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Memorial service and 140th anniversary service

On June 5th at 3 p.m. the annual Memorial Service will be held in St. John's Church, 6th Line of Tecumseh between the 15th and 18th sideroads. This will also mark the 140th year of the founding of the Parish of Tecumseh.

Diocesan records refer to the Tecumseh Mission between the years 1833 and 1837. During this time a white frame church was built on the present site and it was almost completed when Rev. Featherstone Lake Oles held his first service at St. John's on the morning of June 25th, 1837. That afternoon he conducted a service in a barn in West Gwillimbury. Eventually the second church of the parish was built where the small cemetery stands on the north side of Highway 88 and it was known as Christ Church, Middleton.

In 1838 the sum of \$308

was raised and a parsonage was built on the 7th Line of Tecumseh, west of "The Corners" as Bond Head was then called. With episcopal approval Rev. Oles built a theological school to train priests for his large parish. This also included a chapel. In 1869 that building was dismantled and moved to Bond Head which had grown to be a sizeable village. There it was reassembled and bricked to become Trinity Church where the Holy Table from Christ Church, Middletown now stands when the latter church was demolished.

St. John's is affectionately known as The Mother Church since, when the first rector left, there were congregations, churches, rectories and glebes in Lloydtown, Beeton, Cookstown and Middletown.

The present building at St. John's was opened

September 25, 1881. It is a building of fine proportions, the chancel being properly one half the length of the nave. The church has a square bell tower, topped with a proper steeple. The really fine church bell completes a building of which the community can be justly proud.

Records of baptisms, marriages and burials exist for 1853-57. Regular Parish Registers and Vestry Journals since 1837 are in safekeeping in the archives of the Synod in Toronto. It is planned to have copies of these local records made and returned to the community.

The churchyard at St. John's has been in use as a community cemetery for over 140 years. However, neither the records noted above nor one old plan designates individual graves. Five years ago the

congregation restored the fabric of the building. This year the congregation is beginning work to establish a "retrospective" official register of graves in the cemetery as far as is possible at this point. The first step towards this was to contact lot owners requesting their assistance, and within the month there have been responses from as far away as Indiana and Saskatchewan. It is proposed to set up a facility to carry out the research involved and to make and complete the actual register.

In the meantime work is underway to prepare a new section of the cemetery at St. John's in order to make family lots available for sale to residents of the community.

Over the past years the Memorial Service has been an outstanding event in

community life with an attendance of over 200. It is an interesting gathering when residents recently come to the community can meet and worship with the present congregation and with former residents who return. A social hour follows the service.

The church wardens are Donald Coffey and Ernest Hannah. The Rector is Rev. Herbert F. Bull and the organist is Hal Kitney. Anyone interested in the Cemetery at St. John's should contact the wardens or the treasurer of the cemetery board, Mr. Kitney.



Trinity United Church celebrates 99th Anniversary

BEETON - Splendid congregations, enthusiastically and heartily singing and challenging and Bible-centered messages, marked the 99th Anniversary of Trinity United Church, Beeton, which was solemnized on Sunday, November 6th. The guest speaker both morning and night was the Rev. Fred Jewell, Minister of the Tottenham-Rich Hill Pastoral Charge of the United Church. In the morning he spoke on "Bought with a price" and in the evening his topic was called, "Called and Sent." His messages were replete with humor and were

much appreciated by the congregations.

In the morning, the guest soloist was Mr. Norman Hummer of Toronto. He was heard to advantage with several well-known numbers. He is always a welcome visitor and has a God-Given voice. The local choir was also heard in a fine anthem in the morning.

In the evening, there was an ecumenical service in which the Rev. Basil Doss of the Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Mr. Vollick of Hackley represented the Anglican Church substituting for the

Rev. Thomas Martin who was unable to be present. The Rev. Fr. Paul Switalski of Colgan, was also unable to be present. The music was presented by the very large Bolton Community Choir. They filled the choir loft and were heard in four fine numbers. The Church was decorated with flowers. After the service the ladies served refreshments and a social hour was enjoyed. During the refreshment hour the choir led in a number of well known hymns and choruses and were joined by the congregation.

Official board meets and reviews 1977

BEETON - The Official Board of Trinity United Church, Beeton, met on Sunday, January 15 after the morning service with the members enjoying a very fine luncheon prior to the meeting. The Minister, Rev. Warren G. Dickson presided and the secretary was Mr. Jack Gray. Gordon Andrews reported that the Mission and Service Fund had reached its objective of \$2,500. The Treasurer's report was given by Mr. Albert Bulman. Total receipts were \$25,171. Total expenditures were \$20,438. Mr. Bulman also reported for the Renovation or Building Fund. Last year was a good year for this fund. Mr. J.S. Gray is chairman of this committee. Mr. Bulman also reported for the Trinity Cemetery Board. They had receipts of nearly \$3,000 and have a balance. The Trustees of the Cemetery

Board are as follows: George Link, chairman, Albert Bulman, Secretary-treasurer, Harry Campbell, Joe Wright, Harold Ellison, Ken Kelly, Gordon Andrews, Ron Calhoun and Bert Platt.

The United Church Women's report was given by Mrs. Laurene Ellison. Mrs. Marion Harper made donations to homes, hospitals, and Airline Mater taking along a gift. She also sent out 80 yards of socks and shirts and boxes for shirts at Christmas. Donations were given in many worthy causes such as Cedar Glen, Simplicity Camp, the Mission and Service Fund of the church, etc. The ladies paid the cost of having the interior of the Church painted. Carpet was installed on the chancel and in the gallery of the church. One hundred and thirty subscriptions in "The Observer" were paid for. The

Minister called the report of the ladies "immaculate." Mrs. Ellison Gray gave the report of the finances to the UCW. They took in \$6,342 through catering to banquets, weddings, memberships, offerings and Rotary catering, etc.

The Session report was given by Mrs. Ann Bulman which showed a very active year. Ken Kelly reported three new Memorial windows had been installed and it is hoped new doors and new front steps would be installed, as this is 100th Anniversary year. On Sunday, November 5, the historic church will celebrate 100 years of service to Beeton and district. A very fine Sunday School report was given by Mrs. Doreen Roberts and by Mrs. Ann Ureves. The Sunday School is growing and is very active. Sunday, January 29, after the church service

will be the Annual Meeting. The ladies will serve a potluck meal. The Organist, Mrs. Jerry gave a short report of the excellent service rendered by the choir to the Minister of Music.

Having reached the age of retirement, the meeting agreed to ask Presbytery to defer the retirement of Rev. Mr. Dickson for one year. A nominating committee was formed: Art Hagerman, Irene Reynolds, Bob Clark, and Tom Somers. Many members were added to the committee of the 100th Anniversary. The members are: Mrs. Muriel Reynolds, Mrs. Mac Reynolds, Mrs. J. Wright, Mrs. Ellison, Mrs. S. R. McKelvey, Mr. Bert Platt, the Ministers, Mr. Jack Summerson, and Mr. Campbell. The meeting closed with the Benediction.

Trinity United Church holds annual meeting

BEETON After the regular morning service on Sunday, January 29 and preceded by a very delicious pot-luck dinner, the Annual Meeting of Inverclyde Trinity United Church, Beeton was held.

The Minister, Rev. W. G. Bickson presided and the secretary was Mrs. Mary Watson. A short Memorial Service was held for those who have passed away in 1977 and were "Promoted to Glory." They were: Andrew James Elmes (infant); John Albert Campbell; Edward Leonard Appleton; Rita Beatrice Turnbull; Frank Emery Ferrier; Edna Jean Bell; Mrs. Isabella Ada Watson; Leonard Arwood Seebery; John Wesley Vance; Mrs. David Samuel Smith and David Sheppard.

The financial reports were all presented and approved at the Office Board meeting on Sunday, January 15 and showed the church is in a very healthy condition. The Treasurer, Mr. Albert Bulman's report showed total receipts of \$25,171.27 total expenditures \$20,438.74. The allocation of \$2,500 was reached for the Mission and Service Fund of the Church. The United Church Women had an outstanding year and raised \$6,342.74. A fine report was given by Mrs. Elison. Four new members were received by Confirmation and two others by transfer.

In the Session, Mrs. Albert Bulman and Mr. Tom Somers Sr., retired this year and three new Session members were

appointed: Mrs. Eileen Greas, Mrs. Mary Watson and Mr. Scott Maghoughlen. Mrs. Muriel Reynolds, Clerk of Session for 1978 spoke about plans for the 100th Anniversary of Trinity Church on Sunday November 5 at which Dr. Robert McClure will speak and in the night the Men's Harmony Choir, Scarborough will have charge of the music. In 1977, the inside of the Church was painted and paid

for by the UCW and the outside by the Building Fund. The brick work on the outside of the building was done, all windows and doors were trimmed and caulked. Three new Memorial Windows were installed in the Church. These are some of the highlights from a fine report by Mr. Ken Kelly. It was decided to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Naim Jerry for his excellent work on the Church.

The congregation decided to give a complimentary dinner to the Choir who were praised for their fine service in the Ministry of Music. A history of the historic Church will be written by Mr. Bert Phai. Appreciation was extended to all office bearers and all who helped to make 1977 a fine year.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.



One of the largest Remembrance Day parades in recent years was led Sunday by Legion President, Ray Gough and

the Newton Robinson Centennial Band. A special service was held at the

Presbyterian Church followed by the service at the Cenotaph. 1977



Mrs. Joan Bealy, the chairman of the Beeton chapter of the Heart Foundation, presents Dr. David Pitel with a gift in appreciation of his talk to the audience on heart disease. The event, which also featured two films, took place at the Beeton School a week ago Tuesday night.

(Alliston Herald photo)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1977



A WELL ATTENDED BREAKFAST was held last Sunday in Beeton Presbyterian Church under the blue skies of a beautiful spring morning. Reverend Basil Daas conducted the services, while men from the parishes of Tottenham, Beeton and Schomberg produced an outstanding breakfast, as well as doing the dishes following the meal, a fact which impressed most of the ladies in attendance. The text of Rev. Daas' sermon was, "For where two or three are gathered in My name there am I in the midst of them", (Matthew 18:20). The service was truly a family affair and an adventure in Christian fellowship.

Edna Jean Bell

BEETON - Following a period of declining health, a well known resident of the Beeton area, Edna Jean Bell, passed away at Stevenson Memorial Hospital in Alliston on Friday, September 30, 1977. Born Edna Jean Johnston, with twin brother Eldred John on September 7, 1906 in Toronto Gore, daughter of the late John and Mary Johnston (Kellam). Edna attended Weston High School and taught school in Peel County as well as at Cross' Public School until her marriage to Truman Bell in June 1937. Besides her artistic abilities, she taught Sunday School at Trinity United Church. She was also a member of the Church and belonged to the Women's Group. For many years Edna took part in the local L.O.B.A. and Women's Institute. Since she became a senior citizen, she joined the Friendship Circle.

Edna and Truman have just recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. She leaves behind her husband Truman, daughters: Mariel (Mrs. Ken White) of Brampton and Margaret (Mrs. Anthony Cioffi) of Winterton, Alberta and son, Lorne of Calgary. Also 4 grandchildren, Tracey and Paula White, Jason Cioffi and Garry Bell. Sister of Lorne (Mrs. W. Brooks) of Beeton, Mariel (Mrs. M. DeConck) of Sunderland and Eldred of Streetsville.

Funeral services were held in Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham on October 2, 1977.

conducted by Rev. Dickson with interment following in Trinity Cemetery, Beeton. Pall bearers were Harry Cross, Allan Glassford, Frank Link, Elwood McCague, William Strachen Jr., and Lorne Williams. Flower bearers were Gordon and Don Bray, Erwin Letts, Ron Link, Erick Poulson and Glenn Williams.

Former Beeton resident passes

On April 12, Mrs. Gertrude Mullen (nee Woods) of Orangeville passed away at Dufferin Area Hospital in Orangeville.

The wife of Walter Mullen, the Mullens were married in Beeton on September 1, 1974 and lived here for many years. Born at Newcastle on Tyne in England, Mrs. Mullen is survived by her husband Walter, son Bruce of Rodney, Ontario, daughters Margaret (Betty) Crubbers, of Northport, New York, and Isabelle Adams of Winnipeg, plus eleven grandchildren.

The funeral service took place April 15 from Dods and McNair Funeral Home in Orangeville with Rev. Dr. Hay officiating. Interment was at Trinity United Church Cemetery in Beeton.

Private Service

BEETON - On Tuesday, April 12, Mrs. Susannah Elizabeth Irwin of Beeton died at Toronto General Hospital at 83 years of age.

Mrs. Irwin is the wife of the late Lev Irwin and mother of Molly (Mrs. J. Brimicombe) of Lettice and Alice (Mrs. William Burrows) of Beeton. She had four grandsons and is

survived by sisters Mrs. Oliver English (Margaret) of Kitchener, Mrs. D. Barr (Gonzalez) of Wallaceburg, and brothers R.J. Watson of Beeton and Kitchener Watson of Vancouver.

A private family service was held from Rod Abrams Funeral Home in Tottenham with interment at St. John's Cemetery in Mono Township.

Longtime Beeton merchant dies

BEETON - The village was shocked to learn of the sudden passing of Jack Albert Camplin on Sunday.

Born in Beeton, on October 8, 1900, he lived here all his life except for one year. As a young man he worked on his father's farm and also farmed his own in later years. However, he was best known to residents as a merchant with his general store occupying what is now the Beeton Pharmacy.

He bought the store from his father-in-law G.E. Reynolds who was the first merchant to operate it. He and Mary Reynolds were married on April 23, 1924 and celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary two years ago. Living at

19 Prospect St. virtually all of their life, they raised four children.

Jack Camplin is survived by his wife Mary, children Mrs. Patrick Heenan (Albert) of Oakville, Mrs. Arthur Ross (Jessie) of Oakville, John of Moorefield, and Mrs. M.C. Watson (Molly) of Delhi, 13 grandchildren, and 2 great granddaughters. He is also survived by brothers Harry and Ken and sister Mrs. Bertha Daniels.

Jack retired as a merchant in 1954 having operated the Camplin store since 1922. He later worked for Beder Tuff for

a few years.

In later years, he was an active member and former president of the senior citizens club in Beeton. He was also an avid lawn bowler and in his younger days he had also been an Orangeman, Mason, as well as member of the Beeton Agricultural Society and Horticultural Society.

The funeral will be held today, Wednesday, February 15th at 7 p.m. from the Rod Abrams Funeral Home in Tottenham. A spring interment is planned at Trinity United Church Cemetery in Beeton.

Manor resident passes

At Simcoe Manor, Isabelle Ida Sigworth, wife of the late Fredrick Watson, passed away March 4, 1977, in her 94th year.

Born in Adajala in 1883, she was the daughter of the late John Sigworth and Esther Wilson of Adajala. In 1906 she married John Fredrick Watson and moved to the 7th line of Adajala, where she spent most of her life. She is survived by three sons and three daughters, Mrs. Norval Stewart (Vera), Mrs. Herb Link (Freda) and Mrs. Wes. Coburn (Thelma), all of Beeton; Vernon of Colgan, Hubert of Whitby and Jack of Burlington. Prede-

ceased by one son, Harold and grandson Bob Link. Also surviving are one sister, Mrs. Melba Pappajohn, of Vancouver, 15 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren, also one great great grandson.

The funeral and committal service was conducted in the Rod Abrams Funeral Home. Officiating minister was Rev. H. McTaggart.

The Pall Bearers were six grandsons, Bruce Stewart, Bruce Coleman, Lawson Dale, Ernest Watson, Kerry Coburn and Arthur Watson.

Spring interment Trinity United Cemetery.

Former CNR agent dies

Oakville - A former resident of Tottenham, Gerald Williamson, now of Oakville died Wednesday, August 24, 1977. Mr. Williamson was the former CNR agent at Tottenham, Bradford and Oakville.

He is survived by his wife, the former Helen Cross and two daughters, Joan (Mrs. Roy Taylor, Oakville) and Sylvia

(Mrs. Edward Duncan, Kempsville).

Funeral services were held from Oakville August 26 with interment in Oakville cemetery.

Long time Mason dies

BEETON - Edward Leonard Appleton passed away on Thursday, March 17 at Simcoe Manor at the age of 93.

Born in Beeton, he had lived much of his life in Toronto where he worked as a brick mason and carpenter. In 1969, he returned to Beeton and lived with Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Watson until two years ago when he became a resident of Simcoe Manor.

Mr. Appleton was a member of Beeton's Masonic Lodge for 72 years. He was the husband of the late Clara Ireland, beloved father of Mrs. Elwood Corbett (Beatrice) of Alliston, with two grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Mrs. R.J. (May) Watson of Beeton.

The service was from Rod Abrams Funeral Home in Tottenham at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 19th with Rev. W.G. Dickson officiating. Spring interment will be in Beeton.

Former Cooper manager dies

BEETON - Frank Emory Ferrier died Monday, January 24th at Stevenson Memorial Hospital at the age of 79.

A Beeton resident, he was a long-time employee of Cooper Weeks and came to Beeton to start the Cooper Weeks factory that was in the former Town Hall (now Pro Hardware).

A skilled leather worker, he was a professional handbag maker in Toronto at one time.

He is survived by his wife Olive (nee Gibbons), sons Robert of England, and David of Orangeville, grandchildren David and Claire of England and Carolyn and Jo-Anne of Orangeville, and brothers Albert of Montreal and Ivan of Toronto.

He is resting at Rod Abrams Funeral Home in Tottenham with the service scheduled for 2 p.m. today. Spring interment is at Mansfield.

Leonard Seberry

Following a year of illness Leonard John Arwood Seberry died at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto on May 5.

He was born in Twynham near Beeton on January 19, 1898, a son of Annie (Hoover) and Richard Seberry. He was predeceased by three sisters, Wilda, Ethel and Sadie, and one brother, Dalton.

Mr. Seberry lived in Beeton until his early twenties when he went to Toronto where he operated a Brick Transport business for nearly 50 years. Although unable to return to the area in recent years he did enjoy reminiscing about the earlier times spent around Beeton.

The Reverend Colin Gadd of Readale United Church conducted the funeral services at the Newell's Funeral Chapel in Readale. Interment was in Beeton Cemetery with the Rev. W.G. Dickson of Beeton United Church conducting the graveside service.

Pallbearers were two nephews, Dalton Seberry and Edward Connors, and the husbands of four nieces, Robt. Pace, Ralph Kerr, Gordon Cappuccini and Michael Velazquez.

Mr. Seberry is survived by one sister, Mrs. Gertie Atkinson of Mansfield, and one brother, Bill, of Caledon East.

HAYES, Robert Wilmet

At the Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Alliston, on Saturday, October 29, 1977, Wilmet Hayes in his 92nd year beloved husband of Hazel Brethet. Dear father of Mrs. Clarence Leach (Margaret) of Alliston, Walter of Stouffville, Mrs. Donald McKnight (Kathleen) of Cookstown, Mrs. Brian McCague (Glenna), Alliston and the late George Edwy Hayes. Loving grandfather of sixteen grandchildren. Rested at the Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. A private family service was held Tuesday, November 1 at 1 p.m. Interment Mt. Tegar Cemetery. Those who wish may make memorial offerings to the Mt. Tegar Cemetery Board or the charity of their choice.

Irwin - After a short illness Susannah E. Irwin, passed away, April 12, 1977 at Toronto General Hospital. Survived by her daughters Mrs. S. Bruining (Mollie) and Mrs. W. Burrows (Alice) and grandsons Terry, Jeffery, Jason, and Kevin. 47-1-c

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Former librarian, trustee, and historian passes

BEETON - On Friday, March 17, 1978 Beeton lost someone whom, for many years, was one of its most distinguished citizens.

Mrs. Ethel Cole passed away a few days before her ninety-sixth birthday which would have been on March 28. Born in England in 1883, she immigrated to Canada with her father at the age of 15.

Very little is known about her early life as she rarely talked about herself but apparently she had had a good education in Montreal and she worked as a social worker with wayward girls in Toronto for many years.

She married William Wilford Cole, her step-brother, and they lived out west for awhile. It is thought that they came to Beeton in the early 1940's and he purchased the shopping mill on Second Street which the Coles owned from 1946 to 1951. It was then purchased by a number of men and was managed by Wilfred Services.

Mrs. Cole was a very active member of this community for many years. St. Paul's Anglican Church was very important to her and she served the Chancel Guild there. She was also a life member of the A.C.W.

Being very talented as an artist she painted pictures and quilts. She was also well known for her needlework and made most of the altar cloths for St. Paul's.

She is probably best remembered as the village librarian, a position which she held for many years.

She was also an avid historian and researched many facets of the village's history. Her most lasting contribution though, will be the fact that she started the Tecumseh book for the Beeton Women's Institute which is continued on today by Mrs. Gordon Drury.

Mrs. Cole was also a life member of the Women's Institute. She also served as a trustee on the Beeton Public School Board. Another one of her hobbies was stamp collecting which she pursued enthusiastically and apparently built up an impressive collection.

She wrote many articles for "The Beeton World," and she

also took notes at the council meetings for many years for the newspaper.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole lived in the house where Dr. and Ann Holmes now have the Beeton Veterinary Clinic. She lived

with them for about a year after she sold them the house in 1963 and then moved into a small house on Tecumseh

Street that she had had built. She lived there until a couple of years ago when she moved

into Simcoe Manor and an auction sale of her possessions was held by auctioneer, Ernie Severn.

Although her eyesight failed her the past couple of years she accepted blindness as just another challenge and re-

mained bright and active until the end.

Last year, a birthday party was held at her longtime neighbours, the Sedgwick's.

There many of her friends gathered to honour her on her ninety-sixth birthday and Ed Beeton presented her with a provincial plaque on behalf of M.P.P. George McCague.

The funeral service was held from St. Paul's Anglican Church with a memorial service being held at Simcoe Manor. Rev. Tom Martin officiated at the service.

Spring interment will be at Trinity United Cemetery in Beeton.

Graham - Marvel Anne Suddenly as the result of an automobile accident on Wednesday, August 2, 1978, Marvel Coughlin, beloved wife of Gordon Graham, Beeton. Dear mother of Cathy, David, Danny, Gina and Glen. Loved sister of Jim. Mrs. Tom McCullough (Linda) and Terry. Dear daughter of Ruth and the late James Coughlin. Rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. Funeral service was held in the Chapel Saturday afternoon August 5, Interment Trinity Cemetery, Beeton. 32-1-C

Derrick - Joseph Martin, at Stevens Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on Friday, August 4, 1978. Joseph Derrick, beloved husband of Daisy (Perry). Dear father of Mrs. William Findlay (Joyce) Kim, Dawn, April and Jodi. Loving grandfather of Aaron and Mandy. Dear brother of Patricia. Rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. Funeral was held in St. James Church, Colgan, Monday morning, August 7, Interment St. James Cemetery. 32-1-C

Reynolds: Bertha, M. (former Chief Co-ordinator, Toronto Board of Education) On Monday, October 30, 1978 at the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, Bertha M. Reynolds beloved sister of Mary, Elizabeth, John and the late George. Joyce and Ralph. Dear friend of Marjorie Bower of Oakville. Loving remembered by many nieces and nephews. Rested at the Oakview Funeral Home, 50 Lakeshore Rd. West, Oakville. Funeral service was held, Thursday November 2, Interment Trinity Cemetery Beeton. 45-1-C

Meredith, Robert C. At Stevens Memorial Hospital, Alliston on Wednesday, November 1, 1978, Robert C. Meredith of R.R.2, Beeton in his 77th year. Beloved husband of Ellen Farley. Dear father of Harold, John, Jack, Claude, Robert, Roger and Betty (Mrs. B. Atkinson). Survived by seven grandchildren and one brother William. Funeral was held at the Hughes Funeral Home, Cookstown on Friday, November 3 followed by cremation. 45-1-C

Long time citizen passes in 90th year

One of Beeton's leading citizens for many years died while in his ninetieth year on Thursday.

Harry Elwood Camplin was born in Beeton in 1889 on May 3, the son of William Camplin and Jessie Schoolcraft. His father arrived in the village on the first Grand Trunk Railroad train to arrive.

He grew up in the village, attended school here and married the late Jeannie Rose Stewart.

Harry Camplin led an active life and served on council as well as being reeve of the village about 1927. He was a great supporter of Trinity United Church and both he and his wife were choir members having had some vocal training. He was also

instrumental in the perpetual care of the cemetery. As well, he was superintendent of the Sunday School. An avid sports enthusiast, he played such sports as tennis, hockey and lacrosse.

He was probably best known here as being a local merchant with his butcher shop on Centre Street where Pat's Place is now located. Well-known throughout the area, he had a meat route in which he visited farms in the country selling meat. He also bought and sold cattle.

During the war, Mr. Camplin served as a lumber scaler at Camp Borden and later at Tilsonburg.

For many years, he was in semi-retirement as he would serve as a butcher in Wasaga Beach during the summer and spend his winters in Florida.

Harry and Jeannie Camplin were the parents of 6 children, Earle in Arcadia, Florida, Don in Angola, New York, Helen (Mrs. Ted Dale) of Beeton, Grace (Mrs. Laurie Sims) of Flesherton, Eric of Guelph, and Joan (Mrs. Don Blankley) of Thietletown. He is also survived by 18 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

He rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home in Tottenham with the funeral service being Saturday, September 9, 1978, from Trinity United Church in Beeton with interment at Trinity United Cemetery. Rev. W.G. Dickson officiated and six of his grandsons served as pallbearers.

STEWART, Melville - Peacefully on June 8, 1978. Melville Stewart of Bond Head, beloved husband of Elaine Hubbard, dear father of Beth (Mrs. Don Harvey), Cookstown, Jim of Montreal and Ed of Kamloops, B.C. Also survived by two sisters and eight grandchildren. Predeceased by two sisters and one grandson. Funeral services were held on June 9 from the Hughes Funeral Home, Cookstown. Interment Bond Head Cemetery. (W24-C)

THOMPSON, ARTHUR H. At Simcoe Manor, Beeton on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1978. Arthur Thompson, beloved husband of Gertrude Bassingthwaite. Dear Father of Mrs. Roy Reynolds (Helen), Mrs. Ken Pegg (Muriel), Harold, Harry, Mrs. J. H. Taylor (Doris), Elmer, Ralph. Loved by his many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. Funeral service was held in Tottenham United Church, Thursday, August 24th, 1978. Interment, Alliston Union Cemetery.

Obituary - Robert Hayes

Descended from early Tecumseh pioneers

Robert Wilmont Hayes who died recently at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Alliston, descended from two pioneer families who came from Northern Ireland to Tecumseh Township in 1823 and 1830.

Wilmont, son of George Hayes and Eliza Jane Tegar, was born April 27, 1886 on the Hayes farm. He was the 5th and 6th sons of George Hayes. He attended Mr. Pleasant School.

On October 25, 1919, he married Hazel Brethart of Tecumseh Township. After their marriage they farmed on the 1st line of Tecumseh before taking over the Hayes homestead where their family was born.

In the early 1900's Wilmont joined the Militia. He served on the Public School Board, was a member of the Orange Order and Pau District Master. He was President of Mr. Tegar Cemetery Board and an

active member of Tottenham United Church and community affairs.

In 1964, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes moved to Alliston. They attended St. John's United Church and Mr. Hayes developed a hobby of wood carving.

Mr. Hayes leaves his wife and family—Margaret Leach, Alliston, Wallace, Strouville, Kay, McKnight, Cookstown and Glenna McCague, Alliston and sixteen grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son, George Edwy, his brothers Walter, Edwy and Cecil and Alma, his sister.

Rev. J. F. Shilton of Alliston conducted the funeral service on November 1 at the Rod Abrams Funeral Chapel, Tottenham. Interment was in the family plot at Mr. Tegar Cemetery. Pallbearers were George Ahernathy, Gordon Drury, William Fleming, Norman Mitchell, Walter Thomas and Garner Westlake.

Oct. 25, 1977

"Granny" to many passes away

On Friday, April 21st, 1978, Margaret Kelly, in her 74th year, passed away suddenly at her home, R.R. 3, Tottenham.

She was born in Newtownards, North Ireland, daughter of the late Maggie and Robert Stewart.

She married her late husband John in 1923. In 1928 they immigrated to Canada with their three children, and lived in Toronto until

1945, when they came to reside in Beeton, on the 8th Line, the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lisk. They then moved to the 5th Concession in 1946, where they remained until 1951 when they moved to the present home.

She devoted the most of her life to raising her 11 children, of which only one was born in the hospital.

She was always spoke of

as a pleasant, happy and helpful person and will be sadly missed by her family, friends and neighbours.

She was "Granny" to many.

She is survived by two daughters, Marg (Mrs. James Edgar) of Scarboro; Barbara (Mrs. Earl Collings) of Beeton and eight sons, Robert, Toronto; John and Dave, Ottawa; Gordon, Montreal; Ken and Roy of

Beeton; Sam, Inglewood and Bill, Scarborough.

She was the proud grandmother of 27 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband John in 1961, one son Gary in 1966 and a grandson Dane in 1963.

She also leaves two sisters and two brothers in Ireland. One brother predeceased her.



Allistonian dies in Etobicoke

On Sunday, July 23, Edward Gibb Jaffray died in Queen'sway Hospital, Etobicoke.

Mr. Jaffray was the husband of the former Hazel Hammell of Beeton, whom he married in 1920, and was the father of

Donald of Peach River, Alberta and Beverley of Toronto. He was grandfather to five grandchildren. Brothers George of Alliston, Alex of Vancouver and sister Marjory (Mrs. Jim Crosbie) of Alliston also survive. One

brother, Bill, predeceased him. Mr. Jaffray was born in Skene, Scotland and came with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. William Jaffray, to live in the Alliston area in 1928.

He attended Burns Public School and Alliston High School. He joined the armed forces in 1940, serving overseas with the Royal Canadian Artillery from June 1941 to November 1945.

On his return from the war, he obtained employment with the Toronto-Dominion Bank, working in both Toronto and Vancouver.

Returning to Toronto in 1968 he worked on International Inspection and, until his death, was in charge of Farm Credit Loans for Southwestern Ontario.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Alliston Legion and was also an ardent golfer.

Funeral service was held at Turner and Porter Funeral Home in Toronto, with burial following in Glendale Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers were nephews Douglas Crosbie, Bill Jaffray, Ron Hammell and George Breeden, and two friends, Henry Rutherford and Lyman Caruthers.

The funeral was held from the Rod Abrams Funeral Home on April 24th. Interment in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

"A wonderful mother, woman and old. One who was better, God never made."

Former resident dies at 52

Harry C. Voisin of Toronto passed away June 20 at Wellesley Hospital in his fifty-third year.

Harry was born in Durham, Ontario on November 9, 1925. His family moved from there to Toronto and then to Beeton where he met his wife Blanche Landry. They were married in 1947 and moved to Toronto.

At the time of his death he was part owner and Vice President of Thorco Mfg. Ltd. of Bramalea, a company which manufactures store fixtures. They are presently supplying the fixtures for the new Doane Hall Pharmacy in the Beeton Plaza.

He is survived by his wife Blanche, his son Paul and daughter Lynda both at home, his mother Mrs. Della Voisin (formerly Della Lisk) of Beeton and his twin brother Harold of Beeton.

The funeral was held at Rod Abrams funeral home in Tottenham on June 23 at 3:30 p.m. with over 200 people in attendance. Interment was at Beeton United Cemetery.

Six of his cousins were pall bearers, Jim Aiken Jr., Charles Lisk, David Wylie, Bradley Johnson, Kenny and Ronnie Lisk.

Flower bearers were Raymond Lisk also a cousin and Michael Taylor a friend of the family.

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IRBY. Suddenly as the result of an accident, on Friday, November 10th, 1978, Michael Jerry (in his 21st year), loved son of Norman and Helen Jerry of Beeton, Ontario and dear brother of David, Craig and Sonya; predeceased by Mark, dear grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Balaistyne of Egbert, Ontario. Rested at the W. John Thomas Funeral Home, Alliston until 10:00 a.m. Monday, then to St. James Church, Colgan, for Requiem Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment in St. James Cemetery, Colgan.

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Ethel Bulman dies at age 80

Life-long resident of Cookstown and Beeton area, Ethel Bulman, died at Stevenson Memorial Hospital on September 16, 1978. Mrs. Bulman was 80 at the

time of her death. The Simcoe Manor resident died after a two week illness.

Born in Cookstown on April 1, 1899, she married Jackariah

Bulman on June 18, 1919.

Ethel Bulman, nee Nevils, is survived by husband Jackariah and four sons, David of Egbert, Albert of Beeton, Clarence of Everett and Earl of Cookstown. Also survived by Edward Nevils of Taber, Alberta, and Charlie Nevils of Sharon, Ontario.

The funeral took place at Hughes Funeral Home in Cookstown on September 19.

Rev. W. Dickson of Trinity United Church in Beeton officiated. Burial was in Newton Robinson.

Pallbearers were Donny Bulman, Garry Bulman, Dan Bulman, Edward Bulman, Ed Reynolds and Bob Morrow.

Honorary pallbearers were Kevin Bulman, Jack Martin, Dan Kearns, Toby Boor, Harley King and Ed Bunton.

Bishop, Adele. At Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on Wednesday, September 20, 1978. Adele Swinerton, beloved wife of James Bishop of Beeton, dear mother of Allen and Bill. Dearly beloved grandmother of Jackie, Bill, Jamie, Joanne, Cathy and Linda. Great Grandmother of Mark, Jim, Stephanie, and Jason, dear sister of Mrs. G. Cooney (Helen). Rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. Funeral service was held Saturday afternoon, September 23. Interment Trinity Cemetery, Beeton.

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HINKINS. At the Sunnybrook Medical Centre, Toronto, Ontario on Sunday, June 4th, 1978. Pearl Flora (Chambers) Jenkins in her 76th year. Beloved wife of Stephen Jenkins and dear mother of Margaree (Mrs. Donald Deadman), Jean (Mrs. Joseph Deadman), Iry (Mrs. M.W. Jussane), Mrs. Eva Chase, Betty (Mrs. Jack Cramble) and Arthur. Also survived by 22 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Rested at the W. John Thomas Funeral Home, Alliston for service in the Chapel on Wednesday, June 7th at 1:30 p.m. Interment in Alliston Union Cemetery.

LONG. Passed away at the Scarborough Centenary Hospital, on Friday, July 8, 1977. Aileen Marie Long, beloved wife of the late Gordon Brett and dear mother of Ross of Alliston and Glena (Mrs. R.H. Granger) of Barrie. Also survived by four grandchildren. Dear sister of Harold Long, Larne Long and Rhona (Mrs. L. Murphy). Rested at the W. John Thomas Funeral Home, Alliston, for service in the chapel on July 11. Interment in Alliston Union Cemetery.

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HANNAH, HENRIE JOSEPH. - Surviving at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on Thursday, June 14, 1978. Henriette Hannah in her 70th year, beloved wife of the late Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hannah and dear brother of Mrs. William Gault (brother of Toronto), Mrs. Beecher Parker (Marble), Burlington, Ernest of Beeton, Mrs. W. Cernom (Marble) (Cookstown) and the late Mrs. J. Adams (Lark), and Mrs. J. Drummond (Helen). Rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham for service in the chapel 7 a.m. Saturday, September 23rd. Interment Trinity Cemetery, Beeton.

DERMOTT, MARGARET. - At Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on Tuesday, March 14, 1978. Margaree Isabel Dermott, beloved wife of William Dermott of Cookstown, dear mother of Helen (Mrs. G. Ballantyne) of Cookstown, Audrey of Los Angeles, Calif., John of Toronto and Joan (Mrs. J. Westwood) of Beeton. Dear grandmother of Tracy, Tim, Anne and Anne, sister of Marie of Burlington, Irene of Toronto and Ernest of Beeton, predeceased by Linda, Harold and Helen. Rested at the Hughes Funeral Home, Cookstown for service in the chapel on Thursday March 16 at 2 p.m. Service continued in Cookstown United Church Cemetery.

BROWN, Ruth Enid at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston on Monday, December 26, 1977. Ruth E. Lee in her 52nd year. Beloved wife of Earl Brown of Beeton. Dear mother of Brenda (Mrs. B. Day) of Ebor, Bill of Windsor, Bonnie, Robert, Bradley and Barbara all at home, Ronald of Hamilton. Loving grandmother of Janet, Lee, April and Rebecca Jane. Loving daughter of Harry and Bertha Lee of Osherville. Dear sister of mildred Lee of Brantford. Resting at the Hughes Funeral Home, Cookstown for service on Thursday, December 29 at 2 p.m. Interment Zion Cemetery.

Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

Gough, Violet. On Wednesday, September 27, 1978, at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, Violet Gough in her 82nd year. Beloved wife of the late John Gough. Dear mother of Raymond, Beeton. Loved by her grandchildren Cherie and Alan. Rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. Funeral service was held in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Beeton, Friday afternoon, September 29. Interment Trinity Cemetery, Beeton.

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HOLMES. At Stevenson Memorial Hospital, on Saturday, May 27, 1978. Henry Holmes in his 84th year. Beloved husband of Cora Stewart and dear father of Bertha (Mrs. Coffin), Elwood, Cecil, Dorcas (Mrs. R. Lawrence), Gilbert, Donalda (Mrs. L. Gellagher), Irvil, May (Mrs. R. Matthews), Carole, Mose (Mrs. Lloyd) and Russell, also survived by 38 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. Funeral Services at the Gamble Funeral Home on May 29. Interment in St. Paul's Cemetery. 27-9 a

They design what customer wants

Borden Metal Products in Beeton boasts that it produces a wider variety of metal gratings than anyone else in Canada.

The three men who started the business found they had to be flexible because they were a small company and the Sealy brothers who operate the business today have maintained that philosophy.

The business was started by Al Borden, Ron Sealy and Tom Lewis. The business got its name from Al Borden who had a metal grating operation in the United States and was looking for a general manager for a Canadian operation. Mr. Borden got in touch with Ron Sealy and Borden Metal Products was started in 1955.

Today the business is operated by Paul and Dave Sealy, since their father's death. Paul, the president, has been working at Borden Metal for seven years and Dave, the vice-president, for twelve.

Borden Metal Products makes a wide variety of industrial gratings for many different applications including service

platforms in steel mills and pulp and paper mills, engine rooms in lake freighters, and for covering ditches at the sides of roads. They also made the grates for the Toronto-Dominion Centre elevators.

"Because we got involved in a small way initially, we had to be flexible," Dave says. "Anything nobody else wanted to produce we became interested in. We designed the product to fit the specific need."

Though the company has grown over the years it is still not large, Dave notes. "But we have gained the respect of people we work with over the years. We don't insist they order out of a catalogue."

The original plant was built on the site of a mill owned by the family of Kate Aitken, famous radio personality. "The first building was on the foundation of the mill. Now, says Dave Sealy, "it is the centre of the shop which has grown around it."

Growth of the plant has been fairly steady since the start with two employees. There are now about 25 employees in the plant, and a total of thirty-five, including sales staff, estimators and office workers.

When the business first started there was a lot of heavy manual work, but over the years the operation has become increasingly automated. "We have changed our approach to production to keep in step with our industry."

However, they have kept their original office, a railway caboose. Now, however, it is used for storage and is incorporated into the design of the building so that it is hard to recognize from the outside. However, it has sentimental value for the brothers.

Mr. Sealy explains, "When we started most of our customers were from the Metro area and they liked the idea of visualizing us sitting in the country, very relaxed. When we told them our office was a railway caboose they really got a kick out of it. If they remembered us for nothing else they remembered us because of this. We hung onto it for that reason."

Now they sell right across Canada, wherever industrial development is taking place. Ontario, however, is still their biggest market area because it is the most industrialized.

Borden Metal Products grates have been sold in every province in Canada and they recently did a job for the Syncrude Project in northern Alberta. They have also handled some small export projects.

There are three main processes for making grates.

The largest volume is in welded grating which is done on an automated line. The finished grates are 24 feet long and three feet wide.

There is a lot of material handling, so to keep heavy lifting to a minimum, they have overhead cranes to service all of the fabricating area.

The second method is rivetted style grating. There is still a lot of manual labour required for this type but it has a little more 'give' and is more comfortable to walk on. Although it is more costly, there is still a demand for it in certain areas.

The third method is interlocked grating which is a cold forging operation with the bars prepared in advance and notched for assembly. The bars are then pressed together, using high-pressure hydraulic presses. This method provides extreme flexibility with a wide variety of spacings and bar sizes possible. "Welded grating tends to be limited," Dave Sealy explains.

The location in Beeton is close enough to the major markets and the steel mills of Hamilton to be practical.

"We are faced with more freight charges and the cost of communications is higher, but it is a nice place to live," says Paul Sealy. The main reason for starting the business in Beeton was because they knew and liked the area.



Paul and Dave Sealy watch a machine which cuts grates into the proper lengths at their Borden Metal Products Ltd. plant in Beeton. (Alliston Herald photo)



Although most of the work is handled by machines, some work is still done manually at Borden Metal Products Ltd. Here George De Vaux welds a grate. (Alliston Herald photo)

Beeton company is 96 years old



Fred Parsons looks around at the Parsons Seeds plant in Beeton. It is ten times as large as it was when he bought it in 1953 from the Law family who had operated it for 73 years. (Alliston Herald photo)

Parsons Seeds Ltd., which started in 1880 as the Law Seed Company, has grown by more than 1,000 per cent since Fred Parsons bought the company in 1953.

Herb Law founded the business and then his son Roy took over in 1925. When the latter died the family decided to

sell. They put the business on the market on Tuesday and by Thursday arrangements for Fred Parsons to take over had been completed.

Mr. Parsons had a considerable amount of experience in the seed business, having worked out of the Toronto office of the MacKenzie Seed Company of

Brandon, Manitoba for 16 years.

"I thought I was smart enough to run a business myself and I didn't see how I would get a chance to find out unless I bought one," he says. I was looking for a seed business because that was what I was in. I did not have much money but the price was right and I had always

considered the Law Seed Company a good business."

Since buying the company Mr. Parsons has proven his assessment of his capability to run a business. Parsons Seeds has grown steadily while many other seed companies have failed.

"I have expanded a lot since I came here," he says with pride. "We are at least 10 times as big." In 1953 the business was operated by Mr. Parsons with only one employee. Now there are between seven and 10 employees, depending on the season.

When Mr. Parsons took over the business the entire plant was only 70 feet by 30 feet and the office was 12 by 12. Now there are two 40 foot by 80 foot warehouses and a 30 foot by 25 foot office.

He now has the space to store up to 30,000 bushels of grain and sells more than 60,000 bushels a year, enough to plant 25,000 to 30,000 acres.

"When I started here there were seed companies in Bradford, Schomberg, Nobleton, Orangeville, Barrie, Shelburne and Collingwood. None of these is there anymore," he says. "I think they failed because anytime they got a dollar they spent it instead of trying to improve the business."

To survive, he says, you had to expand. "Farmers got bigger and more sophisticated," he comments. "If you didn't get bigger and more sophisticated too, so that you were able to handle their volume, you went out of business."

The seed is also becoming more complicated, with the many different varieties of seed being grown, Mr. Parsons notes. "You have to know what is available in order to advise farmers."

Also overhead costs have increased and "you have to have more volume to keep going. Anybody who didn't continue to put money back into his business disappeared."

In 1953 he dealt only with local farmers but now he buys his seed from a much larger area.

Parsons Seeds handles mainly farm seeds, buying from growers and then processing, grading and reselling them.

The seed comes in with all kinds of weeds and dirt in it and they run it through various machines to clean it to government grade standards. Their modern Clipper Cleaner is similar to the old fanning mills but much faster and more effective. It works on the same principle, with screens taking out both the coarse and fine junk and wind blowing out the chaff, leaving only good, clean seed.

With some lots of seed the loss

is 75 per cent and with others it is only two to three per cent, but in an average lot the loss is 20 per cent during the cleaning.

They also do some crop spraying in the spring, Mr. Parsons adds. They got started in crop spraying the first spring after Mr. Parsons bought the business "because I didn't have too much to do". Now they spray 7,500 acres every spring. However, he has no plans to expand his crop spraying further. "You can only handle so much because the season isn't that long."



