "A Mighty Fortress is our God" was followed by the fifth century Kyrie Elieson, of grave beauty and deep religious feeling. A great contrast was the lively Negro Spiritual "Denial".

The program notes by Dr. Bell who acted as Master of Ceremonies, added greatly to the enjoyment of the audience. He doesn't plan his program in too great detail, leaving it partly to his judgment of audience reaction at the time. When one considers Dr. Bell's talents as an arranger, his dynamic directing of his Singers and his friendly, natural manner and interesting presentation as a master of ceremonies, one is indeed amazed at his versatile genius.

Perhaps nowhere does his genius as conductor and arranger show to better advantage than in the Folk Songs--long a pet hobby of his, as they appeared throughout the program. The gay Czechoslovakian and Latvian dances--the romping Allouette, with the "Fifth Column" interlude of "Volga Boatman," the dainty lyric quality of the English folk dance--in these singers excelled. The Scots folk tune was a medley of "The Campbells are Coming" and "A Hundred Pipes" and the mean of bagpipes, cleverly imitated by the girls, drew alternate sighs of delight from the good Scots and politely suppressed groans from the Irish. "Old Smoky" caught the audience's fancy too, coming as it did after a piece in similar vein explained by Dr. Bell. The pathos of the superbly rendered "Danny Boy" as usual, won audience favour. The American folk songs were highlighted by the Medley of the Roaring Twenties--including the ever popular Ramona. Hardly a folk song, and yet typical American composition was the lyric from the Victor Herbert operetta, as was the music from Walt Disney's "Cinderella".

All in all, then, it was a delightful evening. Thanks again to The Women's Institute for arranging such an epoch-making event. We hope that this is just the beginning of use of the Arena as a centre for Community entertainment of varied kinds.

A delightful hour was enjoyed over coffee afterward by the Singers, their Director, and a number of those responsible for the Concert. Many comments were heard about the friendliness and good fellowship of the girls and their leader, Dr. Leslie Bell.

"YE OLD FAMILY ALBUM"

The Alliston Women's Institute contributed this number "Ye Old Family Album" in an "Autumn Festival" put on by the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Mrs. Francis Morrow, very ably, trained the group. The proceeds went toward the Stevenson Memorial Hospital.

It was held in the Alliston Arena on October 16 and 17, 1964.

Those who took part were:

GRANDMA	- MRS. E. C. GRAHAM.
TWO ELDERLY SISTERS	- MRS. LORNE McMULKIN AND MRS. HARRY GRAY.
FOUR COUSINS	- MRS. JOE SMALL, MRS. JACK CAMERON, MRS. JOHN KING, MRS. HAROLD PEARSON.
MAIZE	- MRS. CLIFFORD BENSE.
NORA	- MRS. GEORGE FAUX.
BERNIE	- MR. JIM JOHNSTONE.
JULIA	- MRS. ALLAN LATHIER.
CHARLIE, GROOM	- MR. ROBERT WALKER.
LUCY, BRIDE	- MRS. ROY PETERMAN.
MINISTER	- MR. ARTHUR MERRETT.
MINISTER'S WIFE	- MRS. JOHN WHITEHEAD.
FREDDIE	- MR. JACK BOWENMAN.
LENA TWIN	- MRS. ROY LAKING.
EMMY TWIN	- MRS. WILHELM EILBERT.
FOUR GENERATIONS	- MR. HAROLD PEARSON, MR. NORMAN HORSBURN, MRS. MARJORIE McLEAN, MISS LUCY KING.
AMEA	- MRS. NORMAN HORSBURN.
PERCY	- MR. JACK MEY.
MUSICIANS	- MR. JOHN KING, MR. GEORGE FAUX, MR. ROY PETERMAN.
NEILLIE	- MRS. ARTHUR MERRETT.
AUNT MATTIE	- MRS. JOSEPH HANCEY.



L. to R.
BACK ROW: Mrs. L. McMulkin, Mrs. R. Laking, Mrs. E. Eilbert, Mrs. R. Peterman, Mr. R. Walker, Mr. A. Merrett, Mrs. C. Binbee, Mrs. H. Gray.
FRONT ROW: Mrs. E.C. Graham, Mrs. J. King, Mrs. J. Cameron, Mrs. Joe Small, Mrs. H. Pearson.



L. to R.
BACK ROW: Mrs. J. King, Mrs. H. Gray, Mrs. L. McMulkin, Mrs. E. Eilbert, Mrs. R. Laking, Mrs. J.A. Hancey.
FRONT ROW: Miss Lucy King.

Portraits from the Past...



*Produced in the interest
of Women's Centennial Activities in Ontario,
by the Ontario Centennial Planning Branch,
Department of Tourism and Information.*

Portraits of the Past was presented by the Alliston Women's Institute in the Arena on June 23, 1967. It was very well put on and all tickets were sold.

The proceeds were given to assist in the beautification of the Boyne River running through Alliston.

ALLISTON
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
PROGRAMME
1941-42.

"FOR HOME AND COUNTRY"
"In the love of home, the love
of country has its rise."

We want you at our meetings
held on the 2nd Friday of
each month, at 8 p.m.

VISITORS WELCOME.

Miss Foster

Miss Milne
Alliston
Women's Institute

PROGRAMME

1942-43

Come and Be a Friend to All Our
Meetings

A goodly thing it is to meet
In friendship's circle bright,
Where nothing stains the pleasure
Nor dims the radiant light.
No envy sour the mind,
No envy sour the mind,
But each shall seek the common weal
The good of all mankind.

ALLISTON
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE PROGRAM
1946-47

For Home and Country
In the love of home,
The love of country has its rise.

INSTITUTE ODE.

A goodly thing it is to meet
In friendship's circle bright,
Where nothing stains the
pleasures bright
Nor dims the radiant light;
No envious words our lips
shall pass
No envy sour the mind
But each shall seek the
common weal
The good of all mankind.

We would like you to attend our
meetings held on the 2nd Friday
of each month at 8:00 P. M.

VISITORS WELCOME

Alliston
Women's
Institute

Motto:



1951 - 1952

Meetings will be held the second
Friday of each month
at 7.30 p.m.



PICNIC COSTUMES - JULY 1, 1967
L. TO R. MRS. JOSEPH HANCOY, MRS. ALLAN LATIMER, MRS.
JOE HALL.



PICNIC AT SPRINGWATER PARK 1970
L. TO R. MRS. ROBERT RUSSELL, MRS.
CHARLES MORROW, MISS FLORENCE WOOD,
MRS. JOSEPH HANCOY, MRS. W. MCNULTY,
MRS. JERRY MCNULTY, MRS. FRED
CORRIAN, MRS. ELSA DARR, MRS. ARTHUR
MORRIS, MRS. ROBERT DOWNEY.



W. I. AT GARRIS V. V. STATION
JULY 1959



W. I. AT GIBSON COUNTY MUSEUM,
LATER AT SPRINGWATER PARK, PICNIC.
L. TO R.
BACK ROW: MRS. ROBERT RUSSELL, MRS.
FRED CORRIAN, MRS. BOY FOSTERMAN,
MRS. JACK BARTLETT, MISS LILA CLARK,
FRONT ROW: MRS. CHARLES MORROW,
MRS. JOHN DARR, MRS. DAVID
MCNULTY, MRS. JOSEPH HANCOY, MRS.
ELSA DARR, MRS. ARTHUR MORRIS.



PRESIDENTS WHO HAVE SERVED THE W. I.
L. TO R. MRS. C. BISSER, MRS. W. LEVENS, MRS. J.
HANCOY, MRS. H. GRAY, MRS. H. FOSTERMAN, MRS. A.
LATIMER, MRS. WINNIFRED HUNTER.

VIEWS OF ALLISTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
AUDITION OPENING AND BOSTON FAIR DISPLAYS



AUDITION OPENING - MARCH 10, 1961
 SERVING - EVERETT BRANCH, MRS. JOHN RAID,
 AND MRS. DONALD KERN,
 .. to R.
 M. ERNEST CUMBERLAND, MRS. JACK CAMERON



BOSTON FAIR DISPLAY 1971



L. to R. OSCAR WHITEHEAD,
 ERNEST CUMBERLAND, ISAAC
 DAVIES, MRS. JACK CAMERON.



BOSTON FAIR DISPLAY 1971



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BOSTON FAIR DISPLAY 1972

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WILLIAM FLETCHER
 Founder of Alliston. Energetic
 business man, establishing the first
 industries in the community, a saw-
 mill and grist mill.



MRS. WILLIAM FLETCHER
 Wife of the founder who made of
 their home a meeting place in the
 community.

STARTING IN THE YEAR 1791

The history of Alliston harks back to the birth of a boy named William Fletcher, in Yorkshire, England, April 1st, 1791. He and his two brothers John and Dickson became dissatisfied with life in England after some years, and set out for Toronto. They arrived with the princely sum of 5d between them. They worked for some time on farms in the Toronto Gore to earn money with which to buy property for themselves. Eventually in 1821 William was able to do this, taking up land at lot 15, concession 3, Tecumseh Township. One of his brothers settled in the Gore, the other went to the Thornbury District. In 1828 William took to himself a wife, a Miss Margaret McGirr, who was born in Clougher, Ireland, April 3rd, 1796. In the same neighbourhood with the Fletchers and McGirrs were the Deles and Clarks.

On this farm, the Fletchers prospered and raised three fine boys. In the fall of 1847 Mr. Fletcher and his eldest son, John Fletcher, set out in search of a mill site, but, after exploring the streams of Adjala, Mulmur, and Tescroentio, they found nothing to suit their ideas of a site. Not discouraged by their lack of success they crossed over into Essex, and on lot 1, concession 1, discovered the site upon which Alliston now stands. This proved very attractive because in addition to ideal water power the location was valuable for the quality of its timber and the richness of its soil. This river was later called the Boyne. Over a period of years the Fletchers purchased ten or twelve hundred acres of land, part of which was in Tecumseh Township.

First Dwelling Erected

Early in November of the same year he and his son erected a log shanty, the first building in Alliston. This pioneer structure was composed of logs in the round, with gable ends and round poles for rafters, and was roofed with clapboards fastened with small wooden pegs. It was floored with rough lumber and the chinks in the walls were filled with split cedar and moss. This residence stood on the south bank of the river, facing north at 80 Victoria Street West, where the Canadian Tire Corporation is now located.

Saw Mill Built

In the early part of April 1848, the rest of the family settled here. During the summer this ambitious pioneer erected a saw mill on the north side of the river, and established the first industry of the town. At that time the nearest neighbour on the west was at McMulkin's Hill, on the east at Sharpe's Hill, on the south near Beaton, and on the north at West Essex, where the Ruthvens, Stevensons and Turnbulls had settled.

Oldest House Erected in 1849

In 1849 a fine frame residence was erected and still stands at 18 Fletcher's Crescent. Miss Sarah Fletcher, a descendant of John Fletcher, still lives there. This

home throughout the years has been a centre of social activity. In the early days Indian ladies calling to sell their hand made baskets, received gracious welcome, and down through the years people found a measure of hospitality far exceeding that which we know today.

Shortly after this time the community was enlarged by another business establishment. Mr. William Turnbull of West Kasa decided to open a General Store about 1856. This store served the people from a wide area and was located where the Windsor House now stands.

FIRST WHITE CHILD BORN

In 1853 Mr. Fletcher built a Grist Mill. The first miller was Mr. Grant the father of the first white child born in Alliston. The house in which he lived stood facing east where the Guild Interior Warehouse is located. It was later moved farther west on Victoria Street, for many years this house was occupied by Walter Storey. The first white child was Margaret Grant, born April 21, 1854. She grew up, married William Banting and became the proud mother of Sir Frederick Banting.

In 1854 The Methodists, who had been holding services in the different homes decided to build a hall. It was located about where the McBride block is today.

ALLISTON GETS NAME

The next year the Orange Lodge was formed with Mr. James Banting, Master. During the next year, 1886 it was suggested a village be started, called Alliston after the birthplace of Mr. Fletcher in England.

Up until this time the sending and receiving of letters was a matter of uncertainty. In 1859 a Post Office was opened in the Fletcher home and the first Postmaster appointed was George Fletcher, second son of Mr. Fletcher.

George Fletcher established a newspaper "The Alliston Star" first published in 1862 with Mr. Malcolm McCarthy as editor. The subscription was \$1.00 per year. The Presbyterian Church was opened in 1862, on Victoria Street West.

FIRST SCHOOL

Messrs William and John Bayers built the first school at the Scotch Line corner and Victoria Street East in 1862.

FOUNDRY BUILT

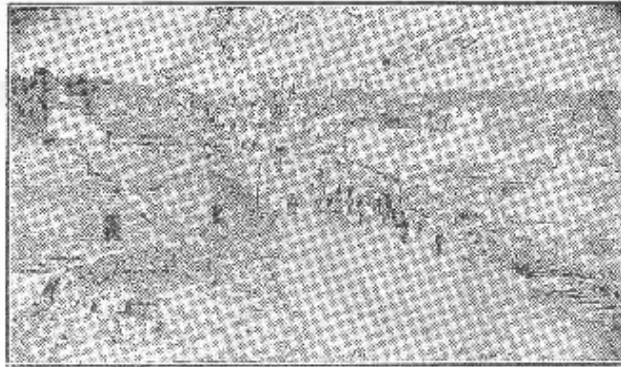
In 1868 Messrs Aitken, Knight and Crossley established a foundry and agricultural works on Church Street north where the Bear Outlet now stands. Mr. John Wilson later took over Mr. Crossley's place in the firm. Thus Mr. Fletcher lived to see a tangled wilderness changed into a busy and prosperous little town. The stately hardwood trees that were felled to clear the land were reduced to ashes in large bonfires. These ashes were shipped to plants in the United States for the making of Potash.

In 1871 the "Alliston Star" became the "Alliston Herald". In 1872 the Wesley Methodist Church was erected at the corner of Victoria and Centre Streets. In 1873 the Masonic Seven Star Lodge was established.

ALLISTON BECAME A VILLAGE

In 1874 was incorporated as a village. The first Council took charge in January 1875 with Reeve George Fletcher presiding. The Councillors were P. D. Kelly, James Aitken, Richard Chappell, John Strachan, with John Gilbert as Clerk receiving \$50.00 a year and James Drury the treasurer \$20.00 per annum.

A Bylaw gave the treasurer authority to pay each householder 50 cents for each shade tree planted. The wisdom of this plan can easily be seen today because Alliston is noted for its shade trees. The same year tavern licences were \$30.00 per annum and liquor licenses were \$25.00 per annum.

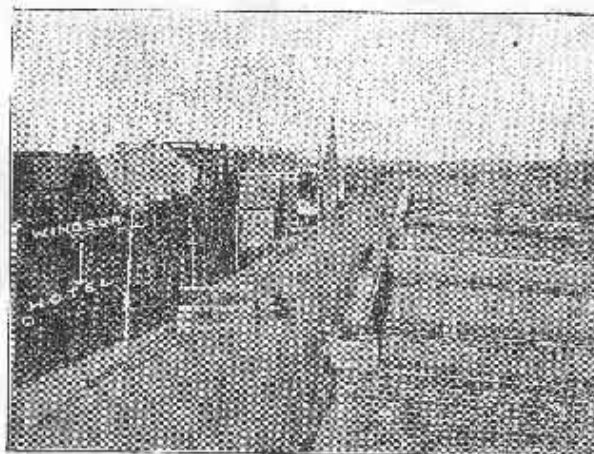


THE DAY AFTER THE FIRE

May 8, 1891, was a disastrous day for Alliston when practically all the business section and many of the residences of the thriving town, were destroyed by fire. The picture shows Victoria Street, looking east with the Methodist Church, marked with a cross, and the Catholic Church, dimly discernible behind one of the trees.

Fire Takes Toll

This same year Alliston received its greatest setback. On Friday, May 8, 1891, at twelve forty five midday, fire originated in the stables of the Queen's Hotel, now the Windsor House, and fanned by the high winds spread in a few minutes to the business establishments on the east and across the street. Mayor Stewart telegraphed to outside towns for assistance. The Collingwood fire brigade left immediately on a special train with their fire engine but before they could arrive the wind had spread the fire south and east. The fire consumed everything on the north side of the street to the river from the Queen's Hotel to the Bank of Hamilton where it stopped leaving the Methodist church untouched. On the south side of the street the fire carried on, finally extending to Wellington Street, demolishing buildings as far east as Dufferin Street. About three o'clock the Collingwood Fire Brigade arrived and was hurried to the south east part of the town. Here it did great service in saving the many buildings there. An account after the fire showed that about 30 acres had been destroyed leaving a jumbled mass of dilapidated ruins and partly burned timbers. A large majority of the business houses were destroyed and scores of families were left homeless in the residential areas. Surrounding towns tendered their assistance and government aid was immediately sent. Sir John A. MacDonald, although ill at the time, gave the matter his personal attention.



RISEN FROM THE ASHES

Victoria Street in Alliston was not a busy place at the moment this picture was taken when the town had been rebuilt after the fire of 1891. It shows clearly the Windsor House and the Marrow House, both important hosteleries of their day as the former is in 1947. The spires of the Methodist and Catholic Churches can be seen in the distance.

Railway Comes

In 1875 an Oddfellows Lodge number 171 was opened with Mr. N. Dickey as the First Noble Grand. On November 5th of the same year the corner stone of Saint Andrew's Anglican Church was laid, the building being completed the next summer. About this time the people of Alliston were thrilled with the possibility of having a railroad, thrilled to the extent that they were going to issue debentures to the tune of \$8000, to assist the North Simcoe Railroad Company. The railway was to run from Penetanguishene through Alliston to a point on the Toronto Gray and Bruce Railway. This venture did not materialize but an agreement, the oldest made by the town was signed by Reeve John Stewart and the Hamilton and North Western Railway. In this agreement, Alliston promised \$8000, to aid in building a railroad from Clarksville, now Beeton to Glencora before November 1st, 1877, the first train to run on or before January the first, 1878. The town had no other debt besides this \$8000. The H. & N.W. became the Grand Trunk and the Grand Trunk in turn became the C.N.R. which still serves the town. The Council indicated its wish to encourage industry and granted ten years free taxes to the woollen mill. Late that same year or early in the following year the business section of the village fell prey to the fire demon.

New School Built

In 1881 a bylaw was passed raising \$4000 dollars to build a new school. The land, situated on the south side of Albert Street between Church and Paris Street was finally purchased from George Fletcher for \$150. per acre in 1885. A new bylaw authorizing \$6000, expenditure was passed in the latter year. The agreement was signed by George McGirr, Chairman of the trustee board, and Thomas McKee, Public School Inspector. By this time the school on the Scotch Line was far too small although an extra room had been added. Incidentally Mr. C. R. Knight, a present resident of this town taught in that extra room. Additional classes were using the Fletcher Block opposite the Methodist Church.

Later developments in the 80's included the acquiring of a Driving Park situated between Centre Street on the West and Dufferin Street on the East, Tupper Street on the North and Beech Street on the South. The C.P.R. Stock Yards occupy part of this ground now. In 1888 a street watering apparatus was purchased for the sum of \$30.00. About the same time a fifty dollar reward was offered for information leading to the conviction of a "Firebug" who was causing trouble in town. The same year a fire hall was built by William O'Donnor on land donated by William Fletcher. The total outlay for the fire hall was \$150. In the same year Mr. Johnson received a dollar a week for lighting the street lamps, and Mr. Squares acted as Constable for nothing.

In 1889 the Mercer Brothers were induced to come to town by granting them exemptions from taxation for a period of five years. This company occupied the large building at the south end of Paris Street where they manufactured many agricultural implements of high quality. Unfortunately, they changed the knotters on their binder and this proved very unsatisfactory, so unsatisfactory that a shipment to South Africa proved fatal to the firm's finances.

In 1890 the problem of having electric lights on the street came up, and it was finally decided, after much deliberation, to have five lights installed. The lights were to be on 315 nights a year at a cost of 90 cents a night.

Incorporated as a Town

The year 1891 was possibly the most important year in Alliston's existence. In the first place, on January the 1st it became a town on proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. The first town Council was made up of John Stewart, Mayor, Dr. James D. Sutherland, Reeve, and Councillors John Moore, George McGirr, John F. Wilson, William Hutchinson, Thomas O'Callaghan, W. I. Clarke, James Ferratt, Henry Longeway, and C. C. Lee.

Waterworks Installed

The following year arrangements were made to install the water works and a contract was drawn up with E. J. McQuillan and Thomas McQuillan to lay two thousand two hundred and fifty feet of eight inch pipe at \$1.05 a foot, three thousand six hundred and thirteen feet of six inch pipe at 80¢ per foot, seven thousand nine hundred and sixteen feet of four inch pipe at 55¢ a foot and 20 hydrants at \$35.00 each. There were fifteen water customers.

An interesting item from the minutes of November the 1st, 1892, showed a motion "Recommending a Policy of Inactivity on the matter of applications for Engineership for

the present". The same year a vote of the people authorized buying the Market Hall, now called the Town Hall, from the Market Hall Company for \$7600. The Hall was wired the following April by Mr. W. J. Fletcher for the sum of \$75.00. In the same month Mr. R. F. Kelly rented the Opera Hall for \$200.00 a year.

At that time sidewalks were made of lumber, hemlock costing \$8.50 per thousand and cedar costing \$8.75 a thousand. The first council meeting in the new hall was held June 6th, 1893. The council was worried about children on the streets in that year so they passed a bylaw to keep them off the street after nightfall. If records are to be relied upon, it was the nightwatchman's duty to place all children found out after dark in the town lock up. If that were the case today we would need a slightly larger jail.

During 1894 extensive additions were made to the Fire Protection Apparatus, a hook and ladder truck, fire extinguishers and an electrical alarm system. A side light on prices of the day was the fact that four foot tamarac was \$2.80 a cord. To show that boys were boys in those days as well as now, a bylaw was passed prohibiting the throwing of snowballs. About the same time members of the Council were much concerned over speeding on Front Street.

On March the 15th of the following year Mr. J. R. Hipwell became Treasurer at a salary of \$70.00 per year. Mr. Hipwell served in this capacity until 1942, a term of 47 years.

An increasing interest in the sanitary arrangements in town was evidenced by the fact that the board of health limited the number of pigs in town to not more than one to each household. The next year their concern for the Constable was shown in the fact that they obtained his first means of protection with the purchase of a revolver, \$5.00, handcuffs \$4.00, and a staff \$2.00. Early Closing came into the picture too on the May 15, 1899. It was decided to close the shops at 7:30 p.m. except on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays, and they were not to open until five o'clock the next morning.

During the next year, 1900, the water situation received some attention and a windmill was purchased. At that time this was the cheapest and most readily available power that could be supplied in this way. In August, 1902, a census of the population was taken by Robt. Henderson who received \$5.00 for the job and discovered that there were 1,475 people living in the town at that time. The following year it was suggested that the town have a free library, something that did not materialize until just recently. The same year the firemen and the council had a difference of opinion over the responsibility for damage incurred when a fire extinguisher exploded. Cement sidewalks were much in the minds of the people. Petitions from householders on different streets were received by council, begging that body to consider the advisability of laying cement sidewalks here, there and every other place. This ran into quite a sum of money. One item in the minutes mentioned paying a Mr. W. J. Anthistle some \$1,200 to \$1,300 for the work he had done along this line.

Addition Made to School

In 1904 the interest of the members of council was centered on the weight of the loaves of bread, the changeover from arc lights on the street to incandescent bulbs, and the discussion over debentures to raise money for the additions to the school building. In 1905 two rooms were added at the back of the school, the driving park or agricultural grounds were purchased so that a right of way could be granted to the Canadian Pacific Railway as well as room for stock yards. In the same year the arguments flew thick and fast over obstructions on Victoria Street. These obstructions were chiefly verandahs, railings and doorsteps. Some of the business men were invited to a council meeting to show why they should not remove these obstacles. How this worked out the minutes did not show, but a man was appointed the next month to go around and pull down any posts, steps or railings that might be in the way.

C.P.R. Arrives

The C.P.R. which reached town in the latter part of 1905 or early in 1906 proved to be a mixed blessing. Although it opened a new avenue of trade it caused a great deal of dissension for some time. Many people were opposed to the closing of Nelson, Wellington and Queen Streets. Finally a subway was built under the track at Wellington Street thus relieving the situation slightly. Arguments arose over the amount of town water used by the construction engines, and the water question remained a

sore point for some years.

RESERVOIR BUILT

In the fall of the year land was purchased from Mr. W. J. Fletcher for the sum of \$600.00 for the erecting of a reservoir.

Mr. J. J. Williams was appointed Chief of Police without salary, his only remuneration being the fee he could collect in line of duty,

On January 1 1911, the Parker brothers, George and William suffered a great loss when their mill was burned. About two months later the efforts of the Fire Brigade were recognized when it was decided to pay \$25.00 for each fire.

A new well was drilled a fact which proved very fortunate, because the ample supply of water was instrumental in having Messrs Defries, Woodman and Co. bring their silver plating factory to town.



A flood in April, 1911 played havoc with the bridge and consideration was given to a suggestion that a bridge be built across the river north on Church Street. No decision was made. The Pond was cleaned out and water mains laid across the Pond and an addition built to the Pumping station. A few new hydrants were added. At the same time the windmill was advertised for sale.

Mr. Roland Beattie was sold that part of Wellington Street, west of King Street for the purpose of erecting a lumber mill

Late in 1915 an agreement was made whereby the streets would be lighted with seventy five watt bulbs at a cost of \$16.07 a month per light. The lights were to be turned on one half hour after sundown. Each night the lights were turned off a one o'clock except Sunday nights when they went off at twelve o'clock.

About this time the wounded veterans returned. Private Robert Homes was the first to return and he was presented with a wrist watch.

HYDRO COMES TO TOWN

On June 6 it was decided to make the change from the Alliston Electric Company to the Ontario Hydro Commission. This did not take place until May 24 1918. The local Public Utilities bought the Alliston Electric Light Company from Mr. W. J. Cunningham for \$12000.00.

In 1919 Victoria Street was paved from Paris Street to the C.P.R. tracks. A great peace celebration was held July 19.

On February 14, 1924 the Memorial library built by the Women's Institute was opened by Dr. Frederick Banting.

In the year, 1928, Peter Thomson and Sons established a saw mill west of town and a theatre in the Town Hall was opened. Talking pictures were introduced in 1929.

The fall of 1928 a fine chapel was erected in the Alliston Cemetery.

In 1929 an extensive sewer system was installed and a disposal plant started. A paving programme was also started with Mr. T.P. Loblaw giving \$50,000.00 toward this project. That summer the Alliston Creamery made artificialice for the first time.

On January 26, 1937, Dr. C.F. Burt, president of the Alliston Lions Club received the charter from District Governor Harry E. Lambert and the Barrie Lions Club presented him with a gavel.

Early in 1938 the Circle Theatre opened its doors and has continued to entertain ever since.

On May 4 the Binwood Casket Co. now the Diamond Wood Products, started production in the Brown building where the old Revere Hotel used to be.

On March 10, 1941, a special memorial service was conducted in St. John's United Church for Sir Frederick Banting.

An event that still hovers in the minds of the people was the St. Patrick's Day wash out. The bridge and the dam crumbled before the battering of high water and large chunks of ice. The difficulties in obtaining a new thoroughfare across the river are still painful memories to many in town. It wasn't until July 20, 1943, that the new bridge, on Church Street was open for traffic.

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FARMERS PICKING UP UNASSEMBLED IMPLEMENTS

PICTURE TAKEN BETWEEN 1895 AND 1899.

HISTORY OF THE OLD TOWN HALL



The old Town Hall was erected as a farmer's market after the great fire of 1891. In 1892 a vote of the people authorized buying the market hall from its builders, The Market Hall for \$7,600.

The opera hall upstairs was used for performances and later for movies until the middle 1940's. At that time there were two emergency exits from it, one toward Wellington Street and the other at the back. The old doorways were still to be seen although the stairs had been removed.

About 1912 the upper floor by the stage (at the south of the building) began to sag and it was necessary to support it by three arches. It was about this time, too, that steel rods were run through from back to front to hold the bulging walls. The upstairs had not been used for many years and was unsafe.

The floor of the lower floor, the market area, was of heavy planking that became increasingly rough, through years of heavy use. The main floor was divided into two areas; the present Council Chambers and the rest of the building. The market was held in both. When the building was bought by the town, a portion was partitioned off as the municipal office. It was the space later occupied by the Police office and the two washrooms. It held two desks and was the only part of the building used full-time for municipal business until 1946.

Council first met in the building (presumably in what is now the Council Chamber and was then used as part of the market) on June 6, 1893. In 1913 "The Market and Town Property Committee" was given instructions to instal a heating system. (Stoves had been used before that).

In 1939 a portion of the main floor was partitioned off for the use of the Red Cross. It was after the war that three offices on the east side of the building was arranged, using the cheapest possible materials on 2"x2" framing. The upper floor was still the original rough lumber. It was not until 1959 that any modernization was attempted. Then the ceilings were lowered, washrooms installed, the floors tiled and a partition put up to hide the arches in the Council Chamber. A second furnace was also installed in an effort to provide enough warmth. The Public Utilities Commission used the northerly office until it put up its own building.

August, 1974.



While the Rev. A. W. Downer, M.L.A., steadies the ribbon and the Hon. C. S. MacNaughton, Minister of Highways (extreme right) holds the scissors case, Mrs. B. H. Knowles wields the scissors, watched by her sister, Mrs. W. D. Thompson, and brother, Leslie Cunningham. With the cutting of the ribbon, the Cunningham Bridge was officially open. Seen in the background (left to right) are Mayor J. R. Mitchell, Councillor F. Misener, Wm. Ainley, Councillor R. Beattie and Deputy-Reeve R. Hunter.

Town's Citizens, Neighbours Attend Bridge Ceremonies - June 1963

"It is our pleasant duty today to open this new bridge over the Boyne River, and no one would deny that it was sorely needed." With these words from the Chairman, Reeve John Darling, the ceremonies which culminated in the official opening of the new bridge on Church Street--the Cunningham Bridge--were under way last Thursday afternoon.

It was a beautiful day -- blue skies, brilliant sunshine and just enough breeze to flutter the bright new flags; flowers on the platform which had been set up on the west side of the bridge, and music over the loudspeaker before the programme started. The microphone behaved perfectly, not one splutter or squawk to mar proceedings. And the speeches were short.



Town foreman Howard Moore and his men had worked hard to have everything spick and span and they laid sod, on the double, to have it ready on time. The firemen helped too by bringing the fire truck and hosing down the street.

There was a brief welcome from Mayor Mitchell, then Councillor Ron Beattie introduced the members of his Works Committee (including George McCague who was a member when the contract was let) and the other members of Council. The contractor, Inverleigh Construction Ltd., was represented by Peter Schmidt. The engineer, Wm. Ainley, who hopped to the microphone on crutches he has used since a skiing accident last winter, prefaced his remarks with, "Ladies and gentlemen, I am an ex-skier".

Summoned as our "dedicated and hard working Town Clerk," Lorne Whiteside introduced the family of the late Mr. W. J. Cunningham for whom the bridge was being named: Mrs. Thompson (Vera), Mrs. Knowles (Irene), and Leslie Cunningham. (Another sister, Mrs. Anderson, is no longer living.)

Mr. Whiteside mentioned his long acquaintance with the Cunningham family and how he had served for many years with Mr. Cunningham when he was reeve and when he was mayor. "He was a very dedicated citizen of the Town. He had strong convictions and I could not always agree with him but he strove always for the good of the Town."

The Rev. A. W. Downer called it "a red letter day for Alliston and for me because I am delighted to be here. I have many happy memories of Mr. Cunningham; he was one of the great men of this community. He was an individualist -- of course he was -- and it is the individualists who leave their mark on a community. I can remember when the first bridge was built; Mr. Cunningham did not want it to be a burden on Alliston's citizens. He took a great interest in it and I think you did well to name this new bridge for him."

Introducing the Minister of Highways, Mr. Downer said "he has given a 'new look' to the Department of Highways. We are proud to welcome him and to show him what we are doing in the finest part of Ontario. We hope he will be back on many similar occasions to perform similar duties."

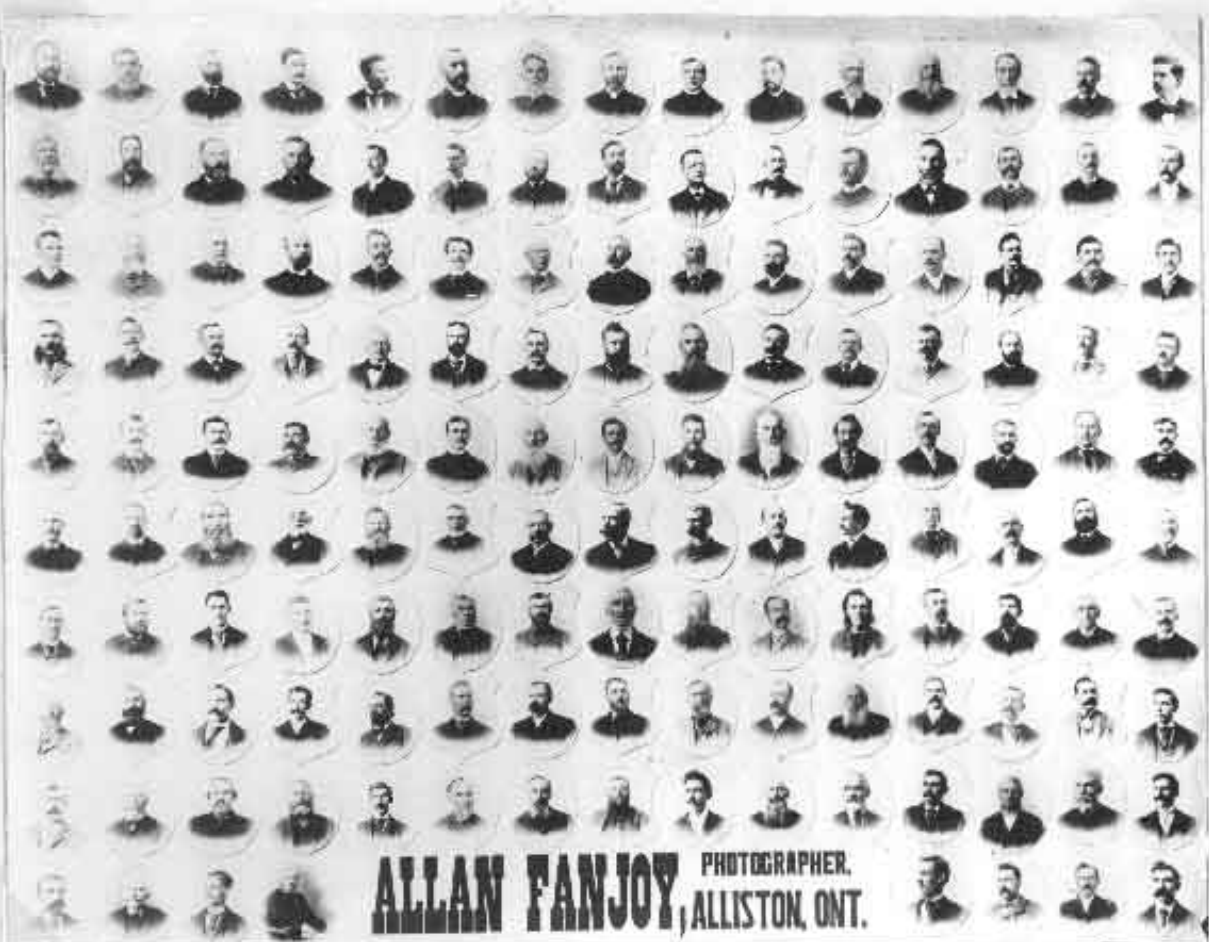
Said Mr. MacNaughton, "If I have no other attribute than brevity on a platform, I can assure you that I do have that". He explained that during the war years little construction work could be done and that the Department of Highways is still working to catch up; the programme would continue until the needs were met.

Mr. MacNaughton was to cut the ribbon which would mark the bridge's official opening, but he said to Mrs. Knowles, "I'll just nick it and then you can cut it". And that is what they did.

Finally came the unveiling of the plaque which had been placed at the south-east end of the bridge. When this had been done by Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Knowles, Leslie Cunningham briefly expressed the pleasure it had given him and his sisters to take part in the ceremonies and their appreciation of this recognition and remembrance of their father.

The official party and special guests moved on to the Community Hall for refreshments. Here there were presentations, of flowers to Mrs. Knowles and Mrs. Thompson, of a silver tray to the Minister of Highways (by Councillor Jean Pitcher) and to Mr. Downer (by ex-deputy reeve George McCague). (A third tray has been given to Mr. Ainley.)

The ceremonies were all over, all had gone well; the Cunningham Bridge was officially open.



TOP ROW (FIRST)

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|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. J.R. Hipwell
Druggist &
Telephone
Office 1885 | 2. John O'Brien
Hotel S.W.
Corner Victoria
& Church St. | 3. Hugh Wright
Carpenter
Liquor &
License
Inspector | 4. Dr. J.W. Harper
M.D. | 5. George Hurst
Dry Goods
Store |
| 6. Rev. H. Carroll
Anglican 1884 | 7. Rev. G. Lee
Retired
Methodist | 8. Rev. J.R.S. Burnett
Presbyterian 1884 | 9. Rev. Thornly
Elm Grove
Methodist | |
| 10. Rev. Thomas Dunlop
Methodist 1894 | 11. Rev. Hughson
Retired
Methodist | 12. George Dinwoody
Liquor License
Inspector 1892
for West Simcoe | 13. John McLaren
Candy Store
Keeper
"Candy John" | |
| 14. James McGarvey
Carriage Shop &
Livery Stable
1882 | 15. Allan Fanjoy
Photographer | | | |

SECOND ROW

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|--|---------------------------|--|--|---|
| 1. J.E. Salter
Accountant
& Salesman
1882 | 2. Dr. Jas. Lyons
Vet. | 3. Ken McCrae
Taylor &
Outfitter
1882 | 4. Joe. Walker
Woolen Mill
Manager | 5. Wm. D. Latimer
Wagon & Carriage
Factory 1890 |
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ALLISTON BUSINESS MEN BEFORE 1900

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SECOND ROW continued

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|---|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| 6. J.A. Graham
General Store
& Banker 1884 | 7. Joe Palmer
Salesman &
Repaired
Clocks | 8. Dr. Samuel Bell
M.D. | 9. T.I. Clifton
Bake Shop &
Store | 10. John Moore
Town Constable
1882-1889 |
| 11. T.M. Brown
Builder &
Mortgage
Broker | 12. John Clark
Blacksmith | 13. J.J. Armstrong
Harness Maker | 14. M.S. Murphy
General
Store | 15. Frank McDowell
Chief Book-
Keeper Mercer
Mfg. Co. |

THIRD ROW

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|--|---|--|---|---|
| 1. Wm. McBride
Harness shop
Musical Inst
-uments &
Custom Office | 2. Jas. Aiken
Fruit &
Vegetables
& Tobacco
1873 | 3. Dr. R.S. Cheffey
M.D. 1888 | 4. Wm. Banting
Father of Sir
F. Banting
Farmer | 5. W.B. Clifton
Hardware
Merchant |
| 6. John Mercer
Mfg. of Farm
Machinery
1890 | 7. Robt. Henderson
Implement Agent | 8. W.K. Wright
Planning
Mill owner | 9. Ed. Sims
Tannery | 10. E.R. Knight
Banker &
School Teacher
1878 |
| 11. Geo. Finlay
Shoe Store | 12. W.F. Kinsey
Undertaker
& Furniture
Store 1890 | 13. A.M. Kirkland
Mgr. Ontario
Bank 1882 | 14. John Falls
Store Keeper | 15. Will Kirby
Clerk in
Dry Goods
Store |

FOURTH ROW

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|--|---|--|--|---|
| 1. T.P. Hodgson
Mfg. Pumps
Well drilling
1882 | 2. Tom Hayes
Shoe Store | 3. Geo. Packham
Building
Contractor &
Brick Layer | 4. F. Crawford
Music Store | 5. J.C. Hart
Grain Buyer &
General Store
& Town
Treasurer |
| 6. Jim Goddard
Cabinet Maker
& Store | 7. Dr. T.M. Armstrong
M.D. | 8. Dr. Jas. Sutherland
Dentist | 9. W.D. Rowe
Mfg. Dog Churns
& Carpenter | |
| 10. Fred Francis
House Painter | 11. Wm. Aiken
Foundry &
Mfg. Farm
Implements | 12. Fred Wilson
Implement
Dealer | 13. J.B. Hoath
School
Principal
1885-1895 | 14. T. Langley
Cartage
Business |
| 15. Charles Lee
General Store | | | | |

FIFTH ROW

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|---|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. D.A. Lee
Retired | 2. Geo. McCluskey
Veterinary DR. | 3. Fred Mercer
Farm Mfg.
Implements | 4. Pat Dwyer
Salesman | 5. V. Hayson
General
Store 1882 |
| 6. Arnold McLaren
Upholsterer of
Buggies, Wagons
& Cutters | 7. David McNulkin
Tecumseth Hotel
Owner | 8. W.G. Fisher
Lawyer &
Mayor 1894
- 1895 | 9. T. O'Callaghan
Butcher | |
| 10. Rev. Geo.F. Lee
Methodist
Retired | 11. Thos. Connell
Blacksmith | 12. Henry Hurst
Dry Goods
Store | 13. Robt. Scott
Egg Storage
Coal & Wood
1882 | |
| 14. John Strachan
General Store
Post Office 1882 | 15. Philip Bevoir
Barber | | | |

ALLISTON BUSINESS MEN BEFORE 1900

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SIXTH ROW

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|--|--|--|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. Tom Holland
Blacksmith | 2. Thos. Evans
Jeweler &
Watch Repair | 3. Wm. Fields
Farmer | 4. Wm. Mitchell
Dealer in
Bldg. Supplies
1880 | 5. Matthew Young
Shoe Repair |
| 6. Frank Wilcox
Assessor | 7. Wm. Martin Dale
Hardware
Store 1882 | 8. Jas. Jarrett
Planing Mill
& Blind
Factory 1882 | 9. W.S. Ellis
Agg & Grain
Buyer | 10. Wm. Wright
Grocery
Store |
| 11. Dr. J.W.S. McCullough
M.D. 1884 at
Rever House | 12. Wm. Lockhart
Town Clerk | 13. H.B. Mann
Variety
Store &
Books | 14. E.A. Newton
Editor of
Herald | |
| 15. John Fletcher
Miller First
Mill | | | | |

SEVENTH ROW

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|---|---|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1. J.J. Hobson
Master 1895
Masenic Lodge | 2. J.J. Goldie
Painter &
Decorator | 3. R.D.B. Timmins
Dry Goods
Store | 4. Geo. Paterson
Bakery &
General Store | 5. Richard Norman
School Janitor |
| 6. P.D. Kelly
Hardware &
Farm Mach-
inery 1881 | 7. Henry Longway
Dry Goods
1884 | 8. Wm. McGinnis
Flour Mill
Manager | 9. Geo. McGirr
Farmer
Councillor | 10. Walt Clifton
Bake Shop |
| 11. Geo. Edmunds
Jeweler &
Watch Repair
1882 | 12. W.H. McDougall
Hotel Keeper
Rever House | 13. Jas. Allen
Blacksmith
1882 | 14. Thos. Morrow
Hotel Keeper
Morrow House | 15. W.S. Stinson
Upson's
Clark |

EIGHTH ROW

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|---|--|---|---|---|
| 1. Wm. Jenkins
Flour &
Feed Store | 2. I. Scraggie
Miller for
Fletchers | 3. Alfred Tegart
Harness Maker
1875 | 4. Jim Reynolds
Blacksmith | 5. W.S. Wallace
Licensed 1882
Auctioneer &
Farm Valuator |
| 6. T.J. Rooney
Butcher
1892 | 7. J. Fred Wilson
Grain Buyer | 8. W.I. Clark
Insurance
Agent | 9. J. Gammel Hood
Clerk of 8th
Division Court
1883 | 10. T.S. Dault
Windsor
Hotel |
| 11. Jim Aberdeen
Free Lancer | 12. John Moore
Night Watch-
men 1892 | 13. W.J. Fletcher
First Electric
Plant 1888 | 14. J.J. Gain
Hardware
Store 1882 | 15. Geo. Hutchinson
General Store |

NINTH ROW

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|----------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| 1. Geo. Dale
Livery
Stable | 2. J.D. Greenless
Planing Mill
Bldg. Contractor | 3. Abel Kinsey
Undertaker
Furniture
Store 1875 | 4. Capt. Duncan McLaren
Wagon & Carriage
Factory 1882 | 5. Hugh Kelly
Clerk
Real Estate |
| 6. Isiah McMann
Druggist 1882 | 7. Jas. Egan
Retired
Farmer | 8. John Stewart
Druggist &
Reive 1871 | 9. Jim Power
School
Principal
1880-1885 | 10. Geo. Fletcher
Sawmill & Flour
Mill 1847 |
| 11. John Horton
Brick Mfg. | 12. Maurice Stacey
G.T.R. Station
Agent | 13. Thos. McMylor
Bldg. Contractor
Installation of
Sewers on Centre
Street | 14. Geo. Upton
Woolen
Mill | 15. Robt. Freeman
Tannery |

ALLISTON BUSINESS MEN BEFORE 1900

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TENTH ROW

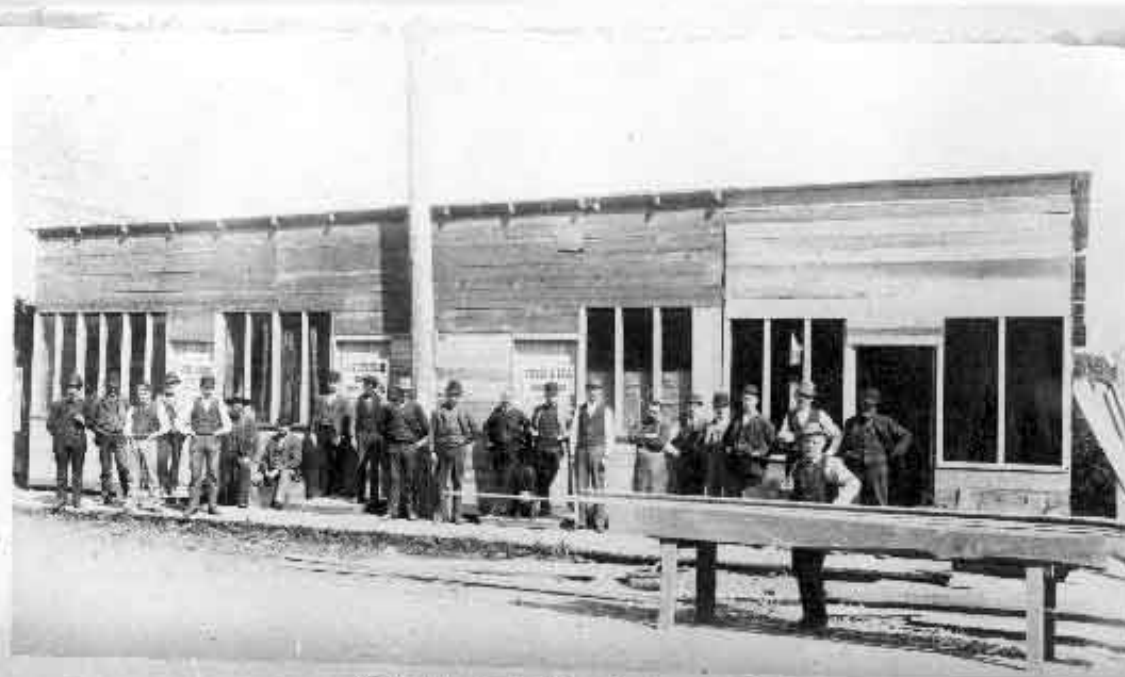
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| 1. Wm. Boethe
Dominion
Hotel 1880 | 2. John Wilson
Skating Rink
Manager
1881-1882 | 3. Wm. H. Aiken
Soft Drink
Mfg. | 4. John Wilson
Implement Mfg.
& Constable | ALLAN FARJOY |
| 12. E.D. Ewing
Hardware
Clerk for
Martindale | 13. Chris Donnelly
Liquor Store | 14. Dr. McLean
M.D. | 15. John George
Baker for
T.I. Clifton | PHOTOGRAPHER |

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Miss Edna Martindale, Mrs. Gerald Whiteside,
Mr. H.A. Murphy, Mr. Edward McGarrol,
Mr. Alex Wood, Mr. Arthur Marrett.

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Book - November 28, 1975.



SUMMER OF 1891
STARTING OF RE BUILD OF ALLISTON VICTORIA ST
AFTER GREAT FIRE MAY 8, 1891

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PICTURES OF EARLY DAYS OF ALLISTON

taken from the photograph album of the late Mr. J. H. Mitchell



Victoria Street East



Victoria Street looking west from Wesley Church



Looking North
from the Driving
Park



Dam and Pumping
Station



Looking North from
Victoria Street with
Mill and Power
Station in foreground
and Water Tower in
the background



West Bridge
and Driveway



Victoria Street East
from Paris Street



Looking down the
Boyne River from
West Bridge



VICTORIA ST. ALLISTON, ONTARIO.



ALLISTON, ONTARIO 1917.



DOONE RIVER
ALLISTON, ONT.



MR. JAMES SHAW
ALLISTON



ELECTRIC BUILDING - 1890.



MAIN STREET & JONES ST.



AT THE CANAL BASIN, ALLINTON, 1901

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY STATION.



CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY STATION.



L. to R.
Miss Mary Fletcher, Miss Margaret Fletcher, Mrs. J. H. Hipwell, Miss Ella Martindale, Miss Isabel Knight, Mrs. C. E. Knight, Mrs. Walter Fletcher, Mrs. Ernest Martindale and Mrs. Dr. Fleming.



L. to R. Lois Elliott, Mrs. J. H. Hipwell, Phyllis Hipwell, in Hipwell's back yard.



L. to R. Mr. Matthew Young, Mr. J. H. Hipwell, Mrs. J. A. Wood, Edward Hipwell, Miss Gravelle, Mr. Fleming, Misses Betty Booth, Miss Laydon, Mr. W. J. Wood, Mr. Thomas Brooks.
RIGHT: Mrs. Evelyn Wood and Jean Wood.
Now Lucky Dealer Food Store

1913.



Dr. F. K. Walker addressing the audience at the Magna Charter celebrations in Alliston Park. L. to R. Mayor V. Knowles and Mayor J. MacMillan.

June 15, 1938.

Mayor Louis MacMillan welcoming the speakers at Magna Charter celebrations. Speakers - Dr. F. K. Walker and Hon. George Drew. Dr. F. K. Walker on right.
June 15, 1938.



L. to R. Edward MacMillan, Marion Harper, Edward Hipwell, and Donald Harper.
1919.



VETERAN'S FLOAT



VIRGEMEN IN PARADE



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE FLOAT
L. to R. MRS. ARTHUR MERRETT, MRS.
WM. ALDERSON, MRS. ALLAN LATTIMER,
MRS. ROY PETERMAN, MRS. JOE SHALL



PLATFORM IN PARK
L. to R. MESSERS ROY CARLTON,
MR. HUNTER, ERNEST HAWES, MAYOR
WINTFORD SMOKEY.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE FLOAT



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE FLOAT
MRS. ARTHUR MERRETT

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CHURCHES

Beautiful is the large church
With stately arch and steeple;
Neighborly is the small church
With groups of friendly people;
Reverent is the old church
With centuries of grace;
And a wooden church or a stone church
Can hold an altar place.
And whether it be a brick church
Or a poor church anywhere,
Truly it is a great church
If God is worshipped there.

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ALLISTON MORMON CHURCH

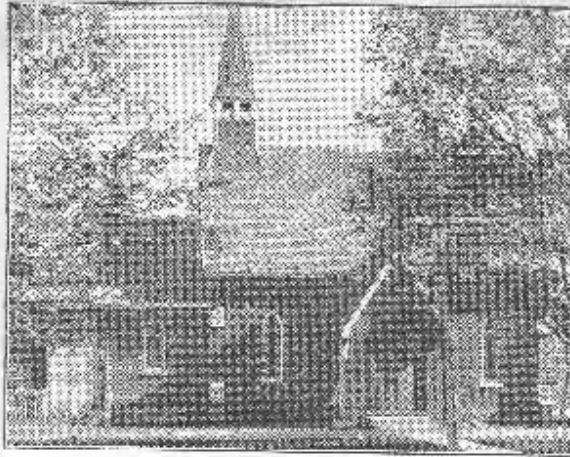


The Mormon movement in the early forties of the nineteenth century took some hold in this district. Mr. Lake was the Mormon missionary, and held services from home to home in the West Essa area, the meetings being attended by crowds, as preaching from higher ideals was then scarce. At those meetings, Mr. William Ritchey also did his some preaching in an unknown tongue. They baptized in Hall's Creek, having made a number of proselytes.

At a later date and when Alliston grew into a village the Mormons built a church here situated opposite the C.N.R. station on Albert Street West, across from the residence of Mr. George McCague. In 1881 Mr. J. A. McIntosh was an elder. Many of the town's people attended this church. Some of the congregation left to swell the Mormon settlement in Illinois and Missouri and later still at Salt Lake City.

The building here was closed and moved to Victoria Street West, just west of the Public Utility Commission building about 1895. For some years it was used by Mr. Donald McVittie as a Machine Shop. Today it is used as a storage for Guild Interior Furniture store.

Mrs. Allan Corrigan,
R. R. #1 Everett, Ontario,
March 17, 1973.



THE FIRST ANGLICAN CHURCH

The corner stone was laid for this church on November 9, 1875, and the consecration service held on Sunday, June 25, 1876. Rev. W. M. C. Clarke was the rector.

1st Anglican Church



St. Andrew's Church 1964

St. Andrew's Church dates back to some time prior to 1860 when records show that at that time the Rev. A. J. Fiddler would ride horseback from Cockstown and hold services at St. Peter's, West Essa, and at Alliston in Mr. Kinsey's workshop which stood on the site of the present building now owned by Lorne Thomas. The corner stone of the first church was laid by Mrs. Lett of Collingwood, the wife of Rev. Dr. Stephen Lett, on November 5th, 1875, with Rev. W. M. C. Clarke as rector.

The incumbents: Rev. A. J. Fiddler and Rev. R. W. Hindea - 1860-1871
 Rev. W. M. C. Clarke - 1871-1880
 Rev. A. Fletcher - 1880-1888
 Rev. A. B. Chaff - 1888-1889
 Rev. W. E. Carroll - 1889-1904
 Rev. E. R. James - 1904-1911

Alliston and West Essa became one parish in 1911 with the Rev. C. L. Bilkey as the first rector, followed by:

Rev. B. N. Defoe Wagner - 1912-1917
 Rev. F. W. A. Roberts - 1917-1922
 Rev. A. C. McCollum - 1922-1927
 Rev. P. A. Knight - 1927-1941
 Rev. B. R. Sayth, Rev. H. R. Deering & Rev. B. S. Greene - 1941-1943
 Rev. V. D. Wigmore - 1943-1948
 Rev. A. C. Herbert - 1948-1955
 Rev. T. H. Bridle - 1955-1962
 Rev. R. W. Symons - 1962----

Last services in the old church were held on March 6, 1927. The corner stone of the present church was laid on Thursday, May 5th, 1927 by the Hon. J. S. Martin, Provincial Minister of Agriculture at a service conducted by Rev. P. A. Knight and assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Ingles. Opening services were held on Sunday, Oct. 5th 1927.

Knox Presbyterian Church

The congregation of Knox Church was founded in 1860, when a number of men, together with their wives and families, met and held services in John Bates' Coopers Shop. These services were conducted by young student ministers sent out by Knox College Students Missionary Society.

Land was purchased and in 1862 the first church was built. Among the founding members were: Adam Wightman, John and William Buyers, Charles Scott, John Patterson, James Rose and William Mashinney. The church itself was built by John and William Buyers.

The first Session was formed upon the ordination and induction of Andrew Mullen and John Buyers to the eldership in May, 1865. The Moderator of the Session was the Rev. J. K. Hielop, who was called by the young congregation to be its first minister. Rev. Hielop ministered in Alliston until 1870.

In 1915, it was decided that the old frame church should be torn down and a new brick building erected in its place. The work of demolition began in March of that year, and within six months the new church (the present building) was opened for worship.

In 1925, Knox entered into the United Church of Canada, but a number of the congregation withdrew their membership and applied their efforts towards the building of yet another church in which continuing Presbyterian services would be held. The work of the new building was started in the spring of 1927, and completed late in the fall of the same year. The site of the new church was on Wellington Street, and its name was to be Chalmers Presbyterian Church.

Services were held in Chalmers until 1951, at which time it became possible to buy back the original church (Knox) from the United Church of Canada.