Gord Krieger operates the Clipper Cleaner at Parsons Seeds while owner Fred Parsons watches. The machine works on the same principle as a fanning mill, using different sizes of screens to remove the coarse and fine 'junk' and wind to blow out the chaff. (Alliston Herald photo)

Queen's Hotel history will



It's fate is sealed. This majestic old building now just a derelict shell once

represented all the energies of the boomtown of Beeton. For years just an

eyesore, it is scheduled to fall under the wrecker's hammer on Saturday.

BEETON - The oldest commercial building in Beeton will fall under the wrecker's hammer on Saturday.

The Queen's Hotel has been purchased by builder Bert Fava of Lavonia Homes from John Parsons and John Brown.

Fava plans to knock the building down on Saturday and thus will end the career of what, in the 1880's, was described as the finest hotel south of Toronto.

The history of the hotel will live forever as part of Beeton's history as it was the monument to when boom times came to this village with the coming of the railway.

A history of the hotel is published in Bert Platt's "Beeton 1874-1974." It was built by Charles Baxter about 1881 with the lot costing \$800 and the structure about \$5,000.

Bert Platt described its grandeur in his book. "Consisting of three stories and constructed of solid brick it was an impressive sight. Large windows were the focal point of each room and a few of these rooms had outside balconies. A larger balcony from the second floor provided shelter at the main entrance.

end on Saturday

Two large well-constructed pillars supported this south balcony. Eventually awnings were installed on the south and west sides to provide shade in the warm weather. A picket fence adjacent to the street, protected the well treed lawn.

Inside there was a variety of accommodation. The main floor consisted of large rooms, a dining room and kitchen on the east side, with a large parlor, tailor shop and saloon on the west side. The saloon could be reached from the centre hall of the hotel or an entrance from Centre Street. On the second and third floors a total of 48 rooms were available to weary travellers.

Although sold several times in the following years, it must also have been the center of economic life within the village.

"Traveller's or 'trunk men' as they were called, arrived in great numbers by train and were put up in the Queen's. In the large rooms on the main floor they displayed their merchandise while buyers from the village shopped in comfort. The livery stable adjacent to the hotel provided horses and buggies to accom-

modate the travellers. There was also a large ice shed north of the hotel which was filled every winter and packed with sawdust.

The large saloon on the main floor provided a popular gathering place for the men. Here visitors gathered at the 40 foot bar and ordered 'schnooners' or beer or shots of whiskey costing 5 cents. Behind the bar hung a large mirror extending the length of the room. A brass foot rail ran along the base of the bar and brass spitons were located around the room."

The beginning of the end for the Queen's probably began as far back as 1910. Prohibition ended the hotel's prosperity and it became a boarding house. Many owners had the building after that with little maintenance being provided. The main floor had many uses over the years serving as a dance hall, school from 1916-1922, offices and commercial stores. It never became a hotel again.

It was the subject of an arson attempt in the 1940's by an owner named Wally who had taken out a large insurance policy but he was caught by insurance agents

and charged with arson.

Finally in 1974, the building had become such a disgrace that through the efforts of council, the Simcoe County Board of Health declared the structure unsafe and the building was to be demolished.

At that time John Parsons and John Brown stepped in and presented plans to council to restore the building to its original condition. It would involve four apartments on each of the second and third floors with some type of commercial development on the main floor.

However, it became a case of not having enough time for the new owners and the "cost of it was getting out of hand" according to John Brown. He also expressed regret that it was being torn down.

He said that the foundation was a problem in the north corner and it had probably deteriorated a little more in the last couple of years but still does not feel it is beyond saving. They had estimated the cost of renovations would have been \$125,000 a couple of years ago.

Bert Fava's prognostications for the building is much worse.

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he told council that if there had not been a new roof put on the building a couple of years ago it would have fallen down by now.

The old hotel has been the subject of a love-hate relationship with the village for many years. Some regard it simply as an eyesore while others see it as a once beautiful building that it is a shame to see come down. However, virtually everyone agrees that it is unreasonable to try and restore it.

Rose Sheridan McGinry said, "I lived in it thirty years

and it should have blown down then."

Bert Fava has several plans for the property including one which would use the property for a town hall with municipal office, library and fire hall. However, all such plans are merely conjecture at this point.

Residents may be inconvenienced somewhat on Saturday as demolition work could mean the closing of Centre and Main Streets for a period of time plus the interruption of electrical service for some.

THE QUEEN'S HOTEL

1881-1978



Dan Crumble displays a piece of the handiwork from above a window of the Queen's Hotel. Several people salvaged souvenirs from some of the fanciest of pieces of wood that were knocked from the building.



After the initial work of the cable on the top floor, Two power shovels began toppling the building by pushing the walls inward. This kept the debris minimum.



The northwest corner of the Queen's Hotel which was built in 1881 was the last part standing on Saturday. It was pushed over as a unit by the demolition crew and this photo stops the action as it starts to crumble.



Tom Mitchell home BEFORE *Thorval Heuchant home*



AFTER

Saturday morning the houses at 58 and 62 Main Street were demolished to pave

the way for the new Beetroot Centre Plaza on Main Street. The plaza is

already fall before construction starts.

April 1975



Members of the 1904 Beeton Fire Department were from left to right: Herb Fenton, Ed Keams, Sam Hayes, Pete Keams, Jim Livingston, Art Goldsmith, George Andrews, Mark Shelton, Joe Brown, Jim Moushan, W.J. Bell, Dan Watson, Jim Yonge, Joe Milbap, and Frank Sommers.



MAIN STREET ABOUT 1915



Members of the Beeton Fire Department along with members of council pose before the

village around the village's new fire truck which arrived Saturday morning. A cheque for

\$50,800 was presented to officials of the company from Pierreville, Quebec that makes

the truck. Over \$38,500 was raised by the Firefighters with the help of community groups to help pay for the truck. 1977

Beeton Fire Truck Fund receives \$25,000 boost Saturday night

BEETON: By last week, it was pretty well impossible to get a ticket to Saturday night's Firefighters' Association Elimination Draw.

Over 1200 showed up at the arena Saturday night to watch the draw and to dance to an Irish band and a disc jockey in the hall. Organizers were surprised that so many people came when it started at 8:30 p.m. One of the attractions may have been that food was served from 6:30 on.

All 1000 tickets had been sold for the elimination draw at \$50 each. Big winner of the night was an Ingleton man, George Green, who won the Ford LTD on a ticket sold by Gerald Bergin. His was the last ticket drawn.

Tubby Robinson was the second last person drawn and he won a riding lawn mower.

Minor Rutledge's ticket number 2 was the consolation winner of a Toyota, while Guy Poulton, Mr. Watt, and Mrs. Pigeon all of Bond Head shared the winning ticket on a Honda.

Other winners were Angus and Eleanor McCague (boat and motor), Pat Carter and Hilda Hassay (mini bikes), Jim Doyle of Tottenham (tricycle), Art Ivin and Ray Rumble of Allison (10 speed bicycle), Brian Corbett (mini wave oven), Larry Cordes of Brinkley (20" colour TV), D. Rawlins of Bramalea (12" black and white TV), Herb Link (stereo), C. Heuchan of Toronto (gas barbecue), Ian and Hazel Roberts of Tottenham (rowing set), John Lyness of Toronto (dishwasher), Bill Barrett of Allison (CB and Antenna), and Bruce and Mary Cole a camera outfit.

Fifty dollar winners were Colin Shaw, Terry Christ, Edward Bell, Minty Koughan and Al Green, Rod and Sonia Halbauer, Mr. W. Mason, Jim and Gwen Givins, Mrs. J. Gallinger and 3 guys from Beder Tuff.

One hundred dollar winners were Karl Stewart, Stuart Maghoughien, Dave and Sandra Card, Turner and Poron, and the seven Walkers.

Besides the Firemen who organized the draw, many people deserve credit. The Lions Club and their wives looked after the food. Guests consumed 700 lbs. of potatoes, 450 lbs of cold meats, 140 lbs of cheese, 150 dozen buns, 8 cases of cabbage.

The Rotary Club looked after the bar which took in \$5,850. The Legion turned out Sunday morning to clean up. The Beeton Athletic Association ran the draw.

So many people volunteered labour and equipment that it is

impossible to even start mentioning them all.

Both Reeve McGinley and Fire Chief Bill Strachan thanked all those who supported the draw.

Ed Boysson estimated that the draw would easily net the \$25,000 for the fire truck fund. Saturday morning the fund thermometer was raised to \$33,000.

The Fire Department will now be drawing up tenders for the fire truck since most of the money to purchase it is assured.



NEW FIRE TRUCK PURCHASED

The Beeton council accepted a tender from Pierreville Fire Truck Limited last week for the supply of a new fire truck.

The Fire Department drew up

specifications and asked for bids. The winning bid for a fully equipped fire truck with all the equipment the department wants was \$51,000.

Council authorized the purchase with the price not to exceed that amount. 1978



Fun course

Helen Findlay (left) displays some of the tile work she has done. She is teaching a course in tile and decorative painting at Bull's Corner Ceramic and Art Studio in Cookstown. She says she really enjoys the class. Mary Del Rinde is one of Mrs. Findlay's students. Tile painting is primarily a folk art. In some places it's called country painting. The word tile is French, and is used to describe a technique of painting on sheet metal. Mrs. Findlay's class doesn't restrict itself, though. They paint on just about anything.

Country art thriving in Cookstown

COOKSTOWN — There's something going on in the back room of Bull's Corner Ceramic and Art Studio Monday afternoons. Helen Findlay is teaching some of the local ladies the joys of tile and decorative painting.

"It's also called country painting in some places," Mrs. Findlay said. "Basically it's decorative painting."

The instructor explained that the word "tile" comes from a French style of painting on sheet metal.

"I suppose it's not really tile painting in the pure sense of the term because we paint on several different surfaces."

Mrs. Findlay explained that her Monday afternoon group is made up of some advanced and some beginning students.

DECORATIVE STROKES

The beginners start out by learning the various decorative strokes that are used in

the technique. For instance, the comma stroke. Once they have mastered a repertoire of strokes, the students can combine them to create patterns.

The Bull's Corner group paints on metal, in the form of old tin cans or pizza trays, on wood, glass, and chip boards.

"We don't waste anything around here," Mrs. Findlay quipped.

The students create pieces that are both utilitarian and just whimsical.

The students learn to prepare the particular surface they will be painting on; then they paint their designs or picture with oil paints. Then, if they have painted on wood, a varnish coat is added to protect the paint.

"We use oil paints in this course but if you want to, you could use acrylics instead."

ENJOYS TEACHING

Mrs. Findlay, who has been working in the

tile technique for the past three years enjoys teaching the class.

"My main aim is to teach this as a hobby the ladies can enjoy and take pleasure in. There's no pressure."

Mrs. Findlay, who has lived in the Cookstown area for the past five years, also

enjoys working in oils and watercolors, two techniques she has been practicing for a number of years.

In addition to the eight-week tile and decorative painting course, Bull's Corner also offers ceramics courses Tuesday and Thursday evening and Wednesday afternoon.

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Dave Pilling stands behind wrought iron bar in one of his showroom settings

Women celebrate 75 years of service

By JEAN SAUNTER
CHURCHILL. — In the words of guest speaker Mrs. Herbert Maluske, the anniversary celebration of Churchill Women's Institute was like "a genuine family reunion."

Former members and friends returned for the society's 75th birthday held on May 24 in Churchill Community Hall.

Mrs. Maluske of Chesley is past-president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

"The present is always an outgrowth of the past," the speaker told the 150 women attending. Noting the local institute's history, Mrs. Maluske said every experience and every person over the years had contributed to this momentous occasion.

Churchill president Mrs. Ronald Allan and program chairman Mrs. Mac Constable presided for the program. Mrs. Frank Lockhart thanked the speaker.

Mrs. Kenneth Sturgeon conducted an in memoriam for departed members and read a poem, "Requests," written by Jeanette Leuder, an early member of Churchill branch.

"Bless This House" was sung by Mrs. Keith Sinclair accompanied by Mrs. George Lucas.

FIRST PRIZE

A quilt made by the Junior Women's Institute that won first prize at the Canadian National Exhibition in 1935 was on display. Kay Allan told the history of this attractive piece of handwork with appliqued panes.

It is now owned by Mrs. Eddie Jobb of Cookstown.

In July of 1937, Churchill institute sponsored a lunch clinic in Lefroy Community Hall. Seven children had their tonsils removed.

SKITS

This clinic was re-enacted at the anniversary in the form of a two-act skit.

Two Churchill members who participated 40 years ago, Mrs. Russell Stewart as a nurse and Mrs. Nelson Browning, a mother, played the same parts in the skit.

Mrs. Ronald Allan acted as Mrs. G.C. Allan, president at the time, and Mrs. George Lucas as the secretary, Mrs. O.E. Todd.

Other performers were

Mrs. Nelson Browning as Agnes Allan, Mrs. Keith Sinclair as Mrs. Robert Sinclair, Mary Sloan as Mrs. Norman King, Mrs. Jack Constable as Mrs. George Constable, and Lillian Sloan as Mrs. Wilfred Stewart.

Playing the part of Doctor Frank Shannon was Mrs. A. Saunter, and Doctor Harold Smith was Mrs. Russell Browning. Nurse Mrs. Roy Houghton was acted by Mrs. Jack Reive, and mother Mrs. Alex Constable was Mrs. Alex Shakell.

Heather Sinclair and Lila Browning acted as two patients, Blake Constable and Walter Browning (Lila's father) who had their tonsils removed on that July day in 1937.

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Churchill Women's Institute
requests the honour of your company
at their

75th Anniversary

at the

Churchill Community Hall

Wednesday, May the twenty-fourth
sixteen hundred and seventy-eight
from two o'clock until four p.m.

Mrs. Ronald Allan
President

Mrs. Jack Constable
Secretary
Gilford, Ont. L.O.L. 1040



75th anniversary

The Churchill Women's Institute celebrated its 75th anniversary last week. Front row, from the left Mary Sloan, Mrs. Jack Constable, Mrs. Kenneth Sturgeon, Mrs. Russell Browning, Mrs. Ronald Allan, Mrs. Keith Sinclair, Mrs. Frank Lockhart, Mrs. Mac Constable, Mrs. Chalmers Pratt. Second row: Mrs. Alick Saunter, Mrs. Mina Kelly, Lillian Sloan, Mrs. Servatius Keunen, Mrs. Edward Quibell, Mrs.

Alex Shakell, Mrs. Thomas Devitt, Mrs. Ralph Tevide, Mrs. Donald Dickie, Mrs. Jack Reive, Mrs. Gordon McQuarrie. Back row: Mrs. Arthur Jones, Mrs. Mary Halsey, Mrs. Nelson Browning, Mrs. Frank Kell, Mrs. Bert Killian, Mrs. George Lucas, Mrs. Orville Awery, Mrs. Russell Stewart, Mrs. Ivan Pratt. (Absent: Mrs. C. C. Thompson, Mrs. Gordon Keen).



Murray Riley of Cookstown stands at a haling machine as the bag fills with Verdyst mulch. This mulch is shipped all across the country and when combined with grass seed, fertilizer

and water and put into a hydroseeder it is used in highway landscaping, mine tailings reclamation and gravel pit beautification projects.

Recycled newspaper helps grass grow green

Have you ever wondered what happens to your old newspapers after you have taken them to the Tottenham Recycling Centre or had them picked up in a newspaper drive by a local organization?

Chances are that the papers are collected until there are enough to sell and then they are taken to Verdyst Mulch of Canada on the 13th line of Tecumseh Twp. where the paper is combined with straw and cotton to produce Verdyst mulch.

According to Don Crocker, plant manager at Verdyst, the mulch is a partner of a Swiss company and the Cookstown plant has the exclusive license to manufacture the mulch in North America.

The mulch is made by combining shredded newspapers, very coarse fibrous cotton and straw. The straw is sent along a conveyor belt where it is put through a mill to break the toughness of the stalk. Moving along the conveyor the straw picks up

the shredded and milled newspapers, combines it with the straw and then moves along and combines it with the milled cotton.

At the end of the conveyor line the three elements are sent into a final mill where they are milled and sent around at high speeds. The mulch is sent through an inlet pipe where it enters a haling machine and is baled into 50 lb. bags for delivery.

The capacity of the plant is 21 tons per day during a two hour shift.

The mulch is used extensively on highway landscaping projects, and mine tailing reclamation sites in Noranda, Quebec and Elliot Lake. The mulch is also used in gravel pits.

The mulch is mixed with water, grass seed and fertilizers and put into a hydroseeder and sprayed onto the ground. The cotton fibres in the mulch hold firmly in the ground. In dry weather the mulch will not blow away and it retains the moisture in the ground to help the seeds grow. The mulch

also extends problems with dune in dry weather. If it should happen in rain while the mulch is in place it will act as an insulation for the seeds underneath.

After a period of time the mulch will break down into its natural element and become a fertilizer for the grass.

Hydroseeding has proven successful in speeding up the growing period of grass in several area projects including ones at Base Borden and in Eric Hunter's Green subdivision in King Township. The mulch is much cheaper to apply than seed and it can cover a wider area of land in a shorter period of time. In places like Noranda, Quebec, and Elliot Lake where the mulch is used to assist reclamation of the mine tailings, it would be uneconomical to use seed.

Verdyst of Canada ships the mulch all over Canada from B.C. to the maritimes and there is now a distributor in Quebec City, who handles all distribution of the mulch for the province of Quebec and the maritimes.

Women's Institute will meet in Alliston

By VERA KNEESHAW
ALLISTON — The 79th annual meeting of the South Simcoe district Women's Institute will be held Tuesday, May 17, in St. John's United Church, Alliston. The theme is "What's 79

Years Between Friends!" and an anniversary cake will be served with the noon luncheon. The district president, Mrs. Paul Tipping of Tottenham, will preside at the meeting.

A new feature this year will have each Institute show a poster of activities over the years and give a two-minute commentary. Branch reports are to be sent to the district governors by April 20 for printing.

Entries for the house log book competition should be submitted to Mrs. William Sutherland of Bend Head by May 1. Names for memorial should be sent to Mrs. Givran Sawyer of RR 1, Gifford.

Institutes of Beeton and Tottenham will make up nominating committees and courtesies will be given by Tottenham. Representatives of 10 of the 11 branches met in Cookstown recently to plan the meeting.

116 women at annual meeting

By JEAN SAUNTER
ALLISTON — South Simcoe District Women's Institute held its 79th annual meeting in Alliston last week, with 116 delegates attending from 11 branches. District president Mrs. Paul Tipping of Tottenham and secretary Mrs. Everett McVety of Bradford were in charge.

The theme, "What's 79 Years Between Friends!" set the tone of the meeting held at St. John's United Church. Displays showing accomplishments, projects, and history of each branch were outstanding, and discussion groups led by district conveners replaced oral reports.

Visits to Simcoe Manor will not be a district project from now on but the decision to entertain there is at each branch's discretion after conferring with the manor superintendent.

Delegates voted to hold a Tweedsmuir History workshop in November, with Cookstown being a possible location.

Mrs. Gordon Mallison of Tottenham judged the log book competition of home histories and presented prizes to: first, Mrs. Russell Browning; second, Mrs. W. Ingram, both from Churchville branch; and third, Mrs. Norman Baker, Everett.

Federated Women's Institute of Ontario board member, Mrs. Don Hennessey of Duntroon, said Simcoe County leads the province in interest in log books. County

books were on display at the officers' conference at the University of Waterloo in May.

After the noon luncheon, Tweedsmuir History curator Mrs. William Sutherland of Bend Head reviewed district

history. The first meeting was held in Jebb's Hall, Cookstown, on July 9, 1902, with 50 in attendance. In 1966 only four attended and for some years district meetings were held in homes. Today there are 321 active

members in Simcoe South and 46 life members. A birthday cake was cut by Mrs. Joseph Hancey of Alliston, a WI member for 41 years.

Ted Whitworth, a farm safety consultant for eight counties, told delegates there are too many accidents in agriculture. He said farmers must recognize hazards and be placed the responsibility on "mother" to continue to remind her

family of safety practices. Farm safety booklets brought home by school children should be reviewed by the parents with the children so both will benefit, he said.



Alliston Women's Institute was host to the Simcoe South District W.I. annual meeting here last week. The District Executive includes, left to right, Mrs. Everett McVety, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Donald Munkman, Cookstown, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Paul Tipping, Tottenham, president and Mrs. James Steers, 2nd vice-president. (Alliston Herald photo)

History of Simcoe County to be available for Christmas



BEETON — The County of Simcoe is currently in the process of releasing a new hardcover book on the history of Simcoe County. The Township of Tecumseh municipal office in Beeton has now put copies of "Simcoe County: The Recent Past" on sale at \$11.95 each.

This is the fourth major history work that the county has put out. It is meant as an up-date of the History of Simcoe County written by Andrew Hunter who was editor of the *Barrie Examiner* from 1905 to 1909. Hunter wrote his book in 1909. Craig's history starts from the 1890's and continues

through 1975, in over 300 pages. Craig uses a theme approach to trace the county's history.

John Craig is an accomplished author with 19 major books published and he also writes periodicals, plus, film and television.

The book is illustrated by Margaret Anderson of Exton Township, a freelance artist.

The book has been a three year effort with the first printing of 10,000 books costing \$81,000. County council has recommended a whole sale price of \$8.95 and a suggested retail price of \$11.95.

The foreword to the book was written by Simcoe County Warden, Allan Giesford.

Beeton author guest speaker at W.I.

The home of Mrs. E. Watson was the meeting place of Beeton Women's Institute on May 10.

Mrs. C. Reynolds opened the meeting and 16 members answered the Roll Call. A short business session followed. Mrs. Reynolds reported that the business displays at the Fall Fair will be some-

positive; each entry will receive \$10.00. The secretary will inform all 16 Institutes involved.

The theme of the programme for this month was "Agriculture and Canadian Industries." Mrs. E. Watson was in charge of the programme, and she had as the guest speaker Mr. Odo Waldstein.

He spoke on the rolling system of pricing consumer goods, giving a detailed description of the process. The system is frightening. The consumer is almost helpless as far as comparing prices or keeping track of rising costs are concerned. Also the price of the machine involved in this system makes it almost impossible for small business to survive.

Mr. Waldstein also touched on a few points from his recently published book on Quebec Separation. The Institute thanks Mr. Waldstein for his interesting talk.

200 at Women's Institute convention

The forty-fifth annual convention of Simcoe Area Women's Institutes was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, November 14 and 15 with 200 registered representing the 82 branches throughout the county, divided into six districts, Simcoe North, West, Centre, South, Kempenfelt and East.

With President Mrs. R.W. Maguire of Mississauga opening the convention, tribute to honour Queen Elizabeth II's 23rd Anniversary was followed by the In Memoriam and words of welcome by Mrs. McAttee, representing Knox Ladies' Aid who very ably entered.

Mrs. Maguire expressed personal appreciation to all for their support during her three years of office and urged members to

accept an opportunity for service in Women's Institute when a door opens. As did others throughout the sessions, the retiring president urged branches to interest more younger women in W.I.

Mrs. Herbert Maluske of Chesley, president, Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, shared her pleasure of having been awarded a medal commemorating the Queen's Jubilee which she referred to as "your medal" as members of the Women's Institute. She gave the highlights of the Associated Country Women of the World (A.C.W.W.) Convention held in Africa this fall and which in three years time will be in West Germany, celebrating 50 years of A.C.W.W.

Mrs. Maluske continued by reporting on various activities throughout the province in which she is involved as provincial president, including the Erland Lee Home at Stoney Creek and Officers' Conference, held this spring at the University of Waterloo.

Membership fee of \$2.00 as of April, 1978, entitles women to be members, not only of their local branch, but the F.W.I.O. (Ontario), F.W.L.C. (Canada) and the A.C.W.W.

Home Economist Barbara McArthur, South Simcoe and Jane Ellis, North Simcoe assisted throughout the convention and also presented a slide presentation on energy conservation.

During the sessions reports were presented by various committee convenors which were printed and distributed to each branch for personal so that ideas might be exchanged.

Highlight of the program following Monday evening's banquet was the presentation of slides, "To Nairobi" with the A.C.W.W. by Mrs. J. Foyston of Mississauga, who also attended the convention in Africa. Carrying out the theme, "Tenderly we treasure the past with memories that will always last", Mrs. Jacobs and Mrs. Hennessey presented a skit reviewing Women's Institute from its founding by Adelaide Hoodless in 1890 at Stoney Creek until the present, concluding with a candlelighting and cake cutting ceremony.

Mrs. Goudy of the Toronto office of Economics Branch was a guest on Tuesday morning and delivered the address prepared by Mary McGee, Director of Economics Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, who was unable to be present.

There is a close liaison between that department and the Women's Institute and branches appreciate services such as 4-H and senior programs which include training courses, which, because of budget cuts will now be conducted by county home economists.

"One Canada from sea to sea" was the topic chosen by Mrs. Peg Hallway of Clarkson for her address at the noon luncheon. Feeling so strongly that Quebec should remain part of confederation, it was coincidental that she should be invited to speak at the convention on November 15, one year after the Parti Quebecois won power in Quebec.

Any prejudices W.I. members may have had toward the people of Quebec as a result of the issue should be removed after hearing such a knowledgeable person explain the situation.

An emergency resolution brought in at the closing session sparked considerable discussion and was sustained. Because of the announcement that a private member's bill concerning raising the drinking age be brought before the house next spring, the resolution was requesting the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario to take action so that this might become law as soon as possible. Also, individual W.I. members in Simcoe Area are urged to write their Members of Parliament voicing their concerns.

Providing musical interludes during the two days were Mrs. Marjorie McKelvey and the Merry Minstrels with Ken Inkster as accompanist; vocal solos by Mrs. A. Orr of Bond Head and Mr. Stiller of New Lowell and the sing-a-longs were conducted by talented W.I. members.

Officers installed by Mrs. Maluske were: Past President, Mrs. R.W. Maguire, Mississauga; President, Mrs. J. Board, Coldwater; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Murray Bowen, Hawkatone; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. W. Coutts, Stayner; Secretary, Mrs. John Loughheed, Elmvalle; Treasurer, Mrs. D. Parry, Washago; Public Relations Officer, Mrs. John Brown, Washago. Standing Committee Convenors: Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. W.M. Kell, Churchhill; Family and Consumer Affairs, Mrs. Ray Tuck, Elmvalle; Citizenship and World Affairs, Mrs. E. Gordon, New Lowell; Education and Cultural Activities, Mrs. Bert Newman, Sebright; Resolutions, Mrs. Maguire; Curator of Tweedsmuir History, Mrs. H. Foyston, Mississauga; Federation of Agriculture, Mrs. Joseph Dumond, New Lowell; Scholarship, Mrs. Douglas Day, New Lowell; Auditors, Mrs. L. Hawkins, Washago, and Mrs. A. Jarvis, Severn Bridge.

Provincial Board Directors are: Sub. Division 13 - Mrs. Don Jacobs, Elmvalle with Mrs. Ray Tuck as alternate and for Sub. Division 14 - Mrs. Don Hennessey, Duntroon with Mrs. Douglas Day as alternate. District Presidents are: Simcoe Centre, Mrs. A. Drinkill; East, Mrs. D. Kempenfelt; Mrs. S. Stark; North, Mrs. D. Berton; South, Mrs. P. Tipping and West, Mrs. H. Mansbridge.

Prior to adjournment, retiring President Mrs. Maguire made the presentation of the two lovely pictures of The Queen and Adelaide Hoodless that were part of the chancel decorations. These were accepted by the new President, Mrs. Board, along with the gavel of the office.

Institute 4-H class will be in Cookstown

BEETON - On April 12, the Beeton Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. R. McFarlane, for its first meeting of the 1977-78 season, with all officers, the same as the previous year.

Fourteen members answered the roll call by paying their dues. Mrs. I. Reynolds reported that her 4-H class was preparing for its annual display in Cookstown, May 7. Mrs. E. Ritchie had charge of the program, the theme being Public Relations.

Mrs. Monkman of Cookstown was the guest speaker and her topic was the Victorian Order of Nurses. She told of the services rendered by these dedicated nurses who made over 3000 calls in South Simcoe alone, last year. No

one who seeks help is refused, regardless of age, race or creed.

Mrs. Monkman, herself is on the staff of the V.O.N. and has been, for many years. She believes it is one of the best ways to get rid of the blues, giving service to others.

This busy woman was graciously thanked for taking time to inform of the services rendered as so willingly given by the V.O.N.

The motto for the month, "Be Alert to give Service; what counts most in life is what we do for others," was commented on by Mrs. E. Stewart and covered many of Mrs. Monkman's thoughts. A contest was conducted at the closing of the meeting.

W.I. meeting on being involved

BEETON - The Beeton Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. E. Stewart for the October meeting. Mrs. C. Reynolds opened the meeting. A two minute silence was held in memory of Mrs. Truman Bell, followed by the Lord's Prayer. Sixteen members answered the roll call.

After our business session, Mrs. C. Reynolds introduced our guest speaker, Marlene

McLeod from the Department of Agriculture in Alliston. Her theme was Citizenship. She spoke on the importance of leadership in communities and the involvement of all citizens. Two films were shown entitled "What's your Opinion?" This showed the pros and cons of becoming involved with the community or snugly minding your own business.

Referring to the announcement of the son born to Princess Anne and her husband she said, "In Quebec today groups will be toasting the Queen of Canada just as yourselves, they are just as loyal as the rest of us".

Mrs. Hallway is remembered for her personal distribution of the One Canada buttons bearing the Canadian Flag and From Sea To Sea in both English and French (several in the audience were wearing them) and she concluded by saying, "no level of Government can save Canada, it is the responsibility of every Canadian from Sea to Sea". A question period followed the lecture.

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A history of the Beeton Public Library

by Mrs. Gordon Drury

The Public Library is a part of the educational system of the Province of Ontario. It is one of the most important factors in the development of a community. It is a place where people can find information, learn new things, and enjoy themselves.

When the first library was established in Beeton in 1882, it was a small room in the town hall. It was run by a committee of citizens who were interested in the education of the town.

The first building was a small, one-story structure. It was built of wood and had a simple design. It was located on the corner of Main Street and Queen Street.

Over the years, the library has grown. It has moved to larger buildings and has acquired more books and resources. It has also become a place where people can find help with their homework and research.

The library is an important part of the community. It provides a place where people can learn and grow. It is a place where everyone is welcome.

Library subject of W.I. meeting

The meeting of the Western Ontario Association of Librarians (WOAL) was held in Beeton on May 12. The meeting was held in the Beeton Public Library. The meeting was attended by librarians from various parts of the province. The meeting was held in the Beeton Public Library. The meeting was attended by librarians from various parts of the province.



The first Beeton Public Library building, on the left, was built in 1882. The building was a small, one-story structure. It was built of wood and had a simple design. It was located on the corner of Main Street and Queen Street.

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Women's resolution

Products should be labelled

By JEAN SAUNDERS
 BOSTON, HEAD — Simcoe South Women's Institute last Thursday endorsed a resolution that the country of origin be clearly labelled on products.

Mrs. Bruce Kellier, spokesman for the Tee-We-Doill branch, explained it is possible to buy produce marked Canada No. 1 Grade and not notice the smaller lettering that indicates it is grown elsewhere.

As an example she showed a package of carrots she believed to be from the Bradford market when she purchased it. In small print is the notation "grown in United States."

Another example was a packet of seeds, packaged in Canada, but originating in the Netherlands.

Mrs. Donald Jacobs of North Simcoe who represents the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) in the Ontario Food Council said this has been a constant complaint of consumers who prefer to buy Canadian products.

She recommended the Simcoe South District Women's Institute send the resolution directly to the Ontario Food Council. A similar resolution is before the FWIO, she said.

Plumber's Carpenters Women's Institute was hostess to the district's annual meeting held in Good Head hall. Nearly 60 women attended from 11 branches.

Oryella Huggins, chairman of the local committee for the International Paving March to be held in Simcoe County in 1981, outlined plans to date.

He reported the farm and horticultural improvement contest committee should be operating by this fall. There will be a \$20 entry fee. It is expected initial judging will be in 1979 and final judging in 1980 or early 1981.

The chairman said he could not make an official announcement as to the location of the big match. He did, however, indicate a site has been committed in the Barrie area that may or may not be approved by the Ontario Foreman's Association.

Mrs. Bruce Kellier of Tee-We-Doill won the Farm and Home Log Book competition at the annual meeting. Mrs. William Sutherland of Good Head was second and Mrs. Gordon McQuarrie of Churchill, third.

A painting by Mabel Dixon of Beeton and an Afghan by Wilma Kneebone of Gilford were chosen to be entered in the Simcoe Area Women's

Institute competition this fall.

Starron McKemie from the Department of Agriculture and Food at Alliston reported changes. Hincforth county home economists will lead all institute, training courses. This marks the termination of instruction by specialists from the Toronto Extension branch.

Boys, from 12 to 26 years,

are encouraged to attend this

fall in the 4-H project formerly open only to girls. Titled "Potential Exhibits," it is termed a survival course.

The general program, too, is open to men for the first time. This instruction includes: microwave ovens, boy, care and use; food preservation, and decorating with imagination.

Last year 125 girls in Simcoe South participated in

garden clubs; 229 completed focus on living and 260, the cereal shell.

For excellent performance Lynn Jack of Gilford will be attending the Guelph Conference for 4-H Home-making Club members. Diane Vale of Good Head, Lori Lusk of Tee-We-Doill and Anne Campbell of Churchill will be district representatives at the Canadian National Exhibition.



New officers

Simcoe South Women's Institute held its 76th annual meeting last week at Bond Head, new officers elected for 1978-79 are pictured here: (From the left front) Mrs. Paul Tipping, Tottenham; Mrs. Donald Monkman, Cookstown; Mrs. W.E. Sturdy, Gifford; Mrs. James Steers, Fisher's Corner. (Second row) Mrs. Everett McVety, Fisher's Corner; Mrs.

Alfred Tizzard, Bradford; Mrs. William Sutherland, Bond Head; Mrs. Irwin Hounscome, Fisher's Corner; Mrs. Cecil Reynolds, Beeton; Mrs. Harvey Curry, Bradford; Mrs. Donald Stephenson, Everett; Mrs. William Kell, Gifford; Mrs. Orville Hughes, Fisher's Corner.

Women's Institute holds 76th annual meeting

"Strengthening the Family Unit" was the theme of the Simcoe South District Women's

Institute 76th annual meeting held at Bond Head on Thursday. This district includes Alliston,

Beeton, Bond Head, Bradford, Churchill, Cookstown, Everett, Fisher's Corner, Gifford, Tec-

um Gwill and Tottenham.

Doris Webb officially welcomed the members to the meeting, and all conveners had prepared reports and displays.

A home economist report was given by Barbara McArthur and Orville Hughes explained the Farm Homestead Improvement Competition to be held in conjunction with the 1981 International Plowing Match in Simcoe County.

The Simcoe Area convention will be held October 16 and 17 in Elmville and Tec-Wu-Gwill will host the 1979 District Annual.

District Executive Officers for 1978-79 are past president, Mrs. Paul Tipping, Tottenham; president Mrs. Donald Monkman, Cookstown; first vice president, Mrs. James Steers, RR 3, Bradford; second vice president, Mrs. William Kell, RR 1,

Churchill; secretary treasurer, Mrs. William Sturdy, RR 1, Gifford; public relations officer, Mrs. Don Stephenson, RR 3, Alliston; Federation representative, Mrs. Orville Hughes, RR 2, Bradford; alternate representative, Mrs. Everett McVety, Bradford; Federation of Agriculture representative, Mrs. Earl Bell, RR 4, Cookstown; alternate representative, Mrs. John Naylor, RR 2, Bradford.

Conveners for 1978-79 are: agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. Harvey Curry, Bradford; citizenship and world affairs, Mrs. Paul Tipping, Tottenham; family and consumer affairs, Mrs. Keith Sinclair, Churchill; resolutions, Mrs. William Sutherland, Bond Head; Tweedsmuir history, Mrs. Cecil Reynolds, RR 2, Beeton; education and cultural activities, Mrs. F. Anderson, Alliston.

Barb McArthur: *teaching the business of living*

BRADFORD — Home economics. To many of the modern day women instilled with the independent spirit of feminism, the words imply the woman's place is in the home — cooking meals, sewing shirts, taking care of the children.

But to home economist Barb McArthur, it represents the learning of basic

skills of living that never become out-moded and certainly do not fall squarely in the domain of women.

Consumer education may be a better description, she acknowledges. "The words themselves (home economics) have a lot of traditional connotations but the skills that are learned, especially now that the

business of living is becoming much more complex, are more important than ever," she said.

For Mrs. McArthur, who is leaving her job as home economist for South Simcoe, it's been seven rewarding years teaching mainly 4-H girls how to be self-sufficient.

"About 60 to 70 per cent of

my time is spent in the 4-H program. It's much easier to instill some good habits at the earlier age."

The rest of her time is taken up with consumer trouble-shooting, senior citizens groups, and the women's institutes.

About 100 well-wishers from groups she has helped during her years as a home economist in this area were on hand last week in the home of Mrs. Everett McVety in Bradford to say goodbye.

NOT BILINGUAL

She is leaving because husband Murray has been transferred to the Ottawa area.

A transfer for her was out of the question because home

economists in the Ottawa-Carleton region are required to be bilingual and she can't speak French.

"I've always wanted to be bilingual and if I have the opportunity I will learn," she said. In the meantime she said she will look for a job in a related field after taking some time off "to get settled."

"Anytime you leave anything that's been good you have mixed feelings...the job has been such a rewarding experience you sort of don't take stock of it until you come to a point of leaving," she said.

The rewards have been mutual. Just ask any of the 4-H girls in south Simcoe.



Time to relax

Retiring home economist Barb McArthur relaxes in the chair given her by well-wishers who gathered at the home of Bradford resident Marie McVety last week. Mrs. McArthur is moving to the Ottawa area.

Barbara McArthur Home Economist Goes and So Too at Marie McVety's Home.

August 9, 1978. -----Joy Lerkey, Bond Head W.I., Marie McVety, Fisher's Corner's W.I., Lois West, Tec-Wa-Will W.I., Lenore Rumble, Bradford W.I., Lynda McVety, 4-H Club, Elva Sutherland, Bond Head W.I., Hazel Church, Bradford W.I., Maude Jackson, Bond Head W.I., Elaine Reynolds, Bond Head W.I., Cynthia Tizzard, Bradford, W.I.



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Boston W.I. Members

Seated-- Mrs. E.W. Kettle, Miss Myra Wallwin,
Mrs. Stephen Gould, Mrs. Parkhill,
Mrs. Laura Wiggins, Mrs. Frank Ferrier,
Miss *Davidson* Mrs. Packham.

Standing-- Mrs. Harold Pattieraw, Mrs. Alex.
Gulgin, Mrs. Harry Campbell, Mrs.
Selby Dobbs, Mrs. N.P. McDonald, Mrs.
Jacob Sunnerton, Mrs. Bothery, Mrs.
J.A. Wright, Mrs. Jack Bartlett, Mrs.
Milton Reynolds.



A stitch in time

When the call went out for quilters there was no shortage of ladies willing to come and offer their time and talents. The quilt was a special project of the

North and South Simcoe Women's Institute. Several of the ladies worked last week to complete the two colourful quilts. *Staff photo*

Adelaide Longhead 1,300 Women's Institute names appear on quilts

Some quilts are made to keep a body warm, others are a work of art.

Members of the North and South Simcoe County Women's Institute have just completed two quilts which will include some 1,300 names of institute members in the county. Subdivision 13 which is North Simcoe, has approximately 640 names while subdivision 14,

South Simcoe has an estimated 656 names.

The quilts will be used for display purpose at WI functions in the county, at the area convention and the district annual meeting. The women are hoping to leave their work of art at the County Museum in Midhurst for the public to view.

The quilts have a coloured background with a wagon wheel design on the front. The rim of the wheel is white and the names of the members of each branch is embroidered in blue in form the spokes of the wheel.

A similar quilt has been done by a Barrie group and the North and South Simcoe WI members liked the idea of the circle rather than having the names appear helter skelter on the quilt.

Adelaide Longhead worked on the design of the quilts and says the material alone cost \$96. After this, hours of labour by members of the different branches were needed to complete the masterpiece. The planning for the project began

last January when Muriel Jacobs, Jean Beaton and Adelaide Longhead met to organize the various branches of the WI.

The embroidery work of everyone's name had to be done first, and Isabel Dean, Edith Sheardown and Irene Allen then put it together. Irene Wells of Coulson prepared the material for quilting.

From this point, the ladies gathered at St. John's United Church in Elmvalle to sew the top portion of the quilt together by hand.

The present value of the quilts could not be estimated, since many hours of labour have gone into making both of these quilts which are high in monetary value as well as personal value. For the WI members it is something members of other generations from now can admire and remember the 1,300 ladies who were WI members in North and South Simcoe in 1978. This is only one way the WI strives to preserve past for the future.



Cardwell Junction has long since disappeared from the map but at one time it was a busy spot north of Beeton where Beetonians changed trains

for Toronto. The picture was taken around the turn of the century.

Cardwell Junction is located at last

BEETON - During the past two weeks we have had many calls about the whereabouts of Cardwell Junction after we ran a picture of the former railway station.

However, it was Earl Collins of Beeton who supplied us with the best information. He told us to call Harry Davis of R.R. 2, Caledon East. Yes, Mr. Davis informed us, Cardwell Junction was right at the south end of his farm. The actual location would have been lot three, on the fourth succession line of Caledon.

It was there that the Grand Trunk Railway line (now the CNR) with stops like Beeton, Tottenham, Palgrave, Caledon

East, Cardwell Junction, Inglewood, and Georgetown met the Canadian Pacific Railway line from Toronto to Owen Sound.

Mr. Davis informs us that the track was lifted about 1934. There is no sign of Cardwell Junction today.

In its day though it was an important transfer point for travellers changing from one line to another. Miss Edith McDermott of R.R. 1, Beeton even remembers having a meal in the Cardwell Restaurant which was shown in the picture. She attended Owen Sound Collegiate in 1904 and changed trains at Cardwell Junction.



PIC FROM THE PAST

This photo is entitled, "The First Seven Soldiers at Camp Borden - May 1916". It was sent to Prime Minister Robert Borden after the camp was given his name. Those standing are Cpl. Carl Harvey, Pte. Mercer Hamilton, Pte. Fred Pierson, and someone who is unidentified. Two of those seated are thought to be Pte. Forbes of Midland, and Pte. Mel Martin of Tottenham.

Fred Pierson was very well known in Beeton. He was born and raised on Lot 9, Con. 5, of Tecumseth and later came to Beeton. He was Postmaster here from January 16, 1919 to July 4, 1945 when he retired. He was also secretary of the Beeton Agricultural Society from 1923 until 1948. This photo was brought to us by Dr. S. R. McKelvey from a 1973 edition of the Borden Album.

Auction Sales - a fair way to sell and buy

Auctions are a fair way to sell and buy things. That's the view of Ernie Severn, a well-known local auctioneer. He says that since everyone who attends an auction has a chance to examine each item and do their own bidding, what could be more fair than that?

Mr. Severn speaks from experience. Each year he conducts about 100 auctions. He has seen people excited and disappointed about their purchases and over purchases.

How does a person learn about auctions? Mr. Severn suggests that the inexperienced buyer attend some sales without trying to gain an understanding of how auctions operate as the owner of an item says. The would be buyer must also be aware of the other bidders and their offers. For many, auctions are for fun. For others, it is a very serious business as they buy good items to add to their collections.

As well as understanding the auctions operate, the auctioneer needs to know about the different types of auctions so that he can pick the sales he or she wants to attend. Different sales mentioned by Mr. Severn were antique sales, farm sales, estate sales, household sales, and business closings.