MINISTERS WHO SERVED THE CONGREGATION

MR. J. E. HIELOP	STUDENT, SUMMER - 1860
MR. MITCHELL	STUDENT, SUMMER - 1861
REV. J. E. HIELOP	1862 - 1870
REV. R. E. KNOWLES	1872 - 1875
REV. S. R. S. BURNETT	1877 - 1904
REV. J. A. DODDS	SUPPLY - 1905
REV. SAMUEL P. SHARP	1906 - 1909
REV. W. T. ELLISON	NOV. 18, 1909 - 1913
REV. MATTHEW F. CREE	JAN. 1914 - 1920
REV. R. F. McIL SMITH	OCT. 1920 - 1925
MR. S. SCOTT	STUDENT, SUMMER - 1927
MR. D. G. LAVER	1928 - 1931
REV. G. C. LITTLE	1931 - 1943
REV. S. F. ANDREWS	1946 - 1949
REV. H. P. MATTIAND	1950 - 1953
REV. J. L. MURGES	1955 - 1959
REV. C. TOWNSEY	1960 - 1970
REV. DONALD MCGEE	1970 - 1974
REV. A. CLEMENTS	1974 -



The Alliston Pentecostal Church

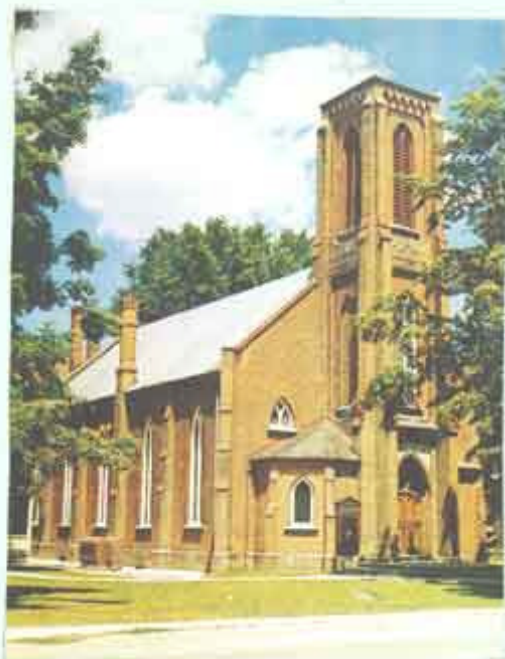
What is now the Alliston Pentecostal Church had its beginnings a number of years ago. Several Pentecostal workers from Toronto, Orangeville and elsewhere at one time or another held services in different parts of the Town of Alliston until a more permanent meeting place was found in the basement of the Knox Church. When the Public School, for a time, started to use the same basement for classrooms, the Pentecostal flock, under the Rev. L. Milley, moved to the upstairs auditorium and continued to meet there for some time.

The first property to be owned by the fellowship was purchased in the Fall of 1950, when the home of Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Dunstan, 7 Nelson Street East, was taken as a parsonage for the pastor, Rev. J. A. Pearson. In the late summer of 1951 the Presbyterians sold their building at 7 Wellington Street East to the Pentecostal congregation. Thus, after many years of moving from one meeting place to another, the congregation became established in a permanent home of their own. In this church building, under the ministries of the Revs. J.A. Pearson, E. Daws, and presently George Croft, the work has continued to develop. Sunday School, Young People's and other departments have been organized. We are thankful to God for being part of His Kingdom in the town of Alliston, and thus contributing to the well-being of its citizens.

At the time of writing, the congregation is working on altering the interior of the church building, decorating and installing new pews. We look forward to further opportunities to serve the people of Alliston and district with the Gospel message.



Pentecostal Parsonage



St. John's United Church

Before 1854 the nearest place of worship was a Methodist Church at Turnbull's Corner, later known as West Essa. The settlers came to this church on foot along a narrow path through the swamp. In 1854 a hall was built for religious services about 44 Victoria St. W., where the Methodist people worshipped until 1872 when the present church, known as St. John's United Church, was built. They were supplied every two weeks with preachers from the old Cookstown Circuit and the intervening Sundays were filled by George Fletcher, a licensed local preacher. His brother, John, was class leader until 1863, when Rev. Peter Addison was stationed here. Prior to Mr. Addison's appointment some of the preachers who came from Cookstown were Rev. Luther O. Rice, Rev. N. R. Willoughby, Rev. J. A. Williams, Rev. Matthew Swan, Rev. David Cattanach, Rev. Bruce Douce, Rev. Jacob Poole, Rev. Michael Fawcett, and Rev. John F. Clark.

From 1863 till 1879 Alliston was the head of a circuit with an ordained minister and a single man. West Essa, Graham's, Agnew's and Sandhook were the outside appointments. The ministers who followed Mr. Addison were Revs. James Matheson, D. F. Gee, John F. German, Robert Smith and E. A. Russ, with John Kepple, Alfred Brown, L. W. Hill, Frederick Dracus, Thomas Manning and Edward Eves as assistants.

In 1879 this church was made a station with Rev. John Bredin as pastor. He was followed by Revs. J. W. Annis, George Webber, Alfred Brown, W. G. Howson, Thomas Dunlop, H. S. Matthews, William Buchanan, S. H. Edwards, Dr. Eby, J. J. Ferguson, A. P. Latter, A. P. Addison, G. M. Gray, Dr. H. Harper, A. A. Wall, E. G. Adams, E. E. Morton, E. A. MacKeracher and James Dorrian.

The church was built in 1872 and opened in the winter of 1873. The Sunday School room was added to the church in 1878 and enlarged again in 1897. After the fire in 1910 the west wing was built on and in 1919 the interior fixtures of the church were taken out and the present oak seating and fixtures put in.

In 1925 Wesley Methodist Church became Wesley United Church. In 1930 Knox and Wesley United Churches joined to form St. John's United Church.

Of the many outstanding events throughout the history of this church none stands out more than a meeting held in the Sunday School room on Sunday, October 20, 1946, when literally hundreds of the former Sunday School scholars came from far and near to do honour to Mr. J. R. Higwell. Mr. Higwell had been superintendent for a period of forty six years. On this occasion his many friends presented him with a gold watch and a sum of money. At the same time to mark the occasion the Sunday School was made the recipient of a fine table and a beautiful rug for the platform. The inscription on the table read as follows: "We live in deeds, not words."

Three young men from this church have entered the ministry, R. H. Brett, J. W. Bruce and John Fawcett. Three young women have gone out as deaconesses, Misses Clive Lyons, Mary Cunningham and Mary Fife.

In 1956, a new pipe organ was installed, and in 1960 at the Anniversary Services, seven memorial windows were dedicated by relatives and friends of former members. Also a set of offering plates, communion trays, and a loud speaker.

In 1964 our church is filled to capacity and is under the fine leadership of Rev. J. F. and Mrs. Shilton, with Mrs. E. Knowles as organist. The Sunday School is flourishing under the leadership of Mr. E. Cumberland and Mr. S. Owen. Plans are being studied for an Educational Building in the near future.

Incumbents have been: Rev. W. T. Ellison, November 18, 1909, to September, 1913;
 Rev. Matthew R. Cree, B.A., January, 1914, to August 29, 1920;
 Rev. K. F. McL. Smith, B.A., October 29, 1920, to August 26, 1925;
 Rev. A. B. Irwin, November 20, 1925, to June 30, 1932;
 Rev. W. M. Lee, M.A., July 4, 1932, to June, 1937;
 Rev. John McKillop, July, 1937, until his death June 24, 1939.
 Mr. Coyne Gifford, student minister relieved from February until June, 1939;
 Rev. James Dorrian, June, 1939, to 1947;
 Rev. E. D. McCormack, 1947, to 1950;
 Rev. F. E. Craik, 1950, to 1953;
 Rev. J. F. Shilton, 1953 to present.



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WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH CHOIR ABOUT 1877

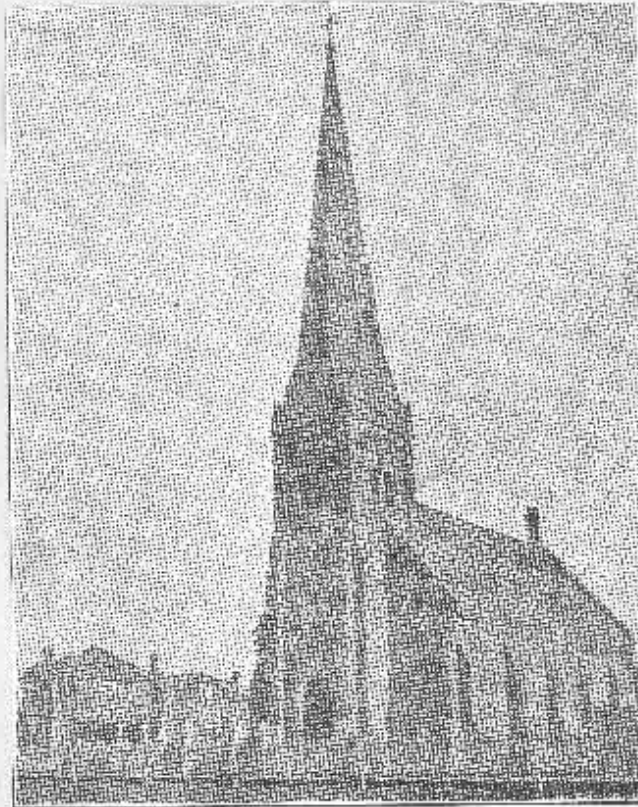


TOP SIX: John Graham, Ab. Burke, Thos. Evans, Bob Henderson,
Mary Fletcher and Minnie Fletcher.

CENTRE THREE: Emma Knight, Tom Henderson, Ebenezer Knight (Choir
Master).

LOWER FOUR: Sarah Graham (holding Lydia Knight's photo), Annie
Fletcher, Lizzie Drury, Ella Knight.

Negative of Picture donated by Edward Fanning,
Alliston, Ontario, May 30, 1972.



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Erected in 1878, St. Paul's Church has served the people of the Roman Catholic faith and immediate district for seventy one years. It is the second oldest church building in Alliston.

St. Paul's Church

In order to understand the history of St. Paul's Parish and Catholic Church in Alliston, it is necessary to go back a few years. The background is rather interesting.

The Church of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception at North Adjala was built in 1855 by Father Radigan, pastor of South Adjala. He was succeeded by Father Paurret, who completed the work undertaken by Father Radigan. In 1865 North Adjala became a parish and Father Patrick Conway built a splendid brick Presbytery.

In the year 1866, Father Rey became pastor and remained there until 1873, when in July, 1873, Rev. H. J. Gibney took charge. In the year 1879 the church was completely renovated.

Three miles to the east of this church a village had come into existence and the population was increasing in numbers. The spiritual welfare of the people had to be cared for; so on March 19, 1875, a meeting of the Catholic people of the newly formed village of Alliston was called for the purpose of discussing the spiritual situation. Soon the ground was procured for a new church and it was decided that the erection of the church should commence the following spring.

The corner stone of the new church was laid on March 28, 1876, by Archbishop Lynch of Toronto and the prospective building was dedicated to St. Paul.

St. Paul's Church was formally blessed and opened on January 5, 1877. Payment was completed on February 13, 1882.

On the occasion of the opening of the church the Bishop referred to the priest's residence which was to be erected shortly afterwards. The priest was to reside in Alliston. Thus, in February, 1882, the residence was completed and ready for occupancy. From this time, the church at North Adjala was a mission from Alliston.

In February, 1885 the Church and Priest's house at North Adjala were destroyed by fire. A new church was built the same year.

In the year 1898, St. Paul's church, Alliston, was completely renovated by Mr. J. J. Goldie. In 1902 the winter chapel was painted and decorated. In 1903 the church was shingled, and in November, 1904, the horse sheds were built. About the same time a new furnace was installed in the church and in 1908 the exterior of the church was painted.

Father Gibney's pastorate of 47 years and 2 months ended on September 20, 1920. Owing to his ill health and advancing years, St. Paul's was placed in the care of the very capable Rev. William Heydon, who after approximately one year in Alliston, was appointed pastor of St. James' Parish, Toronto.

On October 1, 1921, Father John O'Brien was transferred from Stayner to Alliston. At this time, the church at North Adjala and the church at Achill were combined to form a parish with Rev. John Kehoe as first pastor. Father O'Brien remained in Alliston until September 23, 1928 when Rev. Francis J. Sneath was appointed to succeed him.

Father Sneath was transferred from Alliston on March 24, 1936, and Father Frederick McGinn was administrator of the parish for a few months. In the summer of 1937, Father Francis Caulfield was transferred from Orangeville to the pastorate of Alliston, and, in 1938, was moved to Leaside to form a new parish.

Father Felix Coffey succeeded him in Alliston in July, 1938, and on January 28, 1943, he died very suddenly in Toronto.

For a few months Rev. Vincent Egan was administrator and in July, 1943, Father Patrick J. Kirby became pastor.

Due to ill health, Father Kirby was transferred to Toronto in September 1944, and was replaced by Father T. L. Healy as parish priest in Alliston.

Alliston parish (St. Paul's) has been in existence for a considerable time. Much has been accomplished for the spiritual welfare of its members but much remains to be done. May God prosper and bless the efforts which are being made for souls at present and in the future. We know He has done so in the past.

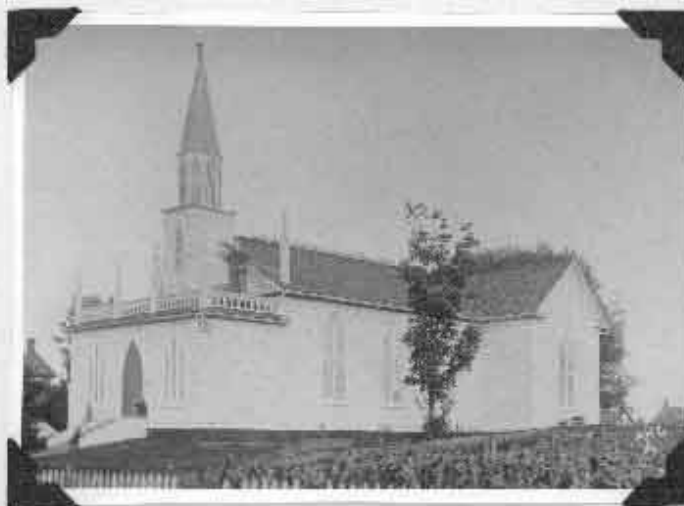
1944 - 1948	Rev. Thomas Louis Healy
1948 - 1956	Rev. James E. Keeler
1956 - 1962	Rev. Vincent J. McGivney
1962 - 1964	Rev. Clement J. Schwalm
1964 - 1968	Rev. John T. Bolger
1968 - 1977	Rev. Francis Roy McGinn



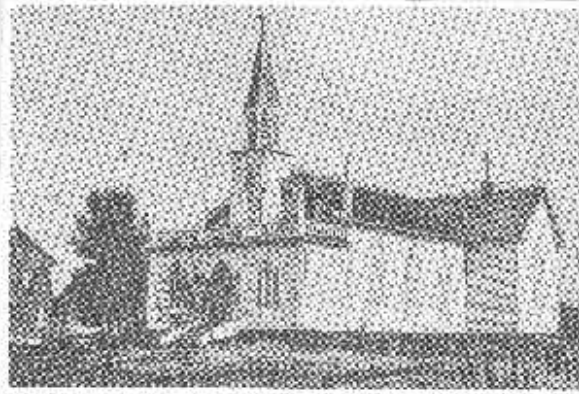
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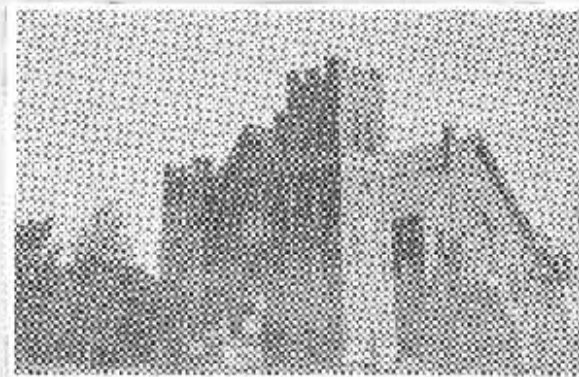
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The Frame Presbyterian Church 1862 - 1915



Knox Church 1915 - 1925
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Chalmers Church 1927 - 1951

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ALLISTON UNION CEMETERY

Approaching the town of Alliston from the east one is impressed by the neat and tidy appearance of the well kept Union Cemetery, an historical twenty acre plot of land established for a burying ground in 1886.

Until that time burials were scattered in small plots connected with their church denominations. Members of the Methodist congregation were buried in the Necropolis (Fletcher Cemetery) which is just east of the present Banting Memorial High School. The Presbyterians used their own churchyard (Knox), the Anglicans were buried in St. Peter's Cemetery on the third line of Essex Township. The Roman Catholics had been buried in the Township of Adela and in the south east corner of Alliston. With the establishment of the Union Cemetery, burial in these smaller Protestant locations gradually disappeared as most of the bodies were re-interred in the present burying ground.

The Alliston Union Cemetery had its beginning at a meeting in Alliston on June 8, 1885 when a meeting was called for A. P. M. held in the Fourth Division School to consider the advisability of taking steps towards the formation of a Public Cemetery. It was found necessary by the Presbyterian and Methodist congregations to find more land for the burial of their dead. Those appointed to attend from the Presbyterian Church were Messrs R. W. Greig, J. B. Allen, John Strachan, William Byers and Kennedy. The Methodist Church appointed Messrs John Fisher, John Fletcher, George Shepherd Sr., James Brett and Joseph Coburn. Mr. Fisher was called upon to act as President and R. W. Greig as Secretary.

A committee was formed namely Messrs John Fisher, J. Strachan, J. B. Allen and J. L. Coburn to find the most suitable place for a burial ground. It was decided to view the property of Mr. George Fletcher (former Walker property) and if suitable to consult with Mr. Fletcher as to the price of the land. After due consideration and enquiry as to the situation and price of the "John Foster" property outside of the eastern boundary of Alliston - Lot 5, Concession 15, Tecumseh Township, Simcoe County this land was suggested. At a Public meeting on January 9 1886 this land was the unanimous choice. It was decided to purchase fifteen acres for \$ 1500.00. After a canvass for stockholders it was found to be an unexpected success and over subscribed, therefore they were able to purchase an additional five acres for \$ 450.00. There were ninety three shareholders and each share cost \$ 8.00. The shareholders resolved to form themselves into a Cemetery Company to be called "The Alliston Union Cemetery".

The first Directors elected were Messrs John Fisher, J. G. Hood, J. J. Armstrong, John Strachan, John Bruce, J. L. Coburn, T. G. Sutherland, James Allen and John Clark.

Mr. John Fisher was the first President and Joint Secretary-Treasurer was J. G. Hood and J. L. Coburn.

The necessary funds were immediately procured from the Bank of Hamilton for the purchase of the land which had to be done by giving a note signed by the Directors which made it necessary to make the second call of 25% on the stockholders for the purpose of paying a portion of the note to the Bank for fencing, surveying, drawing the deed and registering it.

The first Caretaker was paid twenty five cents for pointing out plots and \$ 1.50 for digging and filling graves and general supervision.

- 1886 - Price of plots was established @ 30.00 per 3 x 8 foot plots.
- 1887 - First Gates were installed and a sign erected at a cost of \$ 16.20.
- 1890 - Well was sunk.
- 1891 - Leased some land to the east to Mr. Richard McFadden to be cropped with Fall Wheat and Hay. Cost of digging full sized graves was \$ 2.50 and small graves \$ 1.50.
- 1908 - A motion that a Chapel and Vault be built - postponed building for tenders were too high.

continued

- There is a sixteen grave Plot reserved for War Veterans.

PRESIDENTS

SECRET (EYES)

CARSTADT

William Byrnes	1886 - 1892	6 years
Richard Memon	1892	Part Year
William Gilroy	1892 - 1902	10 years
Phelps Brigham	1892 - 1906	4 years
R. W. Booth	1906 - 1910	4 years
William Connell	1910 - 1911	1 year
Samuel Dickey	1911 - 1915	2 years
Thomas H. Abercrom	1913 - 1920	7 years

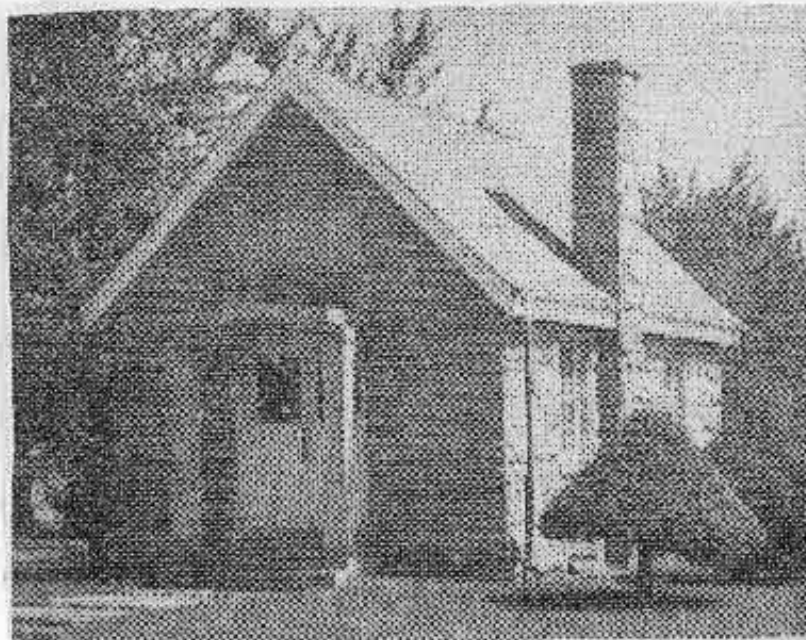
ALLISTON UNION CEMETERY

continued

CARSTAIRS

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William Scott	1920 - 1921	1 year
Jethro Swaffield	1921 - 1933	12 years
Robert Gray	1933 - 1952	19 years
Fred Leighton	1952 - 1966	14 years
William Mayberry	1966 -	



MORTUARY CHAPEL in Alliston Union Cemetery was built in 1928

A Glimpse of the Beautiful Union Cemetery, Alliston

Mrs. Allen Corrigan,
2. R. 1 Ayerett, Ontario,
October 5, 1970.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY

On October 11, 1860 a $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land was purchased for \$ 80.00 from Mr. Henry Fields of Tecumseth Township, Simcoe County. The deed was carefully prepared and trips to Paris and Toronto were made on foot to complete the transactions. The signatures on the deed were - Adam Wightman, William Buyers, William Lawhinney, James Rose, Charles Scott, John Paterson and John Anderson.

It is situated on Lot 43 and 44 - Plan 122, on Victoria Street West in Alliston. Beside the cemetery was built Knox Presbyterian Church. Many burials took place in this cemetery, the first around 1861, mostly members of the Presbyterian faith.

When the Alliston Union Cemetery was opened in 1886 no more burials took place here. All the bodies were re-buried in the Union Cemetery and the last bodies were removed in 1914 and it was officially closed on June 30, 1915.

Mrs. Allan Corrigan,
R. R. 1, Everett, Ontario,
November 10, 1970.

NICOLSTON CEMETERY

In 1859 a $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of land was given for a Cemetery by Mr. John Nicol, Easa Township, Simcoe County, situated at the top of the hill on the west bank of the Hottawasaga River on Highway 89 at Nicolson. On the west side of the cemetery was built Nicol's Mill Presbyterian Church. In 1864 this church was called Carleton Presbyterian, later Nicolson and in 1925 it became a United Church.

The first Trustees were Messrs Edward Lee, James Wilson, William Irwin, William Gremman, Charles Kinler and Son and Edward Gair. The pioneers of the district were all buried here.

In 1957 the church was closed and the Trustees then were Herbert Dunn, Edgar Whiteside and John Faris.

In 1959 the Cemetery was cleaned up and on 1962 a fence costing \$ 1236.00 was erected according to specifications of the Cemetery Act.

In 1964 2000 trees were planted in the cemetery and many of them are still growing.

In 1968 \$ 118.00 was given to the Easa Township and from now on it is to be cared for by the Township.

Mr. Herbert Dunn,
Alliston, Ontario,
November 11, 1970.

NECHOPOLIS CEMETERY

The land for this cemetery was purchased from George and Margaret Fletcher of Bass Township, Simcoe County and registered on February 1, 1876, often called Fletcher's Cemetery.

It is situated on part of Lot 3, Concession 15, Tecumseh Township, Simcoe County. It was bounded by West, East North and South Streets. To-day one would describe it as being on the east part of the Banting Memorial High School property, Victoria Street, East.

This seems to have been a fairly large parcel of land. There were five rows of fifty full lots and ten half lots with ten lots in a row. The walks between were six feet wide. Here were buried the members of the Methodist faith.

When the Alliston Union Cemetery was opened in 1886 this cemetery was closed and most of the bodies removed to the Union Cemetery, however there are still some bodies in this land without markers including the remains of William and Margaret Fletcher founders of Alliston and their monument. Albert, son of John and Bebra Fletcher, aged one month who died on October 15, 1891 is buried in the Fletcher Plot possibly moved from some other place.

In 1959 the Town of Alliston placed a plaque on monument in honour of the Fletchers and the inscription reads -

THE TOWN OF ALLISTON
DEDICATED THIS PARK
IN 1959
TO COMMEMORATE
THE RESTING PLACE OF
THE FOUNDER OF ALLISTON
AND HIS WIFE
WILLIAM FLETCHER 1791-1878
MARGARET NEIDER 1796-1881

FLETCHER MONUMENT



INSCRIPTION



Mrs. Allan Corrigan,
R.R. 1, Everett, Ontario,
November 10, 1970.

ST. PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY

St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, Alliston was built in 1876 and its members were anxious for a burying ground close at hand. Before this time burials were made at the Church of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, North Adela. In fact it has been learned that some burials had taken place in the vicinity of the present cemetery before the land was bought.

On April 18, 1879 three acres of land was purchased by the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation for the Diocese of Toronto from George and Margaret Fletcher, Alliston. It is located in Alliston and bounded on the west by Fletcher Street, south by Albert Street, north by a line running parallel to the northerly limit of Albert Street and on the east by lands owned by Thomas Wright that is to say Lot Number Four in the 15th Concession of Tecumseh Township, Simcoe County.

The first burial in this cemetery was a child of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hart.

There was never a Board formed until 1962. The Parish Priests took full charge of the cemetery and its business. In 1962 Father Schwalm appointed a committee to administer the cemetery as required by government regulations. Members were Ted Gibson, John Dennis and E. J. McCarroll, Chairman.

In the past few years, in the winter months, the bodies have been kept in the Alliston Union Cemetery Mortuary.

Mrs. Edward Lynch,
Alliston, Ontario,
May 12, 1970.

The property was maintained by a group of volunteers for many years. Each spring a "bee" was held and the property cleaned up.

Thomas King became caretaker in the 1930's, the first one hired on the more or less permanent basis and he served faithfully as long as able.

The lot plans were clarified and new regulations set for proper perpetual care. On the death of E.J. McCarroll in 1969, Mr. Ted Gibson took over as chairman and continued this work so that St. Paul's cemetery became well known for its proper administration and the beauty and care of its grounds. This later work has been done by Mr. Joe Fleming and the Fleming boys.

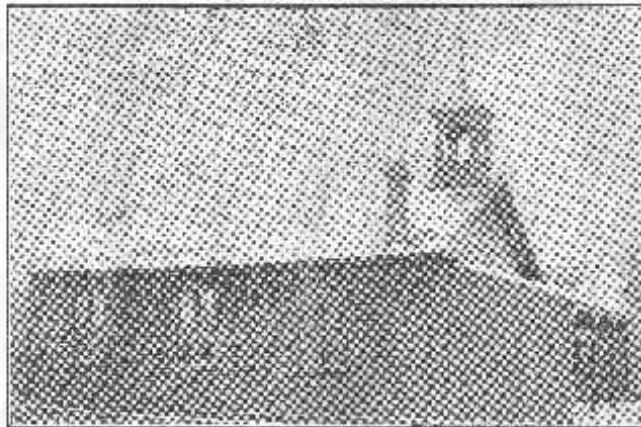
When Mr. Ted Gibson died in 1963, Mr. Aidien Whalen became the chairman of the Board - the other members being John Dennis, Ambrose Haydon and the parish priest. Mrs. Alice Gibson continues as secretary, as she has done since the term of Mrs. Monica Crawford expired.

Now a new fence totally encloses the Cemetery, dead trees have been removed and about 15 new saplings on the western end have been planted.

Each year in October, a devotional day is held - "Cemetery Sunday" - when parishioners gather for a Visit and Common Prayer for all whose bodies are buried in the Cemetery.

Mrs. Edward Lynch,
1973.

1854 - 1947



THE FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE

This is the main part of the first school house built in Alliston by the Byers Brothers in 1862 or '63. About 1896 it was moved from its location on Doyle Street, to a point about 90 Victoria Street west, where it was used as a show room for carriages and buggies.