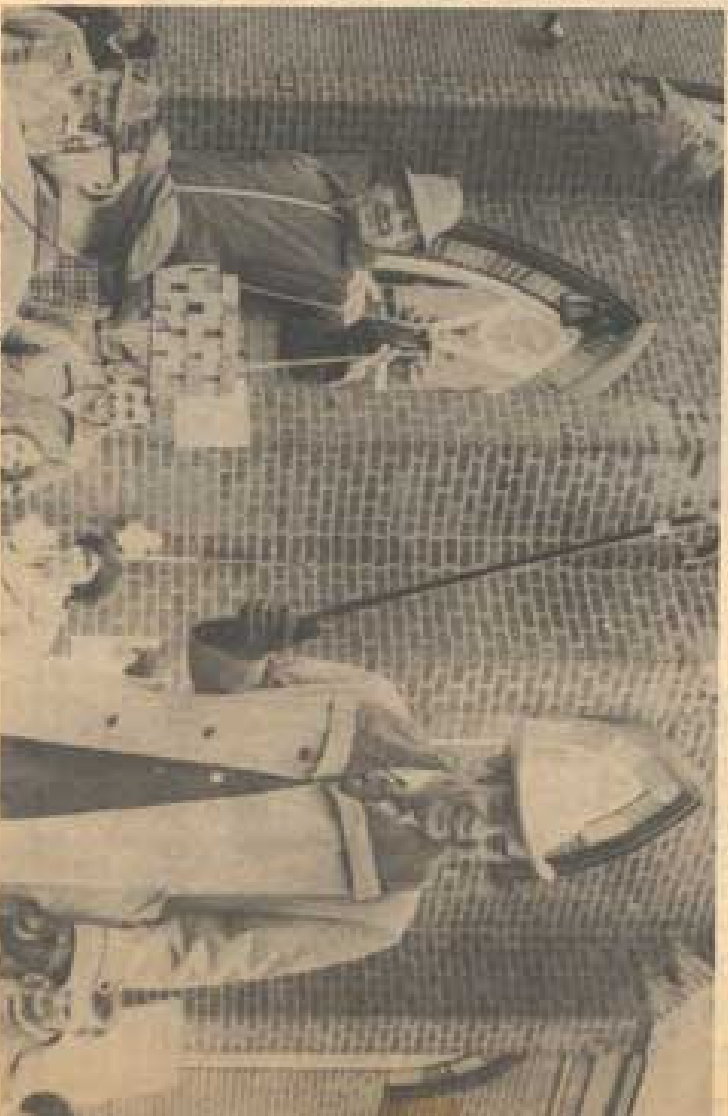
Auctions are advertised in the local papers. Many people

pick their auctions by the auctioneer. People should know when the auctioneer is located. They should also know his wife and how fairly he deals with customers.

Auctions are advertised for a particular time which is preceded by a preview. The preview is a very important time for the buyer since that is when decisions are made about what to bid on and how high to go. This would be the best time to have a first idea of how much he is willing to pay.

Mr. Severn suggests that a bidder has to establish his eye with the auctioneer. Many ingenious ways of signalling a bid to the auctioneer have been developed. Mr. Severn stresses that regardless of the signal, eye contact is the key if a bid is to be recognized.

Now that the summer weather is returning, the pastime of going to the auction on the weekend is on again. Auctions can be very entertaining and a trip through Canada's history. Often excitement is generated over a preview. Few would have believed that a Canadian crowd would go for \$2,300 as happened at a recent local sale. If you haven't been to an auction, check your paper for the local sales and see if you don't agree that auctions are a fair way to sell and buy.



Made by Ernie Severn
BEETON CHURCH AUCTION

Auctioneer Ernie Severn helped St. Paul's Anglican Church with their

antique sale on Saturday. Displaying an item that is being sold is Ed Ferguson.

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Chili luncheon at 99th anniversary

Despite rather inclement weather and the competition of Grey Cup celebrations, a fair number of people found their way to St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Beeton, on Saturday, November 25th.

There they enjoyed a chitchatting Chili Luncheon and bought all kinds of Yuletide Yummies at the Bake Table. Mitten and Christmas crackers were available for the coming festive season. The affair was convened by Maizie Boynton. The other women of the church were capably assisted by two young girls, Nerina Marriott and Lynn Stewart.

Winners of the Lucky Draw were: Jeannette Stewart, a Christmas Snowman, Martin White, an afghan kit, and Len White, a Christmas Decoration. Philip Martin won a delicious sponge cake, with his lucky luncheon ticket.

On Sunday, November 26, St. Paul's congregation celebrated their 99th Anniversary. At the morning service the Celebration Singers added much enjoyment with their musical selections. Rev. T. Martin spoke on the meaning of an Anniversary - that we celebrate for the people, not the church building, and that we not only look back at the past activities, but we must look ahead to the future life of the Church in the community.

Mr. Bruce Owen, of Barrie, provided music at the evening service. His explanations of talents were much enjoyed by the congregation.

Ila Stewart was in charge of the refreshments which were served after both services.

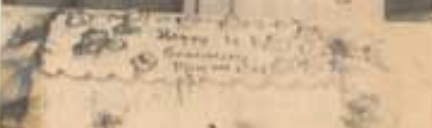
Plans are now under way for the celebrating of St. Paul's Centennial next year.



Lynn Stewart helped out at the St. Paul's Anglican 99th anniversary Chili luncheon and Bake Sale Saturday. Here she displays a snowman which was one of the door prizes.



THE REV. AND MRS. BASIL P. DASS will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this week. Rev. Dass is the minister of the Presbyterian Church serving Tottenham, Beeton and Schomberg, president of the local Ministerial Association and clerk of the Barrie presbytery of the Presbyterian church.



Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Reynolds celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary Sunday as family and friends gathered at Trinity United Church in Beeton to honour the occasion.

Invitation

The family of Gordon and Marjorie Drury invites you to join with them on the occasion of their parents' 40th Wedding Anniversary at their home of 26 Maple Ave. E., Beeton, Ont. on Sunday, June 4, 1978 from 2 - 5 p.m.

Please accept this as your invitation. Good wishes only.

The family of Gladys and Earl Hammel invite you to an Open House from 2 to 5 p.m., at their home at 100 Main Street West, Beeton, on the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary, June 4, 1978. Best wishes only.



Members of Trinity United Church gathered Sunday noon to dedicate a tree marking the Centennial and

tree that has been planted marking the 100th year of the Church. Bert Fava donated the brick work on it

and Allison Monuments donated the marble plaque.

PUPPETS DELIGHT CHILDREN

Large congregation at Trinity Sunday School Anniversary

MEMPHIS.—A happy, happy, happy day was that Sunday, May 10, when the Trinity Church, Memphis, gathered for the occasion of the Sunday School Anniversary.

The children of the Sunday School composed the choir and sang a number of hymns and choruses which were greatly enjoyed by the congregation of parents and friends. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. J. A. Lantry, consisted of the following members: The parents and friends, and especially the speaker, Mrs. Douglas, who sang a number of hymns and choruses. Along with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Douglas, who sang a number of hymns and choruses, and the school, as a whole, sang a number of hymns and choruses.

After the service, all the congregation assembled in the church where an address was given by the pastor, Mr. J. A. Lantry, who spoke of the importance of the Sunday School in the life of the church.

Members of the Trinity Church joined with the children in singing two with hymns and choruses. "Jesus loves me, this I know," and "All things bright and beautiful." The organ, Mrs. J. A. Lantry, presided and the Sunday School speaker, Mrs. J. A. Lantry, presided.

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A real and true was placed Sunday on the occasion of Trinity United Church, Memphis, Sunday School Anniversary. All the Sunday School children, with their parents, were present.



The oldest members of Trinity United Church help plant the young trees on Sunday, May 10.

throughout the service, the organ, Mrs. J. A. Lantry, presided and the Sunday School speaker, Mrs. J. A. Lantry, presided.



Rev. Warren Dickson and his wife Mabel stand with their daughters Norma and Jean on the occasion of the 40th wedding anniversary which was celebrated at Trinity United Church on Saturday. A

group of well wishers attended the ceremony at the Church and were treated to a luncheon of sandwiches, coffee, tea and cake.

Minister and wife honoured Saturday

On Saturday afternoon September 16th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Jeanne Feather and Norma Young, daughters of Rev. Warren G. and Mrs. Dickson had a celebration in honour of their parents 40th wedding anniversary in the Sunday School room of the Trinity United Church in Beeton.

The United Church Women catered to a very

fine luncheon. Pouring tea was Mrs. Isabel Fisher of Atwood and Mrs. Mae Reynolds of Alliston. Helping to serve were two young grand-daughters, Kim Feather of Brampton and Cheryl Young of Oshawa.

The guests of honour received many phone calls and congratulatory cards. Friends were present from

Atwood, Shelburne, Oshawa, Brampton and Toronto. It was Fair Day in Shelburne and that meant a number were busy there but one carload got to Beeton. There were a number from Atwood, 75 miles from Beeton. The Minister served at Shelburne from 1963 to 1970 and at Atwood from 1970 to 1974. Present also was Rev. Norman and Mrs. Thomas

of Barrie. They were with the Minister in 1976 when he commemorated the 40th year of his Ordination in 1936 by the Maritime Conference of the Church. Friends were pleased that Rev. Mr. Thomas was feeling better since his severe stroke last year. Also from the clergy who came to offer good wishes were the Rev. Thomas and Mrs. Martin of Beeton.

Reynolds-Langman

BEETON - A large and beautiful wedding took place Saturday at Trinity United Church in Beeton when Lois Jane Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Reynolds of R.R.#4, Cuckstown, and Joseph Douglas Langman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Langman of R.R.#1, Orefia were joined in holy matrimony by Rev. Warren G. Dickson.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was dressed in Orefia knit in princess style trimmed with lace and wearing a shoulder length veil. The matron of honour, Mrs. Barbara Jerry, and bridesmaids Miss Nancy Reynolds and Miss Margaret Reynolds (sisters of the bride) wore identical dresses of ivory cord knit in Grecian style. The girls carried bouquets of baby's breath and daisies with coral roses to match their dresses. The church also was adorned with flowers which matched the bridesmaids' dresses.

Attending the groom were best man Murray McArthur of New Lowell and ushers Glen Lundy and Ross Reynolds, brother of the bride.

The bride's mother, dressed in a two piece green knit and the groom's mother in a rose colored dress, greeted the guests at the church, followed by a delicious dinner served by the ladies of Trinity United Church.

The couple will be residing at R.R.#1 Orefia when returning from their honeymoon.

McDowell - Hawton exchange wedding vows

BEETON - A quiet but very pretty New Year's wedding was solemnized in historic Trinity United Church, Beeton on Saturday, January 7, 1978 when Mrs. Lillian Irene Hawton of Maple Street, Beeton became the bride of Mr. Hubert George McDowell of Rosemont.

The bride was given away by her son Lawrence Hawton of Beeton. The attendants

were Margaret Gail Stewart of Rosemont and Paul Hawton of Brampton. Wedding music was played by the Organist, Mrs. Berence Jerry. The officiating Minister was Rev. Warren G. Dickson. The bride and groom are well known in Beeton and district and they have the good wishes of many friends for a long and happy wedded life.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cockman of Sudbham, are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Katherine Isabel to Kenneth Allan Westlake, son of Mrs. Joan Westlake and the late Mr. Allan Westlake, wedding to take place August 12, 1978 at 4 p.m., in Trinity United Church, Beeton. 23-19 a

Fachnie - Watson wed

The Rev. W.G. Dickson officiated at the wedding of June Fachnie, Archill, and William J. Watson, Rosemont, at Trinity United Church, Beeton, on February 14.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker of Lindsay, Ontario. 1978



Celebrate 40 years

Maids and Edgar Ritchie celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary with their family and friends at an open house held at Beeton Legion Hall on Saturday afternoon. Posing with their parents for this family picture are daughter Jane Piets of Sauris, Prince Edward Island and Bill Ritchie of Alliston. The Ritchies have both lived in South Simcoe all their lives, the last 20 in Beeton. Before that they lived in Alliston for 15 years. 1978



Top honours

Top honours went to Simcoe Manor at the Beeton Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show on Wednesday, August 16. Albert Bulman, maintenance supervisor at Simcoe Manor, accepts the Earl Rowe Trophy from Ann Bulman, president of the horticulture society.

Society planted memorial trees plans beauty spots

Beeton - The May meeting of Beeton Horticulture Society was held on the evening of May 23 in the basement of Trinity United Church. It was their Annual Guest Night and visitors were present from the surrounding local societies, with a good crowd in attendance.

After a short business meeting the visitors were entertained by 6 members of Trinity Sunday School Choir and also a very amusing reading was given by Mrs. Yvonne McCague.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Millward of Midland who spoke on gardening in general and in particular on the care and growing of perennials. She also showed slides of her garden and of her mother's garden in Midland. The meeting closed with a lunch served by the Society and a social hour followed.

The local Society has completed their spring planting in the various flower beds around town and already bloom is showing on the geraniums and petunias which before long will be a mass of color. Then trees were also planted in various locations in town, six of the trees were in memory of the late Mrs. Cole, who bequeathed to the Beeton Society a very generous gift of money. The location of the six trees are one at each of the following places — Simcoe Manor, Trinity United Cemetery, the Anglican Church, the Beeton Central School, the Bell Telephone, and one on Tecumseh Street where Mrs. Cole formerly lived.

The Society had a very successful sale of plants in early May with many bargains available in house plants, outdoor plants, perennials and shrubs.

The flower bed and plaques in memory of Kate Aitken and D. A. Jones, in the Park, are being moved to a new location by the Beeton Recreation Club in order to make room for the new tennis court. Discussion has been held with the Society regarding this change and also plans have been discussed with a member of the local council about the establishing of a "beauty spot" at the east and west entrances to our town. Further discussion is to take place at a later date.

The Society hopes the residents of the Village will enjoy the flower beds and trees planted throughout the Town and would appreciate their co-operation in the preservation of these very worthwhile endeavours made by the members for all people in our Town to enjoy.



40 years in priesthood

Colgan's Father Paul Switalski cuts the cake marking 40 years in the priesthood at a community gathering last Sunday at St. James' School. The obviously much loved priest came from Poland originally and has served the Colgan parish for 12 years. The gathering proclaimed the priest, who said there is nothing more beautiful than being a priest, "Pope for the day". Also present to mark the occasion was Bishop A.M. Ambrose, who said Father Switalski "lived through those things all the rest of us only read about" (during the Second World War) and, as a result, became "wiser, stronger, and more tolerant".

(Herald photo by Sheila Roberts)



The Simcoe County Beeton Squad and the Simcoe Manor Home Auxiliary were made a richer last Wednesday when the two organizations were each presented with a \$100 cheque by the Beeton Senior Citizens Friendship Circle Club #302. Above, Friendship Circle President Len White presents the treasurer of the Home Auxiliary, Mrs. Cliff Abrams with one of the cheques.

Beeton boy in big time

by Judy Scott



Warren Holmes

Another Beeton boy has made it into big time hockey.

Warren Holmes, 21, joins fellow Beetonians Jim Rutherford, Wayne Carleton and John Gould in the ranks of professional hockey as he signed a contract with the Los Angeles Kings of the National Hockey League on June 4. He is a son of Dr. and Mrs. F.H. Holmes, Beeton and Alliston veterinarian.

Warren played all his minor hockey in Beeton, leaving during his bantam year to go to the Toronto Nationals.

He finished Grade 10 at Banting Memorial High School and then graduated from Grade 12 at Martin Grove Collegiate while playing with the Nationals.

From there he was chosen as a first round draft choice by the Ottawa 67's.

He stayed in Ottawa three years for seasoning, and then was drafted by Los Angeles in 1977, playing first in Springfield, Massachusetts and then in Saginaw, Michigan in the International League.

Warren reports that the fans in Saginaw are incredible — when he and a friend were moving into their apartment there, a truck drove up with all kinds of furniture for them to use while playing with the Saginaw Generals, and he also has a large scrapbook with all his newspaper clippings from

Saginaw which was presented to him, and to each member of the team, by the enthusiastic fans.

While with the Generals, Warren broke the scoring record for a rookie centre by scoring 48 goals and amassing 81 points for the season.

The previous record was 36 goals. He was chosen to the International League's all star team, and another Beeton man, Larry Gould, brother of NHL star John Gould, was also on the all star team.

Playing with Warren on the Saginaw team was Greg Hotham, since signed by the Toronto Maple Leafs, and Gary Sittler, brother of Leaf captain Barry Sittler. Warren's 81 point total this year made him the IHL's second leading scorer.

Warren was chosen in the fifth round of the amateur draft by the Kings in 1977, and he was called to the home of Wren Blair, owner of the Saginaw team who lives in Haliburton, to sign his pro contract this June.

Warren was 21 in February and is certainly big enough for the NHL, at 6'2" and 190 pounds.

With this size and his scoring record at Saginaw, which included four hat tricks during the season, Warren stands a very good chance of making it past the Kings training camp in September. He is working in Beeton during the summer, and all of his friends and fans in this area wish him the best of luck in Los Angeles.



MEDICAL GRADUATE

BEETON — Philip Angus Ellison, son of Harold and Laurene Ellison, Beeton, graduated June 9 from the University of Toronto School of Medicine with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He will intern at the Toronto General Hospital.

Philip attended Beeton Public School on Tecumseh Street and Banting Memorial High School, Alliston before going to University. 1977



Terry Brown stands in her Oakville Mr. Transmission uniform in front of a wall of trophies, ribbons, banners, certificates and awards in her room at her home in Beeton. Terry, who is 13, graduated from Banting Memorial High School and was named Female Athlete of the Year there, and has just finished her first year at Lakehead University where she is on the varsity basketball team. Terry has also excelled at track and field, hockey, volleyball and won two letters while at Banting. She is on her way to New Brunswick in August to play in the Canadian Junior Ladies Fastball championships. 1978 (Herald photo by Judy Scott)



Peter Harvey

Peter Donald Harvey of RR 4, Cookstown, graduated on Friday, June 2, from the University of Guelph with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Honour Degree, majoring in Crop Science. Peter is the son of Beth and Don Harvey and has now joined his father in the operation of the family farm. 1979



Nancy Jebb

Nancy Jebb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Jebb of Coonstown, has graduated as a Registered Nurses Assistant from Humber College. The graduation exercises were held Saturday, June 17. 1975



Marcia Breedon

Marcia Breedon, daughter of Lorne and Grace Williams, RR#1 Beeton, received her Graduate Diploma in Nursing from Coonings College of Applied Arts and Technology on July 8, 1978. She is a former student of Banting Memorial High School and Georgian College of Applied Arts and Technology.



Leslie Gary Fish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fish formerly of Beeton and now of Kellon, graduated from the University of Windsor with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies on May 27, 1978.



THINKING METRIC

Thinking Metric. The two-by-four is no more. It has become the 39 by 89mm and, in response to one Georgian College Extension Course is one indicator, the building construction industry is taking the metric move seriously. Demand for a 10 week evening course entitled "Application of

Metric S.I. Units in Building Construction" was so great that a second course was introduced. Instructor Ben Andrews (right) discusses conversion with eight school students, from left, Ray Findlay, Cookstown and Doug Pearson and Jim Fehley, both of Berton. All are employees of Boston Lumber, Mr.

Andrews, of Collingwood, is Assistant Technical Director, Eastview Secondary School, Barrie, and in 1976-77 was a member of the National Metric Committee of the Housing and Urban Development Association of Canada.



The Boston Juvenile team got off to a slow start this season but ended in style taking the York Simcoe trophy and the championship trophy at the Freshwater

tournament. Top row from left to right, Dave Brinkhof, Bernard Lynch, John Archibald, Leo McGinty, Bill Jones and Rick Coleman, coach. Bottom

row, Tom Jackson, Keith Breeden, Hal Rutledge, Donnie Findlay, Jim Wilson and Todd Breeden. Jan. 1978



Willy McAllister and Jerry Gould of Beder Turf take their turn at stacking a pallet of sod at the Sod Rodeo on Friday. They had the best time of the day and placed second.

Dol Bros., Beder Finish one-two in Sod Rodeo

An estimated 1100 people turned out to watch the Third Annual Canadian Sod Rodeo held at Beder Turf just north of Beeton on Friday afternoon.

The Nursery Sod Growers Association sponsors the event each year and this year there was a good attendance to watch the sod rodeo and various displays that were taking place.

The Rodeo acts as a showplace for equipment manufacturers and there was also a couple of special demonstrations including one of aerial fertilizing and weed control and another featuring a woman stacking a pallet of sod.

The rodeo is held at a different farm each year and this time Gunter Beder of Beder Turf was the host. There were 18 competitors in the event including teams from the United States and England.

The competitors each try and take a pallet of sod off the field in the fastest time per roll. Pallets may vary in size from 60 to 85 rolls. Then the judges examine how squarely and evenly the pallets are stacked, and that the roll flaps are in a uniform position. They also measure the width of the rolls to see how closely they come to 16 inches the desired width. They also

examine the field looking at the width and length of uncut strips.

This year a crew from Dol Bros. sod (RR4, Cookstown) took the \$300 winner's prize and the Ruthven Memorial Cup with the Beder Turf crew placing second for the second year in a row and winning \$100. Third place went to Fairwood Farms.

Judges for the event included George McCague, Chairman of the Management Board of Cabinet, and Keith McRuer, Agricultural Representative for South Simcoe, plus several other experts from the sod industry. Sept. 1978



Mrs. Fred Barrett happily accepts the keys to a new Ford LTD Sunday morning from Beeton Athletic Association President Stan Street. The Barretts plan to sell the car as they do not drive.

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The 1979 version of Beeton Council is composed of Gary Burton and John Hacking (back row) and Bill Fox, Reeve

Sheridan McGlady, and Alan Bennett (front row).



Mr. Pegg and his Ukelele group performing their contribution to Music.

Night last week at V.B.C.S. This group has just come into being this year and

Mr. Pegg has done a fine job of teaching them.

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WILLIAM KETTLE HONOURED

Many greetings mark 100th birthday

BEETON - Monday was a very special day for many people as they came to this community to honour William Ernest Kettle.

The reason for the tribute to him was that he had reached his one hundredth birthday on that day.

The auditorium of Simcoe Manor, where he now resides,

was filled with friends who came to congratulate him on his achievement and wish him continued good health.

Bill Kettle first came to Beeton in 1906 and thus is well-known in this area and he has outlived virtually all of his contemporaries.

Ed Boynton, the administrator of Simcoe Manor and a

next door neighbour to Mr. and Mrs. Kettle on Lily Street for about ten years, acted as Master of Ceremonies. He recalled what good neighbours they were, always sharing some vegetables from their garden and how Simcoe Manor had been honoured to have had the couple as residents.

Mrs. Kettle died about ten

years ago shortly after the couple celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Earl Hammett was called upon and he led the audience in the singing of happy birthday and three cheers.

Besides the many individuals who wished Bill Kettle a happy birthday, greetings came from a number of governments as well. A telegram arrived from the private secretary of the Queen expressing her best wishes and interest in the event.

George Link a former reeve of Tecumseh and warden of Simcoe County presented a plaque on behalf of the Prime Minister and Government of Canada.

Elaine McCague represented her husband, the Hon. George McCague as she presented a plaque on behalf of the provincial government. Mrs. McCague who grew up in this village recalled that their family friendship went back to her great-grandparents.

A munny plaque was awarded to Mr. Kettle by Morris Darby, the Warden of Simcoe County and Allan Glassford, the previous Warden. Mr. Glassford rushed the plaque down from Midhurst when it was discovered that it had been left behind.

Bruce Sheridan McGinty provided a gift from the village of Beeton.

The Beeton Agricultural Society also had a special honour for Bill Kettle in a fine letter delivered by Dr. S. R. McKelvey. Mr. Kettle showed poultry at the fair and was later a judge and in charge of the poultry division. He is now an honorary director.

Earl Ludlow who represented the Ministry of Social and Community Services also provided a fine speech. He was Ontario's first director of the Homes for the Aged in 1947 and he lauded the "progressive manner that this country has been making to the care of its elderly people." He congratulated the public for electing politicians with the foresight to make these improvements and he felt that Ontario's achievements in this field were second to none.

Joe Belford brought greetings from the Village of Tottenham and former county warden D. K. Harvey was also introduced. Harry Cross a former reeve of Tecumseh and chairman of the county social services committee when the newest section was built was also introduced. A final greeting came from Mr. Austin of Simcoe Manor thanking the people for coming.

Mr. Kettle's children, Mrs. Isabel Lepard and Mr. Ernie Kettle, thanked the many people for attending and Mr. Kettle added that he was "too flabbergasted" by it all.

After the formal ceremonies, coffee and tea and snacks were served by Evede Link and Dorothy Butherford.



William Kettle was honoured at Simcoe Manor on Monday on his one hundredth birthday. Here he examines a plaque

from the Province of Ontario which has just been presented to him by Elaine McCague. Also looking on is his

daughter Isabel Lepard and son Ernie Kettle.

"Take good care of yourself,"

BEETON - "Take good care of yourself." That is the advice that William (Bill) Ernest Kettle provides to anyone that has ambitions of living to a hundred. This was the milestone that he reached on Monday.

"It is alright to go out and enjoy yourself," Bill said "but when you go out and make a damn fool of yourself, that's different."

Now don't get the impression that he has led an angelic life because William Kettle admits to a few misadventures in his youth.

Born in Berechurch England about 50 miles east of London on August 28, 1878, Bill began working in the fields at age

eleven. I got kind of tired of it and one day I threw down my scythe and said "this is the last."

He went off to London and joined the constabulary. He seemed to enjoy life as a policeman, in fact he seemed to enjoy all the things he did. Perhaps that is one of his secrets.

Of his police force days, he says modestly "I got a couple of robbers. One guy he caught loading up his cart with 10,000 cigarettes. He had to appear at Old Bailey (the courthouse) then and the guy got a couple of years. However, "everybody at the station got cigarettes for Christmas," he laughs.

One of the dreaded vices of the day on his plaidly beat was gambling. A sergeant peaked through the window and saw he and a few other policemen playing cards one day with pennies. They were all kicked off the force and that is when Bill Kettle came to Canada on money loaned by his sister.

In the days of his youth, Bill says "I was a little rough I guess."

"I didn't give a damn for anybody in my youth," he admits. He recalls the days when he was being chased by the "old gameskeeper" for poaching partridge eggs from an estate. Bill also remembers

getting in his share of fights in school and beating up two big kids one day. "I got the stick from the schoolmaster when I went back in the school," he recalls.

Passage to Canada cost \$7 or \$8 at the time and when he got off the train in Toronto he had 25c to his name. A job offered by a man as a farmhand looked pretty good and he went to work on a farm on the Tecumseh-Adams townline. The job didn't pay much much but about \$3 a week and board. He then worked on the Dunham farm for about three summers which would have been the first farm east of Simcoe Manor. In the winter he

worked at the freight sheds in Toronto.

He was proud of his prowess with a plow in those days. Even back in England he recalls being able to plow a straight furrow and going to the hotel after the plowing contests to spend his winnings. I once took first prize in a plowing match he says.

He married his wife, Isabel, in 1913 and they went back to England for a three month holiday. Much of the time he was in Beeton, Bill worked at the Aiken Mill on Dayfoot Street where Borden Metal now stands. He worked hard all his life and says "I could lift a 100 pounds just as

quick as I could pick up a stone." I could take a 56 pound bag in each hand and put them over my head and clap my hands. I couldn't do nothing like that now."

The son of the administrator of the Simcoe Manor in 1906 was in attendance at Bill's birthday party on Monday. Actually, the administrator, Mr. Swan, was instrumental in the life of the Kettles. His wife as a young lady was visiting Beeton on a holiday from England when Mr. Swan desperately in need of help prevailed upon her to work at the Manor for a few days. Those days stretched into three years and who worked on

the farm next door and married the young lady but Bill.

One of Bill's hobbies was the raising of chickens. One year he took all the prizes at the Alliston Fair and he also won a championship with his chickens at the Royal Winter Fair.

He liked working on the farm the best of all his jobs even though the pay was only \$3 a week.

There was always a fight at the Queens or the Commercial across the road on a Saturday night. Somebody would pick up the other fellow's beer and first thing you would know

there would be a fight," he recalls. However, Bill didn't have much use for the Queens Hotel because when he first arrived in Beeton in 1906 the management of the Queens refused to put him up for the night because of the lack of funds, while the Commercial (where the Beeton is now) gave him a bed and meal.

However, he says "I never got what I call drunk in my life." You have to "live right" if your going to be a hundred he says.

Bill Kettle is a remarkably alert man and if there is such a thing - he is a young 100. We wish him many more years of good health.

ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 we celebrate our 100 years of service. Dr. Robert McClure is the morning speaker. At the evening service we will have an Ecumenical service at which the music will be supplied by the Scarborough AOTS Glee Club.



Trinity
United
Church

Capacity crowd celebrates 100 years of faith

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

SECOND SECTION

It was, probably, the most joyous day in the Church's history when its members gathered for the 100th anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ. The celebration in the Church was held on Sunday, Oct. 10, 1960, at 10:30 a.m. in the Church's new sanctuary, a year of preparation for the anniversary was observed in the Church's history.

The beautiful services were held in the Church's new sanctuary, which was dedicated in 1959. The Church, built in 1900, had been in the hands of the Trinity United Church since its founding in 1860. The Church's history is a story of faith and devotion, and the members of the Church are proud to celebrate its 100th anniversary.

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Guest speaker Dr. Robert McQuinn, after the services on Sunday, Oct. 10, 1960, was seen by those who were seated with many residents.

in exchange of five words with Mrs.

and beautiful man in the United Church. Dr. Robert McQuinn of Toronto, for over 20 years, Dr. McQuinn has been a devoted minister of the United Church. He has been honored by many churches in many countries in Canada. He speaks of his work in Africa and other places and his services was filled with many of his own experiences and the love of his people.

A feature of the morning service was the dedication of a beautiful large stone altar window given by Mrs. M. J. Wilson.



Mrs. M. J. Wilson was giving notice that she had received a copy of the Trinity United Church's history.

Mrs. Wilson of Toronto, in the history of the Church, she was a member of the Church for many years. She was a devoted member of the Church and was proud to see the Church's new sanctuary. The Church's history is a story of faith and devotion, and the members of the Church are proud to celebrate its 100th anniversary.

Another presentation was made to Mrs. Sherrill McGinnis, former of Toronto, who presented a card to the congregation of the Church. The card was a beautiful one, and it was a great honor for the Church to receive it. The card was a beautiful one, and it was a great honor for the Church to receive it.



In the evening, the Church was once again filled to capacity. It was a wonderful service and the members of the Church were proud to celebrate its 100th anniversary. The service was a beautiful one, and it was a great honor for the Church to receive it. The service was a beautiful one, and it was a great honor for the Church to receive it.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, BEETON 1878-1978

CENTENNIAL SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1978

Minister: Rev. Warren G. Dickson, B.A.

Organist: Mrs. Bernice Jerry

Guest Choir: "The Men of Harmony", Scarborough
Glee Club AOTS (As One That Serves)

EVENING WORSHIP

The Organ Prelude, followed by the Choir Prelude

The Welcome: (The Minister)

Hymn: "Praise My Soul The King of Heaven" (On sheet)

The Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 46 (The Rev. Father Paul Switalski of Colgan Roman Catholic Church)

Choir Selection

The New Testament Scripture: Matthew 5: 1-16 (The Rev. Tom Martin of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Beeton)

Hymn: "All The Way My Saviour Leads Me" (On sheet)

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (The Rev. Basil Dass of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Beeton)

Soloist: Mrs. Betty Davis

A Prayer for the local congregation (The Rev. Fred Jewell, Tottenham United Church)

Hymn: "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" (On sheet)

PRESENTATION by The Hon. George McCague of a Plaque from the Government of Ontario to the congregation for 100 Years of Service to Beeton and District.

The Clerk of Session, Mrs. Muriel Reynolds will receive the Plaque on behalf of the congregation.

Choir Selection

The Announcements The Offering

The Dedication of the Offering

Choir Selection

The Closing Hymn: "The Day Thou Gavest Lord" (On sheet)

The Benediction

The Amen

The Postlude

A CORDIAL WELCOME

We extend a very cordial welcome to all worshipping with us this evening on the happy occasion of our Centennial. We want to thank especially the Choir, the Organist, the Soloist and those who placed Memorial Flowers in the Church, and all who helped to make this Sunday a time to be remembered. Our thanks are due also to the clergy of the different Churches who have participated in this service.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Next Sunday there will be a Community Remembrance Service at 11 a.m. in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Beeton. There will be no service in this Church. The congregation may bring their church envelopes to St. Andrew's Church and they will be given to our Treasurer at the close of the service.

THIS CHURCH

You enter this Church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. Come then with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips, that God has permitted this Church to serve our village and district for one hundred years.

Be grateful for the strong and loyal men and women, who in the name of Jesus Christ built this place of worship, and for all who throughout the years have beautified it and hallowed it, by their presence, their talents and their prayers. Truly we are surrounded "By a great cloud of witnesses".

Receiving His Blessing on all those who love this old historic Church, as their home of faith, and the inspiration of their labour, and rejoicing in the Power of The Holy Spirit, may His Blessing rest on you, both on your going out and your coming in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Centennial Fowl Supper is Friday, November 10.

The Minister speaks at Simcoe Menor November 10

The next Paper Drive is November 18.

The UCN meets November 13 at the home of Mrs. Helen Link

The Simcoe Presbytery meets November 28 at Burton Ave. United Church, Barrie.

CENTENNIAL YEAR ENDS

Retiring superintendent honoured

Despite bitterly cold winds and somewhat slippery driving conditions, Trinity United Church was filled on Sunday, when the annual "White Gift" service was held. The children of the Sunday School all brought gifts of different kinds, wrapped in white paper, hence the name "White Gift", and they are given to the poor and needy of the Fred Victor Mission in downtown Toronto.

They help to make a number of children have a happier Christmas.

The Supt. Mrs. Ann Livesey presided. Participating also was Mrs. Brenda Bradley and Mrs. Doreen Roberts. The theme of the service was "A Festival of Lights" and a number of the Sunday School children participated. As the candles were lighted the children were reminded that

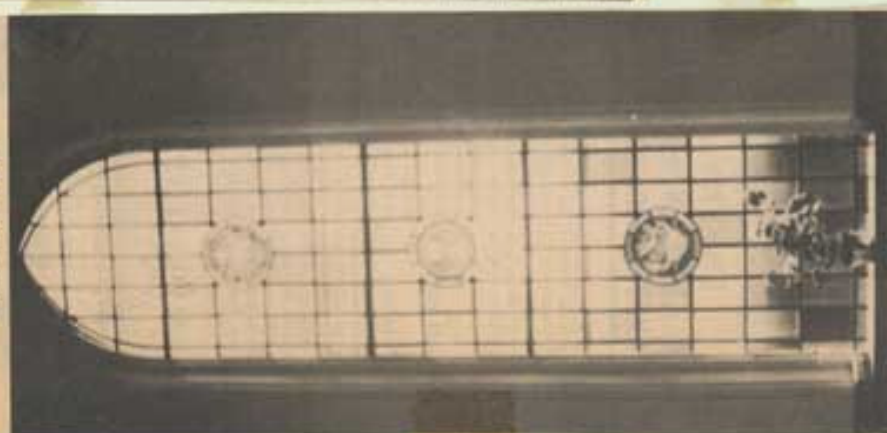
Jesus is "The Light of the World."

Attending the service was the Reeve of Beeton, Sheridan McGinty and most of the Councillors. On behalf of the Village, the Reeve presented to the Minister, Rev. Warren G. Dickson a lovely engraved plaque for the service that the Church had rendered the village and district for the past one hundred years. Mr.

McGinty addressed the congregation briefly and said it was a privilege for them to attend and to present the plaque and he complimented the children on their program and urged them to continue to support the Church. The Organist was Mrs. Bernice Jerry.

After the service all were invited downstairs to the Church basement where a fine pot-luck dinner was served. Then the children put on a short but enjoyable Christmas concert. The parents and all the congregation greatly enjoyed this. The United Church Women served everyone a piece of delicious birthday cake and ice cream. The cake was in memory and commemoration of the Church's one hundred Anniversary. It was on a Sunday 100 years ago that the historic Trinity Church was dedicated to the honour and glory of God. The Minister gave a short message on the significance of the cake. Then he presented the Superintendent, Mrs. Ann Livesey, with an appropriate gift as she and her family are leaving Beeton this week for their new home in Hamilton. The Minister mentioned the fine service that Mrs. Livesey had given to the children of the Sunday School. The enrollment now has reached the fine total of eighty students. On behalf of the Sunday School and congregation he wishes them God's Blessing in their new abode. Then old Santa Claus appeared from the North Pole and gave gifts to all the little ones much to their delight and merriment. Santa Claus looked very much like Mr. Bill Clark. Everyone, old and young were glad to see the old patron saint of Christmas. 1978

MEMORIAL WINDOW DEDICATED



This beautiful window now graces Trinity United Church in Beeton. It was donated by Mrs. May Watson and Mr. D.B. Cyprian.



Verna Matucki, Women's Institute member, sits at the barret table in the pioneer kitchen of the Erlund Lee home in Stony

Creek. The home is the site of the first Women's Institute meeting in 1897.

Pioneer tribulations led to world-wide institute

By FLORENCE DIGGINS
Specialist Staff

After the death of her child from contaminated milk, a grieving farm wife vowed to help other rural women improve their homemaking and child care practices.

The woman, Adelaide Hoodless of Hamilton, eventually founded the first Women's Institute in 1897 with the help of Erland Lee, a public-spirited young farmer from Stony Creek.

From its small but ardent beginnings in Stony Creek, the Women's Institute today has grown to over 8,000,000 members throughout Canada and over 40 other countries in the world. The Hamilton area alone boasts over 2,400 members, scattered over town, country and city.

The Hamilton institutes celebrated their Ontario Women's Institute Week May 21 to June 4 at the Erland Lee pioneer homestead, nestled in the hills of Ridge Road overlooking Stony Creek.

Friends

Purchased four years ago by the institute, the home and drive house have been restored to their 1898 rustic elegance with many original artifacts remaining from the owners or donated by members and friends of the institute.

Hosted by institute women dressed in bonnets and turn-of-the-century gowns, thousands of visitors annually ramble through the home and picnic in nearby fields.

The pioneer kitchen is the focal point of the home, as it must have been for the Lee children, and Erland and Janet, who together with Mrs. Hoodless formed a women's organization similar to the Farmer's Institute. Its purpose was to raise the standard of homemaking in rural homes.

Homemaking tasks of the 1890s make the simple tasks of today's kitchen seem arduous. Compare today's automatic washer and dryer equipped with suds saver, five wash programs and three dry cycles with the 1929 model washing machine which handles about three pounds of clothes by cranking a handle that scrubs the wash against a board.



HAMILTON AREA WOMEN'S INSTITUTES



Lincoln
president
Jessie
Harper

Wentworth
South
president
Margaret
McKibbin



Wentworth
North
president
Thelma
Mills

Compare today's zig zag, embroidery-stitch electric sewing machines, with the foot-powered 1894 New Williams sewing machine in the Lee kitchen. Yet the same quilts and clothes made on that machine still adorn the bedrooms of the Lee home after almost a century of wear.

The long, harvest table in the kitchen is strewn with small house-

hold appliances of the day, including a large, wooden sampling spoon donated by the first president of the Women's Institute, Mrs. E. D. Smith, "the jams and jellies lady."

Past the parlor where, among other objects, the ladies china spittoon sits sedately on the Persian-carpeted floor in front of the fireplace, you walk into the dining room. The solid walnut dining table, lightened by years of sunshine streaming through the window, is the same table on which the original constitution of the Women's Institute was hand-printed by Janet Lee.

Objective

The group's original objective was to "promote that knowledge of household science pertaining to home sanitation, a better understanding of the economic and hygienic value of foods and fuels, and to a more scientific care of children with a view of raising the general standards of the health of our people."

This concern for home improvement was a major concern with Mrs. Hoodless who is said to have commented about her times that farmers took better care of their farm animals than wives did of their families and homes.

The topics of study in 1897 were domestic economy, architecture pertaining to heat, light, sanitation and ventilation, personal health, gardening, and the arts and education. Groups soon formed in other towns and provinces, and by 1915 members carried the movement to England. From there it spread to Belgium, Australia, South Africa, Rhodesia, India, New Zealand, Holland and other countries.

Automation

Traditionally a rural organization, the Women's Institute has tried to shed its "apple-pie-and-checkered-apron" image. Automation has spread to towns and villages as well as cities, and many of the institute branches which started off as rural groups are fast being handed into townships and suburban areas.

The aims of the group are essentially the same as those of 1897 but current programs include agriculture and Canadian industry; citizenship and world affairs; education and cultural activities; and family and consumer affairs.

Supported by a provincial act for agricultural societies, the institute offers its members courses in nutrition, crafts, health and cultural activities through the ministry of agriculture and food. Trained meth-

bers then teach the courses to other women in their local branches.

Perhaps because the members' families are involved in working with the land, all branches take a keen interest in compiling a Tweedsmuir history of the farms and communities in which they live. The history is so named in honor of the wife of Lord Tweedsmuir, a former governor general of Canada.

Branch members seek out newspaper clippings, original photographs in old estates, deeds to farms, family trees, birth certificates and old historians to complete their community history books.

Books

Local institute members also sponsor most of the 230 youngsters enrolled in 4-H homemaking clubs in Wentworth. Taught by the ministry of agriculture and food, the club programs include food, clothing, home furnishings, and gardening.

Along with these activities, branch meetings involve discussion of such issues as various consumer recommendations, protection of wildlife, safety for farm wives, misleading labels on most products and cessation of alcohol ads in the media. Letters on these issues are sent on behalf of the institute to the relevant government agencies and replies are pursued.

Executives

Despite attempts to modify its conservative image with the public, the institute is not drawing the new, young membership that it should, according to some district executives.

Margaret McKibbin, president of the Wentworth South district which comprises 12 branches with 214 members, said she enjoys the fellowship that goes along with being a member.

"There is a need to get together with country women who have common interests. Maybe this is why the rural branches are expanding more than the urban branches. Many branches that were country have now become part of the city."

The Hamilton area Women's Institutes also include Wentworth North, Lincoln, Haldimand East and West, Welland East and West, Brant North and South, and Norfolk North and South.

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ANNIVERSARY



SIMCOE EAST Women's Institute President Mrs. Murray Brown at Hawkestone, left, and Mrs. Howard Campbell at Shady Bay, Simcoe

area president, cut the anniversary cake at annual WI meeting held at Hawkestone earlier this year. The anniversary cake was part of the

theme of the meeting which centred on the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute in Ontario.



LEADERS of Simcoe East District Women's Institute. **FROM LEFT:** Mrs. Murray Brown, Mrs. Howard Campbell, Mrs. Betty Foyton, Mrs. Janet Brown, Mrs. Kenneth Macdonald, Simcoe West president, Mrs. Wm. Sutherland, Simcoe South president, Mrs. Helen Brown, Simcoe East president, Mrs. Helen Brown.

left, Mrs. Betty Gray, Simcoe West president, and Mrs. Howard Campbell, Simcoe area president; back row from left, Mrs. Betty Foyton, Simcoe Centre president, Mrs. Janet Brown, Simcoe North president, and Mrs. Kenneth Macdonald, Simcoe West president. Mrs. Wm. Sutherland, Simcoe South president, is shown below. Mrs. Helen Brown, Simcoe East president, is shown in other photos on this page.

SIMCOE SOUTH

Greetings from Simcoe South District Women's Institute. As we pay tribute to the leaders of the Women's Institutes of Ontario on their 75th anniversary let us renew our loyalty and pride in our organization, as we meet and work together to help raise the standards of homemaking and community living.

Thirteen branches with a total membership of 328 include Alliston, Foster, Good Road, Bradford, Churchville, Cookstown, Cookson's Hill, Everett, Fisher's Corners, Gilford, Ridgeville, The W. G. and Tutinham.

HISTORY

Simcoe South District was organized in 1965, and held its first annual meeting in John's Hall, Cookstown on July 3, 1965, with Mrs. Wm. Phillips as president and Christine Sutherland, Secretary, both of Cookstown.

Over the years there were thirty-eight branches in Simcoe South. Two were transferred to Simcoe Centre, four in Kempenfelt. Two branches amalgamated with the St. Lawrence and seventeen have disbanded.

District Annual was held May 26, 1972 at Cookstown Hall. The District executive held a celebration at the event in honour of the 75th anniversary of the first Women's Institute in Ontario and the 75th anniversary of the first Simcoe South annual meeting.

by Mrs. Wm. Sutherland, Good Road, Simcoe South District W I president.



BARBARA YANDEN BUNCH



HOME ECONOMIST

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food is pleased to announce the appointment of Susan McNeill, B.H. Sc., as the new Home Economist for North Simcoe. Miss McNeill has assumed her duties in the Elfravaire office as of July 1st. She is a graduate of the four-year Home Economics program at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, and is formerly from Cookstown, Ontario.



RECRUITING A MEMBER

How do you become a member? By attending the nearest branch institute, paying the annual fee, and taking an interest in institute activities. The branch institute is the first and most important part of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. From it has grown every part of the organization and it serves it all its life.