The first classes were held in the Methodist Hall which was erected in 1854. These classes were conducted by Mr. William Henderson, the first teacher. Eight or nine years later a school was built by William and John Byers on the west side of the Scotch Line about fifty yards north of Victoria Street. The first teacher in this school was Mr. Hugh Knight followed by Messrs Thomas Bagen, W. Leslie Hill, Charles S. McMain, Thomas Henderson.

Due to the rapid growth of the community an addition was built to the school room in the form of an L. Mr. C. R. Knight taught in that new room. In 1878. Records at that time were rather sketchy but as far as can be ascertained the Methodist Hall was still used as a class room. Sometime before 1885 this Hall was moved from its location on the north side of Victoria Street No. 26 and No. 20. In 1880 Miss Birney was one of the teachers. The records also show that classes were held in the Fletcher block opposite the present location of the United Church.

On March 14, 1885, a meeting was held in the Fletcher Block to consider the building of a new school. The site chosen was on the south side of Albert Street between Church and Paris Streets. This land was purchased from Mr. George Fletcher at a cost of \$150.00 per acre. The council passed a bylaw issuing debentures for \$50000 to build the new school.

This new school was brick, having three class rooms upstairs. The attendance at that time was 104 an average of over 50 per room. A great deal of credit is due to the teachers of those days who strived to give their charges an adequate grounding in English, Mathematics, and, in the upper grades, Latin and French in the face of such odds as large classes and limited facilities. I might mention that continuation school subjects were taught in at least one room of the new school right from the beginning. This meant a combination of public school and continuation. The first principal was Mr. James G. Nooth who received a salary of \$500 per year. One of the assistants, a Miss Carscadden received \$225.00 per year. In 1892 Mr. J. F. Power was principal over five teachers. In 1896 the principal was a Mr. Cooleridge.

The original Trustee Board was made up of Mr. George McGirr, Chairman, and Messrs. Robert Kerr, James Allan, C. Hodgins, Robert Scott and William Dunn.

Miss Mary Mitehill first taught on the Public School staff in 1899. She resigned to go to Normal in 1900 but was reengaged in 1902 for a period of two years when she was forced to give up her position due to illness in the family. In 1909 she again gave her services in the interest of Alliston's younger citizens and continued to do so until her retirement in December, 1946.

In 1901, Mr. W. L. Clark was chairman of the trustee board. About that time the school became crowded with pupils taking the secondary school subjects that the Primary class had to use the Second Hall which was situated on the north side of Victoria Street at Centre Street. On July 20, 1905, a by-law granting \$5000 for addition to the school was passed. Mr. W. H. Jerrett was the contractor. He built two rooms at the centre of the south side for the sum of \$4100. The following year sidewalks were laid in front of the street. The caretaker appreciated this in wet weather.

In 1907 a piano was purchased for \$350, the board paying \$100 the teachers and the pupils raising the rest. In 1908 some attempt must have been made to beautify the grounds because a lawn mower was purchased.

The records up to this time was rather sketchy or lost completely but according to the information received, Mr. J. A. Speers succeeded Mr. Power and the teachers were Mesdames Bell, Weir, Wright, Patterson and Martindale. In 1909 Mr. W. A. Gurney was principal followed by Mr. H. V. Langston three months later. In September of 1909 Mr. Hugh Davidson became principal of the combined school at a salary of \$1400 a year. Seemingly he continued as such until Dec. 1911. In January 1912, a High School and High School Board were formed and the Public School Board was no longer responsible for Mr. Davidson's salary. From 1912 until 1929 he acted in the capacity of supervising principal in the Public School although not on the payroll. In that year, Miss Edna Martindale who had acted as senior teacher of the Public School from January 1911, became principal and in charge until she resigned in 1927. In 1913 Miss Ellen Evans was engaged to teach and had been on the staff most of the time until she resigned in 1956.

Another addition was made to the school building in 1921. Two Class rooms and two cloak rooms were added at each side making a total of twelve class rooms in the building, half being used by the High School and the other half by the Public School.

At the same time the heating system was changed from hot air to steam. Inside toilets and a septic tank were installed. Connections were made with the sewer about 1921 or 1922.

During the summer a memorial to those former pupils who had taken part in World War I was erected in front of the school. On it were inscribed the names of those who served and on the opposite side the name of the battles in which they took part. Sir Frederick Banting presented the school with a German machine gun to place at one side of the column and the Canadian Government sent a field gun to occupy a similar space at the other side of the column.

Following Miss Martindale as principal was Mr. John Watts. In 1929 Mr. William Eager became principal for a period of fourteen months when he was succeeded by W. G. A. Chamberland who held that position until he resigned in June, 1946. The principal for the last year was Mr. John H. Gromar.

In addition to Mr. Gromar and Miss Evans mentioned above, the present Public School staff consists of Miss Annie Sanford, engaged January 1931; Miss Margaret Murphy, engaged September 1933; Miss Melissa Graham engaged September 1941; Mr. George Eals engaged in January 1947.

The teachers through the years have been fortunate in having fine Public School inspectors to guide and encourage them. Records show that the following have visited Alliston Public School. Mr. Thomas McKee, Mr. E. A. Langdon, Mr. A. B. Carlton, Mr. C. A. Lapp, Mr. W. R. F. Kendrick, Mr. S. A. Watson and Mr. J. W. Horton.

The High School now occupies the whole second floor of the building, has had several principals since Mr. Davidson resigned in 1927. His successor was Mr. W. C. A. Wright, who stayed in Alliston for six years. He was followed by Major A. H. S. Adams. In the fall of 1935 Miss Gertrude Jamieson Mrs. Ross Williams, became principal and was succeeded by Mr. A. B. Malkin in September 1938. Mr. Malkin resigned in June 1946 to be followed by Mr. H. H. Pearson who has occupied

the position for the last year.

The term of the present board expired on December 31, 1947. At that time the Alliston High School will come under the control of an Area Board, comprised of representatives of the surrounding municipalities.

Mr. W. G. E. Cumberland,
Alliston, Ontario
1947 and 1956.



THE SECOND SCHOOL

Built in 1885 on land purchased from George Fletcher. It contained six class rooms at that time. In 1905 two class rooms were added at the back and a further addition of four class rooms and four cloak rooms were made in 1921.





Alliston Union
Public School



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HISTORY OF ALLISTON UNION PUBLIC SCHOOL

FROM 1947 to 1967

A backward glance over the past two decades at the Alliston Union Public School reveals many salient changes: the growth in school population and the resultant expansion of the old edifice on Albert Street; the withdrawal of the secondary school pupils to their newly-constructed Denting Memorial High School on Victoria Street East; the building of St. Paul's Separate School on Wellington Street; innovation of new tools of learning; a fresh emphasis on physical development; the introduction of French as a second language; and not to be overlooked in the on-going process of education are the improved methods in teaching, and the upgrading of teachers.

In 1947 it became apparent that more room was needed to house both public and high school pupils, so plans were begun to build a high school on another site. In the meantime, in 1949, two classrooms in Knox Church were rented and equipped to accommodate the overflow from the public school. These classes were staffed by Miss Isabel Hayes and Miss Sklencar. The high school personnel and students withdrew to their new premises in 1950, and it seemed as if accommodation in the public school would be adequate for many years to come. Not so, for by 1964 all twelve rooms were filled to capacity, the enrolment having reached 390. One class with its teacher, Mrs. Leighton, formerly Isabel Hayes, was moved to the arena hall. By April, 1955, a new four-room addition to the old school was ready for occupancy and four classes moved in at Easter. The following year saw the old alma mater bulging at the seams again. Over went two grade 7 classes to the Pentecostal Church in September with their teachers, Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Galquhoun. These rooms were required for two years.

Another four-room extension begun in 1957 was in use by classes in the spring of 1958. The official opening for both additions was held on May 21, 1958. Reverend A. W. Downer, M.P.F., delivered the address and cut the ribbon. The prayer of dedication was pronounced by the Reverend J. L. Burgess. Present at the ceremony were the architect, Mr. G. Adamson, the builder Mr. F. Morrow representing Morrow Construction Company, public school inspectors Mr. L. Clerk and his predecessor Mr. D. A. Lapp, representatives of Town Council, Lions and Rotary Clubs, Legion, Ministerial Association and other interested citizens.

The increased enrolment to 601 in 1963 indicated the advisability of a completely new school. Meanwhile the need for extra space was so urgent that two rooms in the agricultural building of B.M.H.S. were procured and the grade VI classes of Mr. Peter Wodchis and Mrs. Anne Haddock moved into them.

The problem of financing a new school at that time appeared insurmountable to the Town Council, and so to meet the immediate need, three portables were erected on the west side of the school. They were linked to the main building by a corridor. The school as it now stands provides accommodation for 22 classrooms, principal's office, library-Board room, two staff lounges, nurse's room, and sundry storage closets. To facilitate communication between classrooms and the principal's office, a P.A. system was installed in December of 1952.

Among the alterations to the old building was the removal of the bell tower, the bell going to the South Simcoe Museum. The small classroom at the front and to the right was converted into an office for the principal. Former Alliston high school students will recall that this space was once a stairway for staff only. But many a late student straggler sneaked up the front stairwell in an attempt to reach the classroom before the door closed, and thus escape a possible detention. The room on the second floor to the right of the boys' stair, formerly used as the library, was converted into a lounge for the staff. Another lounge on the first floor was added when the portables went up. Other improvements were made from time to time. Floors and ceilings were tiled (many a child had tripped on an upheaved floor board), new chalk and tack boards as well as modern lighting installed, the front hall and entrance given a face lifting, and the walls transformed by a fresh coat of paint when needed. Oil has replaced coal as a fuel thus adding to the general comfort of all. Back in the days when comfort received little consideration, an irate mother whose child seemed to be the victim of colds, went to the school one cold winter's day to investigate. She found that all the high school students had been dismissed due to the below-normal temperature of the rooms, but there sat the public school children, their bodies shivering and their teeth chattering. A glance at the thermometer revealed the temperature to be in the 40 degrees.

As the school expanded, the job of maintenance brought added responsibilities. Mr. Russell Elphick did all the caretaking from his appointment in 1951 until the hiring of Mr. R. Sutcliffe in 1958. Both are presently engaged, and find "little time for idle bread" while they keep things in order both inside and out.

Equipment was held to a minimum until the last decade. Teaching machines were viewed with apprehension. Today our school provides the most up-to-date devices to expedite the learning process and allow the teacher more time for individual help and supervision.

In latter years physical education has held a prominent place in our school programme under the leadership of the vice-principal, Mr. E. Gilroy. Track and field meets have been held annually since 1952. Individual trophies are contributed each year by the Lions Club to seniors, the Legion to intermediates, and the Home and School to juniors. The popularity of these events is shown in the number of competitors each year. The names of the victors may be seen on the trophies displayed in the front hall of the school, replicas having been awarded each year to the winners.

Music in our school has received due attention. Music supervisors have rendered valuable assistance to the classroom teachers. Mrs. I. McKelvey was supervisor from 1944 to June 1955, and Miss Lynda Stewart from 1956 to 1965. Others served short terms.

These last 20 years have seen many changes in the teaching staff. The number of teachers has increased from seven in 1947 to 27 in 1967. Mr. Gromar was principal from September 1946 to June 1951. There were four principals during the year 1951-52. Mr. Earve Stuart was engaged as principal in September 1952 and Mr. Earl Gilroy as vice-principal, and both have continued to fill these positions to the present. Miss Olwen Evans retired from the staff in 1956, having taught 38 years. A farewell party was held in her honour, and many former pupils were present to join with the School Board and Staff in a presentation of a purse of money to their beloved teacher and friend.

Not to be outdone by the larger centres, and in fact, to equip our children to live in today's world, oral French was added to broaden the curriculum.

The winds of change are again blowing. The office of Inspector of Public Schools is no more. The name was changed in 1967 to that of Area Superintendent. Mr. J.D. Ferguson, B.A., M.E., is our first Area Superintendent and resides in Alliston. He succeeded Mr. L.W. Clark, B.A., M.E. in 1962.

Perhaps at no time in our history have school board members had more difficult problems to face than in recent years. The influx of new families, the mushrooming subdivisions, and the ever rising costs of building and living have forced momentous decisions upon them. Among those on our Board who shared that responsibility were several women, namely - Mrs. E. Dunn (now Mrs. A. Merrett), Mrs. E. McGahey, Mrs. Bruce Anderson, Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. V. Ireland, Mrs. N. Wilson, and Mrs. J. Somerville. Mr. F. L. Malcolm devoted 30 years to the service of the A. U. P. S. Board, and was chairman for a large portion of that time. On his retirement in 1960 he was honoured by his fellow members and the Home and School who presented him with an electric razor. His wife was made the recipient of a painting. A further token of esteem was the establishing of the Malcolm trophy, an award to be presented each year to a grade VIII student, chosen by the principal and the chairman of the Board for proficiency and participation in sports. The winners of these awards from 1960 to date are - Donald Anthony, Paul Whiteside, Elizabeth Skilton, Nancy Ireland, Mary Kay, Brian Fawcett, Karen Darling, Robert Owens, and Robert Taylor.

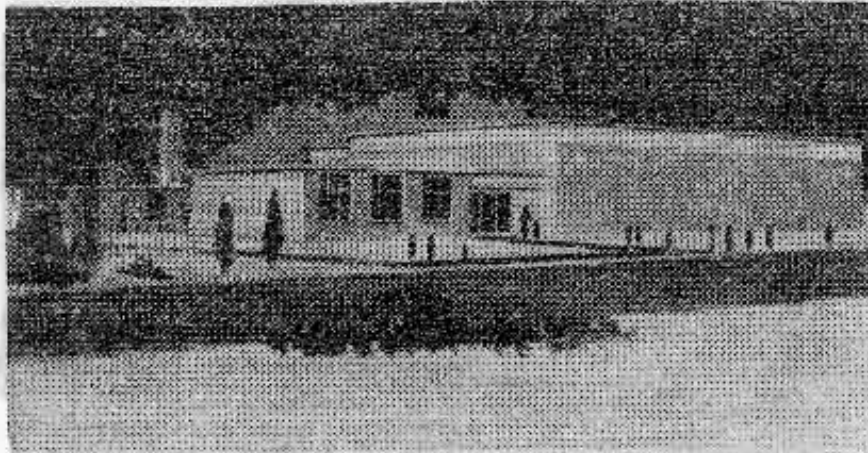
Being secretary-treasurer of a Board engaged in such big business as that of running a school requires exactness and tabular ability. Such a one was Mr. H. A. Murphy who kept the records from 1950 to 1965. In appreciation of his devoted service, the Board together with the Home and School presented him with a lazyboy chair on his retirement. The present secretary-treasurer is Mr. D. Perry.

The Home and School deserves special mention in the history of our school. Although there had been an organization prior to 1947, it had lapsed for a few years and was reorganized in 1947. They held their first rummage sale in 1948. Pleased with their success, they sponsored summer vacation school for several years, and more recently swimming classes. Several children who learned to swim in these classes have since qualified as life-guards and instructors and in return are assisting the Home and School in this way.

Looking forward in this year 1967, plans are in the making to replace the old part of the present building with a new and larger one. But perhaps more important than a new school will be the reforms in our system of education to keep pace with our modern society. Whatever the changes may be it is certain that Alliston will continue to provide the highest quality of education its budget will permit. (Contributed by Mrs. J.S. Ellis)

Alliston, Ontario,
1967.

ALLISTON ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL



NEW ADDITION FOR ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

A modern gymnasium and two more classrooms are being added to St. Paul's School

in Alliston. The addition is south of the present school and is being built by M & D Ken-

nelly Contractors Ltd. The architects are Nesbitt & Davies who prepared this drawing.

In the summer of 1960, it was decided to build a school to serve the needs of the children of St. Paul's Parish. It was built on land belonging to the church, immediately west of it, on Wellington Street. The lots were purchased from Mr. George Fletcher at various times. Lot 143 on February 10, 1879; 153 and 154 on May 11 1883 (now the school yard); 150, 151, 152 on October 2, 1883.

In September, 1960 it was opened and had an enrolment of 113 pupils, three classrooms and a small kindergarten class which was taught in a staff room. The Principal was Mrs. C. Guthrie who taught Grades 6, 7, and 8. The original teaching staff included Martina McKewon, Mrs. A. Carr and Mrs. Charbonneau.

During the summer of 1961, two more rooms were added and in September, 1961, Mr. T. Campbell became Principal and Mr. D. Carroll, Vice-Principal. Mr. Campbell remained Principal until June, 1965 and was succeeded by Mr. Carroll, a position which he still holds in 1975-1976. At that time Mr. Filion became Vice-Principal, a position he held for one year, after which Mrs. Teresa Keogh became Vice-Principal.

In 1963, two more rooms were added and in 1964, a gymnasium and two more classrooms were added. The gymnasium was officially opened by Bishop Morocco, on January 31, 1965. In 1966, three more rooms were added. At present there are thirteen full-time teachers.

The school is an attractive L-shaped, one-story, building constructed of cement block and brick.

The school enrolment has fluctuated from 113 in 1960, to a high of 134 in 1967-1968, and at present the enrolment is 300.

During these years, there has been the following Inspectors; Mr. McDonald, Mr. Hodge and Mr. McDonald and Mr. Bolger.

In January, 1970 the school came under the jurisdiction of the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board with offices in Barrie.

It is to be hoped that the school will continue to serve the community well in the years to come.

Mrs. Edward Lynch,
Alliston, Ontario,
May 1970.

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ALLISTON SENIOR DIVISION

CLASS V E. Reilly, J. Henderson,
Kellie Bell, L. Shephard,
Hannah Wilson.

CLASS IV Lillie Wilson, John Wilson,
George Hurst, D. McDonald,
Ella McKnight, Mary Fletcher,
W. Seager, R. Walker.

SENIOR III Joe Kelly, P. Ramsay,
W. Gowan, James Hand.

Junior III Lillie Knight, Ida Mitchell,
Maggie Fletcher, L. Drury.

ALLISTON SECOND DIVISION

CLASS III Eddie Fletcher, Sandy
Young, Willie Hurst,
Debbie Ramsay.

SENIOR II Maggie O'Hara, Daisy
Faithful, Lizzie Gallagher,
George Morrow, Mamie Hart,
Harry Edmonds.

ALLISTON PUBLIC SCHOOL PROMOTIONS - 1898

FROM JUNIOR FOURTH TO SENIOR FOURTH

Hazel Stewart, Bertie Stokes, Thompson
Banting, Isabell Burnett, Lena Hurst,
Willie Rogers, Willie Heydon, Mary Booth,
Willie Allan, James McGarvey.

FROM SENIOR THIRD TO JUNIOR FOURTH

F. Packham, R. Armstrong, May Apperley,
Minnie O'Brien, Frank Mullen, Alma O'Brien
W. Hamilton.

FROM JUNIOR THIRD TO SENIOR THIRD

John Scheniman, Emily McMahon, Leo O'Brien,
Eleanor Perrott, Willie Rennick, Beatrice
Knight, Jim Ross, Florence Salter, Maggie
Heydon, Minerva Hodgson, Jack Armstrong,
Herbie Murphy, Vernie Brown.

FROM SENIOR SECOND TO JUNIOR THIRD

Edith McMahon, Frank Callaghan, Lenora
Edmonds, H. Budreo, Flo Mann, Frank Dennis,
Kerens Scott, Hannah Martin, Samuel Sinclair,
Carrie Armstrong, Tom Reilly, Lillie Hayes.

FROM JUNIOR SECOND TO SENIOR SECOND

Freddie Milligan, Isabel Graham, Rose
Packham, Tom Clark, Wilfred Irwin, Eddie
Wright, Bertie Baycroft, Essie Banting,
Ernest McMahon, Robert Hall, Jim McGillivray,
Ernest Scott, Jessie Rogers, Robert Smellie,
Tom Garbutt, Willie Stacey, Geo. McGillivray.

FROM SENIOR SECOND PART TO SECOND

Myrtle Miller, Kellie Morrow, Willie Smellie,
Dick Evans, Harry Morton, Clara Fisher, Nellie
Salter, C. Freeman, Annie Kanney, Stanley
Buchanan, Kate Osborne, Lena Knight, Campbell
Morrison, Electa Faulkner, Max O'Callaghan.

FROM SENIOR SECOND PART TO SECOND continued

Blanche Mitchell, Allan McDonnell, Midge
Wallace, Albert Rosser, Minnie Clifton,
Hazel Wilson.

JUNIOR PT. II TO SENIOR PT. II

Albert Faulkner, Annie Armstrong, Lillah
Heydon, Eddie McCarroll, Willie Miller,
Dalton Baycroft, Joseph Bargin, Albert
Oakley, John Cameron, Vetta Walker, Russell
Brolley.

SENIOR PT. I TO JUNIOR PT. II

Edgar Whiteside, Fred Heydon, Ethel
Schiffle, Charlie Knight, Tommy Stokes,
Lula Arnold, Katie Ryan, Judson Ellis,
Florence Wood, Fred Osborne, John Betz.

JUNIOR PT. I TO SENIOR PART I

Mabel Oakley, Stella Johnston, Edith
Jerratt, Harvey Conrad, Joe Fines, Frankie
Donnelly, Harley Murphy, Stanley Hall,
Eddie O'Callaghan, Charlie Goddard, Georgia
Graham.

FIRST CLASS

Hubert Martindale, Fred Banting, Claus Ellis,
Ray Heydon, Victor Dale, Keith Hodgins, Olive
Evans, Pearl Miller, Josie Perratt, Lottie
Falls, Gladys Knight, Teresa Coyle,
Russell Conrad, Roy Buchanan.



BACK ROW:

- Dave Wood - Son of J. G. Wood, Clerk of Divisional Court. Superintendent of Knox Presbyterian Church Sunday School.
 Jack Phillips - His father a farmer at Lisle.
 Ida Wilcox - Father had a residence in India. Lived where Russell Taylor lives. Her brother had the agency for OXO.
 Ella Dunn - Father, David. She was a school teacher in Alliston.
 Stella McDougall - Mother, Mrs. W. J. McDougall, Proprietor of Revere House where the Gasket Factory is situated.
 Will Stephens - Farmer, Franklin a farmer at Gisterville. Will, Reeve of Toronto and son Carl Reeve also.
 Next Boy - Not known.

SECOND ROW:

- Mr. James S. Heath - Principal. Moved to Collingwood.
 Ella McNaught - Father, William a farmer on the Heaton Road across from Nicol Wilson's farm.
 May Cowan - Mother, Mrs. Cowan Proprietor of Rockwood House.
 Sadie (Sarah) Rogers - Father a town policeman. Lived across from Baxter Lab.
 Billy Allen - Father John a butcher where Harry's Meat Market is now. She married George Howell.
 Daisy Swaisland - Revere House
 Lizzie Callaghan - Father John. Lived across the road from Robert Scott. She married Sanford Ellis.
 Will Wright - Father, Hugh liquor Inspector. Lived where Mrs. Elmer Seimell lives now, Wellington Street.
 Will Jenkins - Father, William had a coal store about where Jim Dickey is now.

THIRD ROW:

- Maggie Sinclair - Father a carpenter. Lived behind Mary McGregor's house. She married James Roynton, a Barber in Rocktown.
 Winnie Bell - Father, Dr. B. Bell M.D.. She was a school teacher.
 Annie Hart - Father, J. C. Hart a general merchant where Eyred is now.
 Agnes Kelly - Father, P. D. Kelly a hardware merchant where Gerald is now.
 Lizzie Wright - Father ran a Planing Mill where Ida Morrison lived. She married A. J. Bell, Lawyer.

- Annie Hart - Sister of Annie Hart.
 Jessie Strachan - Father, John Strachan, Post Master.

FRONT ROW:

- John J. Nicol - Father, David a farmer in Agaja Township.
 Albert Rogers - Brother of Sadie. He was a printer in Toronto and died in 1904.
 Fred Fields - Farmer's son lived on corner of King and Yonge St. Agaja Two.
 Ernest Martindale - Father William, a hardware Merchant. Came from Perth, Ont. "Best Hardware Mart of Toronto".
 William J. Wood - Father David, a carpenter, ship builder. Lived on Church St. behind the school. W. J. Wood a merchant later Reeve of Bess Two.
 Frank Wright - Brother of Will Wright.
 Harry Edmonds - Father George, a Jeweller next to Hydro Office.
 Billy Cassidy - Lived next door to W. J. Wood's Grocery Store. His mother was a widow. His Uncle a tailor and they all lived together.
 Woody Teggart - Cousin of Albert Rogers. Father an Implement Salesman. Lived where Chalmers Church is now.

ALLISTON HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS WHO WROTE EXERCISES TO HIGHER EXAMINATION.

1907



LEFT TO RIGHT

BACK ROW: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weston (Caretaker).

FOURTH ROW: Douglas Nicol, Fuller Wilson, Howard Irwin, Mr. J. A. Speers, (Teacher), F. J. Renah, Hubert Martindale, the Presiding Examiner.

THIRD ROW: Clara Rodgers, Pat Fawcett, Flossie Callaghan, Lena Shaw.

SECOND ROW: Jessie McLean, Pearl Irwin, Eva Hannah, Eva Dunn, Gertrude Peacock, Hyacinth Wilson, Maggie Hussey.

FRONT ROW: Tom Stokes, Victor Dale, Toby Levi.

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Alliston, Ontario, May 1, 1979.

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ALLISTON HIGH SCHOOL

1913



LEFT TO RIGHT:

BACK ROW: Kate Robb, Mildred Lowery, Annie Chapman, Fern Grey, Nellie Houghton, Ruby Morrow, Viola Telford, Mary Cumberland, Vera Hayes, Mr. Hugh Davidson (Principal), Jessie Brennan, Norma Chagnon, Ella Knight, Evelyn Woodman, Margaret Cumberland, Maida McBride, Bessie Dale, Edith Roach, Marion Murray, Alma Orr, Lena Grosbie,

FOURTH ROW: Mr. Bert Newton (Caretaker), Eddie Flynn, Harry Evans, Frank Scott, Edwin Lightfoot, Russell Lightfoot, Bert Roach, Stewart Foster, Walter Chantler, Chas. Davidson, Ernest Ewing, Bernard Moran, Reg. Scott, Alvin Morrison, Clifford Ellison, John Dunn, Elmer Parsons, Geo. McLean

THIRD ROW: Annie Stokes, , Hazel Henderson, Bertha Knight, Margaret Williams, Cora Graham, , Eva Jordan, Hazel Black, Fern Weir, Olive Peacock, Miss Annie McArthur (Teacher), Miss Christine Norton (Teacher).

SECOND ROW: Effie Cameron, Sterling Perrott, Mariel Hancey, Mildred Harning, Bessie Orr, Blanche Mesbitt, Jean Fraser, Theresa Horn, Alma Dryer, Myrtle Henderson, Edna Callaghan, Edith Patterson, Ida Parsons, , Vera Gilmore, Lois Gilbert, Eva Morris.

FRONT ROW: Sydney Stephens, Stanley Gilbert, Ivan Shock, Victor Graham, Leslie Cunningham, Oscar Lawrence.

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ALLISTON HIGH SCHOOL

1918



LEFT TO RIGHT:

BACK ROW: Violet Downey, Marjorie Hayes, Bessie Scott, Doris Hayes, Mac Wright, Evelyn Preston.

MIDDLE ROW: Marjorie Connell, Irene Christie, Marion Scott,
Louisa Christie, Kathleen Walwin,
Alma Callaghan, May Parsons, Louise Cunningham,
Alberta Graham.

FRONT ROW: Douglas Whiteside, Wilfred Solomon, Edwin Wilson,
Wilmot Clark, George Jackson, Cecil Clark, Audley
Cassar.

Picture donated by Mrs. George Jackson, Alliston, Ontario.

October 9, 1973.

CENTURY FARMS

1867 - 1967

<u>ORIGINAL OWNER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRESENT OWNER</u>
James Dundas	Essex Twp. Con. 3 Lot 9 E	1842	Alfred Dundas
Abraham Hussey	Essex Twp. Con. 6 Lot 7 E	1853	William Hussey
William McCormack	Tecumseth Twp. Con. 11 Lot 12	1863	John McCormack
Duncan McLean	Essex Twp. Con. 6 Lot 5 W	1845	Hugh McLean
John Rainey	Tecumseth Twp. Con. 13 Lot 13	1856	Donald McKnight
John Reynolds	Tecumseth Twp. Con. 13 Lot 14 W	1839	John Reynolds
John Reynolds	Tecumseth Twp. Con. 13 Lot 14 E	1839	LeRoy Reynolds
Robert Holmes	Essex Twp. Con. 2 Lot 8 E	1841	Wilbert Holmes

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THE ALLISTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



At the end of the First Great War, in 1918, the Women's Institute of Alliston decided to erect a library. This was to be a Memorial to the many young men of the district who had given their lives in the war. The ladies held a number of meetings with the Board of Trade, and, after much discussion and negotiations, on April, 1921, a lot was purchased from Huthinson and Foster on which to build the library. This group of ladies worked very hard indeed in order to raise enough money to build. They canvassed door to door, held card parties, benefits, moving picture shows, and many other affairs, in order to finance their venture. Finally, on June 8th, 1923, the corner stone was laid by Lieutenant Governor Cockshutt. A luncheon, with Dr. J. D. Cunningham as toastmaster, was held afterwards to celebrate this laying of the corner stone.

In February, 1924, the Alliston Memorial Library was officially opened by Dr. Fred Banting (Sir Frederick), who later lost his life in a plane crash in World war II.

The basement of the library was used as a club room for veterans, while the library occupied the upstairs room.

In 1939, the library was made a Public Library, with the Town of Alliston, aided by the small government grant, assuming the responsibility of operating and financing it.

This was the method by which the library was financed up until late in 1971. at that time, the province instituted a grant scheme whereby township library boards were formed, and received a per capita allowance to assist in the support of libraries used by their citizens. Prior to this time, a membership fee was charged, but with this provincial township support, all membership fees were abolished.

With increased financing and subsequent improvement of service, the library Board began to plan for expansion. As Alliston and area grew, so did the number of persons using the library, until it became urgent that more space become available. Consequently, in March, 1972, the Women's Institute offered to change quarters with the library. They would use the upstairs room, and the library would move to the larger quarters in the basement. For the use of this increased space, the Library Board was to assume all costs of upkeep and maintenance, and the insurance on the building. After discussion, this was agreed upon, and the move took place early in March of 1973. The Service Clubs of Alliston made possible the extensive renovation necessary to restyle the area for efficient library use. The Kinsmen Club was the first to give financial aid, followed by a donation from the Lions Club, and then the Rotary Club. The Township of Essa also helped with a generous donation toward improvements, and a sum was left to the library by the late Mrs. T. P. Foster, to buy children's books. Mr. John Wray has also donated a large number of Canadian books to the library. The Library Board, and the Library Staff, are very grateful to all of these persons, and to the Women's Institute for their assistance and their support.

During 1973, 1786 persons used the Alliston Public Library on a regular basis. 32,474 books were circulated during the year. Of these, 21,695 were adult. 10,779 were children's books.

During the last few years, the Interlibrary Loan plan has been greatly extended. Books requested, which the library does not have can usually be supplied by the Simcoe County Co-Operative Library in Barrie. If they cannot fill the request, they refer it to the Georgian Bay Regional Library System which has a Telex connection with all other libraries in Canada.

The Simcoe County Co-Operative Library provides a wonderful Bookmobile Service to smaller libraries in Simcoe County. Every three months, approximately 1,000 books are borrowed from the Simcoe County Co-Operative Library, to aid in giving our patrons a constant change in fiction, non-fiction and juvenile books.

The Georgian Bay Regional Library System has a large film service readily available to smaller libraries in Simcoe County. Recently C.B.R.L.S.L. has become affiliated with the National Film Board, and now almost any 16 M.M. film is available, free of charge, to persons or groups, requesting films. Georgian Bay Regional Library System has also begun distributing 8 M.M. entertainment films to smaller libraries. These may be borrowed by adults, like books, are also free.

There is a Story Time for children. A Book Service has been started to persons unable to come to the library. The library has extended its hours Tuesday 3 P.M. - 6 P.M.; Thursday 4 P.M. - 6 P.M.; Friday 11 A.M. - 9 P.M.; Saturday 2 P.M. - 6 P.M.

In the summer of 1975 Terry Kowalski did landscaping in front of the building. The ground was covered with wooden tiles, trees planted with benches surrounding them. The fountain was demolished.

Librarians who have served Alliston Public Library

Mrs. J. Graham - 1919 - November, 1936.
Miss Christine Mackeracher - November, 1936 - May, 1937.
Miss Jean Banting - May, 1937 - June, 1938.
Miss Elsie Ney - June, 1938 - December, 1968.
Mrs. Jean Owens - 1969 -

Members of the present Library Board are:

Mr. C. Fitzgerald - Chairman
Mr. Ken Gradwell - Vice Chairman
Mrs. Dorothy Calder - Treasurer and Recording Secretary
Mr. Joe McCarroll - Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Margery Crosbie - Representing the Women's Institute
Mr. Peter Cameron - Reeve.



Mrs. Sidney (Jean) Owens,
Alliston, Ontario,
September 10, 1975.

In 1939, the people voted to assume the cost of operating the library and relieve the ladies of the responsibility. This has really resulted in a larger circulation of books because of the provision of funds which the ladies, of themselves, could not furnish.

LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE - JUNE 8, 1923.



LEFT TO RIGHT

Messrs C. R. Knight, Dr. D. Cunningham, F. B. Elliott,
Lieutenant Governor Henry Cockshutt and Aide-De-
-Camp Fraser.



LUNCHEON

given by the Alliston Women's Institute on
the occasion of the visit to town of His
Honor Lieutenant-Governor
Corkahutt



Windsor Hotel, Alliston
Friday, June 8, 1923

GRAND CONCERT

To Commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of
the Opening of the Memorial Library by
the Alliston Women's Institute

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th
1934, commencing at 8.15 p.m., in the Opera Hall, Alliston

PROGRAM

Chairman's Address.....	Mayor J. H. Mitchell
Greetings from Alliston Legion.....	Mr. W. H. Horn
(Followed by two minutes' silence in memory of the fallen)	
Recessional.....	
<p>God of our fathers known of old, Lord of our life, the flame that has burned through all the years, Dominate our peace and joy, Lord of the world, we seek thy aid, Lead us, O God, but we are not afraid.</p>	
Greetings on behalf of the Women's Institute.....	Mr. F. R. Elliott
Greetings from the High School.....	Major A. H. & Adams
Greetings from the Public School.....	Mr. W. E. Cumberland
Dance, Highland Fling.....	Doris Whiteside
Greetings from Knox Church.....	Rev. W. M. Lee
Greetings from St. Paul's Church.....	Rev. Father Smith
Group of Chorus directed by Miss O. Knox.....	Twelve Girls
Reading, "Books".....	Hilda Small
Folk Dance directed by Miss Frances Lynch.....	12 Girls
Greetings from Wesley Church.....	Rev. D. A. MacKernacher
Greetings from.....	Dr. F. G. Bunting
Group of Irish Songs.....	Miss Isabel Knight
Reading, "Two Scotch Courtships".....	Mrs. E. C. Whiteside
Playlet directed by Miss Frances Lynch.....	"Grandmother's Boss Joe"
Greetings.....	Rev. B. F. McI. Smith
Greetings from Chalmers Church.....	Rev. G. C. Little
Greetings from St. Andrew's Church.....	Rev. P. N. Knight
Group of Scotch Songs.....	Rev. D. A. MacKernacher
Play, "The Pease Sisters".....	A. Y. P. A.

GOD SAYS THE KING

Grand Concert

To Commemorate the Opening of the Memorial
Library in Alliston, Erected by the Members
of the Women's Institute



Thursday, Feb. 14, 1924
Town Hall, Alliston

1924
Alliston Women's Institute
25th ANNIVERSARY
Wednesday, February 7
1949



ALLISTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

MEMORIAL

1924 - 1949

WOMENS INSTITUTE ANNIVERSARY TEA

February 9th., 1949. -2.30 to 5.50 P.M.

GUESTS

ADDRESS

Mrs. J. Hoskin 1855

Geo Walter Ball Alliston

Gen. J. Mearns. Albertus

James A. Graham. Abolition

Ernest Spaldon 1924-49 Allison

Anna Skelton Alliston

Mr. Lawrence Beyer

Kenneth C. Slaughter - Alhambra

Mrs. T. M. Stevens.

Edw. L. Bennett

Miss Cornelia

Chas. L. Holt

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Dorothy Deane

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SIR FREDERICK BANTING



Fred Banting - the boy!



The above portrait of the late Sir Frederick Banting was made by his close friend, Dr. Frederick W. Hippywell, a few minutes before the scientist left Toronto for the last time. This afternoon, on the anniversary of his death, his memory will be honored at a commemoration service in Convocation Hall at 4:30, at which Lady Banting will present his medals and prizes to the University of Toronto. After the commemoration service, the first Banting lecture will be given on medical research by Dean C. J. Mackenzie of the University of Saskatchewan, acting president of the National Research Council.

Frederick Grant Banting, born November 14th, 1891, on Lot 3, Concession 2, Essa, one of Essa's illustrious sons -- was the son of William Thompson and Margaret Grant Banting.

The father, William T. Banting, came to Essa from Thompsonville, Tecumseh Township, in the spring of 1891 and was in possession of this farm property until it was taken over by his son, W. Thompson Banting, in 1915.

In this farm home Frederick Banting was born, the youngest of five children, four boys and one girl. He led the usual active, happy life of the farm child, going to Alliston Public and High School for his primary education.

Sharing the responsibilities and pleasures of farm life, he was always particularly interested in the live stock and wild life. The tramp to school was often taken along the river bank where on the mile and half he often found an Indian relic, or picked wild flowers or four leaf clovers and enjoyed the beauty of sky and landscape. His later love of art and his hobby for painting was even then beginning to appear in pen sketches and drawings.

Graduating from High School in 1911 with Senior Matriculation, he entered Victoria University, Toronto, transferring to Medical work in 1912. In 1915 he enlisted as a private in C.A.M.C. but was returned to his medical course and graduated in 1916, at once entering the army and going overseas.

He was wounded at Cambrai in September 1918 and was awarded his Military Cross for gallant conduct on the field.

Returning to Toronto he spent one year as Resident Surgeon in Sick Children's Hospital. Then he moved to London, Ontario, where he practised medicine and taught in Medical School of Western University.

He began reading history of diabetes and a vision of a "cure" was so strong with him that he sold his London practice and returned to Toronto to go into extensive research on the subject.

The history of his discovery of Insulin is well known throughout the world and he was awarded many honours, medals and prizes for his great gift of healing to humanity, the following being among them: The Nobel Prize and being created Knight Commander of Civil Division of Order of British Empire in 1934 and being knighted by the King in Birthday Honour List, June 4th, 1934, as well as the following: K.B.E. M.C. M.D., L.L.D., D.Sc., F.R.S., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., F.R.S.O.

His useful life was suddenly cut short in an airplane accident in Newfoundland while on his way to England for special active service in the second great war on February 22nd, 1941.

This Alliston Boy's discovery is used almost all over the world.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM BANTING



William Banting was born in Bond Head Ontario, son of John and Hester Meredith Banting. He had three sisters - Susanah, Rebecca, Maria Jane and four brothers - Charles, Thomas, James and John.

In 1850 William's parents moved to "Pyfield" their farm at Thompsonville, eight miles west of Bond Head. Later the east 100 acres was given to William.

In January 1879 he married Maggie Grant, the local miller's daughter. Their first three sons - Nelson, Thompson (1882) and Kenneth were born on this farm. In 1885 William sold to go west and fight in the Riel Rebellion but while in training the rebellion was over and he was left without a farm. They then acquired a farm at Section Junction. While here another son was born only to die from whooping cough about two months later. The following year their only daughter Essie arrived. In 1890 six year old Kenneth had to be pulled twice from the Bailey Creek which flowed just behind the barn. This speeded up their search for a permanent location and in March, 1901 they purchased the Meredith Farm in Ross Township - Lot 2, Concession 2 on the floating bridge line. Late that fall another son was born to become Sir Frederick Banting.

Mr. Banting died on March 3 1938. Mrs. Banting, the first white girl born in Alliston, died December 2, 1940. Both are buried in the Alliston Union Cemetery.

THE BANTING FARM -- LOT 2, CONCESSION 2, ROSSA TOWNSHIP.

- 1834 September 19th the Crown to a soldier who did not accept it.
- 1852 December 20th offered for sale.
- 1855 December 24th sold to William Carter for £2 12 48.
- 1859 January 28th sold to John Meredith for the sum of 225 pounds.
- 1859 October 28th John Meredith died and left the farm to two of his sons James and Edward.
- 1868 March 6th James in his Will left the north 1/2 to his brother Thomas as long as he lived then it was to go to their brother Edward.
- 1875 March 22nd Thomas sold his 1/2 of the farm to Edward Meredith. The Merediths all lived together in a large 13 room frame house with white clapboard siding. The taxes in 1888 was \$42.83. The original barn was close to, and directly north of the house. After it burnt they built at a much greater distance from and to the west of the house. This beam type barn was 50 feet by 80 feet running north and south. It served for many years and was still good when the Bantings took over.
- 1891 March 14th the Estate of Edward Meredith sold to William Banting. At this time about 20 acres had been cleared and the other 20 acres was in good bush; hard maple, soft elm, rock elm, basswood, beech, ash, red oak, spruce, cedar and other lesser species. About 75 hard maples were tapped each year for syrup and sugar. William kept pure bred Shorthorns, and was one of two men who promoted good cattle in Huron County. He believed in hard work every working hour and you were expected to make the best of all leisure time. In 1903 he installed a complete water and sewage system in his house, to have hot and cold water

constantly on tap in kitchen and bathroom, and the convenience and comfort of an inside toilet - an almost unheard of "luxury" in a country home at that time. He also had the house brick clad that same year. There has always been a good supply of fresh water on this farm. With a sandpoint pounded down 25 feet, it is like pumping out of a lake. William used a windmill for power and Thompson a gasoline engine.

March 3rd William sold the farm to his son THOMPSON BANTING, who, when a boy, helped plant a row of hard maples across the front and laid claim to the farm when he grew up. Thompson married Lena Knight of Alliston in 1910 and spent his first 5 years on a rented farm, W. L. 5, C. 5, Easa, until his father was ready to retire. Thompson purchased a Rural Mail Box in 1913. His eldest son Edward was just three weeks old when they moved from Elm Grove to the Alliston farm. It was a cold windy day and they wrapped the baby in blankets, then newspapers to make the trip by horse and cutter. Later they had four other children - Helen, Ralph, Arthur and Marie. Thompson had four extra good years at Elm Grove then his last year he was eaten out by army worms. During the first year on the Alliston farm the grain suffered from a severe hail storm. The next year on August 13th, 1916 during the noon hour, while threshing a fire started in the barn yard. The flames soon spread with a strong wind and took all the buildings except the house which was saved by continually pouring water on the roof. A new barn was built that same fall and winter by George Snell. The barn 47 feet by 30 feet was of plank truss construction, with a hip roof (something new in those days) and on a brick foundation, 3 bricks thick. The eight-sided implement shed was built the following year, also of brick (his father-in-law was a brick layer). These bricks were purchased from the Presbyterian Church in Alliston. It seems they bought Alliston brick for their new church, then decided to use pressed brick.

March 31st purchased the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the same lot from Franklin Bettchen. This made the farm 145 acres. In 1920 this farm had its first car, a new Chevrolet for \$895. In 1925 the large old home was torn to the ground and a smaller 8 room house was built on the same front foundation and using most of the same old material. W. Smiley of Alliston wired the new house for electricity at a cost of \$42.50. Then in 1928 a Delco Plant was installed to supply electricity to the house, barn and implement shed. The Delco was changed to hydro in 1935. At this time 6 horses did the field work and in 1940, 2



horses were replaced by a small Ford tractor. In 1946 saw a second tractor replace the remaining horses. In 1950 a self-propelled combine was purchased and hay and straw bailer the following year.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Banting were faithful members of Wesley Methodist, later St. John's United Church. He belonged to the Masonic Order and the I.O.O.F. Mrs. Banting was an active Women's Institute member.

Thompson died July 4, 1964 and Mrs. Banting died April 12, 1963. Both are buried in the Alliston Union Cemetery.

April 10th Thompson sold the farm to his son EDWARD BANTING who had been working it for a number of years. Edward married Louise Reid in August 1961. Their children are Marie, Charles and Ann. In 1910 the taxes were \$123.56, in 1970 they rose to \$747.48. Mixed farming has been the practice on this farm. Thompson's main crop for many years was potatoes. He was one of the organizers of the "500 Bushel Potatoe Club", and winner of the gold watch in 1945, Edward in 1950.

Mr. Edward Banting,
Alliston, Ontario,
October 12, 1972.

Dr. Cunningham was born in 1871 near Sarnia, Lambton County, County, Ontario and spent his boyhood years here. He had a sister Victoria Cunningham.

When a young man, with a number of others, spent some time in the St. Fields of Mexico. Many an interesting story he told of his life and adventures there. On returning he entered the University of Toronto and studied medicine. After graduation he settled in Alliston taking over the practice of Dr. W.J.D. McQuillough on Victoria Street west, in 1908.

He was married to Jennie Rodgers Brett and they had two daughters - Jean (Mrs. Charles Miller) and Margaret E. (Mrs. M.T. Waites).

Dr. Cunningham was always fine company, kind and sympathetic. He made close friends of those he came into contact professionally. None ever forgot his interest in their trouble, in fact, he so seemed to take it as his own that their burden was easier and their load lightened.

He was a useful citizen and active in public affairs. He served as Councillor and Mayor 1918-1919.

Dr. Cunningham was prominent in Masonic Orders, a past master of Seven Star Lodge, Alliston and a past District Deputy (1936) of the Georgian District. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite and belonged to the United Church.

On January 14, 1927 he became one of the first Board Members of Stevenson Memorial Hospital. He was Chairman for only the first year, deeming it a great honour to be chosen for this office and wished the honour to be passed on to someone else. On October 13, 1932 he resigned as Board Director and discontinued his practice. In September 1933 he sold his practice to Dr. Charles F. Rait and retired to Collingwood and Brook's Beach.

He suffered a prolonged illness and died on November 17, 1935 and is buried in the Anglican Cemetery, Collingwood.



March 29, 1972.



W. J. Dunningham was for many years an honoured citizen of the town of Alliston. He was born in Dusa Township where he passed the early part of his life. In 1874 he married Caroline Kilar who preceded him in 1921. They had one son and three daughters - Leslie, Leona (Mrs. W. B. Anderson), Vera (Mrs. W. B. Thompson) and Irene (Mrs. Bruce Knowles).

Deciding to discontinue farming he moved to Alliston and purchased the Alliston Electric Light Plant which he operated until taken over by the Ontario Hydro. He purchased the Alliston Flour Mill, the former Morrow Hotel, and had his own water power generating his electricity. He operated his business until he retired in 1943.

In politics he was a staunch Conservative and served as president for the local association. In County Council he represented Alliston as a member for thirteen years and was honoured by being chosen as warden of the County for part of a year owing to the death of the Warden. He served as Councillor for many years and as Mayor of Alliston for the years 1940-41-42-43.

He served on the Official Board of St. John's United Church. In earlier days he was interested in Sunday School work and assisted in all church activities.

Mr. Dunningham was instrumental in building a swimming tank in the days when the Alliston dam was still in fact. When the dam went out he built, at his own expense, a foot bridge at Paris Street, which is still used. When the Church Street bridge was put out of commission by an army vehicle he almost single handedly undertook and accomplished the task of replacing it. A new bridge at the same site was named after him in 1963.

At Christmas following the Second World War he had delivered to every Alliston veteran a turkey - singly or with many families and the town of Alliston has benefited by his kindness, generosity and unselfish deeds.

He died in March 1961, in his 81st year and is buried in the Alliston Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Arthur Barrett,
Alliston, Ontario,
November 15, 1969.

JOHN DUNN



Mr. Dunn was born on December 25, 1866 at Baxter, Ontario. His parents were James Dunn and Elizabeth Flynn both of Irish stock. He had three brothers - David, Thomas, Samuel; two sisters Ann (Mrs. Doherty), Eliza (Mrs. Samuel Ruddick).

On December 26, 1894 he married Louise Erwin and they farmed in the Baxter district. Their family was E. Elwood, Edna (Mrs. Joseph Irwin), Louise (Mrs. Oscar Murphy), Albert and ten grandchildren.

In 1905 he suffered an accident, losing his left arm incapacitating him for strenuous physical labor. Shortly after he entered the Insurance field and became representative of the Gore Insurance Company and the DeLaval Separator. His business grew and in 1910 he moved to Alliston to a home on Queen Street and opened an office on Victoria Street West. In the years following he built up a very successful and profitable business.

During his years in town he served as member of Council for 1918-1921 and 1924.

All his life he was closely associated with the Presbyterian Church, first at Baxter then Knox Church in Alliston. He was on the Board of Management of Knox Church and Chairman of the Board for many years.

He was a member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows joining that Order on February 16, 1912. He was also a charter member of the Cavell Rebekah Lodge.

Mr. Dunn died on February 27, 1937 and is buried in the Alliston Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Oscar (Louise) Murphy,
Alliston, Ontario,
May 27, 1972.

WILLIAM SANDFORD ELLIS



MRS. W.S. ELLIS
GRANDSON - FRED ELLIS



WILLIAM SANDFORD ELLIS
SON - JOHN SANDFORD ELLIS
GRANDSON - JOHN DOUGLAS ELLIS

W.S. Ellis was born in 1862 at St. George, Brant County, Ontario. His parents were William Ellis and Jane Cushman both of St. George. His brothers were Edward, James, Judson and Frank Leslie.

In 1882 he left the farm and came to Alliston and immediately began to take an active interest in the affairs of the community. Setting up as a produce dealer he became acquainted all over the district. He later bought the grain elevator that was located on Nelson street west on the north side. He then purchased the elevator on the south side of the street occupied later by W.S. Tracey. The first elevator was burned down in 1902. He then entered the grocery business and occupied the store in the Whiteside block. He retired from business in 1927.

In December 1889 he was married to Elizabeth Gallagher daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gallagher of Tesoroontio Township. They had five children - William, Clarence who died at the age of eight months in 1905, Judson Harold who was killed in action at Festubert, France in 1918, Claud V., John Sandford (Sandy), Eva (Mrs. Percy Fleming). There were eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Originally he was a member of the Baptist church but became affiliated with Knox Presbyterian Church in Alliston.

His activities included many fraternal affiliations - a member of the Independent Order of Oddfellows and the Canadian Order of Foresters. A Master Mason of Seven Star Lodge A.F. & A.M., Alliston. He was three times Master of this lodge in 1892, 1896, 1898. Mr. Ellis served several times as School Trustee and on the Municipal Council.

He died on May 19 1941 and is buried in the Alliston Union Cemetery.

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Mr. John Sandford Ellis,
Alliston, Ontario,
March 27, 1972.

THOMAS JAMES GALLAUGHER



Eldest son of John and Elizabeth Gallagher (Liza Henderson). He was born in Rosemont in 1876 where his father was the owner of the Globe Hotel (now owned by Mrs. Needles). He had a younger brother, Henry and a sister Elizabeth (Mrs. W. S. Ellis).

Some time later his parents moved to a farm on East Half Lot # 8, Concession 2, Tossarontio (across the road from Mr. Bert Kidnie) where Elizabeth was born and then his father purchased the hotel in Everett where T.J. was raised and walked back and forth to the school at Old Everett on the corner of Concession 7 and Lot # 10 Tossarontio.

Finally Mr. Gallagher came to live permanently in Alliston around 1905 or 1906 and did dray and hauling work with his team. He made many trips to Camp Borden (Pine Plains) for loads of firewood.

He married Edith Gallagher of Adala (second cousin) and purchased a home in Alliston on Wellington Street west. They had one son, Frederick, who predeceased him.

Mr. Gallagher started working for T.J. Rooney in the butcher business in 1907, he soon saved enough wages to form a partnership with W. J. McCarroll and bought out the business from Mr. Rooney in 1912. T.J. was an Orangeman and Black Knight while Mr. McCarroll was a Catholic and Knights of Columbus but always gotten well until ill health dissolved the partnership in 1930. After recuperating from Rheumatism and Arthritis he served as an auction sale clerk for the late Al Weatherup for many years then later for Charles Foster.

For 26 years Mr. Gallagher served as President of the Union Cemetery Board. He never participated in sports but was always on hand as an officer and a staunch supporter.

Mr. Gallagher, known as "Tom", possessed a keen memory and ready wit, he was an interesting conversationalist and a source of information on local history and folklore. He has done much to make in his own way Alliston a bigger and better town.

He was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church. He died on January 13, 1965 and is buried in the Alliston Union Cemetery.

Mr. Sandy Ellis,
Alliston, Ontario,
February 18, 1972.

MAJOR HARTLEY S. GRAHAM



Major Graham was born in 1868 at Lot 9, Concession 7, Rosserontia Township. His parents were John Graham and Caroline Long. They had a family of six - William, Wesley, Alfred, Josephine (Mrs. George Brett) and Hartley.

He was the man who conceived the idea, drew up the original plans and impressed the Canadian military authorities with the advisability of using the Camp Borden site as a military training centre in 1914.

Major Graham was a military man in almost every sense of the word. At the age of twenty years he joined the old Peel and Dufferin Regiment. He climbed up through the ranks during the successive years and at the outbreak of war in 1914 he held the rank of Colonel in the Alton Rifles. Anxious to proceed overseas he was placed second in command of the Mad Fourth until the regiment was ordered to France when he was detached and appointed to a British unit. During his military career he took courses at Kingston and Stanley Barracks. He was Ontario champion for off-hand rifle shooting. He also held many prizes for revolver contests.

He was married to Jane Downey and they were blessed with a family of two sons and five daughters - Dalton, Detroit; Victor, Toronto, now Alliston; Vera (Mrs. Baongard), Picton; Alberta (Mrs. Alvin Rodgers), Detroit, deceased; Melissa, Alliston; Thelma, (Mrs. Ernest Hawes), Alliston; Caroline (Mrs. Harold Collins), Toronto now Alliston. The Grahams farmed on the homestead until they moved to Alliston in 1913 where their property went down to the banks of the Boyne River, at the extreme west end of town. Major Graham was an agent for Real Estate and Pianos.

Major Graham was an ardent Orangeman, a member of L.O.L. No. 66, Alliston for 61 years and a past County Master. He was also a member of South Royal Black Preceptory No. 140. He was a Conservative, a strong supporter of the party.

He was a member of St. John's United Church. Major Graham died on January 1, 1947 and is buried in the Alliston Union Cemetery.

Mrs. (Thelma) Ernest Hawes,
Alliston, Ontario,
March 7, 1972.

MR. JAMES D. GREENLEES

James D. Greenlees was born at Bloytown, Ontario on April 2, 1845, the oldest son of Robert and Sarah Greenlees. He had four brothers - William, Robert, John and Nelson and five sisters - Mary, Margaret, Jessie Mrs. Andrew Switzer, Sarah Jane (Mrs. Richard Shepherd) and Bertha (Mrs. J. F. Mitchell).

About the year 1858 the family moved to the Burns District settling in Bawa Township Con. 1, Lot XIV, south half. He attended Burns School.

On January 23 1880 he married Elizabeth Connell, a neighbor, they had no family. He built their home in Alliston on the north west corner of Victoria Street and the Scotch Line.

Mr. Greenlees was one of the early builders in Alliston including James Jerrett and George Packham. He was in partnership with Mr. Jerrett in the early days - Jerrett and Greenlees Planing Mill, Building Contractors, their office was near the Catholic Church. He operated a lumbering plant when bank barns were going up all over the country. Mr. Greenlees secured many contracts by being able to get out the lumber and make the frames for the barns. Later when the fine houses were replacing the log homes of the pioneer days he would have as many as four houses under construction at the same time and as far away as Avening.

He was a member of the Wesley Methodist Church and had the distinction of being one of the many who were at the opening of this church.

Mr. Greenlees took a lively interest in politics and espoused the Liberal cause. He was also a member of the I.C.O.F.

He died on March 26, 1934 and is buried in the Alliston Union Cemetery.



Mrs. Allan Corrigan,
R.R. 1, Everett, Ontario,
March 30, 1873.

MR. JOSEPH ROBERT RIPPWELL



Mr. J. R. Rippwell was born on a farm in Bush Township on April 3, 1864, son of James David Rippwell from Clonsilla Town's County, Ireland and Rebecca Hanning of Sallystic, Queen's County, Ireland.

He was a fine student graduating in 1892 from the Ontario College of Pharmacy with two honour degrees. He opened his Drug Store in Alliston in 1894. For sixty four years his shop was an unchanging landmark. He never sold tobacco in any form and always kept a stock of chocolate bars and every child who went in his store went out with a bar.

In 1892 he married Nellie Jane Watt of Port Dover, Ontario. They had two sons and a daughter - Mr. Frederick, Mr. Robert Edward, Phyllis (Mrs. Henry Jones) and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Rippwell was always interested in young people. He coached many high school students in Chemistry. He provided the play grounds and tennis courts on Maple Lane for the young to enjoy and a one with his friend Mr. W. J. Cummings built the swimming pool at the Mill Pond behind the present P.T.S. building.