WHAT IS ITS AIM?

Its aim is to help develop a more abundant life for the people of Ontario by: (1) Encouraging better homemaking practices. (2) Helping develop younger and more useful citizens. (3) Discovering and stimulating leadership. (4) Encouraging appreciation of the things at hand.

Women celebrate 75 years of service

*Muriel Reynolds
Marjorie
Dunlop
there*

By JEAN SAUNTER
CHURCHILL. — In the words of guest speaker Mrs. Herbert Maluske, the anniversary celebration of Churchill Women's Institute was like "a genuine family reunion."

Former members and friends returned for the society's 75th birthday held on May 24 in Churchill Community Hall.

Mrs. Maluske of Chesley is past-president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

"The present is always an outgrowth of the past," the speaker told the 150 women attending. Noting the local institute's history, Mrs. Maluske said every experience and every person over the years had contributed to this momentous occasion.

Churchill president Mrs. Ronald Allan and program chairman Mrs. Mac Constable presided for the program. Mrs. Frank Lockhart thanked the speaker.

Mrs. Kenneth Sturgeon conducted an in memoriam for departed members and read a poem, "Bequests," written by Jeanette Leader, an early member of Churchill branch.

"Bless This House" was sung by Mrs. Keith Sinclair accompanied by Mrs. George Lucas.

FIRST PRIZE

A quilt made by the Junior Women's Institute that won first prize at the Canadian National Exhibition in 1935 was on display. Kay Allan told the history of this attractive piece of handiwork with appliqued pansies.

It is now owned by Mrs. Ethel Jebb of Cookstown.

In July of 1937, Churchill institute sponsored a tonsil clinic in Lefroy Community Hall. Seven children had their tonsils removed.

SKITS

This clinic was re-enacted at the anniversary in the form of a two-act skit.

Two Churchill members who participated 40 years ago, Mrs. Russell Stewart as a nurse and Mrs. Nelson Browning, a mother, played the same parts in the skit.

Mrs. Ronald Allan acted as Mrs. G.C. Allan, president at the time, and Mrs. George Lucas as the secretary, Mrs. O.E. Todd.

Other performers were

Mrs. Nelson Browning as Agnes Allan, Mrs. Keith Sinclair as Mrs. Robert Sinclair, Mary Sloan as Mrs. Norman King, Mrs. Jack Constable as Mrs. George Constable, and Lillian Sloan as Mrs. Wilfred Stewart.

Playing the part of Doctor Frank Shannon was Mrs. A. Saunter, and Doctor Harold Smith was Mrs. Russell Browning. Nurse Mrs. Roy Houghton was acted by Mrs. Jack Reive, and mother Mrs. Alex Constable was Mrs. Alex Shukell.

Heather Sinclair and Lisa Browning acted as two patients, Blake Constable and Walter Browning (Lisa's father) who had their tonsils removed on that July day in 1937.

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Easton Women's Institute
May 24, 1975

Women's Institute ladies gather for their con

ELMVALE — The 46th area convention of the Elmvaale Women's Institute was welcomed to the Presbyterian Church in Elmvaale by Reverend Sidney McDonald.

The theme was "Strengthening the Family Unit" and was commented on by Mrs. James Beard, the president. Vasey WI paid tribute to the deceased members with a fitting In Memoriam.

Mrs. Clarence Diamond, provincial president, was making her first visit to the area since assuming office last fall. She was confident that the WI would continue to have educational, and informative programs carrying out the theory of Mrs. Hoodless that we be concerned with the welfare of the home and society.

Helen McKercher's picture will be in the Canadian Hall of Fame with the unveiling on November 12. Miss McKercher endeared herself to all women when she was director of home economics for the province.

Mrs. Diamond asked the members to put their sho-

ulers to the wheel and support the Erlend Lee Home Fund for the next three years. The FWIC convention is in Saskatoon June 24-28, 1979. When the organization will celebrate its 80th anniversary.

Mrs. J. Campbell and Mrs. H. Booth led the sing-a-longs throughout the convention.

"Food labelling" was the topic chosen by Jane Sils, the home economist. The average shopper does her shopping in 12 minutes, looking at 32 items which doesn't leave much time for reading the important labels. Miss Sils explained code dating, scanners, ingredients on labels and diet foods.

The two signature quilts were on display and will be placed in the Midhurst Museum.

Following the banquet there was an enjoyable program. Mrs. Ivan Laughlin accompanied by Mrs. Don Kelly on the piano rendered three beautiful solos.

Members were then taken

by armchair travel on a trip to Staffordshire England. Mrs. D. Jacobs and Mrs. D. Day had been on the WI exchange visit and delighted everyone with their experiences and impressions and were loud in their praise of the hospitality.

Susan Dean of the Sparkling Waters Jr. WI highlight-

ed the group's activities since it was organized a year ago.

With such enthusiasm they will surely grow, members agreed.

Milly McGhee, the Director of home economics branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food ex-

vention in Elmvaale

plained new courses that are being introduced.

This past year 3,324 leaders and assistants taught 39,218 members of the 4-H in the province. Besides this volunteer leadership there were the senior courses.

The United Nations has started programs on "International Year of the Child" and Miss McGhee urged the ladies to become involved and study the problems. Mrs. James Beard was re-elected as president and Mrs.

David Parry was elected as Secretary treasurer. The new board directors that will represent the area at the provincial board are Mrs. Don Harvie or Orilla and Mrs. Gordon Mallon of Tottenham. 1978

W.I. learns about museum

BEETON — Miss Laura Agst was hostess to the Women's Institute, in her home on April 11.

Our new president, Mrs. G. Drury, presided. A minutes session was held in memory of the late Mrs. Cole followed by the Lord's Prayer. There were 21 members and visitors at this meeting.

Mrs. C. Reynolds was in charge of the program, the theme being, "Education and Cultural Activities." She introduced our guest speaker, Mrs. Bertha Cameron, director of Simcoe Museum. The museum compound includes houses, a very old church, a small school, a station, many antique machines, etc., as well as the main museum. Mrs. Cameron told of the moving, and renovation of these buildings. She brought with her a collection of costumes from years gone by. These were passed around and the ladies had a great time. It was an interesting, informative and most enjoyable meeting. The Institute is fortunate in having Mrs. Cameron take time to address us. 1978

Local artist addresses W.I.

BEETON — The February meeting of the Beeton Women's Institute fell on Valentine's Day and was held at the home of Mrs. W. Dickson. Mrs. G. Drury presided in the

absence of our President. Seventeen members answered the roll call and there were 4 visitors.

After a short business meeting, Mrs. E. Stewart

introduced our guest speaker, Mrs. Alice Forsnell, a talented artist from Tottenham. Mrs. Forsnell teaches art at Banting Memorial as well as classes at her home. She had some of her paintings with her and also her paints, brushes and equipment. The demonstration of the art of painting was a pleasure to see. Explaining as she mixed her paints and painted, she held the attention of everyone.

It was a most enjoyable meeting. The Institute Group closed the meeting and lunch was served. 1978

Beeton WI has annual dinner

On November 15th the Beeton WI and guests met at the Nottawaga Inn, this being their annual dinner out. After a leisurely dinner we proceeded to the games room where tables were set up for

card playing. Before the games started Mrs. G. Drury held a short meeting. Plans were made for our Christmas meeting, exchange of gifts, etc.

Card playing ended another enjoyable social evening. 1978

Allan Anderson displays post cards for W.I.

BEETON — A group of 33 ladies plus a few men met at the home of Mrs. G. Drury for the January meeting of the Women's Institute.

This was a special event and after a short business session, Mrs. Drury introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Allan Anderson, author of the recent book, "Remembering the Farm," and long time radio announcer. Mr. Anderson is also an avid Post Card Collector. The cards are photographed onto slides and it was this collection we were shown. They covered particularly all of Canada from East to West. There were pictures of farms, pictures of railroads and stations, of floods, wrecks, of towns and cities, the like of which we have never seen.

The ones close to home were particularly welcome, like the corner of Main and Centre Streets with the old hotel in all its glory, the Bolton Flood of 1912, the great train wreck at Caledon and on they went, to the enjoyment of everyone.

Mr. Anderson was warmly thanked for taking his time to share this valuable collection with us. 1978

Junior choir entertains at institute meeting

BEETON — The Beeton Women's Institute held their May 9 meeting in the United Church Sunday School system. Twenty-two members answered the roll call and there were 9 visitors.

After a short business session, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. E. Ritchie who is our Public Relations convener. First on her program was the Junior Choir

from Beeton Central School. Under the leadership of Mrs. Yeoman the children performed superbly. Among their many recitations was the one that won them second prize in their recent competition in Orillia. Mr. Ed Royntout of Beeton was next on the program to show his slides of his recent trip to Haiti. The children were allowed to stay and watch the slides and the ladies were glad to have them

Mr. Royntout's description of Haiti was very well given as was the pictures. This densely populated island is the most poverty stricken of all islands. The Canadians have been a major contributor to the relief of this tiny island. The question period that followed showed the interest everyone had for Haiti. The Institute is most grateful to Mr. Royntout, the teachers and children for their time. 1978

W.I. Members Nov. 15, 1978
Nottawaga Inn

Beck Row-Marion Watson, Ida Stewart, Ena McIlinn, Isabel Hagaman, Muriel Reynolds, Myra Noakes, Leela Broome, Ruth Hayberry, Marjorie Drury (Pres.), Thelma Coburn (Sec.)

Middle Row-Evelyn Aiken, Mabel Dickson, Della Volain, Beulah Bredon,

Seated-Edna Young, Mary Watson, Blossom Cross, Freda Lisk, Velma McIlain, Ivy Barton.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

It's only once in a long time
That we are privileged to host
The Area Convention of W.I.
And so we raise the toast -
To Queen and Country, hearth & home,
It makes you want to shout -
This W.I. of Alliston!
Here's what it's all about.

In 1897 - eighty years ago -
Wives & mothers sought to find
Some answers in Ontario.
They wanted education
For themselves and little ones,
They aimed to get together
To share knowledge - and have fun.

And so the Women's Institute
As we hear of it today
Has spread across the nation
And even far away
To many many countries,
The theme remains the same -
FOR HOME & COUNTRY we all work
And many are the gains.

The Lord has sent His blessings down
Upon their tasks and work,
For their name has gone before them -
And none of them would shrink!
Not only in the home
Do our busy women see
A challenge - for there's work to do
In things parliamentary.

Cut out pornography - raise the age
For drinking youth! And try
To raise the standards and ideals
Our children must live by.
Peace on this earth, an end to wars
To selfishness and strife.
Women unite! We need your might
To make a better life.

- MAGGI ANDERSON
Alliston, Ontario.

Cookstown Hall

District WI meets

The spring meeting of the Simcoe South District Women's Institute was held at Cookstown Hall on March 5. Mrs. Donald Monkman, district president, presiding. Directors and convokers from 11 Branches attended.

Also in attendance were board member Mrs. G. Mallon, Tottenham and Simcoe South Home Economist Mrs. Patricia Reid.

Mrs. Cecil Reynolds, RR 2, Beeton, Tweedsmuir District History Curator will attend an officers' conference at the University of Waterloo May 1, 2 and 3.

Members are invited to visit Edna Lee Home during Ontario Women's Institute week June 4 to 8. On June 5, WI members from Simcoe South will be guests.

Each WI branch is urged to hold a program on the Inter-

national Year of the Child, and it is suggested that October be the month chosen to concentrate on this special event. 1979

W.I. day held recently in Midhurst

Muriel Maida Marjorie

Over 150 members and friends took advantage of a beautiful autumn day to attend the Women's Institute Day at Midhurst Museum. Some chose to wear old-fashioned dress to suit the occasion.

At this annual event many take the opportunity to view the exhibits and admire the more recent additions. Later everyone gathered for a program chaired by the Simcoe Area President, Mrs. James Beard.

Mrs. Lois Telford of Simcoe East District demonstrated icing a cake. Along with the recipe for the icing she told where the decorating utensils may be obtained and which she prefers.

Mrs. Viola Tuck of Kempenfeldt District displayed Aran cushion and tops. Many had learned the basic needlepoint ten years ago and now Mrs.

Tuck has been teaching the advanced stitches to her friends. She told what material is necessary and explained some of the stitches. The display of cushion tops showed the different stages of completion. Mrs. Methers of Glen Huron, on behalf of Simcoe West demonstrated Macramé. She showed different knots which looked easy when she did them. Simcoe North had a display of articles from different countries to promote United Nations. Mrs. Don Bertram and Mrs. A. Lough and were quilting and the finished product was to be a gift for Kristen Loughheed on her 4th birthday. Much interest was shown in the two signature quilts that hung on the wall. There was an excellent display of quilt patterns and quilted articles. Everyone enjoyed apple juice

and cookies at the close of the program.

On Sunday, Nov. 12th the Provincial Directors past and present were invited to the Seaway Towers in Toronto for the unveiling of three portraits that are to be hung in the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame. Several were present from Simcoe Area with particular interest in the honour being paid to Miss Helen McKencher who was nominated by the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario. Miss McKencher is well remembered for her contribution to the development of high ideals and worthy standards for successful home and family living. While serving as Director of Home Economics, Ontario Agriculture and Food, she established nutrition, home management and leadership courses which had a profound influence on the lives of thousands of women and indeed the 4-H girls. She also took an active interest in the affairs of the Associated Countrywomen of the World. Indeed we are proud to pay tribute to such a woman and congratulate her. 1979

W.I. learns to make things from junk

The Beeton Women's Institute met on January 9th at the home of Mrs. W. Coburn. The president, Mrs. G. Drury chaired the meeting with fourteen members present. Treasurer Mrs. A. Hagerman reported the results of their first auction was very successful as fourteen tables were sold. The Institute appreciates this response.

Plans were made to entertain our sister Institute which is Churchill. Mrs. I. Reynolds introduced our guest speaker Mrs. Judy Reid. Judy is a very talented person in the art of tape painting and Rose Malting. She demonstrated the basic strokes and preparations of the item to be painted. Her lovely display of finished articles sent all our minds scurrying to attic and basements in search of treasures unused. What lovely things can be made from junk. Everyone enjoyed the meeting immensely. 1979

Churchill W.I. visits sister Institute in village

On February 13th, the Women's Institute enjoyed a Pot Luck Luncheon at the home of Mrs. G. Drury. We had as our guests our sister Institute, the ladies from Churchill.

After a bountiful lunch, Mrs. Drury opened our meeting. A silence was observed in memory of Mrs. J. Wright, recently deceased and a former life member of this Institute, followed by the Lord's Prayer. Mrs. Greenville McCague gave a recitation that was so hilarious it kept her audience chuckling long

after she had finished. Our guest speaker was Mrs. Scharda from the Ministry of Agriculture in Alliston. She showed a film of modern consumer products in the food departments and shoppers. She explained the proper way to read the labels on products. For instance, how many shoppers know that additives listed under ingredients are listed according to amount? Example - sugar, flour, spices etc. - sugar is the largest additive. She had a most attentive audience. 1979

Manor bus fund reaches new heights

In just under three weeks, the Simcoe Manor Bus Fund has reached amazing amounts with several new contributions.

Bella Abrams, a member of the Manor auxiliary, told the Herald Tuesday that the total in the fund has now reached \$7,000.

The Order of the Eastern Star at Cookstown contributed \$200 to the fund. Mrs. Metcalf, Worthy Matron of the group, sent the cheque in and said the order's project for this year had been arthritis. After this project was completed, any funds left

were to be donated to the bus fund.

The Beeton Women's Institute has contributed \$75. Mrs. Marjorie Drury, on behalf of the organization, presented the cheque to Ed Boynton and Bessie Allard at a recent euchre at the home.

The Beeton Senior Citizens' Club has made a second donation of \$300. This money was from the proceeds from the euchre the club held at the home.

Rotary Club celebrates 25 years of service

Every year has its high points in any community and Beeton probably saw its high point for 1979 Friday night and the Rotary Club of Beeton celebrated its 25th anniversary.

The Beeton Community Hall was filled to capacity for the occasion which was combined with a Past District Governor's Night. After a delicious meal served by the United Church Ladies (the group that served at the Charter Night 25 years ago) the programme was underway.

Club President Bud Rose issued his welcome and

introduced the head table of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Urbanik, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Croodens (District Governor), Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boynton, Dr. and Mrs. S.R. McKelvey, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Ritchie of Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Paul McKelvey of Alliston (District Governor Nominee), and his wife Mrs. Brenda Rose.

In all there are five charter members still with the club: Leo Catania, Earl Hammell, Fred Parsons, Dr. S.R. McKelvey and Peter Urbanik. Earl Hammell was on vacation but sent a telegram.

The wives of three other charter members were also present: Mrs. Jane Riley, Mrs. Jean Letts, and Mrs. Nora Nodwell.

Among other important guests were ten past district governors and presidents of the Alliston, Bradford and Orangeville Rotary Clubs.

Ed Boynton, chairman of the night, announced that each member had contributed a dollar for each year they were a Rotarian and \$400 was being sent to Rotary Foundation. He called on Paul McKelvey who introduced the Past District Governors and then Gordon

Mallum led a sing-song as only he can. He has led the club to several singing trophies over the year.

Mrs. Grace Belford provided the most delightful speech of the evening as she spoke on behalf of the rotary Anns on just what it meant to be a Rotary Ann.

Dave Sealy and Mrs. Muriel Reynolds entertained the guests with a re-play of a Tamblin radio broadcast twenty-five years before when Kate Aiken of Beeton told the province over radio station CFRB of the Charter Night of the Rotary Club. Mrs. Rey-

nolds in period dress played her late friend Kate Aiken while Dave Sealy filled in for Cy Strange who had called saying that he was not well and was not up to attending.

The job of reviewing the history of the club was given to Dr. S.R. McKelvey who recalled that the village had only 750 people in 1954 when the Bradford Rotary Club sponsored the Beeton club. He then outlined the many accomplishments of the club since that time which started on that opening night as the club was the first one in the district to have the Rotary Anns at their charter night.

The caucers have always been the three Churches from the village and the Orange Ladies and they have always done an excellent job.

The club has always had Tynesham members in it and it has helped with such projects as the tennis courts and community centre there. Every year the club sponsors a Past District Governors' night and an "Old Timers Nite" for elderly citizens. Each Warden of Simcoe County has attended a meeting. Other special nights are "Father, Son and Daughter Nite", "Hockey Night" (Beeton has produced players like Wayne Carleton, Bob Palford, Jim Rutherford, John Gould and Warren Holmes) and "Awards Nite" for the top students at local schools.

The club contributed substantially to the Whipper Bill Watson Fund in equipping Newmarket hospital; put many thousands of dollars in the Community Hall to enlarge and modernize it; honours the outstanding 4H member in South Simcoe; sponsors a Santa Claus parade; provides baskets to needy families; took a very active role in the fire truck fund in the village last year; and for many years held a Halloween party for the children.

The club funds the Easter Seal campaign and for many years ran the cancer campaign.

Dr. McKelvey also pointed out that the club sponsored another Rotary Club in a suburb of Beeton, - Alliston in 1955. Each year Rotarians put on a fireworks display and much of the playground equipment in the park comes from the Rotary Club. In the past, they provided prizes to the most beautifully decorated

home in the village at Christmas time and this year donated an exercise machine at Simcoe Manor.

This year the club is sponsoring its first foreign exchange student and it always sponsors a student in citizenship with a trip to Ottawa.

"We believe the Village has benefitted by having an active Rotary Club in its midst. As a club we are grateful to the citizens of this community for the generous response in contributions to all our projects," Dr. McKelvey said.

The evening was topped off with the dancing to the music of The Irish Band.



Mrs. Grace Belford was a highlight of evening with her humorous look at the Club from a Rotary Ann's point of

view. Below, Dave Sealy, replaces Cy Strange and Mrs. Muriel Reynolds portrayed Kate Aiken in a replay of a

Tamblin broadcast over CFRB as it happened twenty-five years ago.





The Masters of Spey Lodge in Beeton, which is 99 years old this year, travelled to Malta Lodge in Grand Rapids, Michigan on Friday, June 1. Malta Lodge is the Lodge of former U.S. President Gerald Ford. 1979



Several members of the Beeton Fire Department were honoured Wednesday night. George Bayley (left) and Ed Beynon (right) were presented with plaques as they retired from the department with 12 years and 20 years of service respectively. Bill Hirschman, Tom Martin and Fred Dale were presented with pins for 5, 5 and 25 years of service respectively. 1979



CPR CERTIFICATES

Six trainees received their CPR (cardiopulmonary respiration) certificates Wednesday night at the Beeton

Firehall. From left to right is Rev. Tom Martin (instructor), Frank Tallman,

Michael Martin, Jim Dale, Mike Harjung, Leo McGlady, Marianne McMaster (instructor) and Ted Usher.

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1979 Beeton Men's Hockey League champs:
Back row from left to right Collin Harting, Don
Bradbury, Peter Rossborough, Bert Platt, Ken

Kelly, Rick Walker, Doug English, and Ray Link.
Front row from left to right Don Stevens, Lou

Goddard, Claude Labelle, Bill Thresher and Dave
Sealy. Absent - Bill Hogg.



MUSIC AWARD

Music Night was Wednesday at Tecumseh
Beeton Central School and as was fitting the
occasion a plaque was presented in memory of
Miss Georgina Barton. She taught music to

many children throughout the area during
her time. Mrs. Pearl Soderwick presents
award and record collection to Principal G.
Mulholland.

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CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The Harold Watson Memorial Award for
citizenship was presented at the Tecumseh
Beeton Central School awards day last week.

This year's winner was Helen Marriott who
received her award from Principal G.
Mulholland.



CENTENNIAL AUCTION

Many unusual items were sold at St. Paul's Anglican Church auction sale on Saturday by auctioneer Ernie Seven.

He was helped by Howard Archibald pictured here and Ed Boynton. This

year the Church is celebrating its Centennial.

John Bradshaw guest speaker at Rogation service

Sunday morning, May 12th, Mother's Day, a Rogation Service was held in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Beeton.

The congregation and guests welcomed Mr. John Bradshaw. Many of us have listened to him for some time on radio. His comments on gardening and agriculture were most interesting and stimulating. He traced the history of the harvest festival service reminding us of the Old Testament roots of asking God for his assistance in producing the harvest. He quoted a friend, a Dutch tulip breeder, as saying in each generation God gives a special revelation to a particular individual or group. He challenged us to discover what God is saying to us now.

Following the offertory hymn in St. Paul's the congregation followed the Crucifer Robbie Kirby outside the church to the site of the tree planting. To mark the Centennial Year a lovely Sugar Maple tree donated by Mr. Gunter Beder was dedicated by Rev. T.E. Martin in honour of members past, present and future.

Following the turning of the soil by Earl Hammell, several older members, namely, Mr. Jim Watson, Mrs. Madge Hill, Mrs. Fred Spearing, Mrs. McGill Findlay and others including the children sprinkled earth around the tree. Several pictures were taken followed by the singing of hymn "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands", accom-

panied by the organist Mrs. Delphine Archibald on the guitar.

Following the service the congregation enjoyed refreshments and a social time. In appreciation the Church Warden Howard Archibald and Ed. Boynton presented Mr. Bradshaw with a Centennial Church Plate and a coffee mug.

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Beeton's new United Church Minister, Rev. John Hoekstra and his wife Ann were in Beeton this week. The Hoekstras are

will be taking over at Trinity starting May 1st. Here they are photographed in front of the church manse.

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Reeve Sheridan McGinty (right) presented a plaque from morning in honour of its 10th birthday. Accepting on behalf of the Church are Howard Archibald and Ed Beynton.

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Renewing old acquaintances are Rev. Bill Davis and Jack Hurst. The Minister returned to his former parish Sunday night to provide the sermon at the 10th anniversary service of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Beeton.

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Bill Strachan looks over one of the Centennial displays in St. Paul's Anglican Church basement Sunday. Many old photos, newspaper stories and papers outlined the Church's history.

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ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, BEETON, ONT.

LIST OF MINISTERS

Rev. John Davidson	1870-1872
Rev. Thomas Ball	1873-1888
Rev. John Keith Gidden	1889
Rev. John Thomas Bryan	1892
Rev. William Ernest White	1893
Rev. Robert Bloomer Bell	1898
Rev. David Atkinson Madell	1899
Rev. John Lindsay	1900
Rev. Withalm George Gerhard Dreyer	1901
Rev. Oscar Joseph Nurse	1914 (2 mos.)
Rev. Herbert Francis Satterby	1914-1917
Rev. Allan Parker Kennedy	1917-1932
Rev. Myrie B. Berkley	1932-1934
Rev. A. Clarke	1935
Rev. Fred Ellis	1936
Rev. Harold D. Cleverdon	1937-1941
Rev. H. C. Blake	1941-1942
Rev. H. E. Webb	1942-1946
Rev. Frank Bradshaw Cooke	1946-1956
Rev. Robert George Mathews	1956-1960
Rev. Robert Thomas Catbcart	1960-1962
Rev. Tom Gracie	1963-1969
Rev. William Davis	1969-1974
Rev. Tom Martin	1974-1979



St. Paul's Anglican Church, Beeton, celebrated its 100th Anniversary on Sunday. The church was filled to overflowing for the services, conducted by Rev. Christopher Pratt. At the morning service, Archbishop Roland Hill (left) congratulated the congregation on their "precious gem" of a Church. "Never lose sight of its loveliness," he added, "we can't build churches like this today. He noted that the land for St. Paul's had been purchased for \$100 a little more than a century ago; a new church now costs \$100,000, he said. [NEWS photos by P. Martyn]

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

BEETON, ONT.

1879 — 1979

October 16, 1979

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the congregation of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Beeton we cordially invite you to worship with us at our 100th Anniversary Services. This happy occasion is on Sunday November 18, 1979. Service times are 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Canon Roland Hill is our guest speaker for the morning service and Reverend William Davis is the guest speaker for the evening service. There will be special music at both services.

Your attendance on this day would be a memorable time for you and an added pleasure for us. Light refreshments will be served after each service. This gives us all a chance for a time of fellowship.

God willing, we hope to see you at one, or both of our services.

Sincerely,

H. Archibald

H. Archibald, Warden

Ed. Boynton

E. Boynton, Warden



St. Paul's Anglican Church

Beeton, Ontario

1879 - 1979

Two packed services help St. Paul's celebrate 100th

Sunday was a very special day in the history of St. Paul's Anglican Church. Beeton as it celebrated its Centennial.

Both the morning and evening services saw the Church packed with additional chairs being placed in the aisles. For both services an ecumenical choir was formed to provide the special music.

Presiding over the morning service was Rev. Christopher Pratt with Archdeacon Roland Hill providing the sermon and communion. Archdeacon Hill told the congregation that the land on which the Church was placed was purchased for \$100, where now an acre of land for a Church office costs \$100,000. There is no way they can afford to build Churches with the beautiful lines, carving and stonework of St. Paul's. "You have a precious gem in this building," he said.

The Archdeacon told the congregation that the pioneers had wanted a better life but they also had religious convictions and built this Church. He questioned if we actually have a better way of life because of affluence, greed, indifference and irresponsibility. But he said that "God is not ashamed to be called our God." "God is love, forgiveness, compassion and strength."

During the service, Beeton's Reeve Sheridan McGinty presented a plaque to the Church Wardens, Ed Beynon and Howard Archibald, on behalf of the village council. Mr. McGinty eloquently recalled the importance of the Church in the community especially in difficult times.

Following the service everyone renewed acquaintances in the Church basement where coffee, tea, and sandwiches were served and the anniversary cake was cut.

At the evening service

former minister, William Davis returned to provide the sermon. Rev. Davis said that an anniversary service was a time for remembering the gold old days but he said they are not synonymous with perfection. It is a time to recall the past, reflect on the present and the challenge of the future.

This service saw the Hon. George McCague present a certificate from Premier William Davis to the Churchwardens. Mr. McCague recalled that 25 years ago he was married in this Church. Lowell Tipping on the trumpet and saxophone and Janet Tipping at the organ provided special music for the evening service. Following the service refreshments were again supplied in the basement. There was also several displays of photos and documents representing historical events at St. Paul's. Rev. Pratt and Rev. Hill of Rosemont helped officiate at the service.



St. Paul's Anglican Church wardens Ed Beynon and Howard Archibald accept a plaque from the Hon. George McCague on the occasion of the Church centennial Sunday. Mr. McCague was married in St. Paul's. Reeve Sheridan McGinty (right) presented a plaque from village council to St. Paul's Sunday morning. Accepting on behalf of the Church are Howard Archibald and Ed Beynon. *Nov. 18, 1979*

Church celebrating 100th anniversary

On November 18th, 1979, the congregation of St. Paul's Anglican Church will celebrate the 100th anniversary of their Church building.

By records obtained from the Archives at the Diocesan Centre, they know that they had an Anglican congregation as early as 1879. This was held somewhere in the vicinity of Ratonnell's Corners, now known as the Beeton-Tottenham road.

In 1886, the Tottenham congregation joined with the Beeton congregation.

In 1927, the congregation of St. Alban's, Palgrave became a part of our Parish. Rev. Kennedy was the Incumbent at that time. He travelled from Beeton to Palgrave on a bicycle made to ride the rails. Permission was obtained from the C.N.R.

In 1933, Mrs. Kyle Berkley formed the Anglican Guild. Some activities performed by the women were smoking, knitting, quilting, teas, luncheons and catering. At one time, some of the members and their spouses provided entertainment by square dancing on ice.

For many years, the W.A. worked very hard to help support our Church and gave money to help the work being done in the missionary fields.

In 1957, a Chancel Guild was formed. They are responsible for having Communion set up for the Incumbent, having flowers for the Altar and many other duties as well.

Between the years of 1956 and 1960, a Boy's Club and a Men's Fellowship Group was started.

For a short period of time, in the 1960's an Anglican Young Peoples shared in fun and fellowship.

Until the last year there has been an active Sunday School.

Although the choir pews are not very full at present, in the late 1940's the pews were full and at times extra chairs were needed to hold the members.

An invitation is extended to all to commemorate this anniversary. Canon Roland Hill, who spoke at the Beeton Centennial Service, is the guest speaker at the 11:00 A.M. service and the Rev. Wm. Davis is the guest speaker for the 7:30 P.M. service.

The ecumenical choir is providing special music for the morning service and Jan and Lowell Tipping for the evening service.

Light refreshments will be served after both services to give us all a chance to reacquaint and to share many memories of the past.





Beeton School 1926

BEETON SCHOOL BUILT IN 1922 -- WEST SIDE OF TECUMSETH STREET.
PICTURE TAKEN MAY 28, 1926.

Back Row---Marjorie Findlay, Alden Elgie, Kathleen Smith, Helen Law,
Helen Hurst, Eva Smith, Margaret Fildes, Mae Elgie, Violet Coburn, Susie Watson,
Ruth McCullough, Anne Aitken.

2nd. Row from back--- Miss Beatrice Christian, Teacher Jr. I-Gr. II (4 grades) .
Berton Welsh, Milton Sherman, Earl Hammett, Jim English, Andrew Martin, Ernest
(Barney) Hannah, Marjorie Hannah, Habel Fenn, Louise Sherman, Fanny Polley, Bill
Coburn, Norman Law, Averard (Nip) Taylor, Miss Grace Switzer, Teacher Jr. III-Gr. IV
(4 grades).

3rd. Row from back--- Grenville McCague, Pauline McCague, Habel Findlay, Clara
Fildes, Mary Aitken, Habel Polley, Jean McDonald, Rosalie Law, Margaret Jardine,
Alecthe Polley, Elsie McDermott, Beatrice Ferguson, Helen Hannah,
Dorothy Anderson, Henry Coburn, Harold Corbett, Mary McKay.

4th. Row from back--- Aubrey Coburn, Elnora Jardine, Carl Sherman, Melville
Fildes, Jim McKay, Bert McDermott, Bruce Coburn, Claude Martin, Spence Campbell,
Ray Hoag, Howard Corbett, Garnet Speck, Jim Hurst, Lucy McKay.

5th. Row from back- Front Row--- Jack Hurst, R.J. Wray, Eric (HED) Rogers, Ernest
Kettle, Bill Hammett, Spence McCullough, Billie McDonald, Donald Palmer, Kitchener
Watson, Clifford Coburn, Winston Law, Bill Allan, Eric Campbell, Edward (Teddy)
Smith, Andy McKay.

Note- 74 in Picture, some not in. 2 Teachers, 2 Rooms, 8 Grades then.
Jr. I to Gr. II----- Jr. III to Gr. IV.

Missing girls might be Rosalie Cox, Pearl Reynolds, Hazel Corbett (Harold's twin).

Missing---Ernest Sherman, Rolanda Sherman, Hollis Lacey, Gruby Rolley,
Frank Hammett, Helen Sunerton.



SHED DOWN

The works crew from Tecumseh dismantled and knocked down this old garage in Beeton this week which was

used by the Township works department until their new headquarters were built on Concession Road 7 a couple of

years ago. The building at one time served as a Church.

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Saturday night a violent storm passed through the Beeton area and its high winds lifted the roof off the barn of Frank and Helen Lisk and supplied a large tree onto a driving shed.

Mother Nature displays wrath in Beeton

Would the person or persons who tried to fool Mother Nature between 7:00 and 7:15 on Saturday evening, October 28th, please come forward?

Mother Nature was seen and heard having a temper tantrum during that time in the community of Beeton. Many descriptions have been received from numerous residents. Most seem to agree that she was seen wearing the latest fashion in rain wear studded with large glossy sequins. It was said she had the appearance of a free and high spirited woman with that wind blown look.

Mother Nature took it upon herself to tour the village of Beeton. Realizing how the economy is today, she decided to help the local residents save

on their hydro and heating bills by cutting out the hydro for about two hours. Why she only assisted those people west of the plaza on Main Street and north of Main on Tecumseh Street, could not be answered.

While taking her tour, the water situation in the village was temporarily solved. Mother Nature left behind several small reservoirs filled to overflowing with brown water the same catalogue number as the well water. This temporarily solved the excessive speeding problems on several streets in the village also. Due to the clearing of a large amount of leaves clogging the sewer mains, the reservoirs did not last. Many

maple and willow trees on Centre and Patterson Streets were stripped of their dead branches saving several residents the necessary task each year of trimming. Isn't Mother Nature kind?

Although her entrance to this quiet community went partly unnoticed, she left quite an impression on people such as Helen and Frank Lisk.

Mother Nature bounced in only to find the Lisks out. So as not to leave unnoticed, she hastily left her calling card by replanting a large tree on top of their garage. In fear of that going unseen, she remodelled the drive shed and a small portion of the barn by removing the roofs and adding instant air conditioning. Imagine, all this for free!

Not only did she make it difficult for Helen and Frank to use their tractors that were parked in the garage and shed, she also made it impossible for them to navigate in the dark by bearing down the hydro lines.

Still feeling like a visit with someone, she continued on over to the Hon. Rudyk residence where a very brief visit was paid by bearing down a large willow tree.

The over all opinion of the community is that no-one would be terribly upset of Mother Nature chose to exclude Beeton from any further itineraries. Although at the same time, one must tread on light feet so as not to upset her again. After all, it's not nice to hate Mother Nature.



CONGRATULATIONS PETE - Charles Boston Rotary Club president Peter "Bud" Rose congratulates the new Urbanski after placing the ribbon of office around his neck. Bud is the past president of the Club.



GETTING PINNED - Mr. D.K. Harvey of the Boston Rotary Club welcomes new member Mike Urbanski into the Club Thursday night with a Rotary pin.

Peter Urbanski is Rotary president

Peter P. Urbanski was presented with the chain of office as President of the Boston Rotary Club last Thursday night, at a social function held at the Urbanski home. Past president Bud Rose made the presentation.

Peter's son, Mike Urbanski, also became a member of the club and this is a first for Boston's Rotary Club to have both a father and son as members.

Other Rotarians elected for the incoming 1979/1980 year of office were: Gary Burton Vice-President, Vaughn Fife - Treasurer, Secretary - Tom Wood and Sargent-at-arms is Nick White. Ross Stafford was elected Director A, Colin Harkness - Director B, Director C - Roy Carter and Director D is Bud Rose.

Several visitors from the Bradford Rotary Club were in attendance at the home of Deannie and Peter plus Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Blakely, of the Alliston Club.

1979

Former resident celebrates 100th birthday

lived on a farm at Concession 12 in Tecumseh for a number of years where she taught music.

After her husband's death, she lived at Millcrest Lodge in Orillia, eventually moving to Reaview Lodge Nursing Home.

At the age of 80, she played the piano on station CKLB, Barrie where she showed her remarkable touch.

Besides Harold and Marjorie, her family includes a son Irwin of Alliston who was also present. A sister Katie (Mrs. John Ferris), 84, of Cookstown attended the party.

There are 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Reynolds was born Elizabeth Robb in 1879 near Bolton, Ont. She attended Ladies College at Welby and was graduated in music. She married Milton Reynolds and

her family attributes her long life to her good disposition and her sense of humor. "She has always said, you have no troubles if you can laugh," said son Harold of Orillia.

Mrs. Reynolds said she's lived a good life as she consumed the last birthday cake. "She just loves sweets," said her daughter Marjorie (Mrs. John Dean of Hamilton.)

Gordon E. Smith, MPP was present to help share the birthday cake, present a card from himself and his wife, a plaque from the Ontario Government and a letter from Premier Davis and himself.

Mr. Smith told Mrs. Reynolds that he had enjoyed her piano playing on visits to Reaview Lodge and asked her her favorite selection. She laughed and said: "I don't remember." Until recent months, she could often be found playing the piano for fellow residents.

Elizabeth M. (Libbie) Reynolds celebrated her 100th birthday Saturday Sept. 22/79. She enjoyed her party so much that she consumed at least three pieces of her chocolate birthday cake and joined in conversations with family members and special guests present.

Messages of congratulations arrived from Premier Bill Davis, Lt. Gov. Pauline McGibbon, Prime Minister Joe Clark, Douglas M. Lewis, MP and Dr. P.J. Rynard and others and the Queen.

Lloyd Wilfred "Tubby" Robinson

By Karen Dow

The community of Beeton was deeply saddened this week with the sudden passing away of one of its most loved and respected citizens, Lloyd "Tubby" Robinson.

Tubby Robinson was born and raised on the 8th line of Tecumseth Township and had attended school at Cross's Public School. He was one of seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Robinson. He is survived by his brothers Earl, Gordon, Fred and sister Mrs. Ted Plante, (Irene). He was predeceased by Ross and Fern.

At an early age, Tubby received a calling to join the Canadian Army. After having completed one and a half years overseas during the second world war, he returned to a job in construction in Hearst, Ontario.

In 1944, Tubby returned to Beeton to marry his beloved wife, Ruth, nee Hurst. A job with the highways department at Base Bordon became available and in 1949, he went to work at the Base where he remained until his death. He was to have retired in April of next year after having completed thirty years employment.

With an opportunity of owning his grandparents' home, and a young family started, Tubby moved with his wife into the village of Beeton in 1951. Their new home was located at 16 Prospect Street where they still reside to this day. Here, together, they raised their growing family of eleven children of which eight are still living at home.

With two of their older daughters married, they soon found themselves grandparents of nine grandchildren.

Having been a veteran of the war, Tubby was a loyal member of the Beeton Legion. He also served on the Beeton Firefighters Association.

He rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. Funeral Services were held in the Chapel, Sunday afternoon, October 21st. Interment was in Trinity Cemetery, Beeton.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Bill Davis of Toronto and Rev. Jacqueline Mills of Tottenham. Pallbearers were his four sons, Ross, Paul, Jim and Fred, his son-in-law Bob Decaire, and Fred Dale.

Our thoughts go out to his wife Ruth and children Mrs. Robert Decaire, (Betty), Mrs. Roy Lahtie, (Bonnie), Ross, Cathy, Jim, Paul, Fred, Barbara, Gordon, Ruth-Ann, (Susie), and Sandra.

I wish I had known Tubby Robinson better for he was the type of person everyone should have the opportunity of meeting at least once in a life time.

Words will never express the feelings people experience when a friend like Tubby is lost. It's as though something that belongs is suddenly missing and an empty space that can never be filled again is

suddenly just there.

During his short life span of only 55 years, Tubby touched the hearts of many. He was the type of person that made you forget your troubles by telling one of his latest jokes or just giving you one of his famous smiles.

A proud man, he never let on when he wasn't feeling well or not up to par. When someone needed a hand, he was always the first in line to help.

Tubby was an honest man. You could always count on an honest answer or opinion even if he disagreed with you. A

person always knew where they stood with him and you couldn't help but love or respect him for it.

One day, while looking through a paper, I came across a poem titled simply "GOOD FRIENDS". The author was unknown but I can't help think that whoever wrote it must have met a person like Tubby sometime during their life. I would like to share this poem with you now and hope it expresses, in some small way, the love we all felt for a man that will truly be missed by everyone.

Dear Ruth and Family:

"GOOD FRIENDS"

Good friends are not commodities,
Sold on supermarket shelves,
All neatly priced and packaged,
So folks can help themselves.

They don't come by the dozen,
They're not sold by the pound
To find the best quality,
It pays to shop around.

We look for friends with loyalty,
A sense of humour too,
And strength enough when things get tough,
To help us muddle through.

Oh yes, we want our friends to come
Completely guaranteed,
To last us for a lifetime,
And fulfil our every need.

But while we're busy shopping,
For the friends who'll suit us best,
Do we ever stop to wonder
If we can meet the test?

How much will we contribute?
What effort will we make?
To love and help and comfort
And give as well as take.

For friendship is a joint affair,
It's bounties must be earned,
The loyalty and strength we seek,
Must also be returned.

And only if we measure up,
And do our best will we,
Become the kind of friends we like
Someone else to be.

MY MOST UNFORGETTABLE CHARACTER

This past Sunday I attended a funeral of a towns person of Beeton whom I will never forget. Tubby Robinson's daughters are friends of mine and his acceptance of me made me feel very much like a daughter also.

This man whose sincerity and brusqueness gave him an almost awesome reputation always had a smile, a piece of wit to share, along with his home.

He was respected and loved by his fellow Legion members and Firefighters. As Rev. Davis so aptly put it, he was a town character. By the tears in the eyes of the hundreds of townspeople who came out to pay their respects to the family, many hold fond memories shared with Tubby.

I hope that his family's burden will be lessened knowing that so many share a little of the grief they feel

From a Friend

Georgina Barton - taught children's music

Miss A.E. Georgina Barton passed away peacefully at Simcoe Manor on Thursday, January 30th, 1979. The daughter of the late George and Charlotte Barton, she was half sister to John and Marjorie Arnold (both predeceased).

Georgina Barton was born June 16, 1893 at Athlone, moving later to Dundalk where she grew up. Later she moved to Tottenham where she resided with her mother after her father's death until moving to her home on Main Street in Beeton where she lived until she moved to Simcoe Manor in December, 1977.

Miss Barton was a devout Anglican, playing the organ for many years as well as being Choir leader - at one time having a Children's Choir.

She attended Harvard College in Toronto as well as University of Columbia in New York for her music.

She taught music and singing in the schools of

Beeton, Tottenham and Collingwood and the rural schools as well as a special class in Guelph.

Miss Barton felt that every child, given a chance could sing or play.

Her former pupils in the schools will remember she was always accompanied by her dog "Patsy".

She taught private piano and singing lessons from her home on Main Street as well as helping to arrange the "Centennial Music" for the schools in 1967.

She was always most willing to play at any annual affairs such as Agriculture, Rotary, Maundy, banquets etc. as well as singing or playing for many, many weddings.

At one time she had a Conservatory in Alliston and also she directed a stage play "H.U.S. Pinafore" in the early 1920's in the former Town Hall (now Beeton Pro Hardware).

She was also instrumental in bringing Father Busan's St. Michaela Boys Choir to Beeton

for a night of music many years ago.

In the late 60's a "Night" was held in the Beeton Community Hall to try to acknowledge what a contribution Miss Barton had made to the Community and to let her friends and pupils say a "Thank you".

She got letters and cables from around the world from former students who wished to acknowledge the important part she had made in their lives.

Miss Barton was happiest when working with children

and was always so proud of their accomplishments when they went to the Conservatory to try their exams.

She retired in 1968 and enjoyed spending her time in her flower garden.

Anyone who knew Miss Barton had their life enriched by having known her as a teacher and/or a friend.