From the time the Stevenson Memorial Hospital was built in 1928 he was on the Board and remained an active member until his death. In his early days he gave anaesthetics for one of the local doctors.

In 1891 he became the Bell Telephone Company Agent and was the local manager for over sixty years. As a result of his early efforts the number of telephones in Alliston rose in one month from four to forty.

Mr. Rippwell pulled up many long term records. He was Town Treasurer for over fifty years, one of the founding shareholders of the Drug Trading Company, one of the oldest Past Grand Masters of the Masonic Order, a staunch Conservative and an active worker for local option.

He was a member of Wesley Methodist (Mc. John's United) and elder, superintendent of the Sunday School for thirty five years and organized several orchestras.

Mr. Rippwell was Canada's oldest practicing druggist when he died on April 12, 1958. He is buried in the Alliston Union Cemetery. The name Rippwell may be traced from Victoria Street West but it will live forever in the history of Alliston.

Mrs. Allan Scrimgeour,
R. R. 1 Berrett, Ontario,
January 29, 1979.

MR. JAMES JERRETT



James Jerritt was born in 1844, a native of Essex Township and married Elizabeth Braley. As a young man he came to Alliston and was engaged in building and contracting.

He had two sons, William and Wellington (a noted lacrosse player) and one daughter, Olive, Mrs. Aston Ware, whose husband owned a bakery in Alliston.

James Jerritt and Sons operated a planing mill where the present town's work building is located on Wellington Street East. He and his sons were responsible for much of the building of the town including churches, a school and many homes. As well he built churches, schools and homes in the outlying areas.

He was a member of the Town Council when Alliston was incorporated as a town in January 1891. It was during this year that the town suffered a great loss by fire. The following year Mr. Jerritt, as Chairman of the Waterworks Committee, was instrumental in the installation of the water system for the town.

Mr. Jerritt was a member of Wesley Methodist Church.

His sister, Elizabeth Jerritt Graham, was the maternal grandmother of Mrs. Lorne Whiteside of Alliston.

Mr. Jerritt died in 1923 and is buried in the Alliston Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Lorne Whiteside,
Alliston, Ontario,
November 15, 1922.

MR. AND MRS. W. B. KNIGHT



Mr. William Sykes Knight was born in Brampton, Ontario on August 2, 1857 and came to Alliston when two years of age with his parents, Ebenezer Knight and Ellen Elizabeth Sykes. He had two brothers William who died in infancy, Charles R. and five sisters Elizabeth Jane (Mrs. John Abrams), Lydia Ellen (Mrs. T.W. Leggett), Anna Jane (Mrs. A.A. Burke) and Lillian (Mrs. J.A. MacKay).

Mr. Knight had seen the development of Alliston from the early days and often told of the enjoyment, the boys of his time, received when the Northern Railway was built here.

When in his teens he went to work of the farm of Mr. Thomas Allen, West Ersa. He soon decided he would rather work at the building trade and as stone foundations were just commencing to be popular in the district he apprenticed with Mr. Alex Mitchell and in due course became one of the old time efficient builders who could construct houses of stone or brick and plaster them with lime, sand and hair so thoroughly that the walls would endure as long as the exterior.

The first brick house in town was built for Dr. R.S. Cheffey (north-west corner of Wellington Street and Paris Street) and Mr. Knight received his first instruction in brick laying on this building. The second house to be built on which he worked was Knox Presbyterian Church manse in the same summer. He continued in this business until his death.

On August 16, 1884 he married Bertha Hender and their family consisted of one son, Wilbert and six daughters Beatrice (Mrs. Walter McConnell), Gladys (Mrs. George McCourt), Lena (Mrs. Thompson Banting), Ella (Mrs. Sam Graham), Bertha (Mrs. Wm. A.A. Cody) and Minerva who died at almost years of age.

For many years Mr. Knight was a member of Wesley Methodist Church (later the United Church) having also worshipped in the small frame building opposite the present McBride block before the present church was built. He was a member of the Official Board, a Trustee and an Elder. He was a chapter member of the Odd Fellows organization and very actively engaged in the Temperance Society and worked hard to keep liquor out of Alliston.

They celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1935 and he died on April 23, 1935.

Mrs. W.B. Knight (Bertha Hender) was born on November 2, 1857 in England and came to Canada at twelve years of age. She worked with her brother in the Herald Office and later in the Alliston Post Office. She was an active member of Wesley Church and the Women's Institute. She died on August 7, 1940 and both are buried in the Alliston Union Cemetery.

Mr. Edward Banting,
Alliston, Ontario,
October 10, 1972.

Picture donated by Mr. Edward
Banting.

WILLIAM FREDERICK KINSEY



Mr. Kinsey was born in Alliston, Ontario in 1869, the son of Abel Kinsey and Alice Adam. He had one brother Edgar and three sisters - Mary Alice (Mrs. James Allan), Francis (Mrs. J. J. Armstrong) and Hannah.

In 1897 he married Emily Riley at Orangeville, Ontario. They had no family.

He was for many years an undertaker and furniture dealer. In 1858 his father, Abel Kinsey, bought the property from George Fletcher, son of William Fletcher founder of Alliston. At this time it was virgin forest. The lot was cleared and from these trees he erected a furniture making factory. There was no machinery in those days nor were there any supply houses from which to purchase partly manufactured stock. The Kinsey's made their furniture by hand from the trees on the surrounding properties. Will Kinsey learned his trade the hard way with axe, adze and draw knife. His building that was erected on the south side of Victoria East was the home of the first Church of England service in Alliston. The services were conducted by Rev. Fidler, who rode on horse back from Cookstown. Several years pretious Mr. Fidler had established St. Peter's Anglican Church at West Essa. In 1880 Mr. Kinsey received the Deed of the property from his father. He often spoke of the two

disasterous fires in Alliston, 1877 and 1891. In 1891 he lost everything and it was after this fire that the present building was built on the same property. They lived over the store until the fire then a home was built on the south end of the lot, now Wellington Street, East. On March 15, 1926 he sold the business to Mr. Lorne Thomas.

In politics he was a Liberal. Mr. Kinsey was a member of the I.O.O.F. He served on the Town Council, Public School Board and as President of the Alliston Union Cemetery from 1928 - 1933.

He was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church and an elder for many years.

His chief recreation was lawn bowling.

Mr. Kinsey died on May 7, 1947 and is buried in the Alliston Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Allan Corrigan,
March 14, 1974.

(Picture donated by Mrs. Gerald Whitesdie).

MR. AND MRS. W. D. LATIMER



Mr. William Dixon Latimer was born September 17, 1867 at Lot 2, Concession 4, Essa Township. It was the homestead of the Latimer family secured from the Crown by his grandfather.

His parents were Thomas Latimer who was killed in the bush in Mulmur Township in the early 1870's and Mary Ann Neally who came from Ireland.

At fifteen years of age he came to Alliston and became apprentice to Capt. MacLaren who manufactured buggies, sleighs etc.

In 1890 Mr. Latimer bought this business and carried on for sixty-five years, the later part also selling cars.

In town affairs he was on Council twenty-nine years and six years on the High School Board.

Mr. Latimer married Matilda Robinson of Rosemont on September 24, 1890, and in 1940 celebrated their Golden Wedding, also at which a grandson William Arthur Latimer, son of Allan Latimer was christened.

Mr. and Mrs. Latimer had three children Mrs. George McLean (Ethelene), Harold who died at two and one half years of age and Allan.

He was a charter member and Past Noble Grand of the Alliston Lodge No. 171, Independent Order of Oddfellows. In 1946 he was presented with his fifty-five year membership jewel by his son, Allan who was Noble Grand.

Mrs. Latimer had many hobbies and interests making quilts, scrap books and flowers. She taught Sunday School in Wesley Methodist (St. John's United Church) for over thirty years.

During the Second World War she collected and shipped material for bandages for the Red Cross.

Mrs. Latimer had a motto she never ceased to follow that of "Serving Others".

Mr. Latimer passed away in June 1949 at the age of 82 years and Mrs. Latimer passed away in January 1954 at the age of 87. Both are buried in the Alliston Union Cemetery.

Mr. Allan Latimer,
Alliston, Ontario,
April 30, 1973.

MR. T. P. LOBLAW

Theodore Pringle Loblaw was born at Elmhurst, Ontario, on July 1 1872, son of William James Loblaw and Isabella Stevenson, grandson of William Stevenson and Elizabeth Pringle. He was always called "Thede" but most of his Toronto associates called him "Tom". He had two brothers and a sister - Will, Jack and Maizie (Mrs. E. Kinsey). When he was about four years of age his father was killed and his mother moved her little family over to West Bass Corners, nearer her parents. This gave him the opportunity, which he loved, to be near his Grandfather's home.

He helped to do chores and attended Burns School. One of the things that impressed him and his school mates was to listen to a maiden lady called "Amelia" praying to her God.

In the early 1890's he had an ambition to go to Toronto, and it is said that he left his Grandfather's farm with only \$2.00 in his pocket. He found a boarding house with a Scotch family, Mr. and Mrs. Adam, whose daughter he later married. He found work in a grocery store owned by Mr. Cork, and he and Mr. Cork's son, Milton, became friends for the rest of their lives.



On June 2 1897 he married Isabella Adam and adopted Jean (his grand niece) and raised three foster sons, Alex, Jack and James, nephews of Mrs. Loblaw. They started a grocery store on College Street. A very small thing happened which changed his whole way of thinking. Saturday was always a busy day and to prepare for it they would "do up" sugar 25¢, 50¢ and \$1.00 a bag and pile these on the counter. He noticed the customers would come in, pick up a bag, pay the cashier and go out without saying a word, an idea developed why not do this with everything in the store. In 1919 he opened his first self-service store in West Toronto. A Company was formed with Mr. Loblaw as President and Mr. M. Cork as Vice President. Stores were opened all over Ontario, Buffalo, Edmonton and Chicago.

In 1927 he purchased his grandfather's farm and improved the house, making it fully modern, improving the barns, digging a well and under draining the farm. In 1932 he had a religious experience when the Oxford Group came to Toronto and he went out telling his story in many churches in Ontario and his main theme was that he had found "Amelia's God". In the spring of 1933 he died after a sinus operation. He was so well and favorably known that a great sadness fell over the community. He was buried in Alliston Union Cemetery.

He was a member of the United Church in Mimico, Ontario, the Masonic Order and the Kiwanis Club. He donated a large sum of money to the Toronto Western Hospital and Emmanuel College. His home town benefited greatly by his generosity. He spent considerable money paving Victoria Street and later contributed largely to the building of Stevenson Memorial Hospital. A legacy was left for the hospital's maintenance.

As a tribute to his memory - "I never knew him to do a mean thing".

W. J. Wood,
R. R. 3, Alliston, Ontario,
July 23, 1970.



Mr. William Martindale

Mr. Martindale was born in Montreal on May 16, 1834. He learned his trade with Ferriers', wholesale hardware merchants in Montreal and travelled as a salesman for them through Quebec and Upper Canada. He first went into business for himself in Perth, then in Toronto, and came to Alliston in 1879.

Mr. Martindale was a genial gentleman inspiring trust in his customers and friends. He was active in local politics and served several terms on the Alliston Town Council. During this period he was instrumental in promoting the perpetual care plan for the Alliston Union Cemetery, also in persuading the council to buy a section of woodland as a Town park, namely, Riverdale Park.

Mr. Martindale was interested in establishing the weekly market for farm produce held at the present Town Hall. This attracted buyers from all over this district and as far away as Toronto. Mr. Martindale felt that the most important item in the budget of Town Council was that of education.

Throughout his life Mr. Martindale was a staunch Methodist and where ever he lived took an active part in promoting the fortunes of that Church body, serving as Sunday School superintendent and on the quarterly board.

Mr. Martindale married Anelia Hech of Prescott, Ontario in 1870. She was the great grand-daughter of Barbara and Paul Hech who introduced Methodism into Canada.

Mr. Martindale died on March 21st, 1927, having reached the age of 93.

(Contributed by Miss Edna Martindale - 1968)

DR. JOHN W. S. McCULLOUGH



Dr. McCullough was widely known for his articles on medical subjects and a regular contributor to Public Health magazines. He had written for twelve years for the Alliston Herald.

He was born in Peterborough County, Ontario on January 26, 1869 and was the son of John J. and Matilda Scott McCullough. He had one brother, Thomas and a sister, Sarah (Mrs. Albert Rogers). He married Alice Margaret Lawson and had three daughters, Jacquelin (Mrs. C.P. Fenwick), Dr. Dorothy, Noran and one son Dr. J.A. Lawson McCullough.

He received his education at Owen Sound Collegiate, Trinity Medical School and the University of Toronto. From the latter he won the degrees M.D.C.M. and D.P.H. Following Post Graduate study in New York and London, England, he began a practice in Alliston in 1890. He served on the Alliston School Board and was Mayor for the years 1900 - 1902.

Here he was largely instrumental in introducing modern sanitation methods. One of the first projects was the placing of sanitary conveniences in the school. Largely by his efforts Alliston's water system was installed and he was the prime mover in having the Artesian well that now supplies the town with water. When Camp Borden was being built he had much to do with the sanitation programme.

For part of the time Dr. McCullough was here his brother, Thomas, was in partnership with him and the two doctors opened a branch practice at Everett until Thomas went to England to study as ear, eye and throat specialist.

While Chief Officer of Health and Deputy Registrar General for Ontario, 1910 - 1935 he was associated with many services which included the initiation of free distribution of diphtheria anti toxin and other biological products, the reorganization of the Provincial Department of Health in 1919, the establishment of a chain of public health laboratories through out Ontario and of travelling Tuberculosis Clinics.

Dr. McCullough in 1913 made a Waterway survey of the Great Lakes and was a member of the Commission, Ottawa water supply for 1912-1913. He was at one time a lecturer and Public Health Administration and Public Health Law at the University of Toronto. He lectured extensively throughout Ontario on Public Health and Cancer and was the author of the book "Ten Years Progress" which dealt with public health.

Following service with the Canadian Army Medical Corps from 1914-1919 he retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He retired from office of Chief Inspector of Health for Ontario in 1936 and was then connected with the Health League.

He was a Mason and an Orangeman, a member of the I.O.O.F. and the I.O.F. He was a Conservative. He was a member of St. Andrew's Anglican Church. Golf was his recreation. He was a member of the Mississauga Golf Club. He was also a member of the Academy of Medicine.

He died on January 5, 1941 while sitting at his type writer, writing an article on medical health. He was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto.

Mrs. Allan Corrigan,
Alliston, Ontario,
November 15, 1971.

MR. JAMES MCGARVEY



LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. McGarvey, a visitor, Mrs. McGarvey, a visitor. In front, Grace Fletcher, a granddaughter.

Born in Sand Bank, New York State of Irish parentage in 1852. He came to Cookstown at the age of eight. A brother Edward and a sister Josephine were the other members of his family.

As a young man Mr. McGarvey learned the trade of carriage builder in Barrie and came to Alliston in the mid seventys. Mr. McGarvey embarked in the Livery business and continued in the same stand until 1920 when he retired. In the early days he drove the stage from Gilford to Cookstown.

In 1881 he married Francis Glendinning and they had two sons James and Russell and one daughter, Kossie (Mrs. Kirkland Fletcher). He had eight grandchildren.

He was one of the first members of the Alliston Union Cemetery Board and claimed to have sold the first plot.

In 1883 he became a member of the Seven Star Masonic Lodge of Alliston and had been made a Life Member.

Mr. McGarvey was a member for forty years of Wesley Methodist Church.

He died on January 9, 1910 and is buried in the Alliston Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Arthur Merrett,
Alliston, Ontario,
December 4, 1972.

MR. GEORGE MCNIR



George McNir was born on August 5, 1836 in Carleton Place, County Tyrone, Ire and the eldest son of Joseph McNir and Mary Bishop. He had two brothers John and Joseph and five sisters - Margaret (Mrs. Michael Dunham), Catherine (Mrs. Joseph Dunham), Mary Jane, Anne (Mrs. Robert Hancey) and Francis (Mrs. William Smith). In 1838 he came with his parents and two sisters to Canada settling at Rosville, Township, Ontario which was then newly settled being to its proximity to Toronto and the Niagara River Lake Ontario in the western wilderness which passed through the neighboring township of Welland. He was destined to be a real pioneer and soon began land some northwards to reach and covered with forest. He bought Lot 111 on Concession 14th Township from William and Margaret Fletcher (his Aunt) in 1858. Later he purchased Lots 1 and 11 in the same Concession. The buildings were erected on Lot 11 beside his Bayne River.

On May 24, 1860 he married Elizabeth Stevenson daughter of William Stevenson and Elizabeth Pringle daughters of the Huron-Wentworth district. They had three daughters Elizabeth Pringle (Mrs. John H. Moore), Mary Margaret (Mrs. George Cole), Mattie May (Mrs. J. J. Wood) and one son William Joseph George. He had seven grandchildren.

Mr. McNir was a farmer but had a liking for public business and he had a great sense of honor. He held the office of Councillor for many years and was Reeve of Toronto for the years 1873-1878 when the C.N.R. was built. He was a general loan insurance agent.

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He was a member of the Masonic Order - The Seven Star Lodge and filled all the chairs. Also an active member of the Grange Order and when he was unable to attend both Orders were him an honorary member. Mr. McNir gave years of advice to the Agriculture Society. He was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church.

In politics he was a Conservative, being acquainted intimately with everybody for a long time and possessed considerable ability as an organizer. He bore the brunt of many a keen contested campaign.

Mr. McNir was a member of the first Alliston Council in 1891. He was for twenty five years Secretary for the Alliance Union Cemetery. He was the Chairman of the first School Board.

He died on November 2, 1912 and is buried in the Alliance Union Cemetery.

Mrs. J. A. (Elizabeth) Miles (Granddaughter)
R.R. 3, Alliston, Ontario,
April 5, 1975.



Mr. John Mitchell

Mr. Mitchell was born in Tecumseh Township on July 29, 1878. He was married to Bertha Eliza Greenlees in September 1899 and came to Alliston to live that same year. Mr. Mitchell operated the elevator and grain business situated at the Grand Trunk railway, now the Canadian National.

Mr. Mitchell served Alliston in many positions, first as School Trustee, then Reeve, and as Mayor for over 20 years. Mr. Mitchell was a life-long member of the Liberal party, and was elected to the provincial parliament in 1928.

In 1934 he was appointed to be the Registrar of the Surrogate Court of Simcoe County, which position he held till his death.

Mr. Mitchell was a very public spirited citizen and worked hard for every worthy cause, having been instrumental in having the C.P.R. routed through Alliston. Also, he and his associates were instrumental in having the streets widened and paved.

Mr. Mitchell was a member of the first board of directors of Stevenson Memorial Hospital, and worked very hard along with Mr. T. P. Loblaw and Mr. F. K. Murrow in the building and equipping of that fine institution of healing.

Mr. Mitchell was an active member of Wesley Methodist Church, later St. John's United Church, also a member of I.O.O.F., a 32-degree Mason in Seven Star Lodge, a member of the Alliston F.U.C., the Canadian Legion, the Canadian Order of Foresters, the Ontario Hospital Association, a Justice of the Peace and a Notary Public.

Mr. Mitchell died on November 2, 1945.

(Contributed by Mrs. Murray Mills
- 1968)

REGINALD NOBLE



Reg was one of the "Hockey Greats" who made his home in Alliston.

He was born in Collingwood in 1897 and began his career in this town. Reg played on their Junior Champions of 1914-15. He turned professional with the Torontos of the National Hockey Association for the 1916-17 season but this Club was disbanded part way through the schedule and Reg was sent to Montreal Canadiens which team played Seattle for the Stanley Cup.

Next season a new league was organized, the National Hockey League, and Noble returned to Toronto to play with this Club which was called Toronto Arenas and they won the historic Stanley Cup. Reg was the top scorer on the team with no less than twenty eight in the twenty game schedule. He finished in third place in the scoring race which was won by Joe Malone of Montreal.

1921-22 was another big season ofr Noble and Toronto St. Patricks, as they were called, and Toronto won the Cup, elimination the Ottawa Senators for the right to challenge for the Stanley Cup. They met Vancouver and in a great series won three games to two.

Reg was traded to the new Montreal Maroons in 1924 and played three seasons with them and helped the Maroons to win the Stanley Cup in the season of 1925-26. Noble was sold to the Detroit Cougars and spent about five seasons there. He returned to the Maroons in the spring of 1933 where he ended his N.H.L. career having spent eighteen years in this league. Reg played one more season and that with Cleveland of the International League. He then returned to the N.H.L. as a referee for a couple of

years.

During Reg Noble's National Hockey career he scored 170 goals and had 80 assists for 250 points. Assists were hard to come by in the early years of the N.H.L. Ted Leave who wrote for the Toronto Telegram always rated Reg as one of the best left fingers of all time.

During the war years the married men of Alliston organized a team and Reg came out of retirement to help out although he was in his late forties, even so, he showed some of his hockey talent for the residents of Alliston who had never had the pleasure of seeing him perform when he was at his peak.

After his death he became a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame and in 1974 was inducted into the Collingwood Sports Hall of Fame.

While he was in his teens he spent his summers with his Uncles - Joseph and Thomas Patton of Adjala, it was at this time that he met Marie Doyle whom he married in 1922. They had three children Paul, Joan (Mrs. Albert J. Onofrio) and Edward.

After his N.H.L. career he retired to Alliston. He died on June 19, 1962 and is buried in the Alliston Roman Catholic Cemetery.

(Excerpts taken from the Collingwood Enterprise Bulletin).

Mrs. Allen Corrigan,
R.R. 3 Alliston, Ontario,
October 25, 1978.

MR. WILLIAM JOHN NORTON



Mr. John Norton was born on March 15, 1851 in Bolton, Ontario. His parents were David Norton and Ruth Elizabeth Fox. He had three sisters and five brothers all brick makers - David of Woodbridge, Thomas and James at Mount Dennis, Alsey of Bolton and George the youngest managed large plants in Cape Breton and the Maritimes. His mother was born in Lindsay, Ontario and was able to recount interesting events which took place during the stormy time of the Mackenzie Rebellion. His father was born in Essa, Yorkshire, England and came as an orphan to Canada. The Nortons for several generations were brick makers. In Toronto, John's father was especially selected as a workman to make odd shaped brick used in the construction of the wonderful edifice, St. James Cathedral.

Thus it quite natural for John Norton to be a brick maker. He came to Alliston in 1876 and settled in Essa Township, Concession 1, directly north of Alliston Riverdale Park. In 1877 he started his brick yard on a small scale. In 1878 the demands had so increased that extra machinery had to be put in. In 1879 the manufacture of drain tile was commenced and many a farm was made more productive by Mr. Norton's help. In 1885 during the great building boom in Toronto every resource was used to supply the demand for shipment but the quality was always maintained and in 1886 he was in such a prosperous condition he was able to secure the best labor saving machinery so when the great fire in Alliston occurred Mr. Norton was ready to meet the emergency. Orders were booked before the fire for 100,000 but he met the flood of demands created without delay, although a million bricks were needed to do it. Shipments were made to all parts on the Grand Trunk Railway, northern system. His son, Harry, worked with him until the clay ran out shortly before his death.

They first lived in a log house but in 1892 a large brick home was built which is now owned by Mr. Herman Cole.

He was first married in Bolton to Miss Elliott who is buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton. This family consisted of Charles, William, Nellie (Mrs. John Dowd), Lydia (Mrs. John Dowd). His second wife was Sarah Jane Nelson and they had three children - George who died at the age of 8 months, Harry and Nelson (Buba). She died at the early age of 32 years. His last wife was Elizabeth Christian and this family was Franklin, Ernest who died at 5 months of age, Clara (Mrs. Edmund Gaston), David, Robert, Herbert, George and Arthur.

Mr. Norton was highly esteemed for his sterling character and business integrity. His best monument is the fine homes and business establishments he has furnished material for in Alliston and other places.

He was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Norton died on November 14, 1919 and is buried in the Alliston Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Allan Corrigan,
R. R. 3, Alliston, Ontario,
February 25, 1974.

MR. ROBERT SCOTT



Robert Scott was born in Galt, Ontario on March 6, 1833, son of Andrew and Carry Scott. He had three brothers - Andrew B., John, William and five sisters - Bessie, Hannah, Jane, Jennie, Mary.

In 1879 he came to Alliston from Galt and started in the wholesale produce business, later in the handling of fuel, eggs and building materials, this he continued to work at until the time of his death.

He first married Mary White who died in 1894. They had two daughters Essie and Edna who died in infancy. In 1896 he married Margaret Hood and their children were - Reginald, Harold, Bessie, Marion and Margaret.

Over a long period of time he was in the public eye and like all men who have decided convictions, he made temporary enemies who in the long run came to admire his singleness of purpose and his firmness of action.

Much credit is due Mr. Scott when he was in the Council in bringing the C.P.R. through Alliston. He also attempted to provide this town with a system of trunk sewers but the opposition was too strong against the idea but years later it was admitted he possessed great foresight.

He worked hard helping to plan the Union Cemetery and was its President for the years 1906-1928 until his death. The Union Cemetery, as it is to-day is due to the faithful efforts of men such as Mr. Scott.

He was a member of the first School Board and spent years as a School Trustee. He was Mayor for the years 1902-1903 and on Council for several years.

Before the Stevenson Memorial Hospital was built he was on its first Board of Trustees in 1926. While it was being built it defined much of his time and energy. He continued to serve on the Board of Governors until the time of his death.

He died suddenly on September 13, 1928 and is buried in the Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Ellen Corrigan,
Alliston, Ontario,
October 15, 1972.

The Picture was Donated by Mr. Harold Scott, Alliston.

MR. ARNEST SKELTON



Born in 1881 at Guilford, Surrey, England. He came to Alliston in 1915 and worked for William Blanchard, Albert Downey and Christopher Thompson, farmers in the Elmgrove district.

Mr. Skelton enlisted on August 14, 1914 and went to Valcartier Camp, then overseas where he was wounded in 1916 in the second battle of Ypres.

On October 15, 1915 he was married to Miss Rose Turnbridge, at Wells, Kent, England. After the war they made their home with the Thompsons later moving to Alliston. They had no children.

He was interested in community affairs. He was an active member of the Horticultural Society, the local Conservative group for thirty five years, the Masonic Order in which he received the degree of Worthy Master in 1930, and was appointed delegate to the Grand Lodge.

Mr. Skelton was an active member of St. Andrews' Anglican Church serving with the Sunday School for twenty five years and as Vestry Clerk. He was secretary and a Life Member of the Upper Canada Bible Society.

Perhaps his greatest achievements were in the many things he did for the ex service men in his capacity as secretary of the Great War Veterans Association also later when the organization was changed to Canadian Legion. He was secretary of the Alliston branch No. 171 for twenty two years being one of its charter members and presented with a Life Membership for his long and excellent service. He was responsible for many local men receiving pensions and credits regarding their service in both wars.

For twenty eight years he was caretaker at the Alliston Public School. His love for flowers gave him great interest in the promotion of flower beds and shrubbery on the school frontage.

He was frequently seen riding his bicycle to Barrie and Toronto.

Mr. Skelton died on June 9, 1955 and is buried in the Alliston Cemetery.

Mrs. Allan Corrigan,
R.R. 1, Everett, Ontario,
December 4, 1972.

DR. FRANK M. WALKER



Frank Muir Walker was born in April 1886 in Stoney Creek, Ontario. He was one of four children born to John Book Walker and Sophia Muir.

He attended Public School at Stoney Creek. During the years 1895-1905 he attended Hamilton Collegiate and Normal School. He taught at Hunter's Corners (near Rockton) from 1905-1907 and then entered the University of Toronto in 1908 where he studied Medicine.

Dr. Walker was on active duty during the First World War, serving in Gallipoli and France from 1914-1916, then a prisoner of war and was awarded the Military Cross.

On December 16, 1916 he married Agnes Marie Young in England and they had one son Albert.

In 1923 he came to practice in Alliston living in the house east of the C.P.R. tracks on the north side of Victoria Street. Here he had his office. Just before the Second World War Drs. Burt, Walker and Wilson formed the First Medical Clinic in town with offices and combined surgery in the building formerly occupied by Dr. J. D. Cunningham (now Dr. John Donaghy's Medical offices). For two years during the Second War he

was the only doctor in the community and at no time spared himself. He was appointed in 1936 one of the Trustees for the Stevenson Memorial Hospital before it was built. For many years he represented the Doctors on the Board of Directors of the Hospital.

For the year 1935 he served as Mayor of Alliston but found his time too limited with his practice to continue longer.

He did exceptional work with the Canadian Legion. His efforts did much to make the Alliston Branch No. 175 a very strong organisation.

Dr. Walker was a charter member of the Lion's Club and for a number of years the meetings were held in his home. In addition he found time to be an active member of the Seven Star Lodge (Masonic).

He was always intensely interested in horticulture. Another of his hobbies was music and he was a member of the Alliston Glee Club. He derived great enjoyment in just listening to others sing and play.

During his last years of his life he enjoyed the steadfast comradeship of Dr. James Irwin and they had many interests in common.

Dr. Walker passed away, January 15, 1956 as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was buried in the Alliston Union Cemetery.

(Picture donated by Mrs. Ernest Hawes, Alliston).

Mrs. Allan Corrigan,
R.R. 1, Overton, Ontario,
March 30, 1973.



MR. JOSEPH WHITESIDE

Joseph Whiteside, a son of one of the first pioneers of the Township of Essa. The Whitesides came originally from the County of Westmoreland, England in the year 1831. They settled on Lot 4, Concession 7, Essa Township, being the third settler in that township.

Joseph Whiteside was the second son of Thomas Whiteside and his wife, Frances Sagar, and was born in the Township of Essa where he farmed near Elmgrove. He married Elizabeth Alderson, also a daughter of an early pioneer of Essa township. They had three sons, Gerald, Harold and Lorne and a daughter, Maude. Gerald and Lorne worked with their father for many years in the Alliston Post Office. Later Gerald became Clerk-Treasurer of the town from 1940 to 1951, being succeeded by Lorne who is the present Clerk-Treasurer.

While on the farm Mr. Whiteside took an active part in municipal affairs being a member of the Council and Reeve for a number of years. He was chosen Warden of Simcoe County in the year 1905. When he was appointed as Postmaster of the town of Alliston in 1901, he and his family moved from Essa township to Alliston. Mr. Whiteside held the position of Postmaster until his death in 1931.

He was a member of the Methodist Church which later became the United Church.

Mr. Lorne Whiteside,
Alliston, Ontario,
November 15, 1972.

REV. J. A. WILSON



John Alexander Wilson was born in 1872 at Mono Centre, Dufferin County Ontario. One of three sons and five daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson.

In 1874, the family moved to Alliston where Mr. Wilson spent his boyhood and attended the Public School then going to the Orangeville High School and Owen Sound Institute where he won the gold medal for oratory.

After his Arts course at the University of Toronto he graduated from Knox College and was ordained in 1902. His first appointment was to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Peterborough as assistant. In 1904 he became minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church where he remained for twenty one years. In spite of his fine leadership his church did not enter Union in 1925. Mr. Wilson then became minister of the United Church in Paris. He also served at Cayuga, Palmerston and Stony Creek before retiring in 1941.

He was married to BERT Robinson and had a daughter Grace (Mrs. Boyton Fisher) and a son George and five grandchildren.

Mr. Wilson was one vice President of the Hamilton Ministerial Association, chairman of the Hamilton Presbyterian Presbytery and of the Brantford United Church Presbytery. He was a great young peoples and temperance leader. Mr. Wilson was always in great demand as an Anniversary and after-dinner speaker.

He was a member of the Masonic Order. His hobbies were composing poems and woodworking.

Mr. Wilson was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church in Alliston in his younger days.

He died on May 15 1955 and was buried in Paris Ontario.

Mrs. S. A. Milne,
R.R. 3 Alliston, Ontario,
April 6, 1973.

MR. JOHN J. WILLIAMS



John J. Williams was born at Kilmaunagh, Ontario on July 6, 1862. Son of John and Mary Williams. He had two brothers, Harry and William.

Early in life he came to Alliston living where Mr. and Mrs. Roy Peterman's home is situated. Later he built his home on King Street the opposite corner from Hunter's Garage. He was one of the most popular residents of the town, possessing a genial temperament and wearing a perennial smile, he made friends readily.

He was twice married first to Isabel Aiken whose daughter was Jennie Isabel (Mrs. Arthur Morrest). On January 29 1896 he married Bertie McGirr and they had two daughters - Margaret (Mrs. James Murphy), Mary (Mrs. James Frazer) and one son, Ross.

In early days he operated a soft drink plant and only abandoned the business when his health failed him. Mr. Williams spent numerous successive summers in the employ of the County engaged in road building. It has been said Highway 29 from Priorose to Cookstown is a monument to his good road building.

Mr. Williams had many years in the old County Constabulary and his duties as bailiff of the local Division court made him to be widely known and was often complimented on his good work by the Crown Attorneys. Soon after he retired the office was abolished and taken over by the Provincial Police when it was organized. He was also Alliston's Fire Chief for many years.

He was a member of the Masonic Order - Seven Star Lodge and of the Orange Order. He was very much interested in the building of the Sheverson Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Williams's interest was not only in civic affairs but was also in the work of his church - Knox Presbyterian later the United Church. He was chairman of the Board of Managers year after year.

Mr. Williams died on March 31, 1939 and is buried in the Union Cemetery.

Mrs. James Murphy,
Alliston, Ontario,
April 9, 1939.

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DIED

In Alliston, on Sunday, October 19th,
1902,

Edward J. Sims,

Aged 63 years.

The Funeral

Will take place from his late residence, King Street, at 3 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21st, to the Alliston Union Cemetery.

The Brethren will assemble at the Lodgeroom at 2 o'clock p.m.

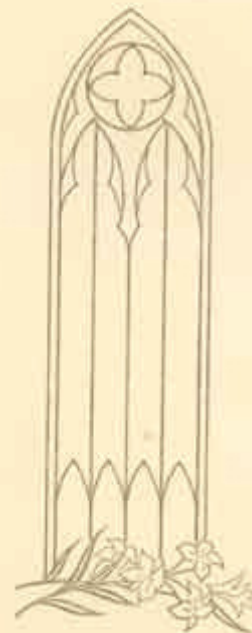
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THE ALLISTON CURLING CLUB.

The Alliston Curling Club was first formed in 1900, when they curled on an open-air rink on the south side of Victoria Street about 50 yards west of the C.P.R. tracks where Harry Faulkner's house presently stands.

From available reports it would appear that the Club only curled for one year at this location.

A wooden rink was built close to the present location of the hockey arena in 1900 and it was so constructed that they played hockey and skated in the centre of the rink and there were two sheets of curling ice, one on either side of the hockey and skating pad, for the curlers.

The Club continued to curl at this location although the building itself was sold in 1909 to Alfred Baycroft who operated it until 1915 when it was demolished and in its place Mr. Baycroft built a semi-circular truss frame, corrugated iron-covered rink.

In 1916 the curlers built a two-pad curling rink of their own on the south side of the river just east of the new town bridge and this structure was of corrugated iron and was used for curling until it was torn down about 1930.

From 1930 until 1938, there seems very little activity on the part of the Club but about 1938, under the sponsorship of the Lions Club they reorganized and started curling in the old skating rink which was then being operated by the Curling Club on shares with Mr. Baycroft. The curlers continued to use this rink and the Club slowly grew although the annual fees were raised from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per year in about 1944. In 1945 the rink was closed and shortly afterwards it collapsed from the weight of the snow.

It was not until 1950 when the new Alliston Memorial Arena was opened that the curlers again had an opportunity of organizing. This was done and the Club operated on a one-day basis starting in December of 1950 and continuing until 1956.

By 1956, the Club's membership had grown and enthusiasm had mounted to such a pitch that the curlers convinced themselves that they could build their rink. They did and moved in December of 1956 on their new four-pad artificial rink.

PRESIDENTS

1900-1901	J. Morris
1901-1902	T. M. Brown
1902-1903	W. G. Fisher
1903-1904	T. M. Brown
1904-1905	W. A. Bell
1905-1906	Dr. W. J. Hill
1906-1907	C. R. Knight
1907-1908	Robt. Henderson
1908-1909	Dr. W. J. Hill
1909-1910	Hugh Davidson
1910-1911	Thos. Garbutt
1911-1912	J. A. Wright
1912-1913	Jas. Moore
1913-1914	F. J. Haddell
1914-1915	H. A. Murphy
1915-1916	A. Weaver
1916-1917	W. J. Cunningham
1917-1918	W. J. Hancey
1918-1919	L. Munshaw
1919-1920	J. D. Bowerman
1920-1921	W. H. Hurst
1921-1922	J. D. Bowerman
1922-1923	F. D. Brice

SECRETARIES

1900-1901	David Hood
1901-1902	H. McGulla Wright
1902-1903	Chas. E. Norton
1903-1904	W. F. Knight
1904-1905	R. M. Armstrong
1905-1906	H. A. Murphy
1906-1907	E. S. McLean
1907-1908	G. F. Crosbie
1908-1909	L. R. Munshaw
1909-1910	J. D. Bowerman
1910-1911	G. W. McNabb
1911-1912	F. R. Evans
1912-1913	J. M. Dick
1913-1914	J. D. Bowerman
1914-1915	Wallace Ross
1915-1916	George McCague
1916-1917	Elmer Hawkins
1917-1918	W. Thompson
1918-1919	C. Graham
1919-1920	W. Thompson

THE ALLISTON CURLING CLUB

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PRESIDENTSSECRETARIES

1953-1954 Delam Wilson
1954-1955 James A. McCague
1955-1957 Barney Gibson
1957-1958 Bernard Swenson
1958-1959 Gordon Henderson
1959-1960 Dr. Gordon Smockum Jr.
1960-1961 J. D. Bowerman
1961-1962 John Brooks
1962-1963 Frank Craig
1963-1964 Maj. R. Hampton
1964-1965 John Tayler
1965-1966 John Hughson
1966-1967 Gar. Armstrong
1967-1968 Vincent Horan
1968-1969 Harold Parsons
1969-1970 H. Stuart
1970-1971 Robert Jackson
1971-1972 Lew McMullen
1972-1973 Dr. Robt. Bryant
1973-1974 O. Lyles

John D. Bowerman,

Alliston, Ontario,
May 9 1974.ALLISTON CURLERS 1901

A. M. Robinson
C. R. Knight
David Hood
Robert Scott (Skip)

J. McCrae
R. J. Wallace
T. M. Brown
W. A. J. Bell (Skip)

W. J. Fletcher
W. S. Ellis
W. Jerrett
James Morris (Skip)

Dr. W. J. Hill
J. M. Duncan
A. McCrae
W. G. Fisher (Skip)

THE ALLISTON CURLING CLUB

continued

PRESIDENT Mr. Barney Gibson LADIES' PRESIDENT Mrs. Janet McCague

The Official Opening of the Curling Rink was held on January 16, 1957. Mayor Ernest Hawes conducted the opening ceremonies which were marked by an invitation Bonspiel won by McKinney of Brampton and Thorington of Grillia. The Open House was attended by a large and enthusiastic number of club members.

Sharing in the honours of the occasion with Barney Gibson was his executive Vice-President - Benny Swenson, Secretary - Wally Ross and Treasurer - George McCague.

The men's Curling Club has 160 members, 132 of which are curlers while the ladies' club has 60 active members.

This was also the occasion to acknowledge all the efforts and generous donations of the ladies and men who have done committee work and contributed materials for construction and furnishing the fine new building.

Building Committee - Chairman, Bennie Swenson, J. R. Hood, Peter Thomson, Jack Derbyshire, Ross Williams.

Ice Committee - Chairman, Foster McQuigge, Jack Bowerman, Jack McCague, John Brooks.

Finance Committee - Chairman, Gordon Henderson, Dr. Gordon Smockum, W.H.C. Ruthven, Neil McLeod.

Management Committee - Chairman, Frank Tammion, Joe McCarroll, Jim McCague, John Brooks, Ralph Hunter, Frank Evans.

These committees were set up to look after all the work that was scheduled for this first winter - "the building was to be closed in" - period. But then Harold Scott donated all the leather finished wall covering for the lounge and the big mounted moose head. That made the picture windows overlooking the four rinks a must so the following members got together to supply them; Jack Bowerman, Russell Hood, Dr. G. Smockum, Herb Dunn, Dr. Bruce Anderson, Elmer Scolts, Barney Gibson.

Now the place had begun to look like a fellow all dressed up --- wearing an old pair of shoes. That problem was overcome when the following members looked after the tile floor - Oscar Whiteside, Joan Brooks, Syng Gibson, Wm. Hunter, F. D. Brisco, Joe McCarroll, Jack Hughson, Lorne Morrison, Don Applegate, Dr. Tom Irwin, Gordon Henderson, Maurice Aikens, Carl Knight, Ed. Whiteside, Neil Malcolm. Fixtures for the washrooms were supplied by Foster McQuigge, Wally Ross, George McCague. Installation of the plumbing - Jack Anderson, Don Alderson, Jack Bowerman, a job well done. Bill Boyes spent countless hours on the electrical work. Tom Hardsall contributed the screen for the fireplace and Wm. Hunter an electrical refrigerator for this season. Mrs. Peter Thomson donated the late Dr. Frank Walker's fine piano.

The President reported "the kitchen is taking shape nicely with cupboards installed. There could be a new floor --- you never know --- Now I hope I haven't forgotten anyone. Our Official Opening January 16, 1957 will be a day long remembered. We are away Monday, January 21 with 132 men and 60 ladies and thanks Wally Ross for lining up the schedule. A-W-A-Y We GO -O-C-. Again thanks to everyone". Then Ben Swenson mentioned that a fire place would really set the room up. Donors were all that were needed. Son in law Benny Swenson, Peter Thomson, W.H.C. Ruthven, Ronnie Beattie, Ross Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hawes came along with a real thriller - two chesterfields, two tables and fifteen chairs. Mrs. Tom Irwin supplied the drapes and Mrs. Barney Gibson the light fixtures. Bill Ruthven donated all the sod and had it laid before winter set in. John Taylor presented the beautiful electric clock.

THE ALLISTON GLEE CLUB.

The Alliston Glee Club was formed in 1939 at the behest of Dr. F. M. Walker and local music lovers. There were thirty members coming from as far away as Thornton and Cookstown.

The Leader was Mr. Walter Taylor supported by the inexhaustable enthusiasm of Dr. Walker. The efforts of the group soon won public acclaim and word of their excellent programmes quickly spread far and wide throughout the district.

For the year 1942 they had filled more than twenty engagements and because of weather conditions, etc, they had to cancel or refuse many more requests. The sustained interest and healthy growth reflected real achievement on the part of the Club Leader and the progressive development of the individual members in group singing. They met once a week for practice in Dr. Walker's home.

For some time it had been their desire to stage a Musical Concert for the benefit of music lovers and the greatest handicap had been to secure a suitable auditorium. Finally in 1942 they had a splendid opportunity, at some expense, to bring a former Alliston girl Leila Preston Watson pianist and internationally known Cellist, Morris Hamblough member of the Hart House Quartet. This social event was held in January in Knox United Church and will long be remembered as an outstanding evening.

Members who sang in a group were Messers Nicol Wilson, Newton Wilson, Ralph MacLean, C. W. Thomesen and Frank Turan.

Shortly after Dr. Walker became ill in 1952 the members were unable to practice in his home so they grew disinterested and finally they disbanded.

Mrs. Allan Corrigan,
R. R. 3 Alliston, Ontario,
November 23, 1972.

ALLISTON GLEE CLUB 1950



- BACK ROW: Russell Shaw, Lorne Buyers, Albert Briggs, Arthur Merrett, T.P. Foster, Robt. MacKenzie, R.A.C. MacLean, Marvin Rand, Clarence Buyers, Rev. Alex Halbert.
- MIDDLE ROW: Kevin Bunner, Fred Pife, Nicol Wilson, Vern Coutts, Cecil Wardell, Roy Peterman, Neville Jamieson, Wes. Levens, Dr. F.M. Walker, Frank Hackett, Herb Shepherd, Rev. H. McCormack.
- FRONT ROW: Herb Harris, Dr. Chas. Carr, Lyons Inch, Newton Wilson, Mrs. Bruce Knowles (Organist), Mrs. Wm. Cotton (Assistant Organist), Ernest Skelton, G.W. Thompson, Wm. Cotton.

Original Picture loaned by Roy Peterman,
Alliston, Ontario, June 16, 1971.

SOUVENIR PROGRAMME



FIRST
MUSICAL CONCERT

of the

ALLISTON GLEE CLUB

Under the direction of R. Walter Taylor

KNOX CHURCH, ALLISTON

Thursday, January 17, 1946

Presenting

Boris Hambourg

'Cellist of International Fame

Assisted by

Leila Preston Watson

Pianist

STEVENSON FARMS GOLF COURSE

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MR. GEORGE SPOTTER

On July 7, 1932 this Golf Course was officially opened. It was an eight holed course starting at the Club House situated at the large gate entrance. It occupied twenty acres of land and had water piped under ground to all the greens. The finest tractors and mowers were purchased for the caring of the course.

The grounds' keeper was Mr. George Spotter. Miss Georgina Ruthven, dietitian, and Miss Iris Loblaw were in charge of the Club House serving tasty meals and selling pop and candy. It was a very popular course for the golfers of the district.

The Club House had a large lounge with fire place where cards could be played or used for relaxation. The dining room had small tables where lunches were served. The kitchen was always a busy place preparing meals and washing the dishes. A screened in porch on two sides of the building added to the enjoyment of a days outing. The upstairs held four bedrooms and bath room.

Unfortunately Mr. T. P. Loblaw died in April 1933. The Golf Course still continues under the management of the T. P. Loblaw Estate.

In July 1935 Mr. W. J. Wood purchased the Stevenson Farms including the golf course. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stephenson were engaged to be in charge of this venture. When the Second World War was started it was found impossible to secure help to cut the grass. Soon afterwards it was closed. The water pipes were removed and grain again was planted on these acres. The Club House was rented to various tenants. In 1968 it is sold to Mr. and Mrs. John Clarke with five acres of land.

OPENING OF THE GOLF COURSE (copied from THE ALLISTON HERALD)

The opening of the new golf course and club house at the Stevenson Farms, July 7, 1932 was one of the most enjoyable outings which the people of this town have had the pleasure and the privilege of attending in many a year. It was the first occasion on which Allistonians have had golf made available to them and the greens and fairways are covered with novices from the early afternoon till dark. All the while the host, T. P. Loblaw, was acting as pro and more than one novice acquired the grip on the lever that sends the ball well out to the first hole.

The opening ceremonies were brief. Mr. W.H.C. Ruthven, president of the Club, on the teeing off round announced that the auspicious day has arrived and that golf was henceforth to be the popular sport that was to win the fancies of the people of Alliston and district as it has enthused the people of other places. Reference was made to the magnanimity in Mr. Loblaw in constructing the course and building the club house and opening both to his neighbors and the people of Alliston.

The thanks of the Board of Governors of Stevenson Memorial Hospital for the magnificent gift bestowed on the hospital by Mr. Loblaw were tendered the donor by Mr. J. B. Elliott, chairman of the Board this year. In a small tangible expression of thanks from the members of the golf club Miss Isabel Knight presented Mr. Loblaw with a portfolio of prints of some of the works of the greatest painters of the past and present.

Mr. Loblaw was happy in his reply. He was in his element with a crowd of the people with whom he lived. His pleasure at being able to give them enjoyment was the central thought of the few remarks he made. All the facilities of the course was turned over to the members and their friends and it was Mr. Loblaw's wish that it be patronized liberally.

A ribbon across the teeing off mound was cut by Miss Joan Loblaw and her father followed by driving the first ball well down the fairway. It was not long before the player's were moving all over the course in two's and three's and four's. Girls and men were as numerous as boys and men.

OPENING OF THE GOLF COURSE continued



MISS MARGARET MURPHY

Between five and six o'clock Miss Georgina Ruthven who was in charge of the dining room and her staff commenced to get busy. For three hours the cuisine attracted the players and profuse compliments were tendered the distiction and her staff. The dining room did not attempt to accomodate the crowd and tables were set on the verandah. After refreshments golf again claimed most of the members until the sun dropped below the horizon.

The evening afforded the crowd abundant pleasure and was a fitting climax for the day. The verandah is spacious. Here a piano had been included in the appointments and the people

danced until the midnight hour, in the cool air of the high altitude of the Farms.

In the lounge of the club house which is beautifully finished in natural grain hardwood and softly lighted in the ceiling beams by invisible lights placed in recesses. Mr. Loblaw pointed out some of the features of the oil paintings which graced the walls.

To stimulate interest in golf Mr. Loblaw put up thirteen prizes which were won as follows: Men's open - J. R. Moore, W.H.C. Ruthven and Dr. W. J. Scott. Women's open - Mrs. James Prain, Mrs. W. J. Wood and Mrs. C. W. Grandy. Men's Novice - R. D. Boyes, John Coburn and F. O. Moore. Women's Novice - Mrs. Fred Murphy, Miss Mae Heydon and Miss Margaret Graham. Highest scores of the day, Miss Bess Graham. The prizes were presented by the donor.

Some of the members were: Messrs W. J. Coulter, Donald Ross, L. R. Munshaw, Dr. Fleming, Norman Gray, Karl Knight, Ernest Martindale, Dr. R. Male, Jack Graham, R.A.C. MacLean, J. A. Patton, F. O. Moore, Frank Brieco, E. C. Graham, Dr. Shennette, Dr. F. A. Walker, W.H.C. Ruthven, Dr. C. Burt.

Active lady members: Misses Mary Knox, Mae Heydon, Irene Cunningham, Margaret Williams, Kent; Mesdames - Donald Ross, Frank Crookie, Clara Cassin, C. Hart, Shennette.

Associate members - Mesdames Arthur Merrett, F. O. Moore, E. C. Graham, L. R. Munshaw, Ernest Martindale, W. F. Knight, F. B. Elliott, J. T. Moore, George Stuart, R.A.C. MacLean, H. E. Dunn, W. H. Hunter, W. L. Oliver, J. W. Cross, W. J. Coulter, Misses Gertrude James, Iona Young, Maud Whiteside, Jessie McLean and Isabel Knight.

Left to Right.

Back Row; Mrs. Mills, Mrs. E. R. Munshaw
Mrs. E. Moore, Mrs. W. H. C.
Ruthven.

Front Row; Mrs. J. D. Cunningham, Miss
Isabel Knight, Miss Edna
Martindale.



Mrs. Allan Corrigan,
R.R. 3 Alliston, Ontario,
November 26, 1972.

1915 AGRICULTURE CLASS

PUBLIC MEETING

To mark the closing of the Five Weeks, Course in Agriculture conducted by Simcoe County Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

OPERA HALL, ALLISTON

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1915
at eight p.m.

PROGRAMME - FRANK NORTON, CHAIRMAN

1. PIANO SOLO - MISS REULAN BETZ
2. ADDRESS - GEORGE A. ELLIOTT
3. ADDRESS - RURAL ECONOMICS, H. J. WILCOX
4. VIOLIN SOLO - EDWARD DOMER
5. ADDRESS - THE INCREASE IN CROP PRODUCTION AND ITS
RELATION TO THE PRESENT SITUATION, J.W. FLYNN
6. SOLO - MR. J. F. HOLMAN
7. ADDRESS - AN ACRE OF CABBAGE, W. J. WOOD
8. SOLO - MISS E. DRENNAN
9. ADDRESS - FARM BOOKKEEPING, C. R. WREN
10. ADDRESS - HON. J. S. DUFF
11. ADDRESS - THE PROBLEM OF GREATER PRODUCTION
CHAS. HANLEY
12. ADDRESS - CO-OPERATION, G. F. DRENNAN
13. COMIC SONG - C. R. WREN
14. ADDRESS - FACING THE FUTURE, W. E. CHANTLER
15. ADDRESS - JAMES LAUGHLAND, B.S.A.

GOD SAVE THE KING



L. to R.
FRONT ROW: Chris Wren; George Elliott; Assistant Agriculture
Representative; Reuben Parsons; Sherman Parsons;
Kenneth Banting; W. J. Wood; Mr. Latimer.

CENTRE ROW: Frank McNabb; Harry Wilcox; Bob Arnold;
Wallisley Arthur; John Flynn and J. R. Hood.

BACK ROW: Charles Hanley, Captain Kirby, Veteran of
South African War; Mr. Sheesman; George Wilkinson; Alvin
Gunningham; Edgar Whiteside and Clarence Arthur.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Alliston, Feb. 19, 1915

Mr. Chairman:

Honorable Mr. Duff and Hon. Judges, I have chosen as the subject of my talk tonight "An Acre of Cabbage" - as I have had a practical knowledge of raising cabbage and believe the information may be helpful to some of you.

A few years ago I purchased a piece of land in the west end of Alliston, from Capt. MacLaren. This land was so bad with twitch-grass that you could hardly plough it. I decided to plant the whole piece in cabbage, and had the field ploughed in the fall - then in the spring kept cultivating it until the middle of June. The weather being rather dry helped me kill the grass.

I chose a late variety of cabbage - The Danish Balthead, which produces good solid heads and had good keeping qualities. I planted the seed in a seed bed on May 15, and by June 15 they had developed three leaves, which means the proper time to transplant. By this time the ground was in good shape and with a home-made marker which marked three rows at once, we laid out the whole field lengthwise. With the aid of two boy-helpers we proceeded. I walked backwards in the row with the spade and opened up the ground spacing holes about two feet apart; then a boy with a watering can put a squirt of water in the hole, and the other boy placed the plant, and pressed the earth lightly with his foot to complete the operation. In a week's time we went over the field and replaced any that had died.

During the summer we kept it well cultivated with the horse and scuffler. To fight the green cabbage worms we sprayed with Paris Green mixed with water - (a tablespoon to a pail), some of you may think there would be danger of the poison, but I was assured by our Druggist, Mr. Hipwell, that there was no danger as a cabbage grows from the centre outwards.

Let me say in conclusion, that we had a wonderful crop of cabbages which I sold to the people of Alliston at 5 cents a head, the amount of which almost paid for the land that year and besides that we had cleaned the ground of twitch grass.

W. J. Wood.

P.S. - This talk took first prize which was a book on raising poultry. The Chairman of the judges was Mr. Hugh Davidson, principal of the Alliston school. In awarding the prize he gave as their reason, Mr. Wood knew what he was talking about and told it well.

SIMCOE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL REPRESENTATIVES



1911-1917



1918-1921



1921-1924



1924-1928



1928-1929



1929-1949



1949-

SIMCOE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL REPRESENTATIVES

OFFICE IN COLLINGWOOD

1907-1909 Mr. R. E. Mortimer
1909-1911 Mr. I. F. Metcalfe
1911-1917 Mr. J. D. Laughland
1917-1918 Mr. Wiggins
1918-1921 Mr. Allen Hutchinson

COUNTY DIVIDED INTO NORTH - Mr. Hutchinson

SOUTH - OFFICE IN ALLISTON

1921-1924 Mr. J.J.E. McCague
1924-1928 Mr. F. J. Webster
1928-1929 Mr. F.K.B. Stewart
1929-1949 Mr. Floyd A. Lashley
1949- Mr. Keith McNair

OFFICES IN ALLISTON

1921-1922 - PEARSON BLOCK (SPORTS STORE)
1922-1953 - HUTCHINSON & POSTER (INA RESTAURANT)
1953

ALLISTON JUNIOR FARMERS

PLEDGE -

We as members of Alliston Junior Farmers pledge ourselves to our Queen, our Country, and our Club, to do our share to improve our homes, and our community, and to help each other when the need arises to the best of our ability.

HISTORY -

The organization now known as Alliston Junior Farmers was formed in January of 1946. Art Nicol of Loreta was elected president of this group and Pat O'Leary secretary. Records of the first three years of activity has been mislaid. The president, through a very unfortunate mishap, died in the fall of 1946 and Ken Wilson was president for the remainder of the year. Memory fails us as to who the presidents were in 1947 and 1948. It is known that Ken Wilson was president and Pat O'Leary secretary for one of these years.

The present minute book starts in January of 1949. The officers that year were as follows: President, George McCague; Vice-President, Bill English, Secretary, Isabel Kaussey; Treasurer, Wesley Downey.

Our 66 members heard speakers and saw various farm movies during the year. We sent delegates to the District Camp at Sutton and to the Annual Meeting at Guelph. It was in the Alliston Club that the idea of buying a stencil machine originated. This project was taken over by the county a year later. During the year we visited Chill-Willi Junior Farmers on two occasions. In the Tractor Driving Rodeo at Beeton we placed well - (Ken Wilson first and George McCague second). We held a contest in which each member was to submit a pledge. Marie Cole of Alliston won the contest, her winning pledge appearing at the beginning of this history. Eric Callaughar, one of members was the Grand Champion Potatoe Grower for Ontario in

ALLISTON JUNIOR FARMERS continued

1948, his yield was 733 bushels per acre. Also in 1948, Allan McCracken of Alliston Junior Farmers and Allan Boughton of Tec-We-Gwill, were Canadian Champions in 4H Beef Judging.