The funeral was held February 1st from The Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham with Rev. Tom Martin conducting the service. Interment was in Prospect Cemetery, Toronto.

Ross Coleman dies at 47

Beeton residents were shocked last week to hear of the sudden death of Ross Coleman of this village.

Just forty-seven years old, he suffered a stroke while on vacation near Dorset Thursday and passed away early Friday morning at the hospital in Huntsville.

He is survived by his wife Norma (nee Wilkinson) and their six children Gary, Rick, Darlene (Mrs. Ross Rutledge), Ronald, Shane and Kelly. He was also the grandfather of five.

Ross Coleman was the son of Doris Coleman and the late Roy Coleman. Born and raised in Beeton, he was married on July 23, 1979. He is survived by brothers Vern and Bruce and sisters Mrs. Beth Fitch of Brooklyn, Mrs. Audrey Denney and Mrs. Donna Kelly both of Beeton and Mrs.

Dorothy Jankmal of Bradford.

He was an employee of Cooper Weeks of Canada for thirty years and was sporting goods manufacturing manager.

Ross resided at Rod Abrams Funeral Home in Tottenham with the service being from Trinity United Church on Sunday, July 22, 1979. Rev.

Gerald McFarlane of Bond Head officiated with solos being sung by Mrs. Delphine Archibald and Mrs. Amy Rutledge. Interment was at Trinity United Cemetery.

Flower bearers were John Sweeney, Nick, Bob and Morris Rutledge, Sheridan McGinty and Stuart Magloughlin. Flower bearers were Cam McKinnon, Glen Archibald, Howard Archibald, Charles Kewen, John Crumie and Bob Walkem. 1979

Margaret Wright - from pioneer stock

On Sunday, January 21, 1979 Margaret Minnetta Wright, beloved wife of Joseph Andrew Wright of Beeton, passed away. After a lengthy illness, in Stevenson Memorial Hospital Alliston, in her 85th year.

The late Mrs. Wright, whose maiden name was Margaret Minnetta McDermott was the youngest daughter of the late Joseph and Belinda McDermott pioneers of Tecumseh Township. She attended Cross's School and on April 30, 1929 was united in marriage to Joseph Andrew Wright of Alliston and has for the past fifty years resided in Beeton. Mrs. Wright was predeceased by three brothers James, Walter and Joseph McDermott and one sister Gertrude, Mrs. Charles Hammell.

The sympathy and love at her passing will be sincerely felt throughout the community as she held a warm place in the hearts of those who knew her, especially her sisters and nephews.

The deceased was an active member of Trinity United Church and a life member of the United Church Women. She was a former member of the Beeton Women's Institute and Horticultural Society.

The funeral held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 23, 1979 in Trinity United Church, Beeton was conducted by Rev. W. Dickson assisted by Rev. J. Allan Logan of Windsor, a nephew of the deceased. The service was largely attended by relatives, friends and neighbors who gathered to pay their final tribute of love and respect to one who is gone but not forgotten. Many beautiful floral tributes brought their comforting message of remembrance.

The Honorary Pallbearers were Messrs. D.K. Harvey, James Watson, Ed Williams, Roy Armstrong, Selby Dubbs, Jack Gray and Sheridan McGinty.

Pallbearers and Flower Bearers were Messrs. Herbert McDermott, Bill Hammell, Bill Cranston, Ed Boynton of Beeton; Don Wright of Collingwood and George Prior of Shelburne.

Interment will be in Trinity United Cemetery - Beeton. 1979

Area mourns death of teenager

The area was shocked on Friday, February 23rd to hear of the death of 16 year old Carolyn Jean Rutherford of Beeton.

Carolyn, a grade 11 student at Banting Memorial High School suffered a stroke following an operation at Toronto General Hospital on

Monday. She passed away Friday at Sunnybrook Hospital.

The beloved daughter of John and Doris Rutherford, sister of Jim of Detroit and Marilyn of Mississauga, and loved granddaughter of Jake Sweeney and Ruby Rutherford.

She rested Saturday and Sunday at Rod Abrams Funeral Home in Tottenham with the funeral service being held Monday at 2 p.m. at Trinity United Church in Beeton. A member of the Church, Carolyn taught kindergarten in the Sunday School and was a former member of the choir. Former minister Rev. James Cross returned to conduct the service assisted by Tom Elmer.

Mrs. Louise Denys was the soloist assisted by her husband John with Mrs. Bernice Jerry on the organ.

Larry Ney recited Carolyn's favourite poem that hangs on a wall plaque in the Rutherford kitchen:

The clock of life is wound once, And no man has the power to tell just when, The hand will stop, at late or early hour.

Now is the only time you own, Live, love and toil with a will, Give no faith in tomorrow, For the clock may then be still.

Pallbearers were: Charles Link, Ray Link, Bob Sweeney, Bill McCullough, Larry Ney and Ed Vanhaverbeke.

Flower bearers were Joe Archibald, Brock Kelly, Todd Cemerini, Lisa Eason, Danielle Couture, Archie Proper, Matt Couture, Jackie Clark, Barry Andrews, John Boynton, Kristle Zalewski, Steven Vanha verbeke, Warren Reynolds and Lisa Fawns.

Spring interment will be a Trinity United Cemetery in Beeton.

Following the service, the ladies of the Bradford Lions Club served lunch following the service with the assistance of the Beeton U.C.W. Friends attended from Detroit, Toronto, London, Montreal and Newcastle.

The funeral was largely attended. At Banting, a eulogy scripture and a moment of silence was held on Monday morning. Carolyn was an active member of the Church, as well as a Brownie and later a Girl Guide. She was also a member of ball teams in the village.

Always considerate of others, she will be sadly missed by her family and many friends. 1979

Harry Hammell

W. Harry Hammell passed away Wednesday February 14, 1979 in Stevenson Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness in his 83rd year.

Harry was born and raised in Beeton, son of the late William H. Hammell and Ann Elizabeth Suggitt, survived by his loving wife Irene Shaw and brother of Mahel (Mrs. Dr. S.R. McKelvey) Beeton, Edythe (Mrs. Gordon Forbes) Cambridge, son Frank of Angus, and Anita (Mrs. Fred Bailey) of Everett, and nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Harry was well known as an

unassuming and quiet person, sincere to his friends to all who knew him. Harry spent most of his life in Beeton and was maintenance man at Simcoe Manor for twenty-four years before retiring in 1971.

Funeral service was held in the Rod Abrams Funeral Home in Tottenham on Saturday, February 17, 1979. The service was conducted by Rev. Thos. Martin. Pallbearers were Howard Archibald, Beverly Hoover, Albert Bulman, Fred Bailey, Wm. Strachan and Ken Kelly. Spring interment in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.



CAROLYN RUTHERFORD



Dr. S.R. McKelvey receives a plaque honouring his contributions to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Rev.

Basil Dass made the presentation for the special worship service which was

organized while the McKelveys were on holidays.

35 YEARS CLERK OF SESSION

Dr. McKelvey honoured by Church

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Beeton was packed Sunday night as members of many faiths gathered to honour Dr. S.R. McKelvey for his work with the Church and community.

Officially the reason for the special occasion was the fact that he had been Clerk of Session with the Church for

the past 35 years. Actually, however, he was being honoured for his many contributions to the Church.

The special worship service featured hymns chosen by Dr. and Mrs. McKelvey and several former ministers of the Church. They were: Rev. Charles Townsend, former Interim-Moderator of Tuxton-Ham-Beeton-Schomberg pastoral charge, Rev. Joseph Taylor, Rev. R. Docker and Rev. G. Bell.

Near the close of the service, present minister Rev. Basil Dass outlined some of Doc's accomplishments. He joined the Church on May 13th, 1925 and was elected to the Board of Managers on Jan. 12th, 1927. In 1934 he became an elder. He served as a teacher and Superintendent of Sunday School for 10 years. Dr. McKelvey was appointed

Clerk of Kirk Session in 1944 and has held that post ever since. Since 1954, he has been on the Cemetery Board.

Rev. Dass could have gone on all night about his contributions but mentioned that he practised veterinary medicine from 1924-1947, was Simcoe Manor administrator for 23 years and was reeve in 1946-47, and from 1971-74. During his many years here, he has been Beeton's biggest booster.

Mrs. Mabel McKelvey who happens to be the choir leader

in the United Church was presented with a bouquet of flowers and Dr. McKelvey with a plaque.

Following the service, the many friends met in a reception in the Church basement. There Doc cut a cake which honoured his 80th birthday which was Wednesday. Among the presentations was a provincial plaque from Premier Davis which was presented by the Hon. George McCague.

Refreshments were served by the ladies of the Church at the reception.



Mrs. Mabel McKelvey looks on as her husband Dr. S.R. (Doc) McKelvey receives a plaque from George

McCague honouring his eightieth birthday. The presentation took place at

Beeton's Presbyterian Church Sunday evening.



1979 FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday the busiest place in Beeton was Trinity United Church as the basement of the church was filled all afternoon with people congratulating Dr. Stanley

and Mabel McKelvey on their forty-fifth wedding anniversary. Following the afternoon gathering family and friends

gathered at the home of Bert and Jean Platt. In between Doc and Mabel is a photo of them on their wedding day.



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strachan of Beeton celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last Thursday. Here Mrs. Elaine McCague presents the Strachans with a plaque from the

George McCague. The Strachans also received a letter from the Premier with the plaque.



Mr. and Mrs. William Culwell of RR1, Beeton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary a week ago with the help of family and friends. The Culwells were wed on July 6, 1929 in Richmond Hill. They moved to Beeton where he served as funeral director for 25 years. Their business was located where the

present laundromat and lawyer's office is at 28 Main Street.

Mrs. Culwell had been a teacher near Stouffville while he worked in a funeral home there. They have six children, 13 grandchildren and one great grandchild.



Mrs. Marjorie Drury (left) shows photos of the recent St. Paul's Anglican Church Centennial service to Mrs. Melba Palmer on

Saturday. The occasion was the Church's Chili Luncheon and Mrs. Palmer is seen sitting at the White Elephant table.

Centennial chili luncheon held at St. Paul's Saturday

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Beeton had a very successful Centennial Chili Luncheon, Bazaar, Bake sale and White Elephant table on Saturday Dec. 8th in the church hall.

The winners of the lucky draw were Mary Lisk, Velda Lewis and Linda Hill. The door prize was won by John Boynton.

During the afternoon a framed picture of St. Paul's Church with the steeple on taken in 1867, before it was struck by lightning and burned in March 1880, was given to the church by Mr. Michael Ball of Oshawa. He also presented the church with a framed photo of his Great Grandfather, Rev. Thomas Hall, who was the first Rector of

the Church.

Sunday morning Rev. Butterworth, formerly of Jamaica, assisted Rev. Chris Pratt with the service of Holy Communion.

Sunday evening St. Paul's choir and organist Alan Morent were joined by St. John's United Church Choir of Alliston with Mr. Kenneth Inkster at the organ for a candlelight service of Lenten and Carols for Advent.

During the service Mr. Michael Denovet, Mrs. Mawet's brother, favoured the congregation with a trumpet solo.

Following the service the ladies served light refreshments and a social time was enjoyed by all.



John Fleming and Wayne Cowell were busy erecting new Block Parent signs. Shown with them are Sean Ryan Fleming.

Block Parents post new signs

New signs for the Block Parents Association of Beeton have been posted in three different places of the village.

On Saturday, November 3rd, the president of the Beeton Block Parent Association, Sandy Fleming, along with her husband, John Fleming, erected the signs. The signs and poles were donated by John Fleming while the designing and painting of the signs was done by Mr. Wayne Cowell.

The new familiar logo signs can be seen as you enter Beeton on the 8th line at both the east and west ends. A third sign has been erected at the north entrance to town on the corner of Lilly St. and 10th side roads.

Mrs. Fleming stated that the response from local residents as Block Parent volunteers has been well received in most areas of the village although they are still hoping for more volunteers from the Centre

Street area. She went on to say that perhaps with the recent scare in the area, people will realize the value of such an association in our village.

If there are any interested citizens in the area who would like to become Block Parents, please don't hesitate to call Mrs. Fleming at 729-3428. Remember, our children are our most valuable possession.

Rev. Thomas Ball

Rev. Thomas Ball was born in Wales in 1844. At about 20 years of age he came to Canada. Ordained Deacon in 1870 and a Priest in 1873. His first charge was Muskoka, at St. Thomas Anglican Church. His first wife Charlotte Bowler was a member of an English family from Birmingham which had settled in the Muskoka district. Their children were Ethel, Wilfrid, Helen, Mildred, Reginald, and Arthur. Charlotte died about 1890.

His second wife was Elizabeth Carter, a daughter of Robert and a sister of Harry Carter and Eneline (Dolly). Their children were - Gladys, May, Marjorie and Keith.

A letter dated May 19, 1914, from the Rev. T.N. Low, Bond Head to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Beave is worth quoting in the very active ministry of Rev. Ball. The Rev. Ball replaced the Old Frame church at St. John's in 1881 with brick and in 1885 he had Trinity removed to the village and brick clad. He did inured work at Boston and Tottenham by two handsome brick Churches. Was Rector for nearly 20 years at Bond Head from 1875 to 1894. Rev. Ball died in Thornhill Sept. 23, 1917 in his 73rd. year.

Historical Notes

From the Diocesan Archives.
*letter.

The Parsonage
Bond Head,
July 11th. 1879

The Right Reverend
The Lord Bishop of Toronto

My Lord (Bishop Sweetman)

We are building a church in Boston a small village in the Parish of Tecumseth.

The Church will be ready for holding Divine Service in late October or in early November next.

It is my intention holding three services in the new church on the Sunday of opening.

Will your Lordship kindly consent to preach at one, or more, of those services?

I remain My Lord
Your obedient servant
(signed) Thomas Ball.

We know for certain that a church was being built in 1886-1887 of brick, value \$4000.00, seating 300, and was opened on September 11th. 1887 by Bishop Arthur Sweetman with Rev. Ball as the Minister. Mrs. Dr. Cummings of Bond Head was Rev. Ball's daughter.

Rev. Ball baptized the Pierson Family at Tottenham. William Pierson, Miss Henrietta Pierson, Miss Josephine Pierson and Fred. Pierson.

Diary of a Christmas Pudding Made in the Old Fashioned Way.
By Mrs. Mm. E. Kettle.

I have just been made, and am consequently writing this entry in my journal, with somewhat mixed feelings. It's a funny sensation, not knowing what part of me is to be my inside, and which my out.

Yet it is with no little pride, that I record the fact that my manufacture undoubtedly caused a considerable stir in the house. Everybody from the mistress to the baby had a finger in the pie so to speak and came into the kitchen, one after another to help me.

Between them, they did surely give me a turn. Anyway I heard the cook say that even Mrs. Beaton herself (who, I believe is the Goddess of Puddings), couldn't have mixed me more thoroughly, a remark which inspired one of the boys to observe, that in matter of Christmas Puddings Mrs. Beaton couldn't be Beaton.

I think I really must be a good pudding because, just before the final stir the mistress gave me a bright new shewance. No wonder people say that Christmas Puddings are rich, if they all get shewances given them. The master of the house, when he saw the coin dropped into me said "That's what I call putting money on current account."

I have been put into a basin to sleep over night and deposited on a shelf in the larder. I hear I am to be partially cooked to-morrow.

Rose early without being called, that's one of the advantages of being made with self-raising flour. Passed a rather restless night, however, as a bit of candied peel, which hasn't been properly chopped up occasioned me some discomfort. One of my retainers too gave me a little trouble complaining he hadn't been stoned, an omission calculated to give anyone a flip.

Cook has just put on the stove a large saucepan, in which, I hear I am to be boiled for 4 hours. I wonder what it will be like? A hard boiled egg on the shelf next to mine says it's not too bad, especially when the water bubbles and makes you do the Charleston.

I'm to be tied up in a cloth first, it seems. Are they afraid of my setting water on the brain? ---Here I am all tied up and only waiting for the sauce can to boil. I had no idea I was as big. I'm larger than a soccer foot-ball, besides weighing ever so much more, though I'm afraid that's nothing to brag about, for I heard cook say to the warler-wid that she hoped I wouldn't be heavy or there would be a row.

I fancy cook thought I didn't like being boiled, because before she tied me up, she poured two tablespoons of brandy into me. I don't need any Dutch courage. We Christmas Puddings have a spirit of our own.

The saucepan is boiling. Now for the plunge. I'll show cook the stuff I'm made of. Phew. I wish I had a fan. Four hours of it in a stuffy old pot with the lid on. If it hadn't been for my cloth I should have perspired all the sweat out of me in five minutes.

I've been put back again into the larder to cool down, but cook hasn't undressed as yet, as I hear I've got to be boiled four hours more to-morrow, just before I am wanted for the table.

I hope I don't burst my cloth. I've already swelled tremendously, and that ill-mannered hard boiled egg has been laughing at me, says I've run to waist. Well till I start chipping him. He'll jump the other side of his yolk. Oh dear, my shewance has shifted, oh, I mean my shewance has shifted. I can't feel it anywhere. Can it have melted? I have not, though some folks would probably consider it an advantage to have their only worldly asset a liquid one.

And so to bed.

December 25-----Merry Christmas everybody. Merry Christmas, Turkey and Sausages. Merry Christmas, mince pie. Merry Christmas egg. Dinner is to be at two and I'm to go back into the saucepan in a few minutes to ensure my being properly cooked in the middle. I ought to be an authority on central heating after they've finished me.

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-Old friends-

Renewing a friendship that is still young after 67 years, Mrs. Ida Smith, 91, visited Simon Manor yesterday to meet her friend, Bill Kettle, who celebrated his 101st birthday.

The Kettles were the first friends I made on coming to Boston in 1912," Mrs. Kettle says, and they've remained close down through the years.

Bill came out to Tecumseh Township after he was "kicked" from his job as a London "Bobby", in 1906. He'd joined the famous police force during a recruitment campaign held just before the Coronation of King Edward.

After working on a couple of farms in the Township, he moved to the city, where he drove a team of horses during the construction of the Toronto stockyards.

Tiring of urban life, he returned to Boston where he worked at the grist mill for 19 years before retiring. "I saved up a good many bags of flour during those times," he recalls with a cheerful grin.

He attributes his longevity to having "taken good care of myself. I've enjoyed a cigarette now and then, and a glass of beer now and then," he says, "but I never made a habit of it."

I'm to be served with sauce I understand and the mistress has just given me a little sprig of holly which is to be stuck in my North Pole when I'm put up to the table. What's more I'm to be surrounded on the dish by a little sort of blazing brandy. If I could only grow a few fish scales on my chest.

I see cook has just put the biggest saucepan on, so I imagine I'd expected to swell some more. Well I'll do my best. After all one's only a Christmas Pudding once in a life-time.

Later-----I'm positively trembling with excitement and have already shaken out three currants and a bit of zest. Cook has just tested me, and says I'd the sweetest thing in Christmas Puddings, she has ever made. A funny thing happened though, when she took me out of the dish she remarked how beautiful and light I was, yet I had somehow turned dark brown all over. I can't understand it. I was a dingy, spotty white when I was made; I thought it was only lobsters that changed color when boiling. I wonder if one of my ancestors ever married a lobster. That might account for it.

Ah. Here comes the parlor-maid. My presence, she announces, is eagerly awaited in the dining-room. Hurrah. The great moment of my life has come. I hope I don't disgrace myself by giving some one indigestion.

Back again in the larder once more, what there is of me (feeling in spite of the cordial reception they gave me) more than a little cut up and certainly not all the fellow I was. A not altogether surprising state of affairs, when I recall that the master had his knife into me practically all the time.

All the same it was a wonderful occasion. The family all charred me, when I was brought in and I waved my little sprig of holly back at them. If I'd had legs I'd have stood up and bowed, as it was I had to content myself with merely looking round.

The master promptly proceeded to cut a number of thick slices from me, which took a great deal out of me, although I managed to come through the ordeal without going all to pieces. Everybody had two helpings of me while some of the boys had three, which I thought was very nice and complementary of them until I learned it was my sixpence they were after. They were saying, that it is very lucky to get the sixpence out of a Christmas Pudding, as it has the power to grant a wish.

Ah. Ah. But they didn't find it. I know where it is!



SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Wednesday, December 12th, the Beeton Senior Citizens Club joined together to enjoy their annual Christmas dinner at the Nimrod Manor.

Volunteers worked diligently to serve the 118 senior citizens in attendance. Among the volunteers were several young people that gave of their time, making the true meaning of Christmas stand out.

Preparations and roasting of the six turkeys served at the dinner was done by Pat and Ray Carter of Pat's Place. Mr. Carter also took time out from a heavy schedule to volunteer as the official carver of the turkeys.

The young people that helped to make the dinner such a success were Susan Dungey, Holly Woodward, Debbie Bartlett, Elaine Peters and Betty-Anne Bruce.



HOSTING FRIENDS and relatives to mark the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary were Wesley and Mabel Rounthorn of Creemore. The Saturday evening dance party was held at the Rex Centre Hall.

1979 (Star photo)



Pyry Lodge in Beeton is entering its Centennial year of Masonic brotherhood in Beeton. The Lodge which was established in 1880, held its installation of officers Monday night. In the front row left to right are Bro. David Coates (Junior Deacon), Bro. Ross Bennett (Junior Steward), Bro. Roger Barker (Senior Warden), and Bro. Gary Lane (Junior

Warden). In the back row are Bro. R. Mason (Senior Deacon), Wor. Bro. Ed Baynton (Installing Master), Wor. Bro. Tom Carter (Worshipful Master), V. Wor. Bro. Laurie Brandridge (treasurer), and Wor. Bro. James Heath (Chaplain). The Lodge plans mainly special activities this year including the publication of a Lodge history.



Five generations of one family gathered in Beeton recently. The birth of Joshua Coleman completed the five generations. In the back row are Mrs. Jean Letts, and Mrs. Ethel Baker from Barrie while in the front row are Penny Coleman with son Joshua and Mrs. Joan Barton.

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Ontario W.I. hold annual meeting

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"Inspiration and perspiration are two helpers that you must use in promoting the Women's Institute," said Mrs. Clarence Diamond, President of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario as she opened the annual meeting of the Provincial

Board at the Bond Place Hotel in Toronto.

The thirty-four Directors from across the Province made decisions that will affect the 38,000 members in Ontario and indeed many around the world. With an awareness of the needs of

others they voted \$2,000.00 for the project in Bangladesh for secretarial training including instruction in Nutrition education enabling the women to earn a living. The \$1,500.00 that was sent to India last year was used for the IYC program in child care,

nutrition and a mini-eye camp.

Miss M. McGhee, the Director of the Home Economics Branch, Ministry of Agriculture and Food praised the 2,800 volunteers who gave of their time and talents to teach the 4H and adult programs. She announced the retirement of Mrs. Helen Armstrong, who has been the office Secretary for 17 years. Miss Mary Campbell of the Home Economics Branch will assume this position.

"There is not better investment of time, money and effort than investing in the young people," said Hon. Lorne Ridderson, the Minister of Agriculture and Food, when he addressed the membership and friends at the dinner. He praised the Women's Institute for 39 many accomplishments through the 80 years, particularly in the rural areas.

Mrs. Diamond expressed appreciation for the many services that are made available to the Women's Institute by the Ministry and the close working relationship that is present between them.

The Junior Women's Institute, capably represented by Ruth McCurdy and Barbara Haas were enthusiastic in their reports of the growth and activities of the branches throughout the Province. Their programs are to assist to young women in homemaking and development of their talents.

Mrs. H. Maluske presented the resolutions that had been received from the different areas. The resolutions that were sustained pertained to the legalizing of marijuana, personal advertising on the media, farm land use, and the closing of the hospital accommodation.

Mrs. Harvey Nodlit, the President Elect for the Federated Women's Institute of Canada, gave the national report. Studies are being made on laws pertaining to children, the Citizenship and the British North America Act, land use and Canadian Unity.

The voting delegates to the Golden Jubilee of the Associated Countrywomen of the World in Hildesheim, Germany in May 1980, were named. For an old fashioned Christmas setting, why not plan to attend "Christmas at the Lee Day" on Dec. 6th when the Erland Lee Museum Home at Stony Creek will welcome visitors.

The Hon. Pauline McGibbon will be among the guests on that day.

The Officers' Conference at Waterloo University will be from April 25 to May 1st with instruction sessions for Presidents.

Suggestions for the Year of the Disabled in 1981 are requested. The Directors are urged to promote special programs in their areas for the 1980 Year of the Women's Institute. With words and actions they are to stimulate an awareness of the organization that is will become more effective as it strives to improve homemaking skills, all aspects of family life in the betterment of communities.

WI concerned over harassment of police

The Simcoe South District Women's Institute held its fall meeting at Cookstown Hall Monday, September 17, 1979. President Mrs. Donald Monkman presided.

Mrs. G. Mallon, Tottenham, provincial board director, urged that all W.I. members be concerned with the harassment of police in Ontario, and that each branch write to Toronto Police Chief Harold Adamson in support of police action.

The Simcoe Area Conven-

tion will be held October 15 and 16 at the Presbyterian Church, Stayner, Ontario.

The date of the next district meeting will be March 10, 1980.

Simcoe WI is planning special day at Erland Museum Home in April

"The gathering of the Simcoe clan" could be a great day if the members of the Women's Institute of Simcoe area plan to attend.

The members are invited to take part in Simcoe Area Day at the Erland Lee Museum Home at Stony Creek on April 17.

During the winter months they are asked to make hazaar articles and take them that day. WI week is June 2 to June 6 and the items will be on sale with proceeds going to the foundation fund.

This will be an opportunity for many to make their first visit to this home that is connected to the origin of our organization.

The Simcoe area executive met at Elmvale this week with Mrs. James Beard, president, conducting the business.

Plans were made for the area convention in October and the dates for the district annuals were chosen: east, May 6; centre, May 8; south, May

13; west, May 15; Kemptville, May 20; and north on May 22.

Mrs. D. Harris and Mrs. G. Mallon, provincial board directors, brought the information from the recent annual meeting in Toronto.

They told of the activities and work of the WI at all levels, particularly the scholarships, resolutions passed, workshops, 4-H and the aid to underdeveloped countries.

They gave the challenge to all members to reassess their priorities and be involved in their communities, especially for the year 1980 which is to be the "Year of the Women's Institute".

With the opening of the new archives at the Simcoe County Museum it will be an asset to the WI because the

Tweedsmuir History books can be kept there.

Special events are planned at the museum in 1980 in its 50th anniversary.

New session for Beeton W.I.

The Beeton Women's Institute began their fall session with a meeting at the home of Mrs. A. Veisin, on Sept. 13th on the subject of energy.

Mrs. G. Drury chaired the meeting and 12 members answered the roll call.

The approaching fall fair display was discussed and a committee put in charge.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Harold Parker from Barrie Energy Resources. He showed slides and commented on the proper ways of using our energy. Canada is the largest user of energy in the world. Many members saw their own faults in common household uses.

The October meeting will be at the home of Mrs. C. Reynolds. Theme "International Year of the Child."

W.I. hears need for foster homes

The Beeton W.I. held their October meeting at the home of Mrs. C. Reynolds, with 17 members present. This being the Year of the Child, this program was dedicated to children.

Our guest speaker was Mr. Neil McGee from the "Family & Children Services". He spoke of the problems facing the young family of today, and the mounting number of child abuse. There are 170 foster families in the

area that Mr. McGee works in but many more are needed.

Our Institute will be the guests of Tec-We-Gill Institute at Newton Robinson on October 29th. October 29th will be our Tupperware Party at 1 Maple St. the home of Mrs. H. Lisk.

November meeting will be our annual dinner out and it will be at the Nettawasaga Inn. A good turnout is expected.

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W.I. Euchre at the Manor.

Back Row- Leola Brune, Velma McGleis, Eva, Aiken, Isabel Baylman, Mary Watson, Freda Lisk, Muriel Reynolds, Beulah Freedon, Marion Watson.

Front Row- Marjorie Drury (W.I. Pres.) presenting a cheque to Ed. Boynton and Beanie Alford for the Simcoe Manor Van Fund.

May 12, 1979, sum of \$ 75.00.



Beeton Fair Display

Leroux takes Anglican pulpit in Beeton-Tottenham-Palgrave

BEETON—"God heals: that's a very natural thing for Him to do," Andy Leroux states unhesitatingly.

Rev. Leroux, who preached his first sermon at St. Paul's Sunday, hopes that his affiliation with the "charismatic movement" in the church will bring the Holy Spirit to become actively involved in the workings of the church.

The charismatic emphasizes the gifts of the Spirit—healing, delivering, speaking in tongues, prophesying—among the congregation itself.

"My main desire is not my will, but that God's will be done," he says, "in other words, to get myself out of the picture and let God work."

Archdeacon Basil Tonks is expected to install Rev. Leroux as rector of the parish in a solemn induction service within a month. The position has been filled temporarily by Rev. Chris Pratt since the departure of Rev. Tom Martin last September.

"Everything that's happened in the past has led up to this," Rev. Leroux says of his arrival in Beeton. He comes from 14 months in Orillia South parish, where he was priest-in-charge since last August. Prior to Orillia he'd spent a year at St. Margaret's in the Pines, in Toronto.

He and his wife Barbara have three boys: Jonathan, 6,



Andy Leroux at home in Beeton with sons Jonathan, Jamie and Andrew. Rev. Leroux will shortly be installed as Rector of the Anglican parish of Beeton-Tottenham-Palgrave. [NEWS photo by P. Martyn]

James, 5 and Andrew, 3. The older boys expect to start school here after March Break.

Rev. Leroux, who grew up in Montreal, became a priest last May; he'd been a deacon for two years preceding his ordination.

He studied for four years at Ontario Bible College in Toronto. During his third year he experienced a "personal dissatisfaction" with what he'd learned up to that point, which led to his involvement with the charismatic movement.

"There was a realization that people were in tremendous need," he recalls, "and I knew I was just throwing words at them. No matter how eloquent those words were, they weren't meeting the need, or perhaps meeting only a superficial need."

Rev. Leroux and his wife

spent eight months in the "House of Life and Love", a Christian community in Toronto's Cabbagetown where all the members "grew tremendously and went through a lot of changes," he says.

His formal training continued with three years at Wycliffe Anglican Seminary, and he became assistant curate at St. Margaret's after graduation.

Sod turned at new Rectory

BEETON—A turning of the sod ceremony was held at St. Paul's Anglican Church here April 26.

The reason? A new rectory will soon be built there for Rev. Andy Leroux, his wife Brenda and their three children: Jonathan, 6, Jamie, 5, and Andrew, 3.

Rev. Leroux is pastor of two other churches—Christ Church in Tottenham and St. Albans in Palgrave.

The building of the rectory will be conducted by Joe Huson of Schomberg.

The rectory, which will be completed in July, will feature three bedrooms and an attached garage. It'll be 42 feet wide and 46 feet deep.

In addition, a special ceremony officially inducted Rev. Leroux as Minister of the Parish will be held at St. Paul's May 4 at 4:30 p.m. Simcoe County Archdeacon Basil Tonks will direct the ceremony. Rev. Dave Ward of St. John's Church in Cookstown will also conduct a sermon.



Rev. Leroux (middle) is flanked by church wardens (left) Ed Boynton and Howard Archibald. [NEWS photo by S. Wong]



Dedication of the new St. Paul's Anglican Church Rectory in Beeton was held Sept. 14. Right Reverend Bishop Allan Rodd of the Toronto Archdiocese (second, from left) conducted the Dedication. Others participating included (from left) Jamie Leroux (back to camera), Brenda Leroux (holding Catherine), Rev. Andy Leroux, Joe Huson (builder of the Rectory) and wardens Ed Boynton and Howard Archibald. The two youngsters standing in front of Mr. Huson and Mr. Boynton are (from left) Andrew Leroux and Jonathan Leroux.

78th annual meeting at Beeton

The Simcoe South Women's Institute met at Beeton's Trinity United Church for its 78th annual meeting on May 13.

Mrs. John Brown, provincial public relations officer, spoke on the theme, "The what, where and why of the WI week". With 1980 being the year of the WI, she urged members to be a strong influence in the community and help others become better in-

formed.

Mrs. Gordon Mallion, provincial board director, reported on the events of the FWIO semi-annual meeting as well as the coming year's activities.

Patricia Reid, Simcoe South economist, reported a record number of clubs in 4-H homemaking and adult courses.

The officers for the year are as follows: Mrs. Donald Monkman,

Cookstown, president; Mrs. William Sturdy, Gifford, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Gordon Mallion, Tottenham, federation representative; Mrs. Earl Bell, Cookstown, federation of agriculture representative; and Mrs. H. Watson, Bradford, public relations officer.

This year's conveners are: Mrs. J. Fernhout, Bradford, agriculture and Canadian industries;

Mrs. P. Tipping, Tottenham, citizenship and world affairs; Mrs. K. Sinclair, Churchill, family and consumer affairs; Mrs. F. Anderson, Alliston, education and cultural activities; Mrs. William Sutherland, Bond Head, resolutions; and Mrs. C. Reynolds, Beeton, Tweedsmuir history.

The primary and junior choirs of the Beeton public school,

under the direction of Anita Yeoman, provided a most enjoyable program.

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W.I. plans 60th anniversary meeting

After a two month holiday the Beeton Women's Institute held its September meeting at the home of Mrs. C. Reynolds.

Plans were made for the display at this week's Fall Fair, and also for the W.I.'s 60th anniversary in October.

The program this month was "Public Relations" and Mr. Vaughn Fife, of the Royal Bank in Beeton, was the guest speaker. He gave some excellent tips on banking

and investing and stressed the benefits for over 60's. The Institute thanked Mr. Fife for his trouble.

The Institute Grace closed the meeting and Mrs. W. Watson conducted a short contest while lunch was being served. The winner was Mrs. G. Drury.

The next meeting October 21st is the 60th Anniversary meeting. They are looking forward to many guests.

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The Annual District Meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the Trinity United Church in Beeton last Tuesday, May 13 for the newly elected executive.

Mrs. E. Ritchie new Beeton W.I. head

On April 8th the Institute met at the home of Mrs. G. Drury. Sixteen members answered the roll call by paying of fees.

Mrs. Drury conducted the Installation of Officers for 1980-81 season. Our new President Mrs. E. Ritchie took over the meeting. Much discussion of coming events followed. Those wishing to go to Erland Lee will go with Alliston. Our dessert euchre is April 22nd.

The theme for this

meeting was "Safety".

Mrs. S. McMinn was able to get Mr. Al Wiley and Mr. Ray Rosenthal, from the "Rescue Squad" in Tottenham. A film showing their work was shown followed by a question and answer period. The "Squad" has units in Midhurst and Orillia, also anyone around this area whether industrial, commercial, or highway accident may get them by call-

ing Tottenham Fire Hall. One of our finest programs, the dedication of these men and women is outstanding. Mrs. S. McMinn presented a cheque on behalf of the Institute.

Our dessert euchre, on April 22nd in Simcoe Manor.

May meeting at the home of Mrs. H. Lisk at 2:00 p.m.

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Mrs. E. Ritchie
Chairman



Beeton Fair Display
Sept. 1980



MYRA M'DERMID
MARY CAMPBELL
ELIZABETH GILMAN



The Senior Citizens room of the Simcoe Manor was beautifully decorated last Tuesday in blue and gold, official colours of the Women's Institute commemorating the celebration of their 60th Anniversary.

Present at the meeting were (L. to R.) Mrs. W. Coburn, Mrs. Elaine McCague - guest speaker, Mrs. A. Hagerman and Mrs. E. Ritchie, president.

Elaine McCague, guest speaker at 60th anniversary of Beeton Institute

The spacious Senior Citizens Room at Simcoe Manor was the setting for the 60th Anniversary of Beeton Women's Institute. The tables were beautifully decorated with the blue and gold colours of the Institute.

Our President, Mrs. E. Ritchie, opened the meeting with the singing of "O Canada" followed by Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Our guests (approximately 80, and including representatives from 8 other Institutes) were given a warm welcome. Mrs. Alec Culgin was there, our only Charter Member of 60 years ago, and also a Life Member. Mrs. J. A. Camplin was another Life Member present. Mrs. E. McAdam who was a guest at the first meeting 60 years ago, was also present.

sent.

A two minute silence was held in memory of those members who have passed on.

Mrs. D. Monkman, District President, addressed the meeting, and Mrs. Ida Scurdy, district Secretary-Treasurer spoke briefly.

Our guest speaker was Mrs. George McCague. Most of us know Elaine, and all enjoyed her speech. Our musical selections were rendered by the West family in their usual special way.

Mrs. Gordon Drury gave the 60 year history of Beeton Women's Institute. Marjorie spent hours and days arranging this paper and is to be commended for the excellent job she did.

Mrs. Gordon Mallon,

Board Director for the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario, offered her congratulations on our anniversary and urged members to try and recruit more members.

The meeting closed with the singing of "God Save The Queen" followed by Institute Grace.

The lunch committee, under the charge of Mrs. Herb Lisk, served a very delicious lunch.

As one visitor commented, "that was a lovely evening, the music was good, the speaking was good, the lunch was good, it was all good".

The following day, October 22nd, Mrs. C.

Reynolds, delegate, Mrs. A. Hagerman, and Mrs. G. Drury, attended Simcoe Area Women's Institute 48th Annual Convention in Elmville Presbyterian Church.



The Annual Meeting of the Canadian Cancer Society (Barrie and District Unit) was held in Barrie Oct. 20. Awards of merit were presented to well-deserving local people. Stella and Cliff Abrams of Tottenham received the 21-year award. Mr. Abrams is President of the Tottenham Branch of the Society.



Marjorie Reynolds of Beeton received the Award of Merit from the Canadian Cancer Society for the outstanding contribution she has made to the Society for the last 17 years. Mr. Mayor Howard Campbell makes the presentation.



Marjorie Drury of Beeton received the 17 year Award of Merit from the Canadian Cancer Society. She was honoured at the Society's Annual Meeting in Barrie Oct. 20. Miss Township Reeve Charlie Pridham presented the award to the Beeton native. George Smith, President of the Barrie Branch of the Society.

Beeton site of W.I. district annual meeting

The Beeton W.I. is busy making plans for the Annual District meeting to be held in Beeton.

Mrs. H. Lisk was hostess to the Beeton Women's Institute on May 6th. Sixteen members

answered the Roll Call. The program was for Agriculture and Canadian Industries.

Guest speaker, Mr. Leo Halpern from Beeton, is associated with the manufacturing of smoke

detectors. The demonstration that followed was well worth hearing and seeing the many kinds of detectors for sale. Mr. Halpern is proud to say his firm's product was picked by 'Market Place'

as the best buy.

The District Annual is held this year, May 13, in Beeton United Church. Plans were made and each member given a job. They hope to see a good attendance from the Eleven Institutes in the District.

The next meeting is June 10, at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. W. Briscoe.



Harry Cross and his wife Blunson were honoured Friday night by members of the Beeton Agricultural Society with the gift of this beautiful clock. Mr. Cross has been secretary-treasurer of the Society for 31 years. He was the target of some good natured roasting at the affair emceed by Dr. S.R. McKelvey. Other Fair board members honoured were Mrs. Cross; Mr. D. K. Harvey who has been auditor for 25 years; Doris Gould who helped with the books; Myrtle Westlake who has served as Harry's assistant for many years.



The new Simcoe Motor Bus was given its official opening Sept. 10 in Beeton. Local dignitaries were on hand to participate in the ceremony, including, above, members of the Simcoe Motor Home Auxiliary.

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The Beeton Agricultural Fair was sponsored by the Tecumseh Branch Society in the year 1968. Pure bred stock was introduced to a limited extent in the township but the stock by law was only partially exemptive. The law was not put in force because of the fact that everybody's business is nobody's business. It was under municipal control and was a dead letter.

The fair was held in Penville for a number of years, but was brought to Beeton in the early seventies and is still held here. W. Root being the first president, W.R. Dickson secretary and V.W. Hannell treasurer.

A large building 150 x 60 feet was erected with self supporting roof, the largest building with clear floor space in the county at that time. A great deal of the labor in the erection was gratis, but the building was erected on private property and was afterwards used for other purposes. The society was very prosperous for a time, and to add to the success the fair was held in Tottenham in the year 1978 and a big addition was made to the membership. But, as a redistribution of electoral divisions was made the society was taken from South Simcoe and attached to Cardwell District. Through the change in position the legislative grant came through the Cardwell Electoral Society and the share to the Tecumseh branch for that year (1979) was only \$200.30 compared with the grant of \$140.00 previously received from the Simcoe Electoral District. The treasurer made a protest but received no reply and on the succeeding year the grant was still reduced to \$75.00. At the next annual meeting the members from Beeton and neighbourhood attended the Electoral meeting in Ross Hill and elected a new board. The treasurer of the Tecumseh branch was appointed treasurer of the Electoral Society and he took charge of the bank and the society was moved to Beeton. A protest was entered and a deputation from each place attended in Toronto and stated their case and the Department decided in favor of the change. Since that time the agricultural societies have prospered and have a first class half mile track and 601 grounds and all in good shape for the coming year. A very big addition to the prize list and the largest purses for speeding put up and many additions have been made in the hall by the ladies and the annual together with a high class concert and dance.

Tottenham's Simcoe W.I. Director finishes term

"Are we moving forward or standing still?" asked the retiring Simcoe Area Women's Institute Board Directors Mrs. Gordon Mallion of Tottenham and Mrs. Don Harvie of Orillia as they presented their last report.

They spoke of the highlights and the enthusiasm of the Junior W.I. as was evident at their recent annual convention. Perhaps we should take a page from their book as they are the members of the future. They then welcomed their successors Mrs. Ron Courts of Mimico and Mrs. James Beard of Coldwater, who will represent the Simcoe Area W.I. on The Provincial Board for the next three years.

Miss Molly McGhee the Director of the Home Economics Branch O.M.A.F. praised the W.I. and the 4H leaders for their support and efforts which resulted in an increase in the membership in the clubs. Miss McGhee's staff keep abreast of the changing needs with new and exciting programs for the seniors as well.

Mrs. Bowen was re-

lected as President, Mrs. W. Courts and Mrs. G. Downing as Vice President, Mrs. D. Parry as Secretary Treasurer and Mrs. Maude Freeman as P.R.O. The 1982 Area Convention will be in Orillia Oct. 12 and 13th. "Understanding and Acceptance of the Disabled" was the theme of the

Simcoe Area Women's Institute when it met in Barrie for the 49th Annual Convention.

Miss Vicky Tonello of Bell Canada spoke on the theme, telling of the new equipment that is now available for the handicapped, and of the continuing research for new aids that will make it possible for

everyone to use their new methods of communication.

"Mrs. Westerbring-Muller of the Netherlands, the World President will be the guest speaker at the Women's Institute 85th anniversary celebrations to be held in Toronto in August 1982," said Mrs. Janet Hienleth the Provin-

cial President as she addressed the delegates. Plans are being made for the National Convention in N.B. in 1982 and the World Conference in B.C. in 1983. Mrs. Hienleth urged the members to make it known that all women may join the W.I. regardless of race, religion and politics. 1981

Women's Institutes meet

COOKSTOWN - The district directors meeting of the Women's Institute was held last week at the home of Mrs. Ann Monkman with about 25 ladies from 11 branches attending.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch and the meeting opened as usual, with the Mary Stewart Collect.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Sturdy, and business and correspondence was dealt with.

Federation representative, Mrs. Mallion, reported on the board meeting held in Barrie.

There is need of a new display case at the museum, and the ladies decided to contribute to this each year.

Discussion was also held on the International Plowing Match set for Crown Hill this fall, and the International Year of Disabled Persons.

The district meeting will be held in Gifford on May 14 with Whipper Billy Watson as the guest speaker.

Plans were also made to have an exhibit at the Beeton and Cookstown fairs later this year.

Roll call must be answered by "family and consumer affairs"

or "how to help the handicapped."

PRO reports are to be sent to Mrs. Watson in Bradford as soon as possible after the annual branch meeting.

March 1981

Women's Institute to write planning board

The Women's Institute held their February meeting at the home of Mrs. W. Cotnam. Mrs. Ritchie presided, and after opening the meeting with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect, read an item taken from the Star paper about the life of Kate Aitken, a former Beetonian.

We had eleven members and three visitors. Reports were given from the treasurer and sick and visiting chairperson. Correspondence was discussed and it was decided to write to the Planning Board regarding street names. This Institute had already written to Mr. Fava, the developer and also to the council about naming streets after founding citizens.