The 1950 Officers were as follows: President, Jno Leach; Vice-President, George McCague; Secretary, Katharine McCague; Treasurer, George Jackson.

Alliston and community were canvassing for funds to build a Community Arena and Hall, to which we donated \$100.00. At our February meeting a debate "Resolved that men should be married before 25 years of age" was held, the affirmative winning. In April we held a Broan Ball Tournament and dance in the Alliston Community Centre. All clubs in the county were invited. Sam Keilly, Allan Francis, and Mr. Strong addressed our 67 members during the year. We took part in all projects and meetings of the county association.

Douglas Kerr was President in 1951; Jim Wales, Vice-President; Marie Cole, Secretary; Brian McCague, Treasurer. During the year we heard many interesting speakers, including Miss Davidson of Banting Memorial High School, Marie Cole, Police Officer Kraeger, Pat O'Leary, Keith McKuer, Mr. Purdy, and Mr. Riddle. Junior Farmer pins were obtained for the members and we drew up a constitution.

The social part of our year's programme took the form of hall games, barn dances, corn and welter roasts. The highest membership to date was recorded this year, 74.

Following are the Officers for 1952, President, Jim Wales; Vice-President, Brian McCague; Secretary, Katharine McCague; Treasurer Earl Smith. One of our members, Earl Gilroy and Jim Henry of Ivy reached the semi-finals in the All-Ontario Junior Farmer debating contest. Also, Ruth Ireland and Margaret Gilmore won the Ontario A-H Beef Judging contest at Kuelph, and placed third in the Dominion Contest. Our membership dropped to 52 this year.

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As our part in the Annual County Conference, we wrote and presented a short skit. Also, we participated in the Variety Contest held in connection with Cookstown Fair, and placed second. We held a dance in the spring to raise money for the European Flood Relief Fund. A play "My Wild Irish Rose" was sponsored in the Alliston Community Centre. Miriam McMann was chosen "Miss Alliston" to represent our club in the annual "May Queen" contest.

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Our project for the year was Conservation, and 29 members planted 100 trees each. These were added to woods, planted as a wind-break, or planted as a small beginning for a woodlot.

Many interesting speakers were heard during the year. Dr. De Fraissard of Banting Memorial High School, spoke on "Farming in France", Mr. Pearson of Banting Memorial High School on "Conservation"; Mr. Herb Dunn on "Woods and seeds" and Mr. Leisner on Banking.

Alliston Junior Farmers did a good part of the advertising, cuff ticket and banquet ticket sales for the Commemoration Banquet, Dance and Booklet of South Simcoe Junior Farmers.

Chilli-Willi Club were our guests at the December meeting at which we had our regular meeting, dancing and presentation to Olenna and Lillian Loblaw, who have left our club for Hurons.

With the completion of eight years of activity, we hope that the work already done will be an inspiration and help for those who follow.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION ALLISTON BRANCH # 171.

Before the Alliston Branch was formed the Veterans belonged to the Great War Veterans Association. This organization was formed in 1920 by Dr. F. M. Walker. Mr. Ernest Skelton was Secretary and it was responsible for pensions and credits for many local men in the early days.

The Alliston Branch # 171 of the Canadian Legion was formed on July 2, 1930 with the same men holding the same offices. Mr. Skelton had a record of nearly thirty five years as Secretary.

In 1932, 1933, 1934 the Branch raised considerable money by staging a big car draw. One year, over 66,000 tickets were printed. Some \$3000.00 was cleared.

Around 1933 with a view to possessing a building of their own the members secured land on Albert Street where the Baxter Laboratories are now located. The first committee was Messrs Lyons Inch, Will Hurst and Edward Williams. They found they could not get a loan. The next committee, certain they could do the building were Messrs W.J.A. Wright, Percy Merrett and Wm. Agnew. This building was 44'X120' made of pine logs. They built a massive fire place at each end of the building. This used up nearly all the \$3000.00 and the project was abandoned.

Ernie Skelton headed the Poppy Fund and Christmas Poultry Draw for years. Harry Falkner was adjutant officer and arranged the details for Remembrance Day and Vimy Day each year.

The Alliston Women's Institute erected a Library building in 1923 as a Memorial to the War Dead of 1914-1918 and gave the basement floor rent free to the Veterans for as long as they desired it for a meeting place. It was used for over twenty years. The Women's Institute staged a free banquet for the soldiers every April 9th, the anniversary of the victory at Vimy Ridge in 1917. It was not until 1932 the Legion decided the burden of the cost of the dinner was too great for the ladies and volunteered to assume the cost.

Little action was taken during the 30's except cases of pension adjustment. The members were loyal and attended all regular meetings. Never a District or Zone meeting but there were five car loads from Alliston.

Remembrance Day followed a pattern set as a military funeral. There was always a band in attendance. Veterans at home completed the day with a celebration of the Victory which they believed had been achieved. Alliston visited Beeton, Cookstown and Tottenham and in the evening attended a banquet at Barrie, Orangeville, Shelbourne or Grand Valley, wherever it happened to be that year. Sometimes ten or twelve carloads attended these affairs.

Somewhat the Vimy Day celebration faded with the end of World War II but has been revived in later years. Now Alliston has its own dinner on Remembrance Day.

Yearly there was a two Corp ReUnion in Toronto and Alliston Vets were there in car loads. Simcoe County Veterans had a Reunion in Riverdale Park, Alliston.

During 1929 to 1939 little was done in the way of community effort. The Branch lacked members and money. Small sums were donated to local appeals and Patriotic efforts. Besides its own members to support the Branch often gave bed and breakfast to transients who had been hitch hiking or had dropped off the trains hungry and cold.

During the Second War the old Vets rallied to help in the war effort. They assisted the Dominion Command in its effort to present to the Government a plan of rehabilitation for those who would return. The plan was adopted in its entirety.

Locally the Legion raised -			
British War Victims Fund	6,000.00	Chinese Relief	600.00
Victory Loans	\$ 1,377,700.00	Red Cross	20,000.00
Soldier's Cigarette Fund	9,000.00	British Flood Relief	200.00
Aid to Russia	700.00	Navy League	500.00

TOTAL \$ 1,414,700.00

This was an imposing sum to be given by the people of Alliston and district in the space of little more than four years. Hundreds of Ditty Bags were filled for the Navy League, the Red Cross (sponsored by the Women's Institute) shipped many thousands of bandages, comforts, socks, etc. Citizens and Legion members collected hundreds of tons of waste paper, metal, bottles and were shipped out by the car load.

Second War Veterans should not forget the Soldier's Cigarette Fund founded and administered by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Scott and civilians Tom Brooks and Tommy Ward. The Alliston Herald maintained a complete mailing list of over five hundred men and women from the district. Cecil Scott sent three hundred cigarettes every month to all the over seas and parcels were sent at Christmas. The work of Cecil Scott and his wife was untiring and memorable. Of the \$9000.00 collected for the fund some \$ 1,200.00 remained at the end of the war.

The federal member of Parliament for Dufferin-Simcoe, Hon. W. Earl Rowe, later to be Lieutenant Governor of Ontario while not a veteran contributed very largely to the war effort in this riding. He gave large sums to various efforts. Mr. Rowe very early in the war visited all the local newspapers in the district and offered to pay fifty per cent of the cost of subscriptions for all those in uniform.

With the end of the Second War the young veterans sought membership in the Legion and our Branch felt the surge of this influx. As a result the Library Basement was over crowded. Mr. Joseph McCarroll the first younger veteran to be president will always be remembered as having engineered the purchase of the Walker Hall. Certainly more room had to be found, but there always the question of money. In the view of the disaster in the 1930's no action could or, it was thought, would be taken until most of the money required was assured. There was only \$35.00 in the bank when the late Ab. Weatherup as agent for Jack Pogue suggested that the Legion purchase the former Bricce home (erected by Judge Fisher). The asking price was \$4500.00. Messrs Joseph McCarroll, Harry Falkner and Albert Inch, who was secretary at the time, talked to Mr. Pogue and because it was for the Legion the price was \$3500.00. Dr. Walker kindly loaned the whole amount of money required. The building was secured on December 1945. It was a large house with spacious rooms built with massive foundations and large rooms upstairs. Billiards, Ping Pong and other games were available. Living quarters on the second floor was made habitable. What furniture the Legion possessed was moved down and Murray (Red) Connell was installed as caretaker. Cecil Scott handed over the \$1,200.00 the balance of the Cigarette Fund. The four Townships gave small amounts. Shares to the value of \$50.00 were prepared and the members subscribed to be redeemed later. The Alliston Council had considered giving a gift to each veteran but it was hard to decide who to class as Alliston veterans so they paid off the mortgage of \$500.00 which in the end benefited all the soldiers. Dr. Walker had been recompensed and the building was free of debt on August 8, 1946. The name of the beloved first President and patron was perpetuated when the Branch named the building WALKER HALL. Dr. Walker was a good leader. His interest and benevolence are evident even to-day. He was never known to send a Bill for medical services to a returned soldier.



CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 171, ALLISTON, ONT.

WALKER HALL

Victoria & McDonald
Streets.

Picture donated by Mrs. Reg. Bleay, Alliston.

A Welcome Home banquet was given in the rink for all the soldiers. The women of all the churches provided the food. Co. R.E. Morton was guest speaker.

In October 28, 1953 Walker Hall was enlarged by an extension to the south. Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Bleay were the caretakers.

Soon after the First War Sir Frederick Banting secured for Alliston two German Machine guns. These were placed beside the Cairn erected at the Public School by the students with the names of those who died during that war and those who served. At the Walker Hall a Cenotaph was erected on May 8, 1946 on the corner of the property. It contains names of forty three killed or died of wounds in 1914-18 and twenty six in the 1939-45 war.

Decoration Day is held usually in September in front of the Walker Hall parading from the Arena. Small white crosses are placed in the form of a large cross at the base of the Cenotaph together with large wreaths.

For years Tom Carr was the keeper of the Records. Although he was not a charter member, he might well have been for he had many years of membership in the Legion.

In 1962 a list of those living veterans from the first War were compiled and there were still fifty on the district roll.

Tribute must be paid to Don McLean the buglar. Don was tutored by his father J.F. McLean. He has been the Branch buglar for twenty nine years.

The Alliston Union Cemetery Commission granted an area for the burial of Veterans who have no family plots. There is space for eighteen graves. The space was deeded to the Trustees of the Alliston Branch. Perpetual care is included. The only cost for burial is the opening of the grave.

The Branch accumulated \$2,200.00 in value of hospital beds, wheel chairs, strollers, crutches, etc. This was loaned out on Doctor's orders to any needy case. Wing Commander Robert Paterson looked after this equipment since 1950. After he died these were given to the Odd Fellows.

Since 1954 the veterans have taken over the Public School Field Day providing prizes and operating contests. Another undertaking is assisting the district organizations with the distribution of food and toys at Christmas time. This work of mercy has gone on since 1930. They also hold an annual Christmas Party for the children. Funds for this has been raised by a Poultry Draw. Until Ernest Skelton died he had charge of this endeavor.

Chairmen for the Binge has been Jim Fisher, Tom McCutcheon and Reg. Bleay. Proceeds have been used for Minor Hockey.

First War Veterans donated a flag pole, flag harness and a stand for the colors at Walker Hall. Len Falkner of Toronto donated a large carved Legion Crest for the front of the building. Harry Glover of Orangeville District Governor, donated an illuminated Cross the surmounted the colors and stand. Later this cross was replaced by a tablet showing the names of those who have passed away. This tablet, illuminated was donated by Tom McCutcheon. A record player was donated by Frank Bricco. Dr. Walker donated the piano and billiard table. The large cribbage board on legs was presented by Mrs. H. G. Solomon.

In 1955 Dr. F. W. Walker was made an Honorary President. Life Memberships have been given to those seventy years of age. With certain restrictions service men and women have been admitted as Associate Members. Lyons Inch the only charter member living should not be overlooked, he was one of the first Trustees and consistently on the Executive.

Since the Second War Padres have been Rev. John Atkinson, Rev. A. Herbert, Flight Lieutenant R.A.F. Currie, Rev. C.W. Thomas and Rev. T.H. Bridle.

The Branch needed more room so Walker Hall on Victoria Street was sold and property on the east side of Dufferin Street south of Albert Street was purchased in the spring of 1973. There was a sod turning ceremony. The building committee was Jack Hackett, President George St. Denis, John Malloy, John Robson and assisting was Reeve Oak Gray of Alliston.



At Alliston Station - Leaving For War - 1914
L. to R.
William Harding, George Milne, Alfred Galsing
Robert Holmes, Ernest Skelton, Gerald Graham



Dedication Service at Corner of Victoria
and Church Streets 1965.

Alliston Centennial

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Unveiling of Memorial Cairn

At
WALKER HALL

And

Pioneers' Memorial Service

At
ALLISTON UNION CEMETERY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 1947

Under the direction of Alliston Branch No. 171, Canadian Legion
and the Alliston Ministerial Association

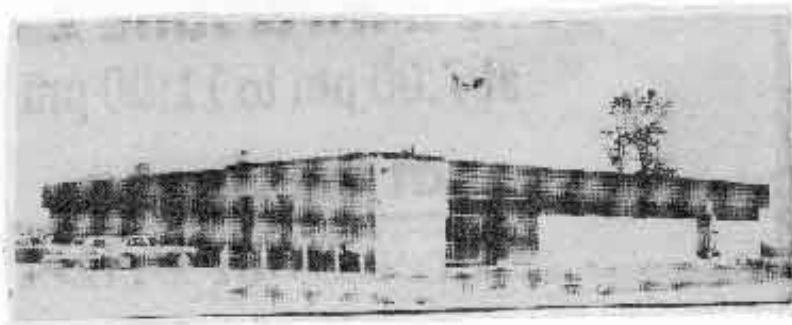
Guest Speaker—MAJOR JOHN FOOTE, V.C.

Band Music by Orville Eddie Band

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, ALLISTON BRANCH # 171 continued

The new Legion Hall (Walker Hall) on Giffarin Street, South was officially opened on September 8, 1973 by Provincial President Robert Jeffries and Alliston President, George St. Denis.

The building's exterior is sand colored brick, situated on four town lots and measures 110 feet X 92 feet, one-storied. The rooms inside are named Corvette, Sherman, Lancashire and the banquet room is called Maple Leaf Hall.



THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, ALLISTON BRANCH LADIES' AUXILIARY

This Auxiliary was formed on June 21, 1947.

CHARTER MEMBERS

Verna Hutchinson
Vi Irvine
Angela Guchardi
Christens Inch
Lois Bellamy
Joyce Shepherd
Amanda McWaters
Eileen Hunter
Ruth Hawkins
Joan Connell
Laura Purchase
Mary McCarroll

Mary Ware
Mary Ellen Lewis
Edna McMillin
M. Hetherington
Mary Hugheson
Ethel Agnew
Neil Cameron
Ethel Balch
Wae Hackett
J. Santora
Hannah Province

THEIR GLORY SHALL NOT FAIL

LEST WE FORGET

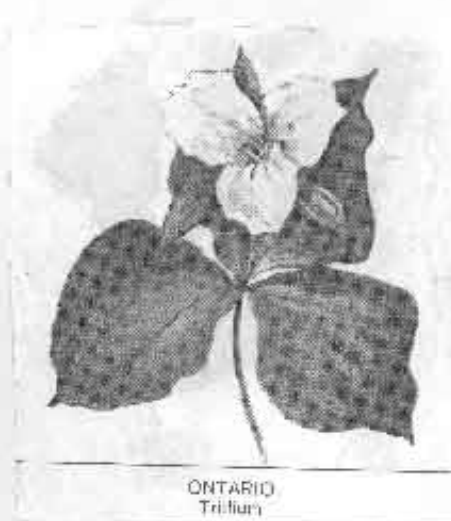
DEDICATED TO THE MEN OF THE COMMUNITY WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE WORLD WARS

1914 - 1918

ANDERSON	WILLIAM
ARTHUR	CLARENCE E.
BROOKS	STANLEY
BROWN	BERNAL
BUCHANAN	ROY
GALLANDER	ALBERT
CHANTLER	LYMAN
DALE	GORDON
DAVIDSON	CHARLES
DOLOMAN	H.
DUNGEY	ALBERT
DUSHING	ALFRED
DUNHAM	W.
ELLIS	JUDSON
ELLISON	AUDREY
FERRIS	DALTON
FOSTER	STEWART
GORDON	A.
HENDERSON	WILLIAM
HOLT	FRANK
IRWIN	C.
KIDD	H.
KIERMAN	HERMAN
LEMON	HUGH
MILNE	GEORGE
MILNE	W.
MOWDER	ROBERT
MORRISON	JOHN
MOONEY	WASLEY
NELSON	MARE
NUNN	HARRY
NUNN	W.
PATRISON	NELSON
PHILLIPS	ALEX
PRESTON	WILLIAM
RILEY	NORIE
RYAN	TERRY
SHEPARD	ROSS
SMITH	A.
STEELE	FRED
STONEHAM	ALFRED
WALLACE	RAY
WILSON	CECIL

1939 - 1945

ALDERSON	JOHN G.
ANDERSON	WILLIAM A.
ADAMS	ARTHUR
ATKINSON	S. ARTHUR
BELL	L.
BURKE	JOHN
BURT	DR. CHARLES F.
CAUTHERS	AUSTIN
CHERRY	KARL
COBURN	GORDON R.
DOWLING	DELMAR M.
GALLAUGHER	RALPH C.
HACKETT	DAVID G.
HORD	GEORGE
KENNEDY	D.
KING	JAMES W.
LEMON	JACK H.
MICHAELIS	ALBERT T.
MASON	T. STEWART
MOOREY	DONALD
PARKER	HARRY
PEACOCK	WILFRED G.
RUTHVEN	J. LLOYD
SMALLEY	DONALD
WAGMAN	A.
WILLOUGHBY	J.
SMITH	B. DONALD



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LAST LIST - JULY, 1945 OF THE ALLISTON HERALD SENT TO THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE FORCES

FROM ALLISTON AND DISTRICT.

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SPR. J. W. ADAMS
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PTE. E. A. AIKENS
SPR. DON C. ALDERSON
L.A.C. GEORGE ALDERSON
STOK. JAMES ALDERSON
SGT. JOHN G. ALDERSON
PTE. E. A. ALLEN
SPR. D. A. ANDERSON
SPR. J. E. ANDERSON
L.A.C. I. I. ANDERSON
L.A.W. LERA I. ANDERSON
LT. W.S. LOIS ANDERSON
PTE. O. E. T. ANDERSON
A.E.P. A. ANDERSON
A.C.1C. L. ANDREWS
PTE. E. S. ANDREWS
A.C.1 FRED APPLEGATE
PTE. RUSSELL ARCHER
L/CPL. C. KEITH ARNOLD
PTE. W. C. ARTHURS
L.A.C. W. G. DR. ATKINSON

PTE. HOWARD BAILEY
LT. CM. JOHN T. BARD
CPL. S. G. BARBER
L. DR. REG. BARNES
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PTE. T. M. BURKE
L/CPL. R. L. BURNETT

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CNR. D. R. CAMPBELL
CNR. DONALD J. CARR
CNR. WALTER E. CARE
SPR. R. G. CARTER
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CPL. WILMOT CLARK
SPR. RON S. CLARKE
TPR. T. G. CLEMENT
CPL. W. E. CLEMENT
CR. G. R. COBURN
CPL. VICTORY P. COLEMAN
CPL. W. R. COLLIER
TPR. A. P. CONNELL
LIEUT. R. C. CONNELL
L.A.C. GEORGE COURIER
L/CPL. DOUG. COUTER

TPR. ED. CRAWFORD
L.A.C. FRED CROSSIE
SGT. JOHN CROSSIE
TPR. W. DUFFY
CNR. E. L. DODD
CPL. J. DUNNELL
O/CPT. MORTON DOWD
CNR. D. M. DOWLING
PTE. FRANK DOWLING
CAPT. REV. W. A. DOWNER
OVR. CLARENCE DURN
L/CPL. W. D. DUNSTAN
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PTE. FRANK FARDELLA
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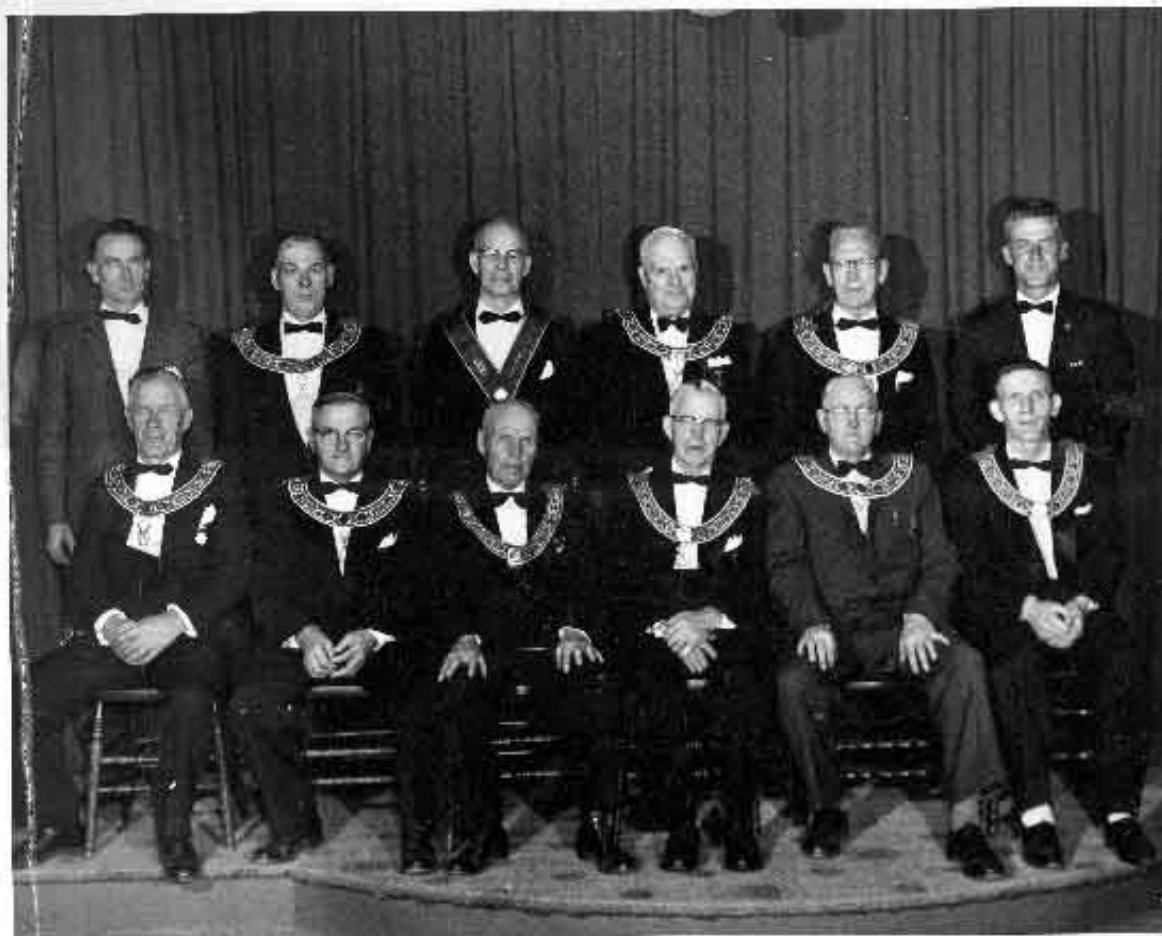
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Ernest Carr, Herman Horsburgh, George Eadshefer, Roy Peterman, Stanley Goodway, James Johnston.

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SEVEN STAR LODGE

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ALLISTON ONTARIO

We will start at the 30th of October 1871 when a group of far seeing men of good report gathered in the rear of a building on the south east corner of Victoria and Church streets. Their purpose was to form a new Masonic Lodge. There were more meetings and with the able assistance and support of the then flourishing Caledonia Lodge in the neighboring town of Angus, plans were near completion by the spring of 1872.

This was an exciting year. Sir Sandford Fleming had just set out to survey the route for the railway that would unite British Columbia to the rest of the infant Dominion of Canada. Sir John A. MacDonald had won another election in July and was about to face the humiliation of the Pacific Scandal. A group of progressive citizens of Alliston had erected St. John's Wesleyan Church and rail travel was still the swiftest means of transportation.

The manner in which the new name for the lodge was chosen may be of interest to you. Brothers Wm. K. Wright, John Stewart and Elliott Thyme each suggested a name which were in themselves fitting, so it fell to picking from a hat. Wm. K. Wright picked the name Seven Star which was adopted and is the only lodge by that name in this Grand Jurisdiction.

So jealous of their association with the Grand Lodge of Canada were the early members of Seven Star that we read the following minute that carried at a meeting on May 31, 1876 "that the recent attempt to organize a so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario is an act of secession toward the Grand Lodge of Canada".

After inaugural meetings in the building above a shed on the south east corner of Victoria and Church streets, the lodge rented the quarters in the same building, as that occupied by the Town Council. The rent was \$40.00 a year, half yearly in advance. Prior to renting these quarters in 1876, the lodge members had subscribed a sum of \$20.00 for the purchase of a parcel of land on Paris street for the erection of a building. A minute of the same year, in May, discloses that no action in respect to the proposed purchase was taken, and subscriptions were refunded.

Regalia for the initial meeting of Seven Star Lodge were provided by Bro. Wm. K. Wright and the working tools, still in possession of the lodge, together with carpentering, were presented by Bro. Thomas Sargent. On July 11 1872, under dispensation of Most Worshipful Brother James Seymour, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, Seven Star Lodge was constituted and numbered 285 on the register of the Grand Lodge of Canada. The Charter is signed by G.S. Thomas B. Harris and D.G.M. Wm. White Jr.

In 1891 the whole of central Alliston was destroyed in a sensational fire which resulted in firefighters responding at this time from as far away as Collingwood by train. Seven Star Lodge at this time met above Hamilton's Bank on the north-west corner of Victoria and Centre streets where Becker's Milk store now stands. This building was also entirely gutted by the fire. Despite the destructive fire, the original working tools, some furniture, and regalia were rescued. In 1918 the lodge needed larger and more commodious quarters and the present block on Victoria street just west of the present day Post Office was purchased and fitted out as the lodge premises.

It is interesting to note that in May 1950, Wor. Bro. N. Palmer presented the lodge with a set of Fellowcraft working tools, made by himself. Also in February 1952, Bro. D.K. Todd, on the staff of the Canadian Embassy at Ankara, Turkey, presented the lodge with an olivewood gavel from that country.

When Camp Borlen was established, during the first World War, it was placed within the jurisdiction of Seven Star Lodge. Consequently, our lodge has become the mother lodge for numerous servicemen. They have contributed much to the lodge and are scattered throughout the world. Many of these brothers have had to take degrees succeeding initiation, in other lodges of Canada and countries beyond due to postings all over Canada and the world.

SEVEN STAR LODGE

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During its century of progress in masonry, our lodge has provided the following Past District Deputy Grand Masters in Georgian District; R.W. Bros. W.J. Hill, J.D. Cunningham, G.F. Crosbie - the oldest living PDEGM in Georgian District; R.N. Walker who also carried on his duties as Secretary of the lodge while DDGM and our present DD, R.W. Bros. A.E. Mascini.

No fewer than thirteen members have received the fifty year lapel buttons during the past century. An early Seven Star member who made an important contribution to the history of Simcoe County was Bro. A.C. Osborne, who wrote a section of the Simcoe County Pioneer Papers. Bro. T.P. Loblaw, founder of Loblaw Groceries and the originator of the supermarket method of merchandising, first saw the light of masonry in Seven Star Lodge.

The late Bro. W.A. Lee, Secretary from July 1963 until his sudden death on October 2, 1970, served as Grand Chaplain in 1935, and while serving his church in Alliston and later, on retirement from the ministry, was most active in the work of the lodge. All the masonic sermons preached by the late R.W. Bro. Lee were left to the lodge. These include material from October 1926 till that of September 20, 1970, his final sermon, presented in Knox Church where he served as minister in the 30's.

Throughout this century Seven Star Lodge has grown in numbers and influence. From the horse and buggy days, through the age of railways, the horseless carriage, the airplane and more recently, space exploration; through peace and war; depression and prosperity, Seven Star Lodge has continued to make good men better.

As our lodge marks the close of one century and looks with confidence to the future, perhaps these words of the famous Scottish bard and Mason, Robert Burns, are appropriate for this occasion;

May Freedom, Harmony, and Love,
Unite you in the Grand Design,
Beneath the 'Omniscient Eye above,
The glorious Architect Divine,
That you may keep th' unerring line,
Still rising by the plumbet's law,
Till order bright completely shine,
Shall be my pray'r when far awa.

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