We had two speakers this month. First we had Mrs. Maile Boynton who is in charge of "Meals on Wheels" in this village. Maile gave a detailed description of the work and needs of this project,

especially volunteer drivers. Maile then introduced our next speaker Miss Ingrid Bradencamp, who is a Rotary exchange student, staying with the Boyntons for a few months.

Ingrid showed slides and spoke on her native land, South Africa. The question and answer period that followed was a lively one, showing the interest taken. Current

events were read and the meeting closed with Institute grace.

Next meeting March 10 at Mrs. Drury's. Our annual Pot Luck luncheon. 1981

Beeton Womens Institute report

The Beeton Women's Institute held its October meeting in the Senior Citizens Room at Simcoe Manor. Our sister Institute, Churchill, was invited to this meeting.

In the absence of our President, Mrs. G. Drury conducted the meeting. Our Institute accepted an invitation from Bond

Head Institute to be present at their Oct. meeting on Oct. 27th. Our November meeting will be our Annual Dinner Out and Mrs. H. Cross is in charge of dinner arrangements.

We had two speakers this month. First was Mrs. Jean Owens of Alliston who gave a vivid account

of the beginning and function of the Library. Then Mrs. Judy Smith of Beeton displayed her lovely crafts. Her quilting is superb.

Mrs. Reynolds conducted a contest prior to the closing Grace. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.

Beeton W.I. Christmas meeting

On Dec. 9 the Beeton Women's Institute gathered at the home of Mrs. H. Lisk for its Christmas meeting.

Amid decorations and candle light Mrs. E. Ritchie conducted the meeting. Nineteen members answered the roll call and we had 5 visitors. Mrs. R. McFarlane gave the comment on the Motto. We welcomed Delma back after an absence for 2 years.

It was decided that the January meeting will be held at Mrs. Lisk's to accommodate our speaker, Patricia Young. Pat is a field worker with the March of Dimes con-

noted with the physically disabled. Mrs. Greenville McCague favoured us with several humorous readings. Mrs. J. Hrookura gave a vivid description of Christmas in Holland. She had a display of cookies and candy she had just received from Holland. We then had a penny sale which proved very entertaining. Mrs. C. Reynolds played several carols during this sale.

The lunch was delicious with sandwiches and cookies and finally the Christmas cake made and served by Mrs. Lisk with her Christmas wishes to each one. 1980

Beeton W.I. report

Beeton's Women's Institute held its Sept. meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Ritchie.

Following the opening of the meeting, a minute's silence was held for the late Mrs. A. Culgin a Life Member of this Institute. Our business consisted mostly of plans for our Fall Fair display and our day at the Ploughing Match on Oct. 2, 1981.

Our guest speaker was Rob Shannon our local pharmacist. Rob spoke on the use and abuse of drugs. It proved most interesting and he had lots of questions to answer.

Our October meeting will be held in the Senior Citizens Room in Simcoe Manor, Oct. 13 and we will be entertaining our sister Institute, Churchill.

Women's Institute celebrates 85th anniversary

Corinne Mallion, Rhoda Montgomery and Peggy Thomson, three members of Tottenham Women's Institute attended the 85th Anniversary Luncheon in honour of the founding of the Women's Institute of Ontario.

Among the guest speakers attending at the "Galaxy Ballroom" in the Constellation Hotel were Ursula Appolini representing Pierre Trudeau. Mr. Trudeau sent his personal message in that "Women Institute members are highly regarded in the community as homemakers."

Hon. Dennis Timbrell, Minister of Agriculture reminded us of our commitment to our families in this changing world. Good wishes were sent from Joe Clark, the Senate of Canada, the Queen and also W.M. Davis.

Mrs. Jiny Westebring-

Muller, President, Associated Country Women of the World who was elected as President of nine million members was our guest speaker. She reminded us of our very humble beginnings and commented on our theme

"From a flicker to a flame." She advised us to raise our homes to the highest possible level thereby raising a mighty force whose influence knows no bounds. A timely skit was performed and a delicious luncheon served. 1982

Beeton W.I. report

The January meeting of Beeton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. W. Coburn. Only ten members answered the Roll Call. We had 2 visitors.

It was decided to hold an auction sale in February, with each member bringing an item for the auction. Mrs. I. Reynolds, a former member of this Institute was one of our guest

speakers. Mrs. Reynolds is taking a quilting course sponsored by the Institute and brought a display of her work. It was really lovely work and much admired.

Mrs. Jessie Steers was our other guest speaker. She is Area President and gave us a list of our duties followed by a short talk. Our next meeting is at Mrs. G. Drury. 1982

Bond Head W.I. host Beeton Institute ladies

Women's Institute

On Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 27th the Bond Head Women's Institute met in the Community Hall where they had the pleasure of entertaining the Beeton Institute ladies to a Kentucky Fried chicken and desert luncheon convened by the committee of Mrs. Ruth Newton, Mrs. Elva Sutherland and Mrs. Florence Landrekin.

Our regular meeting followed with a warm welcome to our guests from our President. Roll Call was answered by "How can we present or future grandmothers be useful".

Acknowledgements of appreciation were received from the ladies program committee at the ploughing match.

Elva gave an excellent report on the 49th Area Convention she had attended in Barrie with over 400 in attendance. The understanding and acceptance of the disabled and the importance of appreciation for their accomplishments was strongly emphasized and

the main topic for the speaker. Elva brought us up to date on the many important changes.

Mrs. Florence Phillips and Mrs. Bea Dixon reported on the Tweedsmuir Book. It was interesting to learn of their contacts and the useful information available through the records.

Ruth then gave a reading entitled "The Ideal Mother" with her many experiences and responsibilities. She considered this a real honour

and would not exchange her place for anything else.

Elva then introduced our guest Mrs. Linda Deyarmond of Bond Head who presented us with a very well prepared program on Creative Stitchery. Linda introduced us to many types and also explained stitch and stuff. Many samples were on display. Ruth expressed our gratitude and presented a token in appreciation.

She followed with a reading "If God went on

Strike" which gave us much food for thought. Elva then threw in a good portion of humour as she gave her version on aging.

Beeton W.I. report

On March 9th, the Beeton Women's Institute held its annual Pot Luck Luncheon at the home of Mrs. G. Drury. As usual the food was delicious and plentiful.

Mrs. C. Reynolds presided at the meeting that followed, in the absence of our President. Included in our business was a motion to hold a dessert euchre in May. This motion was carried and plans will be made for this event at a future date.

The highlight of our program was a paper read by Mrs. G. Drury on "Making A Home". The paper was prepared and read by the late Mrs. Geo. Hutchinson for the Institute many years ago. Mrs.

Gladys Hammell, who lives in Beeton is the daughter of Mrs. Hutchinson. Mrs. E. Stewart conducted two contests which are always enjoyable.

Mrs. E. Stewart of the nominating committee read the State of Officers for 1982-83. These officers were accepted and duly inducted. The meeting adjourned. 1982

Beeton W.I. report

The October meeting of Beeton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. W. Coburn.

Our President, Mrs. E. Ritchie, opened the meeting in the usual manner. Fourteen members answered the roll call. We had two

Mrs. J. Polkinghorne of Palmerton was our guest speaker. She spoke on Education. Her talk was quite interesting. Current Events were given by Mrs. H. Lisk. Meeting closed with the Institute Grace. Lunch was served by the hostesses. 1982



At the Beeton Women's Institute's Bake Sale on Friday afternoon, Narval Stewart was inspecting what Freda Lisk had to offer before making a purchase. The bake sale, which was in the basement of the Simcoe Manor, was preceded by a desert euchre where people filled 13 tables to play cards and eat the deserts, made by the ladies of the Institute. 1982



BIOGRAPHY OF MAIDA FRN RITCHIE

My name is Maida Frn Ritchie. I was born at Fenville in Tecumseh Township, Stacey County, Lat 33 N 2 E, Concession 4. Attended Fenville Public School and Schenberg Continuation School and graduated in 1932. I married Edgar Ritchie April 2nd, 1938 and we lived in Alliston until 1951. We have two children, Bill Ritchie and Jane Plets.

Bill Ritchie married Norma Cooks. They have two children Tracy and Ryan and live in Alliston.

Jane Ritchie married Stoney Plets and they have four children, Janis Welton, Wendy Anne, Cindy Plets and Carol Lynn. They live in Prince Edward Island.

Edgar and I attend Trinity United Church. I have been a member of the Cancer Society, President of the Horticultural Society and the first president of Beeton Figure Skating Club, President of Beeton Women's Institute 1961-1962-1963 during which time we celebrated the 50th Anniversary. We live on 38 Patterson St., Beeton.



BIOGRAPHY OF THELMA WATSON CUMMIS

I was born Thelma Esther Watson, Jan. 22nd, 1916 at Loretto, Ontario, 7th, line Adela Township. Attended Loretto Public School and Beeton Continuation School.

I married William Cumis Sept. 27, 1941. We took up residence at the garage living quarters where my husband was proprietor. Our daughter Len was born May 30th, 1943. In 1945 we purchased the house on Centre Street where I still reside. Our sons Jerry was born Dec. 17th, 1948 and Gregory was born Jan. 14th, 1951. Bill passed away in July 1970. I have 5 granddaughters and 1 grandson.

BIOGRAPHY OF FRED WATSON LICK

I was born August 2nd, 1917 in a farm house on the 5th, line Adela Township in Frederick and Isabella (nee Sturtevant) Watson as Ethelfreda L. Watson. I was third in a family of seven, 4 brothers and 2 sisters, Vera, Harold, myself, Thelma, Vernon, Hubert and Jack.

I attended S.S.#4 public school, Adela. Later it was demolished and a house stands there now. I went to Beeton Continuation School a couple of years.

In 1937 I married Herbert G. Lick and moved to his farm on the 6th, line east of Beeton in Tecumseh Township. We raised 4 children, Robert Watson Lick born 1938. Died 1960. Barbara Ann, Sharon Carol and Catherine Kaye. The girls all got married and we have 5 grandchildren.

In 1952 Herb bought a John Deere Dealership in Beeton. He still farmed till 1965 when we sold the farm and built a house on Adela Ave. in Beeton where we are still residing. In 1971 Herb sold his John Deere business. I am a member of Trinity United Church, also a U.C.W. member. I also belong to the Beeton Women's Institute. Freda Lick 1962.

Biography of Evelyn Lisk Aiken.

I was born in Jack County, Kansas Territory in the year 1866, the eldest of ten children born to Charles Lisk and Cecelia (Wakel) Lisk and attended the Catholic Church (St. Joseph) and school at Brown's Store School House. I had to walk over 3 miles to school so didn't start school till I was seven years old. When I was nine years old we moved from the store house about three miles to my grandfather's farm and he moved to Beeton, Ont. We lived in a part log and part frame house one winter when my father built a new brick house. I lived there till I was twenty years old and my father sold that farm to Lorne Carson and we moved to Beeton, where my two youngest sisters were born. I worked in a store for Mr. Cornell and later Richard Kearns. When I was twenty I married Richard Humphrys. After seventeen months he passed away at the age of thirty seven years and I went to work at my uncle (Edna Perki) for three years and in 1930 I married Jim A. Aiken. I am a member of Trinity United Church, Beeton, and we had five children all living and married. We are blessed with 17 grandchildren. One boy married and a girl getting married last of July. We farmed on the 4th. line of Temaseeth Township for twenty-five years, moving to Beeton where we bought a house on Church Street from the Walker Sisters, and lived there and my husband built a home on one of the lots on this property and have lived there ever since. We are now retired and have a cottage at Chetwynd five miles east of Parksville where we spend our summers. My Grandfather Noah Lisk in my Mother's family lived to be 93 years old and my Grandfather Henry Lisk lived to be 88 years old.

Mrs. Evelyn Pearl Aiken.

Biography of Mariel Mitche Reynolds.

I was born June 21st. at lot 24 Concession 8, Temaseeth Township, the daughter of William and Jennie (Bathurst) Mitche. I have one brother Edgar, who lives in Beeton.

I attended No 11 Temaseeth Public School and drove by horse and buggy or cutter to Beeton Continuation School where I received my Junior Matriculation.

June 21st, 1917 I married Cecil Reynolds and since then have lived on the Reynolds farm lot 14, Concession 10, Temaseeth Township. We have a daughter Carolyn, who is a graduate of Toronto Teachers' College and a son, Walter, who graduated with his Master's degree in Landscape Architecture from Harvard University.

My husband passed away November 1948. Some of my interests are classical and semi-classical music, reading, horticulture and volunteer work with the Cancer Society. Since Senior auxiliary, United Church Women, two Historical Societies, and the women's Institute which honored me with a Life Membership in 1961.

Mariel Reynolds.

Biography of Myra Hamilton McAdam

I was born Myra Hamilton in Carleton Township, Perry Sound District, October 8, 1899. Came to Beeton first in 1920, worked in Beeton and then in Toronto. I was married to Emerson McAdam May 21st, 1924 in Toronto. Lived there for several years, then in Windsor. Came back to Beeton in 1930 and started farming on the tenth line of Temaseeth Township in 1932. Farmed for 28 years, then moved to Beeton in 1960 on Prospect Street. I have one son, Billy Thomas and a daughter Eve Mae, both married. My husband died in July 13, 1977. Later I retired to the Senior Citizens Apartments.

Mrs. Myra McAdam.

Biography of Edith Hooper Hayberry.

I was the youngest of three children born on the 11th. line of Temaseeth Township June 16th, 1923. My name is Edith Elizabeth Hooper. My parents were Albert and Edith Hooper. I attended Beeton Junction school, we lived on the farm until 1941, then moved to Beeton. I did house work until 1943, then worked in the stores for the late Jack Campbell and Ernie Piller.

In 1947 I was married to Gordon Hayberry when I met when I worked at Bedford Long's in 1944. I have four children, Gerald, Elaine, Wayne and R.J. My husband passed away May 14th, 1976. I still live on Queen Street with my family.

Edith Hayberry.

Biography of Mary Wilson Watson.

I was born at Emery on a farm in York County on April 24, 1907, the 4th child in a family of ten and I was christened Mary Rebecca Wilson.

In 1912 we moved to a farm in the Township of Toronto Gore in Peel County and I attended public school at Eberseter, R.R. No 10 Toronto Gore for seven years. In 1920 we moved to a farm in Vaughan Township, York County and I attended Weston High School for four years. I attended Toronto Normal School in the 1925-26 year.

From January 1928 until June 1937 I taught in three rural schools in Peel County. Attended Eberseter United Church for 23 years. At Woodhill in Chingassouay Township for 4 years, then at Woodhill in Caledon Township for 2 years then at Eberseter in Toronto Gore Township for 4 years.

In June 1937 I married Wilfrid Watson of Caledon. We bought a farm in Chingassouay Township where we spent 16 years and our 3 children arrived while we lived there. Attended Mayfield United Church while there.

In 1953 we bought Jim Aiken's farm on 9th. line of Tecumseh in Stouffville and spent 16 years there. From 1958 until 1963 I taught at Cookstown School. We sold the farm in 1968 to Hunter Bede Bed Company but reserved a lot and built a house to retire. I still reside there. My husband passed away in 1976.

I am present I am a member of Trinity United Church, Weston, the Weston Women's Institute, The U.C.W. of Trinity United and the Weston Horticultural Society and Weston Senior Citizens.

Mary Watson R.R. # 2, Weston Ont.

Biography of Isabel Hagerman.

My name is Isabel Hagerman. I am the only girl in a family of seven. I was born in Toronto, March 19, 1913. I went to school to Grade 8 and then took a 3 year commercial course at Eastern High School of Commerce and received a diploma. As there were no jobs at the time I graduated I worked as a domestic in a large household in North Toronto. While visiting friends in the Trenton area I met my husband. He moved to Toronto and we were married on February 2nd, 1941. A boy was born the following year and he passed away at age 5 months. A second boy was born and he passed away at age 15 months. I then went to work at Eaton's while my husband was away at World War II. On his return another boy was born. He is married and has 2 children- a boy and a girl. We moved to Weston in 1941. During the course of our stay we have had two fires and lost everything. After the fires I went to work in Toronto for 14 years. I am presently retired and enjoying 41 years of married life. I attend Trinity United Church, belong to the U.C.W., the Women's Institute, the Senior Citizens Club and Weston Horticultural Society.

(Arthur) Isabel Hagerman, 271 Bayview St
Weston, Ont.

Biography of Marjorie Findlay Gruy.

I was born in Greenore, Ontario, Simcoe County, the eldest in a family of four children, one sister and two brothers, to McGill Findlay and Eliza (Fritwell) Findlay, where my parents had a General Store. I was christened Marjorie Rebecca Findlay.

We moved to a farm on the 7th. line, lot 10, Tecumseh Township, south of Weston, in 1922, which we bought from Mr. Andrew Irwin. I attended Weston Public School and Weston Continuation School. Went to St. Paul's Anglican Sunday School and Church. After leaving school I worked for Miss Susan Billson, near Tottenham, who had broken her elbow, and later in Harry Katz's Dry Goods Store on Main Street of Weston in front of the building owned by W.A. Colwell, the Undertaker at that time.

I was married to Gordon William Gruy on June 1st, 1938, in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Weston, by Rev. H.B. Cleverdon. I moved to a farm on lot 3, on the 6th. line, Tecumseh Township, west of the Tottenham Road, where Gordon had been farming and hatching for three years. We were there six more years. Our two sons Clarence Gordon was born in 1940, and Norman Keith in 1943. In 1944 we bought the farm on lot 10, 6th. line, Tecumseh Township from a lawyer Murray Gordon of Toronto, where we lived until moving to Weston in May 1963 to 476 Maple Ave. in the Newton Subdivision. Our daughter Maria Marjorie was born on the farm in 1945. Our family are all married and we are blessed with four grandchildren and one grandson.

I am a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, the Weston Women's Institute, W.I. Tuesday History Curator, have helped with the Canadian Cancer Society for several years and belong to the Senior Citizens Club. I also enjoy my scrap books and quilting.

Since my husband suffered a stroke and dementia in Feb. 1981, I have had very sore responsibilities around the home.

Marjorie Gruy.

Back to school for Tecumseth reunion

More than 200 old school chums packed into the Beeton agricultural building Saturday to renew friendships and swap stories. The occasion was the first reunion of Tecumseth's Cross school.

One of the highlights of the reunion was a tale of mischief by 91-year-old Bill Barton. On his last day of school Bill caught a mouse and, swinging it by the tail, tossed the creature at his teacher. The woman - to her alarm -

felt the mouse running up her leg and grabbed it as it raced under her dress.

The story put a twinkle in Bill's eyes and a smile on his face. Luckily he was returning to school no more. The

teacher did try to catch him, however, and give him a taste of the strap. Bill had an answer for that: he escaped from the outraged woman by leaping through an open window.

"I think it's wonderful, wonder, wonderful," commented Bill when asked about the reunion.

Lillian Glassford (mother of Tecumseth Reeve Allen Glassford) also seemed to enjoy the reunion. She began at Cross's school in 1907 and stayed for eight years, until she graduated. Lillian recalls that the doors of the school, now facing west, once faced north.

The reunion was the idea of Elwood McCague, who was intrigued with the possibilities after attending a successful reunion of his wife's old school friends.

For the occasion, Helen Lisk and Leeta Broome put together a 20-page booklet detailing the history of the school. Names like Lisk and Bell and Letts appear time after time: in their young days they received money for sweeping floors, lighting fires and scrubbing.

Frank Lisk, who could not stop smiling Saturday, seemed delighted by the crowds. Frank had every right to be pleased since the Lisk family gave the Cross's school such good business. When Frank himself attended the school (1923-30), three of his sisters and a brother were there as well. Frank later sent two sons and two daughters to the school.

The centennial of the school at its present location (the corner of Tecumseth's 8th concession and the 15th Side Road) will come up in 1984. The school has been renovated and is now being used as a home.



A group of the most venerable alumni from Tecumseth's Cross's school posed for a photograph Saturday. From left to right are Elizabeth Breedon, Elwood McCague, Eddie Bell, Saddle Westlake, Lillian Glassford, William E. Barton and Frank Lisk.



CROSS'S SCHOOL
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REUNION

Cross's school reunion recalls past

Saturday old students of Cross's school (outside Beeton) will have a chance to confess their sins. One hundred and seventy-five invitations were mailed out to alumni of the school, and organizers are hoping 300 will attend the school reunion.

After being moved in 1884 to its site on the corner of Tecumseth's 8th concession and the 15th side road, Cross's school saw a steady stream of local students pass through its doors. Among them were Lillian Glassford (mother of Tecumseth Reeve Allen Glassford) and Bill Barton, now 92 years old.

The idea of a reunion began with Elwood McCague, who was so im-

pressed with his wife's school reunion last summer, he wanted to see something similar done with the Cross school. He got together with Helen Lisk and Leeta Broome to organize the event. Helen and Leeta have compiled a 20-page history of the school.

The reunion takes place August 28, starting at 12:30 p.m. in the Beeton Park. Besides the chance to reminisce and view the collection of memorabilia, pictures will be taken. At 5 p.m. everyone will sit down to a pot luck supper. The registration fee is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

If you were ever truant from the school before, next Saturday is your chance to make amends.

S.S.10 CROSS'S SCHOOL/---BRATON

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BARRIE REGISTER

1913- Teacher- T. Willoughby --Jan.- Dec.
 1913- " - F. V. Wright---Jan.--June.
 " - E. McDermott--Sept.

SR. IV. NAME INFORMATION

X- ✓ Bredon Elizabeth (1907)

Barton Aubrey

✓ Barton Bill Sr.

Sally Cliff Lodge 11 Station Street Ajax, Ont.

✓ Bell Lillian

Mrs. Jackson Glassford, Berton Ont. R.R.I. LCG IAO.

✓ Bell Edward

R.R.I. Berton, Ont.

✓ Allison Hazel

Mrs. Fred Rostley, 23892 Danby Ave. Elford, California.

✓ Westlake Sadie

Mrs. James Tough, Simcoe Manor, Berton. (92630)

JR. IV.

Allison Nellie

Deceased.

Barton Lottie

Mrs. Gridland, North Bay, Ont.

SR. III.

Bredon Nat

R.R.I. Bradford.

Allison Willie

Deceased.

Chicooney Henry

Deceased.

Gosley George

Deceased.

Westlake Jim

Deceased.

SR. II.

Bell Victor

R.R.I. Grandville, Ferry, Nova Scotia, MD3 IFD.

Allison Earl

Goderich, Ont.

2- ✓ Bell Hazel

Mrs. Gordon Penny, 29 1st. St. Orangeville, Ont.

Gosley Albert

Deceased.

Jessop Olive

Deceased.

Allison Joe

Allison George

MacDonald Edna

MacDonald Ida

Miller Roy

MT. Brandon Ant. Hotel -700 MT. Pleasant, Toronto.

2- ✓ Phillips Oscar

269 Victoria St. Alliston, Ont. LCG IAO

Ash Reggie

Deceased.

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Rogers Henry

"

MacDonald Irene

"

Sept. 1913

✓ Gross Helen

Mrs. Williamson, 489 Rebecca St. Oakville LAG IBT

Phillips Harold

Deceased. Alliston, Ont.

Dunham Harold

126 Denner Dr. Newmarket, Ont.

1916

Teacher- Jan.

E. Nichol

Deceased.

JR. IV.

Stewart Pearl

Mrs. Dick Kearns Deceased.

2- JR. II. ✓ Stewart Ruth

Mrs. George Lisk, Berton, Ont. LCG IAO.

McCord William

JR. III.

Bell Wilmet

Deceased.

2- ✓ Swan Milton

94 Wellington w. Barrie, Ont. LCG IX7.

Swan Mable

Deceased

2- ✓ Stewart Erle

Berton, Ont. LCG IAO.

Bird Thomas (Married Stan. Bredon's sister)

✓ Broon Irene

Mrs. Doug. Bruce, 5514 Road Ave. Weston, Ont.

✓ Westlake Bernice

Mrs. Mill McCarthy Box 1968 Deep River, Ont.

	Name	2.	Information.
JR.I.			
2 -	✓McCaune Olive		Mrs. Elmer Brown, 188 Lord Nelson Dr. Toronto, Ont.
1 -	✓Stewart Gerald		Beeton, Ont. L.G. IAO.
1 -	✓McCague Freda		Mrs. Lloyd Lilly 5901 Ashan Rd. Islington, Ont.
May 16.			
1 -	✓Bell Truman		Beeton, Ont. R.R.I.
	Grange Norma		Deceased.
2 -	✓Westlake Garnet		Tottenham, Ont. R.R.3. L.G. IAO.
2 -	✓Cross Harry		Beeton, Ont. R.R.I. L.G. IAO.
June			
	Holley Williams		
Nov.			
	Fraser Earl		
1 -	✓Bernett Leeta		Mrs. Willard Brown, R.R.3, Beeton Ont.
2 -	✓Bernett Beulah		Mrs. Laurence Colbourne Beeton, Ont.
1918	Teacher		Grete Atkinson Jan. - Dec.
1 -	✓Bateman Gordon		Cresmore, Ont. R.R.2.
	Clarkson Mildred		
	Cross Myrtle		821 9th. Ave. Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. CHIOA
	Cross Louise		
	Lynn Hilda		
	Cross Wellington		
1 -	✓Sweazy George (Wife Mary Sweazy)		Deceased.
	Reynolds Gordon		Palmerston, Ont.
	Cowland George		Deceased.
			Cheltenham, Ont.
1919	Teacher		Edith McDermott Sept. 1918-Jan. 1919.
2 -	✓Bell Clifford		
	and Ethel (Teacher)		106 Ewart Ave. Beeton, Toronto.
	✓Gealey Naomi		Mrs. Brifoni 49 Logansdale Rd. Willowdale, Ont. M2N 4H3
1922	Teacher		F.V. Parks Sept. - Dec.
1921	✓Lisk Ethel		Mrs. Ted. Johnson R.R.3 Elgin EOG IAO.
1924	Teacher-J.B. Ellis Sept. 1924		
	Mrs. Stanley Parker Dec.-June, 1926.		
2 -	✓Lisk Herb.		21 Maple Ave. 1. Beeton Ont. L.G. IAO.
	Letta Ernie		Deceased.
1 -	✓Hewson Hazel		Mrs. Ed. Jeffery, Apt. 810, 240 Markland Dr. Etobicoke, Ont. M9J 1B3
2 -	✓Bernett Bill		Beeton, Ont. R.R.2.
2 -	✓Lisk Jean		Mrs. Ab. Stang 1854 Main St. W. Apt. 504 Hamilton, Ont. I8S 1H5
	Baker Bill		Deceased.
2 -	✓Baker Thomas		Grassdale, Ont.
2 -	✓Baker Ivy		Mrs. Reg. Barton, Beeton, Ont.
1 -	✓Letta Ada		Mrs. Harold Watson, 105 Holland St. W. Bradford.
	Dunham Ida (Baldwin ?)		Deceased.
	Allan Helen		
2 -	✓Cross Veslene		Mrs. C. Jones, 24 Woodgate Dr. Toronto. M6N 4W3
	✓Gealey Gordon		Morrisburg, Ont.
2 -	✓Londry Murray.		Alliston, Ont.
2 -	✓Lisk Frank		Beeton, Ont. R.R.I.
1 -	✓Bernett Vera		Mrs. Tom. Fair, Grangeville, Ont. R.R.I.
1 -	✓Bell Isabel		Mrs. Charles Noble, 34 Kirknewton Rd. Toronto.
	✓Gealey Carl		161 Christie St. Toronto. Phone 534-9737 (Unpublished)
2 -	✓Barton Isabel		Mrs. Isabel Ogle, 24 Shirley Cresc. Scarborough.

Year	Name	Information
1924	2 - ✓ Robinson Earl	159 Hollingsworth Cr. King City. 100 180
	Service Elmer	Deceased.
	Link Jerry	Deceased.
1925	2 - ✓ McMillan STEWART	117 Prospect St. Beeton, Ont. 100 180.
April.		
2 - ✓ McQuiggle Elwood	65 Princess Margaret Blvd., Islington, M9A 2A3	
	Martin Herbert	Deceased.
1 - ✓ Barton Bill JR.	Schenberg, Ont.	
	Westlake Norman	Deceased.
2 - ✓ Link Marie	Mrs. Vic. Mohr 912 Jenkins Ave. Victoria B.C. V9B 2N7	
1 - ✓ Bell Ada	Mrs. Joe Duffy, 696 Shepherd Ave. Downsview.	
	McQuiggle Billy	Deceased.
	✓ Gosley Donald	(See Carl)
1 - ✓ Dermott Aileen	Mrs. John Polkinghorne, 130 Main St. Palmerston, Ont.	
1927	Teacher Jan.-June	A.H. Ryan Deceased.
	Noble Herbie	(E.A. Letts).
	✓ Noble Marjory	* Mrs. Ivan Gilmore, 112 Wheatfield Rd. Toronto. 100 288.
	Hearn Anna	(Norman Miller).
2 - ✓ Dermott Valma	Mrs. Ken. McDonald, Dundalk, Ont.	
	Feaver Spencer	Wagatowen, Ont.
2 - ✓ Feaver Mildred	102 Goulding Ave. Willowdale, Ont.	
Sept.	Teacher Sept. 27- June, 1930	✓ Margaret Marchant - Mrs. H.E. Sutton
		255 Glenlake Ave. Apt. 612, Toronto.
2 - ✓ Link Helen	Mrs. W.C. Wylie, 2367 Selene Rd. R.R.3, Seoke B.C. 100 180	
	Robinson Gordon	Deceased
1 - ✓ Smart Nellie	Mrs. McCarroll, Strong Ont. 100 280	
	Smart Lloyd	Deceased.
	Robinson Ross	Deceased.
	Reed Gladys (Wm. Westlake).	
2 - ✓ Feaver Marguerite	Mrs. Reg. Pace Box 73, Staynor, R.R.2, 100 180.	
1929	Teacher SEPT. 30- June 31,	Evelyn Bneyd.
	✓ Stewart Clifford	34 Valken Cr. Tottenham, 100 180.
1 - ✓ Westlake Marion	(Miss) 183 Bevie Ave. Toronto. 100 288.	
	✓ Barton Evelyn	Mrs. Evelyn Stark, 388 Riverside Br. Oakville, Ont.
	Wardina Mary	Deceased.
1930	Curry Jim (Wm. Westlake).	
	Raymer Eileen (Sam Reynolds).	
	Connors Clarence (E.A. Letts.)	
	Connors Ruth	
	✓ McVety Lottie	Mrs. Arnold Lawson, Orangeville, R.R.5.
	✓ McVety Everett	John St. Bradford.
2 - ✓ Armstrong Eileen	Mrs. Jack Gray Main St. Beeton.	
2 - ✓ Armstrong Berie	Mrs. Robert Green, 38 Lundy's Lane Newmarket 100 388.	
1931	Teacher- Fred. Hall	Deceased.
to	✓ (Urie)	
1934		
2 - ✓ Armstrong Bill	196 Richard Clark Cr. Downsview. 100 180	
	✓ Armstrong Alma	Mrs. David Hunter, 604 Delaware Ave. Burlington. 100 388
1935	Teacher Edna Johnston, Mrs. Truman Bell.	Deceased.
✓ 1937	✓ Teacher E.M. Ramsey	Mrs. Lou Ferguson, 56 Hilliard St. Hamilton. 100 180
1939	Teacher Tillie Coburn	Deceased.

Name	Information.
1939 ✓Lennon Jean	Mrs. Clifford Coburn 276 Gill St. Grills.
✓McLean Gordon	Mrs. Dunlop.
1- ✓Letts Evelyn	6191 Trafalgar Rd. Thornby, R.R.I. LOP 180
2- ✓Letts Arthur	Mrs. Webb 13 Mayland Ave. Etobicoke M9C 2C1
2- ✓Westlake Minnie	Mrs. Jim Porter, Box 143 Kearney POA 1M0
✓Stewart Thelma	Mrs. Harold Volain, Beeton, Ont.
2- ✓Smart Boris	Mrs. Vince Pelaley, Beeton, Ont.
1- ✓Williams Marjory	Deceased.
2- ✓Londry Elmer	Weston, Ont.
✓Smart Bill	Deceased.
2- ✓Westlake Eileen	Mrs. Edison McFadden, 17 Benting Dr. Alliston, LON 1A0
✓Armstrong Joe	Nobleton, Ont. LOG 1M0.
2- ✓Lacey Pearl	Mrs. Chapman, Apt. 42 Gulliver Rd. Toronto, M6M 2N1
2- ✓Robinson Lloyd	Deceased.
✓Robinson Fern	Deceased.
✓Robinson Gordon	Deceased. July 1, 1982.
✓Robinson Fred	9705 Alaska Rd. Ft. St. John, B.C. V1J 1A4
2- ✓Robinson Irene	Mrs. Ted. Plante, Apt. 2304- 2350 Bridletowne Circle, Scarborough, M1W 3K6.
2- ✓Stewart Verl	58 Hawman Ave. Nobleton.
2- ✓Stewart Bernice	Mrs. Ross Breedon, Bradford, Ont.
✓Stewart Isobel	Mrs. Bob. Martin, 10 Georgina St. Kitchener, Ont.
✓Stewart Eric	Mrs. Ken. McCullough, 41 Walken Dr. Tottenham, LOG 1M0
1- ✓Lacey Ivan	66 Beech Ave. Cambridge (N) M3C 1X5.
1- ✓Armstrong Audrey	(Miss) Beeton, Ont.
2- ✓Stewart Bruce	Bradford, Ont.
✓Stewart Glenn	Mrs. Ray Brown, 7565 Monice Dr. Mississauga.
1- ✓Londry Allan	Alliston, Ont.
1- ✓Londry Harold	Lucknow, Ont.
2- ✓Londry Blanche	1- Mrs. Harry Volain
2- ✓Fenn Gordon	2- Mrs. Rudy Hahn, 7 Woodbury Pl. Toronto, M8W 1X9.
2- ✓Dunham Jack	312 Walter Dr. Keswick, Ont.
✓Fenn Mary	Bownville, Ont. LIC 3K2
	Mrs. Mary Smith, 12 Widdowson Hill Blvd. Apt. 305 Toronto.
1940-44.	
Teacher-1941--	Ethel Johnston, Mrs. Clifford Bell, 186 Ewart Ave. Weston, Toronto.
* 1942--	M.B. Miller
* 1943--	Edith McDermott. Deceased.
✓Grumble Robert Jr.	Tecumseth St. Beeton, Ont.
2- ✓Smart Don.	49 Yorkdale Cres. Weston. M9M 1G2.
✓Fenn Frank	4501 Bennett Rd. Burlington, Ont.
✓Westlake Allan	Deceased.
2- ✓Grey Beth	Mrs. Howell, Bolton, R.R.3.
✓Dermott Isobel	Mrs. George Batters, Cockatown.
✓Dermott Audrey	Mrs. Allan Cousins, California.
1946 ✓Westlake Verma	Mrs. Lewis McMullen, 192 Nelson St. W. Alliston, LON 1A0
✓Carr Boris	✓ Murray Osborne, Waghetswan, Ont.
✓MacLachlan Russ.	Sam. Hastings's son.
1947 ✓Hastings Earl	
✓Disher Edna	
2- ✓Letts Dorothy	Mrs. Lawson Dale, Tottenham Ont. R.R.3.
✓King Margaret	Mrs. Robert Thompson, Richmond St. Tottenham, LOG 1M0
✓Crossok Keys	Barrett Family.

Name

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Information

1942- Barrett Jack Cockstown, R.R.I. LOMILO
 ✓ Barrett Kathleen Mrs. John Grosschuck, Beeton Ont. LOG IAO
 ✓ Barrett Fred. 29 Woodbine Cres. Hamilton.
 ✓ King Alfred 195 Kennedy Rd. S. Apt. 512, Brampton, L6W 3N2.
 ✓ King John Schenberg, R.R.I.

1944-1949 Teacher Barbara Kearns, Mrs. Wallace Hayes, Deceased.

2 - ✓ Stewart Betty Mrs. Bill Calder, Simcoe, Ont. R.R.3.
 ✓ Stewart Joyce Mrs. Dan. Watson, 7204 Lancaster Ave. Mississauga.
 ✓ Williams Lorne Beeton, Ont. R.R.I.
 ✓ Crimble John Beeton, Ont. R.R.2.
 ✓ Jerry John 4455 Park St. W. Burnaby, Vancouver, B.C. V5C 3C8
 ✓ Gray Don Beeton, R.R.I.
 ✓ Dunham Stuart 754 Allen St. Newmarket.
 ✓ Kelly David 22 Stillwater Dr. Ottawa, K2M 5K2.
 ✓ Kelly Ken Tottenham R.R.3.
 ✓ Kelly Sam Englewood, Ont.
 ✓ Kelly Barbara Mrs. Erle Collins, Tottenham R.R.3. LOG IWO
 ✓ Kelly Ray Greensome R.R.I.
 ✓ Reynolds Melvin Ennismore, Ont. R.R.I.
 ✓ Elliott Madeline
 ✓ Armstrong Joyce Mrs. Ralph Thompson, Tottenham, LOG IWO.
 ✓ Armstrong Ross St. Catharines Ont. R.R.3 L2R 6P9.
 ✓ Parsons Larry § Mrs. Ted. Elmer Tottenham, R.R.3 LOG IWO

1949-1954 Teacher / - Ruth Leach Alliston, Ont. LOM IAO.
 ✓ Laura Jackson, Mrs. Gordon Jackson
 § Mrs. Alvin Harvey Tottenham, R.R. 2. LOGIWO.

4 - ✓ Jerry Norman Beeton, R.R.I.
 Barrett Bev. Concord, Ont.
 ✓ Barrett Betty Mrs. Betty Urbanski, Beeton, Ont. LOG IAO.
 Neil George § George Westlake.
 White Leda § Barb White.
 Elliott Betty
 Neil Ruth.
 Lisk Bob. Herb Lisk's son. Deceased.

1 - ✓ Stewart Shirley Mrs. Bruce Coleman, Beeton, Ont. LOGIAD
 ✓ Stewart Karl Beeton, Ont. R.R.2. LOG IAO.
 ✓ Bell Marisel Mrs. Ken. White, 38 Governor Grove Cres. Brampton L6Y 1A6.

1 - ✓ Gray Marie Mrs. Hans Bruhn, Beeton, R.R.I. LOG IAO.
 3 - ✓ Broome Grant Beeton, R.R.2. LOG IAO.
 ✓ Broome Glenda Mrs. McAlpine, Beeton (§ Opening Camp Ground, Cartier
 5 - ✓ Broome Grace Mrs. Jack Peters, Beeton, LOG IAO.
 Neil Frank

1 - ✓ Dermott Shirley Mrs. Dave Wrandridge, Tottenham, R.R.3, LOG IWO.
 ✓ Dermott Marie Mrs. Orville Bryant, Barrie, R.R.5.
 White Teddy }
 White Mary }
 White Burt } Ripley, Ont.
 Elliott Billy § Elliott's.
 Massey Sheila § Broome's
 Jordan Michael
 Robinson Jacqueline
 Edwards Carl

1 - ✓ Dermott Wilson Beeton, R.R.2. LOG IAO.

Name 6 Information.

1954-1959

2 - Teacher-1954- ✓ Eleanor McCamus, Mrs. Angus McCamus, Beeton, R.R.I.
 1955- Edna Bell Deceased.
 1956- ✓ Mel Brucker 2 Park Cres. Barrie, Ont.
 1958- ✓ Della Solomon, Mrs. Bruce Yife, Pownesson, R.R.3. POH IAO.

3 - ✓ Bray Mill Beeton, Ont. R.R.I. LOG IAO.
 1 - ✓ Vletta Ann 1 - Mrs. Wayne Hollet
 2 - Mrs. Ann Firmans, Beeton, Ont. LOG IAO.
 2 - ✓ Liak Beverley Mrs. Larry May, Alliston, R.R.4. LOM IAO.
 0 - ✓ Armstrong Gordon Beeton, R.R.I. LOG IAO.
 1 - ✓ Verbeek John M. Barrie, Ont. R.R.5. LAM 437.
 1 - ✓ Verbeek Joseph Lake St. George Blvd. Wexhago, Ont. R.R.2. EOX 280.
 Bell Margaret Mrs. Tony Coop, 147 Westview Village, Winterburn, Alta. TOX 280.

2 - ✓ Bray Gayle Mrs. Niel McCleod, Sunderland, Ont. LOG IAO
 2 - ✓ Dermott Winston 74 Chaucer Cres. Barrie Ont.
 1 - ✓ Dermott John Beeton, Ont. R.R.2
 1 - ✓ Liak Barbara Mrs. Paul Hacker, 39 Longford Rd. Newmarket, L3Y 2Y6.
 Lenton Mary Mrs. Joe Graham, Cookstown, Ont. R.R.2. LAL ILO
 ✓ Stewart Barry 20 Cockan Hill Dr. Unit 1, Scarboro, M1F 3H1.
 3 - ✓ Broome Kent 99 Queen St. E. Tottenham, Ont.
 ✓ Lenton Margaret Mrs. Ivan Graham, Box 278 Bradford, LOG IAO.
 ✓ Verbeek Teresa Mrs. Jack Smith, 16 Plainman Rd. Streetsville.
 ✓ Dermott Carol Mrs. Ann. Ellis, 642 Terrace Rd. Collender, POH IAO
 ✓ Liak Sharon Mrs. Sharon (Hatchlife) Liak, Fairview, Alta. TOH ILO.
 ✓ Redyk Mary Mrs. Bill Bonner, 2222 Wallace St. Regina, Sask. S4P1E6
 Howe ROBERT
 ✓ Verbeek Evis "Archie" 99 Lundy's Lane, Newmarket.
 ✓ Hase Neil
 Toat Wilfrid
 Toat Nellva
 1 - ✓ Steinhenson Gail Mrs. D. Drury, 812 Highland Cres. Barrie.

1960 Teacher- ✓ Mary Watson, Mrs. Clare Watson, 43 Vahack St. Parry Sound, P2A 1C2.
 ✓ Dermott Sheila Mrs. Rick Chierandini, 1814 Appleview Rd. Pickering L1V 1T8.

4 - ✓ Liak Charles Gen. Del. Beeton, Ont.
 3 - ✓ Liak Raymond Alliston, Ont. (Thompsonville). LOM IAO.
 ✓ McKay Judy B. Mrs. Michael Fahay, 488 Sidney St. Belville EBP 4A2
 ✓ Elmer Evelyn Mrs. Bob Watson, Schonberg, R.R.3.
 2 - ✓ Elmer Hazel Mrs. Olive Purkis, Tottenham, R.R.3. LOG IAO.
 1 - ✓ Elmer Tommy Tottenham, R.R.3. LOG IAO
 Goerke Rhoda 1 - Mrs. Leonard Nevills, Cookstown (Bert Gerrards)
 2 -

✓ Stevenson Wayne Utopia, Ont. R.R.I.
 2 - ✓ Jerry Connie 179 Big Bay Pt. Rd. Barrie.
 2 - ✓ McCamus Paul 177 Princess Anne Cres. Ialington, Ont.
 McTaggart Janice Mrs. Bill Laidley, Madson, Alta. TOH ILO.
 ✓ Dermott Harold Beeton, Ont. R.R.2. LOG IAO.
 ✓ McKay Bobbie Deceased.
 ✓ Anderson Robert 5 Allen Anderson, Tottenham, R.R.3. LOG IAO.
 ✓ Evers Bonnie 3 R. Chown, 110 Park Cr. Tottenham. LOG IAO.
 Millen Arnold
 Millen Elaine
 ✓ Anderson Alex. 5 Allen Anderson Tottenham, R.R.3.
 Camplin Judy 3 John Camplin, Gorefield.
 ✓ Crumble Debbie Mrs. J. McDinty, Beeton? Ont.

1980

Thompson Ronnie Mrs. Anne Thompson, Tottenham,
 2 Mrs. Douglas Montgomery, Tottenham,
 2 - Williams Glen Boston, Ont. R.R.1.
 ✓Badyk John Mrs. Ken. Badyk, 62 Eastern Ave. Tottenham, L6G 1W0,
 Boykash Bob 117 Sherbourne St. Toronto.
 ✓Bell Lorne 6020-18th. Ave. Calgary Alta. T1Y 1B9
 2 - ✓Lisk Sylvia Mrs. Ed. Vanoverbeke, Box 189 Newcastle, L0* 1N0
 ✓McKay James 10 Verdon Cr. Barrie, Ont.
 2 - ✓Badyk Evelyn Mrs. Bob Kitchener, 390 Tupper Blvd. Alliston, L6W 1A0
 ✓Breedon Harne Mrs. Bob Badyk, Boston, R.R.3.
 1 - ✓Badyk Ben. Boston, Ont. R.R.3.

Note - Not on this List.

Barton Wilfred. Quilch
 Barton Walt. Deceased.

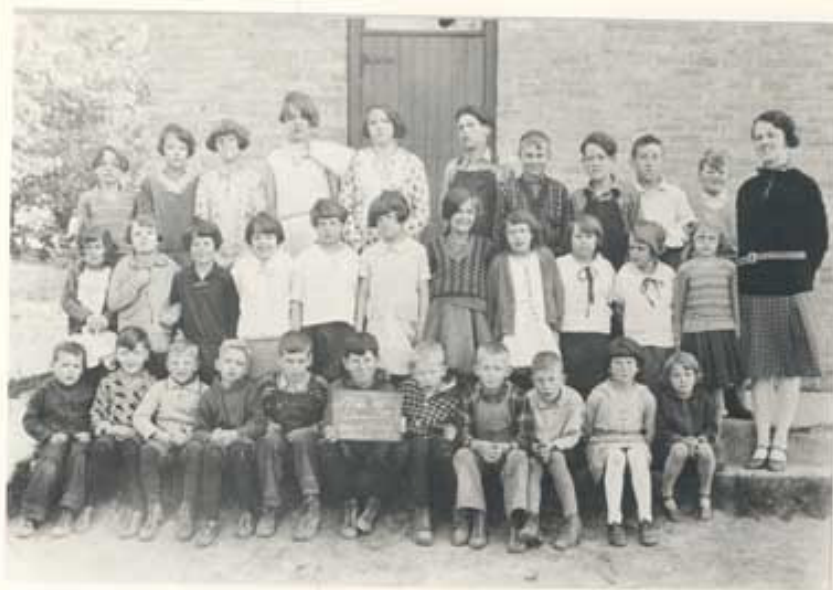
W.L.Clark (Inspector) Owen Sound, R.R.2 M4E 5N6

Added Attendance.
 Neil Gregg (Photographer).
 Lloyd and Laura Nichol
 Joe Wright.
 Clayton and Thomasa Heuchan.
 Edgar Williams
 Irvin & Josephine Letts.
 Della Veislin (Lisk)
 Bill & June Watson
 Alice Rutledge.



Cross' School May 1926.

Back Row--Ivy Barton, Ada Letts, Naomi Gosley, Ida Baldwin, Miss J.E. Ellis, Truman Bell, Gordon Reynolds, George Swazin, Bill Baker, Ernest Letts.
 2nd. Row--Clifford Bell, Bill Dermott, Murray Landry, Garnet Westlake, Aileen Dermott, Hazel Hammell, Helen Allen, Vera Dermott, Jean Lisk, Westlene Cross, Isabelle Bell.
 3rd. Row--Marie Lisk, Ada Bell, Isabel Barton, Norman Westlake, Carl Gosley, Earl Robinson, Frank Lisk, Donald Gosley, Bill Barton.
 4th. Row--Herbert Lisk, Elmer Service, Gordon Gosley.



Margaret Marchant's Class of 1930 at Cross's School

Back Row- Velma Dermott, Weslene Cross, Isabel Bell, Vera Dermott, Helen Allen, Elwood McCague, Norman Westlake, Herb. Martin, Earl Robinson, Jim Currie, Teacher Miss Margaret Marchant.

Middle Row- Thelma Stewart, Jean Lennox, Marie Lisk, Evelyn Barton, Mary Warnica, Ada Bell, Isabel Barton, Nellie Smart, Marion Westlake, Marjorie Brown.

Front Row- Lloyd Smart, Clifford Stewart, Elmer Londry, Arthur Letts, Kerwood McCague, Frank Lisk, Gordon Robinson, Billie Barton, Ross Robinson, Helen Lisk, Evelyn Letts.



Cross's School 1941.

Back Row-- Tillie Colburn (Teacher), Jack Dunham, Fred Robinson, Fern Robinson, Twins, Bernice Stewart, Blanche Londry, Irene Robinson, Gordon Fenn, Harold Londry, Bobbie Crumble.

Middle Row-- Donald Smart, Seth Gray, Erle Stewart, Doris Carr, Glenna Stewart, Isabel Stewart, Betty Stewart, Joyce Stewart.

Front Row-- Frank Fenn, Lorne Williams, John Crumble, Donald Gray, Bruce Stewart.

Tecumseth opens a new municipal office

There were a lot of compliments the newly enlarged and renovated Tecumseth Municipal Office. Guest speaker George Link, a former reeve and warden of Simcoe

County, recalled that they built the original office for \$6,000 in 1951 including the vault. They had purchased the land in 1947 from the Village of

Beeton for \$300. Mr. Link was a councillor at the time.

Reeve Allan Glasford explained that the expansion had cost \$75,000 which was money taken from local reserve funds and was not a burden on the tax payer.

The building was enlarged from 1350 square feet to 3200 square feet and most people were very pleased with the enlarged council chambers and especially the woodwork of Keith Krupp who built the council podium and desk.

The new office also provides offices for the reeve and building inspector. The reeve didn't have an office before and the building inspector had his desk in a hall. Besides generally being much more spacious, the building can now also accommodate those in wheel chairs. *Sept 23/82*



The Tecumseth Municipal Office is now a much improved place to serve the ratepayers of the Township. The newly renovated facilities were officially opened by former reeve Rita Brennan, right. Holding the ribbon was Clerk-Administrator Linda Duczak, left, and Treasurer George Link and Reeve Allan Glasford.

Max Mitchell retires from rural mail route

After 18 years delivering mail for Canada Post on R.R. 2, Beeton, Max Mitchell has retired.

Max started delivering

mail in October, 1964. At that time there were 70 boxes on his route. As Max retires September 30, 1982 there are 154

boxes on R.R. 2.

Max was always willing to do more than his contract required, and will be missed. Mrs. Nor-

ma Radyn will be the new courier for R.R. 2 and will start her duties on October 1, 1982.



Max Mitchell, mail carrier for R.R.2, Beeton, for 18 years, retired Friday and was presented with a

gift from Fred St. Peters, Louis McCullough and Bernice Jerry of the Beeton Office.





Reeve Sheridan McGinty cut the ribbon to officially open the newly renovated premises of the Royal Bank in Beeton Wednesday morning. Others from the left are Dorothy Lemire, manager

Vaune Fife, regional assistant manager Ray McCulam, regional manager Harold Hopkins and Joan Burton.

IN BEETON SINCE 1901

Royal Bank opens expanded branch

Many people may describe the economy as poor these days but there has been a surprising amount of building in Beeton and the least of which is the newly renovated Royal Bank which had its official opening on Wednesday.

The bank has been expanded to occupy the entire main floor of its building at 12 Main Street West also taking over a spot which formerly housed The Flower Room for several years.

The Royal first opened its doors in Beeton in 1901. During the war it operated as a sub-branch being open three days a week and in 1950 it reopened on a full-time basis.

Guelph region manager, Harold Hopkins said that they had been "aware for a few years of the shortcomings of our premises in Beeton."

First they were able to buy the building in which they were located from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, then a few years later the just completed renovations were undertaken.

"We intend to be around Beeton for a long

time to come" Mr. Hopkins said.

Bank manager Vaughn Fife called on Reeve Sheridan McGinty to cut the ribbon to officially open the renovated structure and he offered his congratulations saying that he was sure it would be a real asset.

Also in attendance was Assistant Guelph Regional Manager Ray McCulam.

The bank now has twice the floor space that it did have which includes more staff area, an additional loans office and a machine room, Mr. Fife said.

It also now has a night depository as part of its improved banking service.



Mrs. Wilfrid Service, president of the Friendship Circle, presented Simcoe Manor administrator, Ed Boynton, with a \$200 cheque on behalf of the club. The money for the Manor, was raised through club euchres, and Mr. Boynton says the \$200 will go towards the Manor's therapeutic park.



Officially open

Simcoe County Warden Russell Cooper (middle) cuts the ribbon to officially open the Therapeutic Park at the Beeton Manor, Wednesday. (l. to r.), Ed Boynton, supervisor of the manor;

Robena Service, from the Friendship circle; Warden Cooper; Adi Rogers, Home Auxiliary and Margaret Strange, Residents Council.

1832 (Herald photo by Teresa Jackson)



Wilfred and Roberta Service of Beeton were proud to celebrate 50 years of happy marriage Sunday, receiving congratulations from many friends and relatives.

Services celebrate golden wedding anniversary

Wilfred and Roberta Service celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday with friends and relatives wishing them well. A niece of Roberta's came from as far as Edsburry, Alberta, and the couple received plaques of congratulations from Prime Minister Trudeau, the leader of the opposition, Joe Clark, MPP for Simcoe South Ron Seargent, and George McCague for Premier Davis.

Roberta says of her smiling husband of 50 years "I never go away and come back so dirty dishes." Wilfred adds, "sometimes I get dirty-pat hands."

Wilfred is well known in the area for his antique tractor, a 1922 Eagle tractor

built in Hastings, Ontario, in 1923.

Wilfred purchased the tractor in 1950 and Roberta says it "runs as good now as it ever did," which could also be taken as a comment on the tenativeness of her husband.

The couple farmed for 11 years before buying the old chipping mill on Beeton's Second Street in 1944 and moving into the village. "I have to see it go down," says Roberta, having heard that the building may be demolished in the future.

Wilfred and Roberta, however, seem likely to go on, as on. Says Roberta, "We've had good years."

Jan. 26/1975



Diamond anniversary

Friends and relatives filled the hall of Beeton Manor Saturday to help Earl and Thelma Stewart celebrate their 60th

wedding anniversary.

(Herald photo by Boris Swiderky)

1975

AFTER 38 YEARS

Tecumseth's King of the Roads

What does one give to a retiring roads superintendent who has everything? Why, a pothole of course.

A little bizarre perhaps, but quite fitting, as Greenville McCague has spent the past 38 years battling the potholes of Tecumseth.

Greenville, who will be "going out with November", as he puts it, was honoured Friday at the Tottenham Community Centre with a "Recognition Night" (fancy name for party).

The pothole, a little memento from Tecumseth council, was just one of the presentations made to the King of the Roads at the roasting and toasting attended by around 200 people.

After 38 years with the township, 31 of those as Road Superintendent and the other seven as a grader operator, Greenville has many memories. Some are humorous (chopping down mailboxes with the snowplow) and some are not too nice (Hurricane Hazel). But they

all add up to a rich experience.

At a time ripe with reminiscences, Greenville thinks about the changes the township has undergone. "The road system has vastly changed," he says. "In fact, the whole countryside has changed. A lot of houses have gone up."

With a present population of around 6,500 in 1944 when he joined the township roads department he estimates a population numbering around 1,000.

Originally from West Gwillimbury's Fisher's Corners, Greenville first moved to Beeton with his family when he was six. The family returned to West Gwillimbury when he was 11, and there he remained until he was 25, when he sold the family farm and moved back to Beeton.

Retaining much of his farm equipment, Greenville made a living doing custom work. At the age of 27, he was asked to help out on the township roads tem-



Tecumseth's retiring Roads Superintendent Greenville McCague received many honours Friday night in Tottenham including a certificate from Reeve Allan Glasford. Greenville was toasted and roasted by number of speechmakers including past reeves, MPP George McCague, and MC Gerry Egan.

porarily, "and I've been here ever since."

Back in "those days", Greenville recalls at this time of year, with the rain, motorists would often get stuck in the muddy roads. "In the spring all kinds of roads were impassable. I recall that I tried to come up the 10th once, and couldn't make it."

But those days are gone, as the 10th and other roads have been paved, and the liberal application of gravel (compared to 1944) helps the roads from becoming mires of mud.

However, no number or depth of potholes could compare to the havoc of Hurricane Hazel in 1954. "In that storm, four people drowned and so did an awful lot of cattle. And we lost 17 bridges. That night you couldn't go anywhere. You couldn't even get out of Beeton. North on the 10th was two feet deep in water and south, the bank had slid right onto the road."

Cleanup of the aftermath required lots of extra help, detours and temporary bridges. "We never did get the bridges back in until the following summer."

Overseer of the roads, the lifelines of township residents, is a demanding job with crazy hours (snow doesn't care when it falls). So what would make a man devote 38 years to such a way of life. "I like my job. It appeals to me and I meet a lot of people. But it is like any other job. Some days you wish you were somewhere else." And with an impish grin, he adds there is a certain amount of prestige involved with the job. "Maybe I'm just glib and like prestige."

Of course, he admits, the job has gotten harder as the influx of sometimes demanding commuters swelled the population. But ask him when this immigration began he answers, "I'm not sure. Guys like me just roll along and never

think about those things."

Contemplating the changes in the township, Greenville says he has realized them more in the past few days while touring with his replacement, Jack Dunham. "It's been so gradual you don't really realize it."

He points out the changes are more discernible to Jack, who grew up in the township and now returns after a long absence. "It's identical to aging. If you see someone everyday, you don't see them age. But see them 25 years later and you may not recognize them."

As this point Greenville is not bothered by retirement anxiety. "It'll be something different. I've been going to work for so many years that I don't know if I'll miss it, but it will be different. I've enjoyed working for the municipality, so I imagine I'll probably miss it for a while."

Retirement will not be

spent in idleness, as his passion for antique steam engines and tractors will probably keep him quite occupied. He is presently working on restoring an 1890 steam engine.

"I also hope to travel a bit. I've been out east and west and to Florida. Maybe I'll see some other countries, but I don't think I'll go anywhere this year."

Tecumseth's King of the Roads will be sorely missed by the men of the roads department. Says Joe McCullough, who has been with the department six years, "He's one of the best bosses I've ever had. I worked for the Village of Beeton before I came here, so I've dealt with Greenville for a long time. He's an all round good boss and good guy. We're really sorry to see him go."

Jack Dunham, a former Tecumseth resident, whose road ex-

To be honoured by a special dinner on the eve of retirement and have it associated with and given by so many wonderful people who so generously extended best wishes for his retirement certainly will indeed be the most outstanding of any honours I will ever recall of my life, which I have tried to Tecumseth Township doing road maintenance. It is impossible to explain or express the thoughts of appreciation for this occasion. The lovely expensive gifts that were given in my honour for the 38 years of service will indeed be treasured forever by myself and for the family a most inspiring reminder for really every special occasion that we as a family will speak of again in the years to follow. To my secretary Joyce whose untiring efforts over years to assist me, the Secretarial Staff, the Road Personnel that worked so hard to make this evening so memorable and the council members for their "Pop Hole" and most humble thank you on behalf of my wife Vera, our daughter Mary Lynn of Welland and our son Ron of Alliston.

Greenville McCague
Retiring Road Supt. of Tec.
Egan.

retiring

tion in December. big pair of shoes to
"Greenville leaves a very fill."

retiree years over 20
years, including a stint
working with Greenville,
takes over the
Superintendent's posi-



Nov. 25, 1982,
Boston Women's
Institute Sewing
Class Pot Luck
Luncheon.



Nov. 25, 1982, W.I.
Quilting Society
Day at Manor.
Marjorie Drury,
Lella Brown,
Sally Dunnill,
Mary Watson.

Lella Brown,
Sally Dunnill, and
Freda Lisk
Presenting Violets.
Beatrice Corbett
Myrtle Westlake
selling tickets.



W.I. Summer Day
Wall Hangings in
Rosesmont.
March 8, 1983.



Boston W.I. Fall
Fair Display
Sept. 21, 1983.
"October Days"



The Celebration Singers, 1984.

Back Row---

Charlie Randall, Cliff Abrams, Lloyd Richardson, Lowell Tipping,
Phillip Moyes, Bob Kant, Glen Hastings, Andrew Fletch.

Second Row---

Marie McCarthy, Leita Broome, Ruth Catania, Durell Sandersen, Hazel
Johansen, Marie Moyes, Sharon Kant, Nora Dale, Dorothy Gillard,
Helen Dale, Joan Kirk, Jan Boomhouwer, Joan Hastings, Margaret
Strange.

Front Row---

Mrs. Teelucksingh, Joyce Krawiec, Edna Donavan, Shirley Flynn,
Rita Field, Marie Logan, Ruth Jones the Director, Freda Bradshaw,
Helen Lisk, Ruth Wylie, Janet Routley, Violette McCullough
Janet Tipping, pianist. Absent Velma McDonald.

Painting of Picture by Sharon Kant.





SIMCOE COUNTY ARCHIVES

R.R. NO. 2, MINESING
ONTARIO L0L 1Y0
TUES. - FRI. 7:30-5:00
SAT. ONLY 7:30-4:00

October 31st, 1984

Beeton Women's Institute
c/o Mrs. E. Ritchie
56 Patterson Street North,
BEETON, Ontario.
LOG 1A0

Dear Mrs. Ritchie:

You will be pleased to know that thanks to the generosity of the Simcoe Area Women's Institutes and interested individuals, we have been able to proceed with the acquisition of the microfilm camera.

The camera produces 15 mm microfilm, and is capable of handling large-format material, such as newspapers and Tweedsmuir histories. Please find enclosed a photograph of the camera, which will give you an impression of the size of the equipment.

We cannot over-emphasize the value of this piece of equipment, which will enable us to alleviate certain storage difficulties, ensure the long-term preservation of original documents, and make information more accessible to researchers.

If any member of the Women's Institutes should have occasion to visit the Archives, we shall be more than pleased to provide a close look at the microfilm camera.

Please note the enclosed invitation from Warden Whiteside to the November Session of Simcoe County Council, at which time the tremendous contribution made by the Simcoe Area Women's Institutes will be recognized.

Once again, please accept our sincere thanks for your efforts. If we may be of any assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

Peter F. Moran
County Archivist

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTRE
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October 31, 1984

To: Branch Presidents/Representatives
of the Womens' Institute

Branch Presidents or Representatives of the Womens' Institutes
of the County of Simcoe area are invited to attend the
November Session of County Council.

*W.I. Pres.
\$4000.00
half of
the cost
of the camera*

At this Session Council will recognize the contributions made
by Institute Branches and individuals, towards the establishment
of a microfilm facility in the County Archives. *social time -
followed.*

Location: Administration Centre Council Chambers
Highway 26, opposite the Archives

Date: November 20, 1984
10:00 a.m.

Attended.

Maida Kitchner

Marjorie Drury

Blossom Cross

Muriel Reynolds.

E. Ross Whiteside
E. Ross Whiteside
Warden, County of Simcoe

*His last meeting as
Warden.*

*The W.I. Area President
Mrs Walter Cantts of Stayner
was presented with a plate which
is decorated with the Simcoe County
Flower, the Columbine.*



November 1987

Dear Fellow members

Thank you one and all for
Being for Everett and his 25th
Wedding Anniversary Party. We really
appreciate all the Being

Sincerely
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Beeton W.I. Report for Feb. 8, 1963

The Beeton Women's Institute entertained the Gifford W.I. on Tuesday Feb. 8th, 1963 at the home of Mrs. G. Drury. Everyone enjoyed a Pot Luck Luncheon at 12:30 noon.

Mrs. Edgar Ritchie opened the meeting that followed with the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect and welcomed the guests and members.

Roll Call was answered by twelve members and ten guests with "Something I saw recently that brought back memories."

The Motto- You cannot change the past, but the future is in your hands, was written by Mrs. G. Reynolds who was absent and read by Mrs. W. Watson.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary Mrs. E. Stewart. Current events were given by Mrs. Jim Aikens.

Mrs. G. Drury convener of the program Tweedsmuir History had as her guest speaker Mrs. June Chambers of Bond Head. Mrs. Chambers showed slides of quilts, blankets and rugs and explained the materials used. There were also other historical articles, crochets and embroidered, which was all most interesting.

The meeting closed with the Institute Grace. Next meeting at Mrs. E. Ritchie's Mar. 8th, 1963



BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT

The October meeting of the Beeton Women's Institute was held on Tuesday, October 11 at the home of Mrs. Gordon McClain.

The President Mrs. Cecil Reynolds opened the meeting with the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Roll Call was answered by 12 members and one visitor.

A donation is to be sent to the Sunnybrook Hospital. Current Events were given by Mrs. W. Watson, Mrs. C. Reynolds had the programme on Public Relations and had as her guest speaker Mrs. John Brown of Washago. Mrs. Brown is a Public Relations Officer and a member of the Provin-

cial Board of the Women's Institute. She spoke on the Women's Institute and what it means to the members, she also spoke on the A.C.W.W. Conference at which she was a delegate. Her talk was very interesting and informative. She had some pictures with her taken at the Conference. Mrs. G. Drury thanked Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. E. Ritchie conducted a contest which was won by Mrs. W. Watson.

Meeting closed with the Institute Grace. Mrs. H. Cross thanked the hostess. Lunch was served by Mrs. S. McMinn and Mrs. A. Hagerman. 1963



BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT

Beeton W.I. held a very successful desert euchre and bake sale on Tuesday, May 29 at Simcoe Manor in the Senior Citizen's Room.

Fourteen tables of euchre were played with

ladies prizes going to Molly Lang, Mrs. Rowan, and Agnes Flear. Men's prizes went to Norval Stewart, Velma McClain and Evelyn Aikens. There were also share the wealth prizes. 1964



BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT

The Beeton Women's Institute held a very successful desert euchre and bake sale on Fri. May 27th at Simcoe Manor in the Senior Citizen's Room. Ten tables played euchre.

First prize for ladies went to Mabel Rowley; 2nd prize to Marie Freeman; 3rd to Edna Harvey.

Men 1st went to Elfranoor Waiter; 2nd Walter Archibald; 3rd Sadie Dunnill.

Share the wealth went to Velma McClain, Beulah Breeden, Edna Ransom, Edna Harvey.

Jean Longland, Beryl Fleming.



BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT

The May meeting of Beeton Women's Institute was held on Tues. the 10th, 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. W. Watson.

Our new President, Mrs. C. Reynolds, opened the meeting with a poem followed by the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect.

Thirteen members and two visitors answered the roll call - "A way in which agriculture is changing our lives."

Minutes were read by the Secretary, Mrs. E. Ritchie.

Motto - "People who are not afraid to roll up their sleeves seldom lose their shirts."

The comment was written by Mrs. W. Broome and read by Mrs. E. Stewart.

Mrs. R. Watson convener of the program, Agriculture and Canadian Industries, had as her guest speaker, Ruth Wiley. She spoke on agricultural development in other countries. The winged bean has been neglected for

development in many tropical areas because it has often been considered a poor man's food. As a legume, the winged bean converts its own nitrogen from the air. It needs little or no fertilizer and even enriches the soil in which it grows. Unwanted parts of the plant can be fed to livestock. It is a sturdy, highly disease-resistant vine that does not require great attention. It grows well in rainy tropical areas as well as being able to survive drought. The winged bean appears to have great potential for easing the problem of protein malnutrition throughout the humid tropics.

Current events - by Mrs. Watson who also conducted a contest.

Meeting closed with the Institute Grace.

A tasty lunch was served by Mrs. C. Reynolds and Mrs. E. Ritchie.

Our next meeting is at Mrs. R. Watson's. 1963

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT

Members and guests of Beeton Women's Institute enjoyed dinner out at the Sweet and Spicy restaurant preceding the monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 8th.

A donation is being sent to the Mental Health Clinic in Barrie. Mrs. C. Reynolds and Mrs. R. Watson are leaders in a rug braiding course at the Simcoe Manors Nov. 10 and 17.

Our next meeting is at Mrs. H. Links'. 1963



BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT

The January meeting of the Beeton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. W. Coburn.

It was decided to hold an auction sale in February with each member bringing an

item for the auction.

Mrs. Myra McAdams was presented with a Life Membership Badge and Certificate. Mrs. G. Drury convener of the program "Tweedsmuir History", gave interesting news from the Current Event Book. She also read a poem (an ode to a kitchen) written by Mrs. Marie Magloughlin of Cookstown. The kitchen referred to was the one built to the back of Stewart and Marion Magloughlin's house on Queen St. in 1980. This was followed by a contest won by Mrs. W. Watson.

A tasty lunch was served by Mrs. C. Reynolds and Mrs. E. Ritchie. 1984

Beeton Women's Institute report

On April 10th the Beeton Women's Institute held its annual pot luck luncheon at the home of Mrs. Gordon Drury. There were 12 members and four visitors present.

Roll Call - Ideas for

next years' program.

Motto - "Explanation of the Mary Stewart Collect." An excellent comment was given by Mrs. G. Drury. Annual reports were given.

Mrs. S. McMinn introduced our guest Mr. Graham Bell from Alliston. He spoke on "What everyone should know about electrical safety."

Current Events were given by Mrs. R. Watson. The meeting closed with the Institute Grace. The Salvation Army pick up is May 16th, at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting is at Mrs. R. Watson's. 1984



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT

The Beeton Women's Institute entertained their sister branch of Alliston at its meeting Feb. 14 in the Senior Citizens' Room at Simcoe Manor.

Roll call - bring your

oldest school book was answered by 17 members.

Motto - "Education is not something to prepare you for life, it is a continuous part of life." Comment was

given by Mrs. G. Drury. Mrs. W. Broome, convener of the program Education and Cultural Activities, had students from Grades 1, 2 and 3 of Tecumseh Beeton Central School entertain with some delightful songs.

Mrs. Broome and Mrs. W. Watson read chapters taken from a

book, "I Remember the One Roomed School," written by Myrtle Fair (Mrs. Jas.) which brought back memories of the past.

A donation was given to Simcoe Manor towards buying a suction machine. Donations are being sent to Contact in Alliston and the Simcoe County Ar-

chives. Current events were given by Mrs. G. McClain followed by an auction sale of different items, the proceeds going to the Pennies for Friendship Fund.

Members were reminded of the summary day for the Rug Braiding Class to be held Mar. 20.

Mrs. Reynolds closed

the meeting with the Institute Grace. Lunch was served and a social

time spent.

Our next meeting is at Mrs. E. Ritchie's.



BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Were you wondering what Beeton Women's Institute accomplished in the past year?

The following is the public relations officer's report for 1984-85.

The Simcoe County Women's Institute History and four leaflets of local history were placed in the Beeton Library.

One or two books by Canadian authors at the grade 6 level are placed each year in Tecumseh-Beeton Central Public School library.

We took an active part in Beeton, Schomberg and Cookstown fairs.

At the Beeton Fair, we took part in the Bicentennial Parade by travelling in three convertibles. The members dressed in old-time costumes including hats and gloves. Our Women's Institute display was "Ye Olde Tyme Toy Shoppe". These activities netted us \$55.

We entertained our sister Institute, Churchill, to a pot luck luncheon and had Mr. Keith McRuer give an illustrated talk on Australia.

We attended the Gifford Women's Institute's 50th anniversary party.

We enjoyed a presentation of the history of Crosses School, with many pictures.

We have a membership in the Ontario Historical Society and visited the Clock Museum.

Simcoe County council invited us to the September meeting and we visited the County Archives to see the new micro-film camera to which we had generously

contributed.

Our group attended a meeting of the Boosters Club at Newton Robinson to hear a talk on "Willis" by a lawyer, Bob Evans of Bradford.

We made a quilt from a top donated by a member. This is for sale.

We invited friends to have dinner with us at the Husky Restaurant.

At our Christian meeting, there is an exchange of gifts.

To raise money, an annual Dessert Euchre and Bake Sale is held, also a bake sale for residents and staff of Simcoe Manor.

"Pennies for Friendship" is collected all year for the education of girls in developing countries. To add to our donation, we held a Penny Auction.

We have planned a bus trip to Geritol Falls at Hamilton.

In the past year, we have donated to the following: Heart or Cancer Funds in memory of a member who passed away; the Mental Health Group in Barrie and Contact; Sunnybrook Hospital Veterans' Department; Ethiopian Relief, \$100; and to Beeton Fair and the Horticultural Society for prizes. These donations total \$394.

Our meetings are held at the homes of the members. They are entertaining and informative and we always welcome new members on the second Tuesday of each month, except July and August.



BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE REPORT

Fourteen members and two guests attended the meeting at the home of Mrs. Edgar Ritchie, June 12th. The President Mrs. W. Broome opened the meeting in the usual manner. The roll call - Something that I can remember about my school days. Motto - Practical capabilities versus the diploma.

Comment was given by Mrs. G. Drury and Mrs. W. Watson.

Mrs. W. Broome, convener of Education and Cultural Activities led the program. Mrs.

Broome and her guest, Mrs. Frank Lisk, gave the history of Cross's School SS No. 10, which was quite interesting and informative. Mrs. G. Mayberry gave an excellent report on the South Simcoe District Women's Institute's 82nd annual meeting.

Current events were given by Mrs. G. McClain. Meeting closed with the Institute Grace.

Lunch was provided by Mrs. E. Stewart and Mrs. H. Cross.

Next meeting at Mrs. C. Reynolds' in September. 1984

Beeton Women's Institute Report

Beeton Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Ross Watson on Tuesday, May 15 at 1:30 p.m. Our new president, Mrs. W. Broome, opened the meeting with a poem: Mother's Day.

Twelve members and four visitors answered the roll call by naming an old fashioned remedy, followed by the installation of officers.

Mrs. W. Watson, convener of Family and Consumer Affairs, had as the guest speaker Mrs. Janet Bowie of the Health Unit from Alliston. She spoke on nutrition and expressed the importance of eating proper foods. A question and answer period followed.

The motto - What is important is not to add years to life, but life to years. The comment was given by Mrs. C. Reynolds. Mrs. W.

Broome brought us up to date with current events. Mrs. W. Watson conducted two contests which are always enjoyable.

Lunch was served by Mrs. C. Reynolds. The next meeting is at Mrs. E. Ritchie's.

Mrs. G. Mayberry, Mrs. C. Reynolds and Mrs. G. Drury were delegates and attended the South Simcoe 82nd annual meeting on Thursday, May 17th at Churchill United Church, Churchill.



BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The March meeting of the Beeton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Gordon Drury where we had the pleasure of entertaining our sister branch Churchill W.I. A pot luck luncheon was served at noon.

Our president, Mrs. W. Broome, opened the meeting in the usual

manner. Roll Call - One way I can prevent an accident. Motto - Cultivate Safety and Harvest Happiness.

Comment was given by Mrs. G. Drury.

Mrs. H. Lisk introduced Mr. Keith McRuer of Alliston. He showed slides of his trip to Australia and New



BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Beeton Women's Institute held its Christmas meeting on Dec. 13 at the home of Mrs. H. Lisk.

Mrs. G. Drury conducted the meeting for the president, Mrs. W. Broome, who hasn't been well. Fourteen members and three visitors were present.

Roll Call was Bring Your Oldest Christmas Article. Current Events were given by Mrs. W. Watson. Mrs. W. Broome was in charge of

the program and had as her guest Rev. Andy Leroux who gave a Christmas message on "Decisions that are not easy to make."

Mrs. Gerie Williams and Mrs. Doris Graham provided music for the singing of Christmas carols.

Gifts were exchanged and a delicious lunch was served including Mrs. Lisk's Christmas cake. Everyone went home feeling they had a very enjoyable afternoon.

Zesland which was very much enjoyed by all. Mrs. G. McClain thanked Mr. McRuer and presented him with a gift.

Donations are being sent to Save the Sight Fund and the water purification, also books donated to the Beeton library.

Mrs. Bell gave two readings. Current events were read by Mrs. G. Drury and Mrs. H. Lisk.

Meeting closed with the Institute Grace. Everyone had a very enjoyable afternoon.

Unveiling and dedication of Marion

By Margaret Westlake

On Sunday afternoon beginning at 2 p.m., the dedication of the Marion Harper Memorial to all horticulturists involved with the Beeton Horticultural Society since 1925, as well as the unveiling of the bronze plaque, took place in Beeton.

This memorial, the planning of which was inspired by love for the late Marion Harper, a respected and valued member of the Beeton Horticultural Society since she came to Beeton in 1966, was their Bi-Centennial project of this year.

Marion was an enthusiastic and tireless worker in horticulture until her death at the age of 80 years. She was also very active in the church and otherwise in the community and was a daily visitor to Simcoe Manor, along with her friend, Olive Ferrier, another horticulturist who provides our Society with lovely posters, and who still makes those daily trips to visit the shut-in residents of the Manor.

Marion was a very special person, and as all memorials must have a name, the Society felt that it was most fitting that this memorial to all

horticulturists in our area, should be called the Marion Harper Memorial. The members of the Society also knew that Marion would consider it an honour to have her name used on a memorial to horticulturists of Beeton, in this town she served so cheerfully and with love for all residents.

She lived on Main Street with her sister, Nora Nodwell, at the big house we called the "Drop-in Centre", because so many of our executive meetings were held there.

In spite of inclement weather, a large group consisting of friends and family, members of the Society and local officials gathered at the site, which is on the south side of Main Street in Beeton, just east of the Tecumseh Township Municipal Offices, on land donated by the township to the Society to be used as a site for this memorial.

The Dedication Service was opened by the singing of Oh Canada by the group, followed by words of welcome by Muriel Reynolds, president of Beeton Horticultural Society. Following, Muriel gave a short history of the

Society, mentioning that it began in 1925, at the time that the late John Carleton was reeve of Beeton. She expressed appreciation of all horticulturists who in the past were involved down through the years and thanked all members presently involved for their efforts in so many ways to make the present Society a very worthwhile group in the community.

She especially expressed appreciation on behalf of members and other citizens in John Northwood, one of the members, for all the work he has done in getting the tree, the timbers used, the stone, and the mounting of the bronze plaque on the stone. She expressed appreciation to Barbara Northwood for her support and for her work in arranging to get typing done for our program, with special thanks to Heidi Northwood for designing the program sheets.

Helen and Paul Coburn were thanked for planting and tending the flowers in the bed and Nora Nodwell for so faithfully watering the tree. Special thanks were tendered to the Tecumseh Council for the gift of the site and

the Beeton Council for lighting the tree for Christmas last Yule Season. She expressed appreciation to Robert Harper, the son of Marion, for his monetary help in securing the plaque and for looking after arranging to have it done. Appreciation was expressed for all citizens who by donations, work or support, helped to make this beautiful spot available.

Mrs. Madeline Hobson, Director of District 16, had been invited but was unable to come on account of illness. Mr. Allan Glassford, Reeve of Tecumseh, was called upon and he expressed appreciation of the beauty of the site throughout the summer and congratulated the Society on their endeavours in the area. Mr. Alan Bennett, representing Beeton Council, spoke a few words in appreciation of the new site and the importance of the Society in the area.

The Rev. Andy Leroux of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Beeton, spoke of watching the progress of the site for the past year. He also mentioned the reference on the plaque to use the site as a resting place, implied in the little

verse, "Come sit awhile and rest with me, in the cool shade of this fair tree," stressing how important it is to rest, and thus relax, in pleasant surroundings.

A poem, composed as a tribute to Marion at the time of her death, by a member, was read by Margaret Westlake.

Mr. Robert Harper expressed appreciation of this honour bestowed upon his mother and of how she would have appreciated it and thanked the Society for their efforts in developing the site and also expressed appreciation for the poem of tribute to his mother. He spoke of the marvelous reception given to his mother when she came to Beeton to live, how easily she fit into the community, and of how happy she was living in Beeton.

The stone and plaque, draped with the Bi-centennial flag of Ontario was unveiled by the three grandchildren of Marion, Linda, Wendy and Rob, family of Robert and Dorothy Harper.

The Prayer of Dedication was conducted by the Rev. Lee R. Houghton of Trinity United Church.

The service now con-

cluded, Muriel Reynolds invited everyone to the United Church Sunday School rooms for refreshments and a social time together. While there, "The Beeton Carol", a Christmas

Carol, composed by a horticulture member last Christmas was sung, with John Northwood leading the singing and Barbara Northwood at the piano.

This service was the

climax of a very successful community endeavour to place a suitable memorial to horticulturists in the area by Beeton Horticultural Society and the many supporters they have in the community. A job well done!



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MEMORIAL UNVEILING

The Beeton Horticultural Society unveiled a memorial Sunday to the memory of the late Marion Harper, a tireless worker for the Society. Removing the Bi-centen-

nial flag are Mrs. Harper's grandchildren (from the left) Wendy, Linda and Rob Harper. See story on page 7.

Photo by Bruce Haire



HORTICULTURAL AWARD — Members of the Beeton Horticultural Society were happy to accept a trophy for the best permanent display by a Simcoe County Horticultural Society in 1984. Sitting in

front of the Marion Harper Memorial are (left to right): Ann Bulman, Eleanor McCague, Muriel Reynolds, Nora Nodwell, Maids Ritchie and Ted and Gladys Palmer.

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HANDSOME MEMORIAL — Many groups work quietly in small communities without a lot of recognition. The Beeton Horticultural Society is such a group. No one really realizes that many flower beds and trees are planted and maintained by the Society. The Marion Harper Memorial

is the Society's Bicentennial project and recognizes a much-loved member of the community who in her own quiet way gave much to Beeton.

April 15, 1984

Photo by Bruce Hall



BEAUTIFY BEETON — The Beeton Horticultural Society has placed planters and flower beds along the main street to help add some colour to the village. Here Chris LePage and Eleanor McCague spruce up one of the planters which John Northwood prepared. The Society would like you help also by purchasing a \$2 membership since increased membership provides the Society with a much larger provincial grant with which to carry on its work.

1985

Bicentennial celebration and second Tecumseth picnic

By Margo Greenfield

You'd better mark this event off on your calendar with an X. The Tecumseth-Beeeton Bicentennial Celebrations and second Tecumseth Meet Your Neighbour Picnic will fill the weekend of August 10, 11 and 12 and probably the T-shirts being made up for the event.

Tecumseth's first Meet Your Neighbour Picnic last year was a resounding success, attracting some 1,500 people, but this year's three day spread, being held in conjunction with Beeeton, to honour the Province's 200th birthday, should go down in party history.

The fun and frivolity gets started Friday evening at 6 p.m. with the Jamboree being put on by the Beeeton Rotary Club. Running till 11 p.m., the Jamboree offers all sorts of games and activities in the Beeeton Arena and admission is free.

The local athletes make an early start on Saturday as a men and ladies job ball tournament starts at 9 a.m.

At high noon a parade will make its way through Beeeton, starting at Patterson Street, and will end at the racetrack in the Beeeton park, where onlookers can review the participants close up.

The parade is followed, at about 12:45 p.m., by the official opening ceremonies. There, the winners of Tecumseth's logo designing contest will be awarded their prizes. And the top design, Tecumseth's new symbol, will be raised, for all to see, on a flag.

Things really get hopping in the afternoon with a tennis tournament, arm wrestling contest and all sorts of activities, such as pony rides and movies at the Beeeton Legion, to keep the kids happy.

Liquid sustenance for those 19 and over will be available in the Agriculture Building in the park. Refreshments of tea and coffee are free and a nickel will get you a can of pop.

Throughout the afternoon you will be able to peruse a variety of display booths. Anyone wishing to participate, with their display, can contact Jim Heath at 936-2011 or the township office at 729-2275.

The Beeeton Rotary Club will again provide the evening's attraction, a dance, which starts at 9 p.m. and runs until 1 a.m. For a charge of about \$10, you can enjoy a night of live music, dancing and gluttony.

Sunday's activities get underway at 10 a.m. with a church service, and there are hopes that the Celebration Singers will be there to offer musical inspiration.

At 11 a.m., a quarter will buy you a pancake and sausage breakfast. This was a great source of enjoyment at last year's picnic.

At noon, things start to get physical again with a nail-driving contest, horseshoe tournament, log sawing contest and a program of activities for kids.

If you think your Concession or Sideroad is better than the others Sunday is the time to show it, by organizing your neighbours into a team for the Tug-of-War and pull your way to the big trophy. Those wishing to pre-register can call Jim Heath, Ray Link or Gary Carleton.

Liquid refreshments will again be available from 2 to 6 p.m. in the Agriculture Building.

Lights will be lit for the stage show at 2 p.m. and you can relax and watch a variety of acts.

The day culminates with a giant corn roast, starting at about 4 p.m.

Food will be available throughout Saturday and Sunday thanks to the efforts of Irene Crumble and her ladies and the girls of the local baseball and hockey teams.

Park cleanliness falls into the capable hands of Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides and Rangers. The kids will also take part in the parade.

An admission price of one dollar will be charged on Saturday and Sunday.

A display featuring the soon-to-be-published Tecumseth History Book will enable you to pre-buy the book at a lower price.

Any person or organization wishing to participate in the parade on Saturday should contact parade chairman Ray Link or call the Beeeton or Tecumseth municipal offices.

Very pleased with the results of the first picnic last year, event chairman Jim Heath is looking forward even more to this year's extravaganza.

The family oriented weekend offers something for everybody, said Mr. Heath. "It's an inexpensive weekend full of fun and exercise."



The new Tecumseth logo, adopted by Council and designed by June Chambers, will make it's official appearance at the picnic.

Ontario honours community volunteers



PROVINCIAL WINNER

Gerry Egan of Tecumseth accepts his Bicentennial Medal from Premier William Davis, Sunday, 1984. The medals were awarded for outstanding community service in honour of Ontario's Bicentennial.



could not be more worthy winners than these three. From the left is Dr. S. R. McKelvey of Beeeton, Muriel Reynolds of Tecumseth and George Link of Tecumseth.



BICENTENNIAL AWARDS — Premier William Davis was on hand Sunday in Orangeville to present Bicentennial Medals to local winners. And there

Local history lives again in print

History really only lives if it is in print. The old days of the sagas and oral epics are long since gone. History is the very bulwark, the stalwart foundation of the present. The last few years have been a fantastic time for the recording, in published form, of history in our area. First there was "Tottenham: The Hustle and Bustle Years, the Quiet Times, and the Sudden New Growth". Then, last December, came "Tecumseth Township: The Unforgettable Past". Late last year, also, to celebrate Ontario's Bicentennial, the Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society (with the help of the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture) published four fine booklets dealing mostly with West Gwillimbury but, in part, too, with Tecumseth Township.

The Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society was founded, basically, by Bernice Merrick Ellis in 1978 and she was its first president. It has been a lively, progressive organization ever since. It has a flourishing membership of people of all ages. Its monthly programs are varied and interesting. Its annual house tours (the seventh is coming up this year) have been outstandingly successful. Its president this year is Betty Tomlinson Anderson.

The Society has always been concerned with published history. In 1982 a major contribution was made to genealogical history with the publication of "Cemetery Inscriptions, Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Townships, Simcoe County, Ontario". Following this, a lovely packet of early Edwardian postcards of the area was reproduced and is also for sale. Ten members of the Society



VIEWPOINTS FROM A HILLTOP

By Allan Anderson

either wrote for, or worked on, the Tecumseth history.

The Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society's latest venture is the publication of four booklets, "Pine Hill Farm", "Life on the Old Plank Road", "The Diary of Daniel H. Rogers for the Year 1859", and "Travel Down a Storied Road". Each one is different and well worth reading. For those whose backs may have been bent by the sheer weight and mass of the Tecumseth history, these pamphlets are very light and easy to hold!

"Pine Hill Farm" in West Gwillimbury, is the story of an Irish family's immigration to Canada in 1819. Robert Armstrong was well-to-do and not a victim of the potato famine, as many Irish immigrants were. He'd heard many stories of the abundance of fish, fruit and game in Canada and, for this and other reasons, he brought his wife, eight sons and one daughter to settle near Bradford. They also brought three servants, which by no means guaranteed a life of ease. The journey itself was full of hardship, including the crossing of the west branch of the Holland River:

"Two or three smart men went in advance, cutting a way for the horses through the wood until we reached the river some six or seven miles south of Bradford. The ice had taken and was supposed strong

enough to bear the horses, but scarcely had we gone a mile when down went a horse, load and all, but while the writer of this held on to the bridle keeping the horse's head above water, a couple of smart fellows ran to the edge of the wood, cut two tamarac poles, placed one behind, the other in front, one fellow seized the bridle, the other the horse's tail, and in an instant swung him out to the amazement of his owner who would have allowed the animal to perish if worth a hundred guineas."

There are two articles in "Pine Hill Farm", the first by Christopher Armstrong, a son of Robert, and reprinted from the Papers and Records of the Ontario Historical Society; the second article is by a descendant of the family, Margaret Dunham Vanderploeg, written in 1980.

"Life on the Old Plank Road" by Bernice Merrick Ellis, is a lively and colourful account of the first surfaced road in Simcoe County, from Bond Head to Holland Landing. Gravel was scarce in 1851, the year the road was plankled, but wood was plentiful. Three inch planks were laid on "stringers" and the road was the width of a wagon. It was a very busy road and, with two toll gates, was soon paid for and, in fact, made money. When the railway reached Bradford in 1853, it's reported that farmers waiting to unload their produce could be lined up all the way from Bradford to Bond Head.

With so much traffic, the planks began to splinter and break and the repair costs went up and accidents increased. There was a demand for removal of the tolls, with the road in such poor shape. In 1958, the decision

was made by the County to remove the plankling and level the holes.

The original "Diary of Daniel H. Rogers for the Year 1859" is a tiny leatherbound volume, five by four inches. He lived just north of what is now Highway 9 and Newmarket, though his farm was then outside Newmarket. His many trips to that community are recorded, as are an unexpected mixture of pioneer activities from soap making, primitive farming and the home-birth of his son, to more sophisticated concerns. Daniel was a Quaker, a member of the Society of Friends. The Meeting House on Yonge Street, along with his family, was central in his life.

"Travel Down a Storied Road", the fourth booklet published recently by the Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society, came out of the Bicentennial Parade held by the Society on August 26, 1984. The parade of antique cars, a band, a crowd of people, many in period costumes, started in Cookstown and ended at Dunkerron, where a plaque was dedicated to the pioneers of Dunkerron in the Quaker cemetery. The booklet, by Bernice Merrick Ellis, tells of the old hamlets and historic landmarks on the Townline (Highway 27) between Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Townships.

Among the outlets where these historical booklets may be purchased are The Book Nook, Tottenham, and the Magpie Book Store, Alliston. Also, you may write to the Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society, P.O. Box 171, Bond Head, L6G 1B0, or phone (416) 936-4321 or (705) 456-4852. The price is \$1.50 per booklet.

Highway 27

Travel Down a Storied Road drive along Highway 27 from Cookstown to Dunkerron with the Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Historical Society.

cookstove

by Joan MacLellan

Society, saluting historic landmarks on the way.

Take part in the unveiling of the plaque at Dunkerron at the Society of Friends (Quaker) cemetery; visit Dunkerron United Church which will be 100 years old in 1984. Refreshments will be served at the church. The Newton Robinson Band will accompany the cars down 27 Highway and there will be antique cars in the parade. Old-style dress will be the fashion of the day.

The reeve of Cookstown, Anne Monkman and president of the Cookstown Historical and Heritage Society, Dore Monkman will welcome the visitors at the Cookstown town hall on Hamilton Street and give a send-off to the parade. The departure is at 1 p.m. Brief stops will be made along the way and the travellers will be welcomed at Newton Robinson and Bond Head.

A leaflet will be given out which will tell the story of the old road, historic hamlets and landmarks on the way. This event is a Bicenten-

Tecumseth

picnic Sunday

ministers Dr. Andy French and Philip Boyes. Providing music will be the Celebration Singers, comprised of choir members of area churches.

Following the service will be a potluck and sausage brunch. Then the entertainment begins.

On stage, beginning at 2:30 are entertainers such as singer-guitarist Trevor Downes, the Frank Westcott Band, the Blue Diamond Trio Plus One, the Chris Wilton Dancers and the Millbrook Loons. Steel Band. Picnic planners have taped up the Horton-Wunder Beats, six performing bands.

There will be games and sports too such as the South Simcoe arm wrestling championships, tug-of-war, ball toss and more. Craft displays will also be set up.

The picnic will wind up with a corn roast.

The third annual Meet Your Neighbour Picnic will be held Aug. 25 at Bolton Community Park. / 1235

The event in which neighbours pitched in to help their neighbours after the recent tornado disaster will be highlighted at Tecumseth Township Meet Your Neighbour Picnic, Aug. 25.

The Tecumseth Area Disaster Fundraising Committee will have a display outlining major donations of money as well as donations of food and clothing. The names of many who helped during the aftermath of the tornado will never be known, however. "A lot of people wanted to be generous but wanted no recognition at all," said Counsellor Raymond Lick of Tecumseth Township.

"They didn't want any thanks or anything. They just wanted to help."

The booth will also display photographs of the rebuilding and fundraising events. An information booklet with pictures and stories of the disaster in Tecumseth will be available.

As in previous years, the Meet Your Neighbour Picnic will begin with a church service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday. The service will be conducted by lay



To Beeton Women's Institute

May your anniversary
be a day to remember
and may the year ahead
be filled with much success.

Congratulations

*Best Wishes from
Beeton Women's
Institute*

Beeton gives warm welcome

First class — that's the only way one can adequately describe the impression that Bob Jackson's new IGA store made on people at the welcoming party last Tuesday night and the official opening on Wednesday.

On the Tuesday night, invited guests toured the facilities, sipped wine, nibbled cheese and crackers and congratulated Bob and Pat Jackson on their new, bright and shining store

with every shelf and every counter brimming with appetizing food.

Helping the Jacksons open the store was Beeton Reeve Sheridan McGinty and MPP Hon. George McCague. They provided their opening remarks through the store's phone intercom system.

One of the most talked about features of the store were the photos of the turn of the century main street

in Beeton. The photos were supplied by Bert Platt and enlarged to adorn the drop wall over the checkout counters. The photos were a crowning touch joining the Beeton of old with the shiny new IGA.

Wednesday morning well before the 10 a.m. opening, cars started filling the parking lot and a long line-up was there for the store opening. With Bob Jackson greeting everyone and Pat

Jackson handing out carnations, the throng flooded through the door and began a hectic day as the store was extremely busy.

Head office personnel were on hand from Oshawa Wholesale to mark the occasion and some stayed longer than expected having trouble getting their cars out of the parking lot.

As for the customers, well they can speak for themselves.



Open house

Bob Jackson (l) welcomes Tecumseh Township reeve Allan Glasford to the open house celebrating the opening of the new Beeton IGA Jan. 22. Jackson believes the store will provide a boost for other businesses in the village.

1985 (Herald photo by Boris Swidenky)



FINALLY

Beeton's acting postmaster has been waiting a long time but Canada Post has finally made it official. Fred St. Peters has been officially appointed as Beeton's postmaster. The job was open for competition and Mr. St. Peters had to win the job taking post office examinations.



25 YEARS

On Wednesday Nora McKay, left, and Roy Reynolds, right, received a certificate for 25 years of service to the Beeton Agricultural Society. President Bill Lewis happily congratulates them.

Photo by Teresa Jackson



PRIZE POSSESSION — Blossom Cross shows off an exhibit of her husband's (Harry) at the Beeton Fair. The poster announces the Beeton and Cardwell Fair over 100 years ago.

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Albert Bulman honoured at Manor

On Wednesday, March 26, residents, staff, friends and family filled the beautifully decorated auditorium of Simcoe Manor, to pay tribute to Albert Bulman, maintenance supervisor for 16 years, on his retirement.

Ed Boynton, administrator, as master of ceremonies, welcomed the large crowd present. Musical selections by Mrs. Joan Jebb on the piano and Mrs. Beth Robinson on the violin, who played many favourites of Albert's, which were much appreciated.

Greetings were brought from Mr. Duncan Green, administrator of Simcoe County, Warden Ed McDermott, Jack Coleman, past clerk of Simcoe County. Mrs. Jean Hughes, district Deputy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. Warden Ed McDermott and his wife, Doris, along with their best wishes, gave Albert the County book, "The Visible Past". Mrs. Hilda Deverall presented Albert with a gold covered basket, filled with gold painted light bulbs, a reminder of his early morning rounds at

the Manor. The residents and staff presented him with two lovely end tables for his home. The maintenance staff of Earl Gray, George Bayley and Kevin Bulman, presented him with his garden hoe, which he had used for 16 years, all gold plated, with a tack to hang it on, with their names inscribed on it.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Manor presented him with a book "Lines to Live By" and also a plaque with his name inscribed on it, in appreciation of the work he did for them. A poem composed by Mrs. Stella Abrams was read in Stella's absence by Mrs. M. Strang. Two residents, Mr. Horace Cooper and Mr. Fred Porritt, presented Albert with money to buy a family Bible. He received a lot of personal gifts, including a ceramic basket from Mrs. Hilda Deverall, a lovely leather wallet with money from his brother David and his wife Ethel, and others.

Mrs. Turnbull, president of the residents council, spoke on behalf of the residents, giving their appreciation of the things Albert had done to make them feel at home. Mrs. Rene Delaney who worked on the C.P.R. said that knowing Albert made her feel good when she came to Simcoe Manor. Mrs. Delaney, who plays the organ for the church services, thanked Albert on behalf of the residents for taking the services in the absence of the ministers. Mrs. Turnbull and Mrs. Delaney invited him back any time to take a service.

Albert, in his thanks, remarked that his motto

was to do unto others that which you would have them do unto you, and found this very important in Simcoe Manor which he enjoyed very much and stated he was not saying goodbye to great people, but would be back anytime as a volunteer. He also thanked all for coming and for his wife's courage, cards, gifts, best wishes and he thanked all those who worked so hard to make such a memorable afternoon, one that would never be forgotten.

Mrs. Velda Lewis, nursing supervisor, read the address on Albert as a person, his work and fun that he had with those he worked with, the staff and residents and stated he would be missed, especially for his long talks and laughter, and that he had made many friends, in his 16 years at Simcoe Manor.

A lovely lunch was provided by the Manor and auxiliary and a beautiful cake presented in the shape of a horse shoe, which was made by a kitchen staff member (Verna Morton), also large cakes were made by the kitchen staff.

On Wednesday, March 19, Albert Bulman was honoured by the senior citizens, beginning with a lovely pot luck luncheon. Albert was presented with a beautiful desk set, in appreciation for all the things he did to help them, and Ann gave a dozen red roses. A social afterwards followed with a skit put on by the ladies, and amusing readings and sing-song brought the afternoon to a close. Albert and Ann expressed their thanks.

On Tuesday, March 18, Ed and Maisie Boynton, Albert and Ann Bulman went to Midhurst administrative office to attend county council, where Warden Ed McDermott, presented Ann with a lovely corsage of pink and white carnations and Albert with a beautiful inscribed gold watch on behalf of County Council.

Who comes a-running when we call,
To hang our pictures when they fall?

Who helps us up or down the stairs,
And mends the brakes on our wheel chairs?

Who pulls the weeds, and plants the flowers,
And digs and cultivates for hours?

Who grew a pumpkin such a size,
It made at least a hundred pies?

Who picked the apples, chose the pears
To take the prizes at the fairs?

And then, on Fridays, very oft,
When ministers have 'just forgot' —

Who do we call to take their place,
To speak of love, and faith and grace?

Who's earned his rest, who will we miss?
Before he goes, we'll just say this —

"God bless you, Albert, every day,
And walk with you along your way".

by Mrs. Stella Abrams.

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NURSING GRADUATES

On Thursday, 16 Nurses' Aid students graduated from their program. The nurses were capped and pinned in front of friends and family at the Beeton Simcoe Manor. The graduates were: (Back L to R) Colleen Clark, Flo Bashford, Lori Sullivan, Sharlene Webber, Madelyn

O'Leary, Heather Deon, Lynne Smith and Darlene Rowley. (Front L to R) Jackie Maher, Mary Maher, Annette Gidley, Denise McEneaney, Patricia Hutterer, Iris Dass and Barbara Brown. Missing was Lori Duncan.

Photo by Teresa Jackson

BEETON SENIORS

Eighty seniors sat down to a delicious pot luck luncheon Wednesday of Kentucky Fried Chicken and lots of casseroles and desserts. Then a little entertainment was enjoyed. Edna McMinn gave a humorous reading, then two residents of the Manor (Reta Morrow and Edna Smith) entertained on the piano and Edna playing the mouth organ. They played a few old tunes and we all joined in singing. It was really nice.

Then Edna gave another humorous reading. Sadie Duimill had a name game which kept them laughing for a while. Muriel Reynolds, Marjorie Drury, Edna McMinn, Iris Siward, Mary Watson and Thelma Cuthbert put on a skit. It was really funny with 'Muriel' as Aunt Dorel.

Then our president, Sadie Duimill, took over and made a little speech thanking Ed Boynton for all his kindness to us during his years as administrator at Simcoe Manor.

Farewell reception for the Boyntons

Highlighted by tears, hugs, and laughter, a farewell reception was held on Sunday for Simcoe Manor administrator, Ed Boynton and his wife, Maisie.

The Boyntons, two of Beeton's best known and most active residents, have lived in the village for the past 29 years. Mr.

Boynton has been the administrator of the Manor since Jan. 1, 1970, and both he and his wife have been involved in almost every aspect of village life.

The Boyntons have decided upon an early retirement, and will be taking up permanent residence at their cottage in Nantyr Park on the 7th line of Innisfil Township.

At Sunday's farewell party, Manor residents and staff as well as family and friends gathered to say good-bye and to wish the Boyntons a very happy retirement. M.P.P. George McCague, Beeton's reeve and deputy-reeve, Sheridan McGinty and Alan Bennett, Tecumseh's reeve, Alan Glassford, and deputy-reeve, James Heath, and Adjala reeve Ed McDermott were on hand to offer their best wishes.

Deeply-moved by the outpouring of affection, Mr. Boynton expressed his thanks for the many happy years that he and his wife had enjoyed at the Manor. Of his position as administrator, Mr. Boynton said, "It's a wonderful way of doing something for other human beings," and he encouraged his staff to



A PERSONAL TRIBUTE — Simcoe Manor's retiring administrator, Ed Boynton and his wife, Maisie, receive a gift from their friends Adjala Reeve, Ed McDermott and

his wife, Manor employee, Velda Lewis, who heads the nursing staff, acted as master of ceremonies for part of the farewell ceremonies.

keep up the tradition of excellent service.

Among the many retirement gifts which the Boyntons received, were a gas barbecue from the Manor

residents, a golf bag from the staff, and a very special ceramic kitchen from resident Hilda Deverall.

Mrs. Deverall also had a few pointers on retirement for Mr. Boynton. She advised, "Don't get a rocking chair — you won't have time for it."

The Boyntons leave Beeton with many fond memories, and promise to return to the village and the Manor for frequent visits.

In April, Beeton will say good-bye to two of its best known and most active residents. Ed and Maisie Boynton will be leaving after having lived in the village for almost 29 years.

Ed has decided on an early retirement, and he and Maisie will be taking up permanent residence at their cottage in Nantyr Park on the 7th line of Innisfil Township. Although they're looking forward to the move and to having more free time, they do say that they sometimes have second thoughts about leaving Beeton after so many happy years in the community.

The Boyntons came to the village in 1957 and took possession of the old Beeton Hotel on July 1 of that year. Although some of Beeton's residents were a bit skeptical of the new hotel owners, Ed and Maisie soon became active in the life of the village.

Ed says that although he had no previous experience in hotel management, he had

operated two Imperial Oil service stations in Toronto. He also notes that during the time that he owned the Beeton Hotel, it became only the second hotel in Simcoe County to serve liquor when it was granted a liquor license in 1960.

Because the hotel cook frequently didn't show up for work, Maisie took over that function. She cooked the meals that were served in the dining room for five years and says that at times it was a bit overwhelming. "I came from a big family, so I'd done a lot of cooking, but it didn't prepare me for anything like that."

After more than 11 years of managing the hotel, Ed decided that the time was right for a change. It was 1968 and Beeton had just installed a sewer system, but much of it was not yet connected to individual residences.

This presented an opportunity, and Ed was quick to respond. He purchased a backhoe, a dump truck and a float and went into the ex-

cavating business for a year, connecting sewers and installing seeping beds.

In 1969, however, a position as an assistant administrator at the Simcoe Manor became available. Ed applied for the position and took over his new duties at the Manor in August of that year. On Jan. 1, 1970, he became the Manor's administrator.

Of his almost 17 years at the Manor, Ed says that they have been both challenging and rewarding. "It's a wonderful way of doing something for other human beings."

There will be many fond memories of the years at the Manor. One of the more recent is the 40th anniversary celebration that Ed and Maisie shared with Manor residents last April.

During their years in Beeton, the Boyntons have been involved in virtually every aspect of village life. Ed has been a Warden of St. Paul's Anglican Church 22 times and Maisie has been the Church convenor for 20 years. Ed is

a member of the Rotary Club, and has been its President twice, a member of Beeton's Masonic Lodge, where he served as Lodge Master in 1966, and he's also a member of the Legion.

As well as his club activities, Ed has sat on the High School board, the Planning Board, the Committee of Adjustment, and Beeton Council as both Councillor and Reeve. He's also a 20-year veteran of the Fire Department and was the first President of Beeton's Firefighters Association.

Maisie has been just as active as her husband and over the years has worked for the Cancer Society and Children's Aid. She was on the Centennial Board and was also the Vice-President of Beeton's first Honey Festival.

Twenty years ago Maisie, and the late Bill Watson, started the Beeton Curling Club, and she also served as the Carnival Chairman for the skating club.

Seven and a half years ago Maisie started a

Meals on Wheels program for elderly village residents. She currently delivers the meals to the two people who are on the program in Beeton and coordinates the program in both Tottenham and Bond Head.

Maisie is looking for someone to take her place in Beeton, and since last week's article about the program has received a few calls from people who are interested in donating their time.

Meals on Wheels is a homecare program designed to provide hot, nutritious meals to elderly people in their homes. The meals are delivered at 4:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and are prepared by the staff at Simcoe Manor. Maisie hopes to find a replacement to carry on this work before she moves away.

Of all their activities, Ed and Maisie say very simply that their involvement with the community has been extremely satisfying and has brought them a great deal of happiness. According to Maisie, "You get out of the community what you put into it." She also notes that, "Beeton has been a wonderful place to raise children. Our three children grew up here and both of our girls were married right here in the Village."

The Boyntons want to extend their very best wishes to all of the people that they've grown close to over the years. Ed adds "Beeton has been very good to us." And, there's no doubt that the Boyntons have been very good to Beeton.



Beeton school built in 1922 closed

At one time there were four continuation schools that served the Tecumseh area. Yesterday the doors were closed on the last of those schools.

The Beeton Public School has been known to most in recent years as the Annex holding the kindergartens of Beeton Central and Tecumseh North schools.

It was actually the last of the area's continuation schools in use. The one in Cookstown is now apartments, the one in Alliston torn down, and the one in Tottenham is unoccupied although it enjoyed new life earlier this year as it served as a temporary location for St. Thomas Aquinas.

The Beeton school has been classified by the fire marshal's office as being too dangerous for students although the structure of the building seems amazingly sound without a crack in its exterior brickwork.

The building was completed in 1922 as a fire had levelled its predecessor. The first school in Beeton was on north side of Main St. at the site of an occupied garage just east of Centre St.

It was replaced in the late 1880's with a new school on Tecumseh St. where the annex now stands and it was destroyed by fire in 1916.

Between 1916 and 1922 school was held in rooms of the Queen's Hotel (which stood at the corner of Main and Centre) and in church basements awaiting the new school which was built for \$22,000. It housed grades one to 12 with the older grades on the upper floor.

It was replaced by Beeton Tecumseh Central School in 1968 and was supposed to serve only for a short time as the Annex. That short time has lasted almost 18 years.

Linda Armstrong has been the kindergarten teacher at the Annex for several years. "I first taught here in 1965-66. I had 42 children (grade

4-5) and every desk was nailed to the floor."

For a short time it served as a kindergarten for not only Beeton but Tecumseh North, Tecumseh South

and Tottenham while the new central schools were being built.

Later it served grade one and kindergarten but in recent years concerns were expressed that it was a fire

hazard.

"We can't even use the upstairs for a gym. The last two years we've been bussed over to the main school," Mrs. Armstrong explained.

"The floors are oiled wood. Basil Thompson used to oil the floors every week."

One big problem with the Annex is the upkeep and heating a large building for a couple of classes. "The oil man comes every Wednesday whether he needs to or not and he always needs to," Mrs. Armstrong said.

But for many families like Mrs. Armstrong's, the building represents a link with the past. "My mother went to high school here. She came to live in town in exchange for housework. That

was quite common in those days (the late 1930's)."

And the school still recalls many things for many people. The image of children marching in three abreast. Boys on one side of the school, girls on the other — up different staircases.

And despite problems with the building it still commands a beautiful site appearing majestic — it's only exterior blemish being a fenced off area where the fill over the old coal bin is starting to collapse. And inside are classrooms with large windows, high ceilings and chalkboards of real slate.

However, for kindergarten children this was a big week of moving over to the new school where "the big kids go."

WIs are urged to promote their image

Promoting your own image is not only the public relations officer's job, it is up to all members of an organization to inform and let others know about your organizations. So says the leader of the workshop on public relations at the South Simcoe Women's Institute District Annual May 18, 1975.

About 60 district delegates attended the WI annual meeting at the United Church in Bradford from 12 branches representing 250 members and 55 life members in South Simcoe.

This annual meeting reviewed events of the past year which showed all the activities in which the women were involved. The WIs had raised over \$4,000 from fund raisings from which 4-H clubs benefited, agriculture societies, crisis centres, Simcoe County Museum and Ar-

chives and local histories. The worldwide organization ACW receives funds for its project Safe Water for All. About \$500 was received from this district for this fund in the past year.

Officers were installed by Mrs. Albert Allary, the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario (FWIO) delegate who also reported from that branch that a provincial scholarship fund is to be established in 1987 for women to re-enter the education system and that Emily Best was entered into the WI Hall of Fame. At the FWIO board meeting a film was shown about wife beating showing statistics that one in five women are battered.

Officers for the coming year are as follows: past president-Mrs. J. Steers; president-Mrs. William Kell; Churchill, first vice-president-Mrs. Bruce Keffer, Bradford; second

vice-president-Mrs. Herbert Parker, Stroud; secretary-treasurer-Mrs. Everett McVety, Bradford; federation representative-Mrs. James Steers, Bradford; alternate delegate-Mrs. William Kell, federation of agriculture representative-Mrs. Donald Harvey, Cookstown; alternate delegate-Mrs. Henry Vanderpost, Bradford; public relations officer-Mrs. Harold Watson, Bradford; convener for agriculture and Canadian industries-Mrs. Edward Chirney, Tottenham; citizenship and world affairs-Mrs. Cecil Reynolds, Beeton; family and consumer affairs-Mrs. Norman Baxter, Alliston; education and Following the noon

cultural activities-Mrs. Keith Kneeshaw, Bond Head; resolutions-Mrs. William Ball, Alliston; Tweedsmuir history curator-Mrs. F. Anderson, Alliston and auditors-Mrs. E. Larkey and Mrs. M. Jenop, both of Bradford.

A sing-song was led by Mary Orr with pianist Jean Jebb to give a break in the meeting. Instead of reports being given, they had been typed for perusal later and two workshops were led by Carol Stewart-Kirkby and Patricia Reid on public relations with member participation, suggesting that one should start at home to promote a better image of the Women's Institute organization. To gain

public support, pictures should be taken, the newspapers, radio, TV and brochures used. Stewart-Kirkby is editor of the WI magazine Home and Country.

Mrs. Don Harvey gave a detailed report of her involvement as South Simcoe District WI representative to the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture board. The board is the largest organized group of farmers in Ontario. They lobby to give farmers a voice in government and are setting up a registry for a program for child care for rural women. The board meets 10 times a year and expects to have a farm course become a reality at Georgian College.

The Tottenham WI resolution-Be it resolved that the government operate licensed day care centres for children, staffed by trained people in order that they obtain a proper grounding in learning such that when they enter the school system they will be able to participate as fully as possible-was sustained and will be sent on to the area WI committee.

A 15 cent km fee for both ways was set as mileage for members. Bond Head WI will host the 1986 district annual.

It was suggested that WIs send donations to the Simcoe County Museum's new section for showcases for the Agricultural Hall of Fame. Mrs. O. Hughes gave the courtesy reply at the close of the meeting.



BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

by Mary Watson

The May meeting of Beeton W.I. was held at the home of Maida Ritchie, with the president, Letta Broome, presiding.

Our speaker was Mrs. Dylis Haughton who explained her work as a V.O.N. in great detail. It was a very informative talk on various aspects of home care and how it can be obtained.

Thirteen members

paid their membership and the minutes of the April meeting were read and adopted. Plans were made for a euchre at the Manor on May 18 at 8 p.m. New officers for the coming year were installed by Marjorie Drury.

Plans were made to enter some items at the Schomberg Fair. It was decided to donate a book by a Canadian author to

Grade 6, Beeton Central School. We were reminded of our bus trip to Hamilton on June 21. We also decided to give donations to the Beeton Agricultural Society, Beeton Horticultural Society and to Simcoe Manor.

The meeting closed with a delicious lunch provided by the hostess and Thelma Coburn.

Beeton Women's Institute held a very successful dessert euchre and bake sale at the Manor on Friday, May 10. Lucky winners at euchre were Ena Crawley, Jean Letts, Shellah Fleich, Ernie Cumberland, Nora McKay and Eibel McDowell.

On Thursday, May 16 the Simcoe South District Women's Institute's 83rd annual meeting was held at Bradford. Attending from Beeton were Marjorie Drury, Letta Broome, Ruth Mayberry and Muriel Reynolds.

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Beeton W.I. Report

The regular monthly meeting of the Beeton Women's Institute was held on Tues., Jan 8 at the home of Mrs. W. Coburn.

The roll call was a custom of our pioneer fathers or mothers which was answered by 14 members and one visitor.

The motto was "A picture or post card of the community and comment on it."

Mrs. G. Drury led the program on Tweedsmuir history. Current events were prepared and read by Mrs. G. Mayberry. The meeting closed with the Institute grace, followed by a penny sale. Proceeds of the sale went to the Pennies for Friendship fund.

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Beeton W.I. Report

The Beeton Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Ross Watson for its October meeting.

Mrs. E. Ritchie read the minutes of the last meeting. Correspondence was read.

Mrs. G. Mayberry gave a good report on the District Annual Directors Meeting held at Cookstown, Sept. 30.

Mrs. C. Reynolds had the program on Public Relations. Leena Hubel, a student from Finland, showed slides of her country which was very interesting.

Current Events were given by Mrs. S. McMillan. Mrs. G. Drury and Mrs. G. Mayberry attended the Simcoe Area Women's Institute 53rd Annual Convention in Trinity United Church in Collingwood.

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Beeton WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members and guests of Beeton Women's Institute enjoyed dinner at the Hunky Restaurant on Sunday, Nov. 3.

The W.I. meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon at Simcoe Manor with Mrs. W. Broome presiding. There were 15 members and five visitors. The roll call was

answered by - An Armistice verse or a thought on peace.

The Motto was: Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. The comment was given by Mrs. R. Watson.

Mrs. W. Watson was in charge of the program. She had as her guest speaker, Mrs. Susan Campbell, who spoke on real estate, which was quite informative. The current events for the past month were prepared by Mrs. E. Ritchie. Mrs. G. Drury gave an excellent report on the S.A.W.I. convention held in Collingwood.

A donation is being sent to the Mental Health Group in Barrie and a donation to the Sharon Grandy Benefit Fund. The meeting closed with singing the Institute Grace.

Our Christmas meeting is at Mrs. H. Lisk's on Dec. 10th/75

Marie McVety and Elsie Curry of Bradford, Vera Kneeshaw of Bond Head, Sandra Kell of Gilford, Ruth Mayberry and Marjorie Drury of Beeton, attended a W.I. Directors meeting in Brentwood Community Hall, on Thurs. Nov. 14.

Mrs. Albert Allary of New Lowell, a Provincial Board Director and Convenor of Citizenship and World Affairs introduced Mr. George Rogers, a flag collector. With the help of Mrs. Rogers he showed about 35 flags from different provinces and countries.

Following a delicious lunch Mrs. Allary showed slides of interesting places in Ontario and Manitoba.

Thanks was expressed by Sandra, District President of South Simcoe Women's Institute.

Nov. 14, 1975



BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Feb. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. Coburn, with the president Mrs. W. Broome presiding. Fourteen members and three visitors answered the roll call — Name a Duty of a Good Citizen. Motto — bring a momento from a trip and comment on it.

Donations are being sent to Safe Water Fund, Save the Sight Fund and the Eriand Lee Fund.

Mrs. C. Reynolds had the program: Citizenship and World Affairs. She spoke on pioneering and human liberties for every Canadian such as freedom of religion, speech, right for a fair trial, education, work and food and equal protection and participation in government. Liberty must be struggled for.

Mrs. Reynolds also conducted a contest which was interesting. Mrs. E. Stewart gave the current events. Meeting closed with the Institute

Grace and a social half hour spent during lunch, served by Mrs. R. Watson. Next meeting — a pot luck luncheon at Mrs. G. Drury's. 1976

Beeton W.I. Report

The Beeton Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. H. Lisk on January 14.

The roll call — Memories of a pioneer kitchen — was answered by 15 members and two visitors.

The motto was — History is in the making — now is the time to record it.

Mrs. G. Drury had the program. She read some of the history from the Tweedsmuir book.

Current events of the last month were given by Mrs. R. Watson. 1976

Beeton W.I. news report

On March 11, the Beeton Women's Institute held its annual pot luck luncheon at the home of Mrs. Gordon Drury. The food was delicious.

Roll call — How you can have an accident — was answered by 13 members and three visitors.

Mrs. S. McMinn was in charge of the program on "Safety". She had as the guest speaker Bill Strachan, chief of the Beeton Fire Department. He spoke on fire prevention and explained the work of the department.

Mrs. G. Mayberry gave a report on the District Directors' meeting held in Cookstown.

Current events for the month were prepared and read by Mrs. G. McClain. A donation of \$30 was given to the Beeton Fire Department. 1976

Beeton W.I. report

Sixteen members and three guests attended the meeting of the Beeton Women's Institute held in the Senior's room at Simcoe Manor April 4, hosted by Mrs. S. McMinn and Mrs. G. Mayberry.

President Mrs. W. Broome opened the meeting in the usual manner. Bring A Resolution was the roll call. Resolutions Convenor Mrs. W. Coburn, introduced Mrs. W. Ball of Alliston. Resolutions Convenor for the District.

Mrs. C. Reynolds introduced Mrs. C. Ellis who spoke on P.O.R.T. (Protect Our Rural Townships).

A motion was passed that we give \$30 to help organize a 4-H Club. Mrs. Ellis installed the officers for the coming year.

Mrs. C. Reynolds gave the current events. Some of the members met at Mrs. Reynolds' home on Friday afternoon to prepare the program for the coming year. 1976

W. I. plans fall convention

Meeting recently at the CO-OP building Barrie, the Simcoe Area Executive of the Women's Institute discussed their fall program and set up the area convention.

The convention will be at the Lay of Lourdes Church, Elmville, October 15, 1986. North Simcoe District will be in charge of the days arrangements. A full and interesting day has been planned with a closing banquet.

Final plans were made for the pumpkin contest sponsored by the area for school children to be judged in connection with some fall fairs. October 1st and 2nd will be "Harvest Festival" days at the "Lee", the theme will be "Apples". The Lees were the first farmers to ship greening apples from Ontario to England. A quilt block 12"x12" finished and sealed in plastic has been requested from each branch by their committee for the sales table

there. Ladies Day in connection with Farmers Week will be January 13, 1987, a supervised baby sitting service will be available all week. One member from each district is required to assist each day. Each district will do this just once.

Mrs. Gordon Downing, first vice president, Barrie conducted the days meeting.



BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Beeton Women's Institute held its Christmas meeting on Dec. 10 at the home of Mrs. H. Lisk.

The president, Mrs. W. Broome opened the meeting with sixteen members and six visitors present.

The Legend of the Christmas Rose was read by Mrs. G. McClain. Mrs. Bob Matson and Mrs. Alex Lillico provided music for the singing of Christmas carols. They are part of the Presbyterian Four and their music was very

much enjoyed by everyone.

The meeting closed with the Institute grace followed by an exchange of gifts. Lunch was served by Mrs. W. Broome, Mrs. N. Stewart and Mrs. G. McClain. Mrs. Lisk served her delicious Christmas cake. Everyone went home feeling they had a very enjoyable afternoon. 1975



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COMMUNITY SPIRIT - ALIVE AND WELL

Have you ever heard someone say "It's not like the old days anymore? Neighbours don't visit and help one another like they used to. Whatever happened to that old country spirit we once had?"

On May 31, 1985 and ever since we found that old spirit working in ways we could never imagine. When the need arose the people were there.

May 31 was just another busy day along the Third Line of Tecumseth. People went to work or did their daily chores around house and barn, their minds concerned with minor problems or weekend plans.

There were forecasts of possible storms and high winds which were largely ignored. Usually the theory is - it won't happen to us.

About 4:40 P.M. disaster struck. Six different tornados attacked parts of Southern Ontario. Like Saturday night revellers, temporarily deranged, these awesome giants destroyed parts of Barrie, Orangeville, Grand Valley, etc. as well as portions of Adjala and Tecumseth.

Tearing east along Five Sideroad in Adjala and then down the Third Line of Tecumseth our particular tornado struck and skipped at will. It carved a path of destruction through houses, barns, trees and fences which defies description.

Big maples, centuries old, were tossed hither and yon while buildings crumbled like match sticks. A 70' Harvestore silo, torn from its foundations lay on its side a mute reminder of man's frailty when nature goes berserk.

There was little warning; a driving rain for a few minutes, a darkened sky and terrific wind were followed by a sudden calm with good visibility.

For some there were signs of impending disaster and a rush to the basement but no time to make it. For others who escaped major damage, the first hint of a problem was a loss of hydro and telephone.

In the nine miles along the Third Line of Tecumseth, from the Adjala townline to #27 Highway, 25 houses were totally or partially demolished and about 50 barns. Almost 70 Tecumseth residents suffered losses while many others found their fields filled with all sorts of debris.

As people fought their way from under crumbled walls there was shock, disbelief and panic. They didn't know it but help was on the way.

News of the disaster was spread quickly by radio, T.V. and telephone and a wave of humanity headed for the Third Line. People came from everywhere with trucks, trailers, tractors, chain saws, shovels and just their bare hands. It mattered not who it was or where it was, if help was needed help was there a hundred-fold.

Rescue squads and fire departments were on the scene in minutes. Ambulances were called and as the roads were cleared they came to pick up the injured.

October 17, 1990

To: The Boston Women's Institute:

Just a short note of thanks, on behalf of the Boston United Church Women, for inviting us to help celebrate your 70th Anniversary.

The evening was very entertaining with the history, compiled by Mrs. Avery, the fashion show of costumes of the era, and the music provided by The Lippinots.

We thoroughly enjoyed the evening of fellowship with old friends and wish the Boston Women's Institute many more years of success as you continue with your important work in the community.

Sincerely,

Bella Service,
President,
Boston United Church Women.



Anniversaries
Celebrate ^{the successes}
^{the wisdom}
^{were acquired}
and the person
^{were become}

Lodgings were quickly offered for the homeless. The police and fire department took over the traffic control and for the first night some semblance of order was restored.

This was just the beginning. Herds of cattle had to be moved to different barns. The fire department hauled water to many places where there was no power. As Hydro and telephone crews worked on broken lines the massive cleanup began.

From tornado relief headquarters at Tottenham and District Community Centre, help came in a never ending stream. Town and township volunteers worked together as food, clothing, bedding and other badly needed supplies were distributed.

Complete strangers soon became friends as they worked together. A gigantic version of meals on wheels distributed meals and lunches to many places where there was no hydro. At one place 30 dinners a day were needed.

The organizing crew at the Community Centre did a great job. Busloads of people came in waves to gather debris scattered along roads and driveways and hundreds of acres of farmland.

For a farmer there is nothing which will renew your faith in your fellowman more quickly than watching a busload of volunteers clean up your fields.

Power and telephone lines were repaired in some areas by Sunday night just two days after the tornado struck. In other places where lines from the road in were destroyed it took a lot longer. Tractor driven and gas powered generators were brought in for temporary power.

There is nothing we miss more or take more for granted than a switch on the wall or water on tap.

From school children right through to senior citizens, help kept coming for cleanup. As well as our local town and township trucks, many came in from other areas to haul away debris. This really was a team effort.

With cleanup partly under control^{of} a group of citizens started organizing fund raising events which were supported beyond all expectations.

There were many unsung heroes in this emergency besides the workers we saw in the front lines.

The organizers who attended meetings to lay the groundwork for tornado relief and fund raising.

The people who donated all kinds of supplies and the group who looked after them at "The General Store".

The kind ladies who sent in food and the crew who prepared and delivered an endless number of meals.

The list could go on indefinitely.

Working together miracles were accomplished. Sometimes a kind word and a cheery smile meant a lot to a discouraged tornado victim.

Now, three months after the tornado, repairs are still going on as people try to get their buildings finished.

There is still a lot to be done but there is a very positive side to this disaster. We have seen with our own eyes that people from all walks of life can work together in a crisis situation and people will rise to new heights when faced with an emergency.

As we go about our daily tasks we can be secure in the knowledge, that if an emergency arises help is just around the corner.

Times may have changed but neighbours are still ready and willing to help one another.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HAPPENINGS IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS
SINCE OUR 60th. Anniversary October 21, 1980

- Oct. 21, 1980
Mrs. George (Haine) McCague of Alliston was the guest speaker. Mrs. Jack Campbell, Mrs. Alex Culgin and Mrs. Emerson McAdam cut the Anniversary Cake.
- Oct. 22, 1980
Moira Hunt of C.K.V.R. Barrie, spoke on the theme of the Simcoe Area Women's Institute Convention at Elmvale, "Without Vision People Perish".
- Nov. 11, 1980
Members and visitors enjoyed dinner at Nottawasaga Inn.
- Dec. 3, 1980
Several members attended the 60th. Anniversary of Tottenham W.I. Mrs. John Brown, Provincial Public Relations Officer was the guest speaker.
- Dec. 9, 1980
Mrs. John Hoekstra gave a vivid description of Christmas in Holland at meeting.
- Jan. 13, 1981
Miss Patricia Young from the Regional Office, Barrie and Field Worker for the March of Dimes connected with the physically disabled attended our meeting.
- Feb. 10, 1981
Maise Boynton attended the meeting and spoke on "Heals on Wheels" in the village and then introduced Miss Ingrid Predenkamp, South Africa, Rotary exchange student, taking Grades 12 and 13 in Venting Memorial High School, Alliston. Her father was a Methodist Minister.
- Mar. 10, 1981
Delma (Robert) McFarland had demonstration on afghans, cushions, place mats, etc. at her pot luck W.I. meeting.
- Apr. 14, 1981
Mrs. Donald Monkman of Cookstown speaker on Citizenship and World Affairs.
- May 12, 1981
Mrs. Mathene Weir, assistant N/A--H Club leader of Alliston, speaker.
- May 19, 1981
Members attended the W.I. District Annual in Gilford. Whipper Billie Watson guest speaker and Mr. Law with school children and guitars for entertainment.
- May 15, 1981
At W.I. Dessert Luncheon, euchre and bake sale at the Manor.
- June 4, 1981
Marjorie Drury took Mary Watson, Ruth Mayberry and Mae Hopper from the Manor to the 60th. W.I. Anniversary in Cookstown Town Hall. Grace Kirby was President, Moira Hunt guest speaker and Alliston Bell Ringers entertained.
- June 9, 1981
Mrs. E. (Marie) McVety at meeting to ask the members of South Simcoe to prepare meals for one day at the Ploughing Match at Crown Hill near Barrie. Marie Thomas, Ontario Queen of the Furrow 1980--1981 speaker.
- June 16, 1981
On W.I. Bus tour to Sara Lee in Brambles and to the Agricultural Museum at Milton.
- July 1981
Fisher's Corners W.I. celebrated 60th. Anniversary.
- Sept. 8, 1981
Robert Shannon our local pharmacist on the use and abuse of drugs was speaker.
- Oct. 13, 1981
Beeton W.I. entertained the Churchill W.I. members at Simcoe Manor. Mrs. Sidney Owens of Alliston spoke on libraries and Mrs. Jody Smith displayed her crafts, quilts, cushions, etc.
- Oct. 1981
The members served meals at the International Ploughing Match at Crown Hill near Barrie under bad weather conditions.
- Oct. 27, 1981
Bond Head W.I. entertained Beeton members to Kentucky fried chicken and dessert luncheon in the Community Hall. Mrs. Linda Dayarmond of Bond Head presented us with well prepared program on creative stitchery.
- Nov. 10, 1981
At W.I. meeting and dinner at Nottawasaga Inn. Played several games of euchre.
- Dec. 15, 1981
Mrs. Cecil Reynolds was presented with a Life Members Pin and Certificate for her years of service in the Institute. Rev. Andy Leroux was the guest speaker.
- Jan. 19, 1982
Mrs. May Reynolds of Alliston and guest speaker after taking a quilting course sponsored by the institutes brought a display of her work. Mrs. Jessie Steers of Fisher's Corners and District President was also a guest speaker.
- Feb. 9, 1982
Mrs. June Chambers of Bond Head played tapes of interviews she and Muriel Reynolds had made of May Watson of Beeton and Edgar Kneeshaw of Bond Head.

- Mar. 9, 1982
Paper read by Marjorie Drury on "Making A Home," a paper prepared by the late Mrs. George Hutchison.
- Apr. 13, 1982
Mrs. E. (Marie) McVety of Bradford had a tape she played of Father Larre, speaking on Saskatoon at the "Year of the Child 1979," at the conference of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada.
- May 11, 1982
Students from the Beeton Central School entertained with songs and dance at Simcoe Manor. The Alliston Senior Citizens Band also entertained with delightful music.
- May 13, 1982
The Simcoe South District W.I. 80th. Anniversary Annual Meeting in Rosemont United Church with Everett W.I. being the hostess. Mrs. Robert Kell of Churchill was the guest speaker.
- June 8, 1982
The meeting was held in Trinity United Church when Linda Robinson (6th Line across from Ken. Kelly) and Gladys (Mitchell) Palmer demonstrated their sewing sponsored by the W.I.. Tanya Platt a winner in Public Speaking recited her piece which every one enjoyed very much.
- June 1982
Alliston entertained Sister W.I.'s branches at afternoon tea in their new hall at the Alliston Memorial Library.
- Sept. 14, 1982
Mrs Robert (Anne) Manning of Tottenham spoke on poisonous and non-poisonous house plants and weeds.
- Oct. 19, 1982
Mrs. Aileen Volkinghorne of Palmerston spoke on "Education".
- Oct. 22, 1982
Several attended the W.I. dessert luncheon and euchre at Gilford Community Hall.
- Nov. 9, 1982
The members and friends enjoyed dinner at the Sweet and Spicy Restaurant in Alliston followed by their usual meeting.
- Nov. 22, 1982
Beeton W.I. members were entertained by their sister W.I. Tec-We-Gwill at Newton Robinson Hall. Mrs. Jean Kell showed pictures of China.
- Nov. 25, 1982.
Several enjoyed the quilting course under the direction of Mrs Leta Broome and Sadie Dunnill who had taken the course given by the Department of Agriculture and Food. At the finish of the course everyone enjoyed a pot luck luncheon.
- Dec. 14, 1982
Mrs. Frances Morrow of Alliston gave a monologue on "Beautiful Christmas Legends" with Mrs. Cecil Reynolds accompanying on the piano. Mrs. Bonnie Fortune had a display of Christmas decorations, corsages and bows which was quite interesting.
- Jan. 11, 1983
Mrs. William Sutherland of Bond Head was a guest speaker and she spoke on Resolutions.
- Feb. 8, 1983
Entertained Gilford W.I. to a pot luck luncheon at Marjorie Drury's home. Mrs. June Chambers of Bond Head showed slides of quilts, blankets and rugs and explained the materials used.
- Feb. 22, 1983
At W.I. second quilting summary day at the Manor. Served cookies and coffee.
- Mar. 8, 1983
The members enjoyed lunch at the Sweet and Spicy restaurant in Alliston and then on to W.I. Summary Day in Rosemont Hall where the sewing was on display.
- Apr. 12, 1983
Mrs. Dorothy Dale guest speaker on Fall fairs, exhibitors, prize list, judging, advertising, etc.
- May 10, 1983
Miss Ruth Wiley spoke on agricultural development in other countries. The winged bean appears to have great potential for easing the problem of protein malnutrition throughout the humid tropics.
- May 12, 1983
Attended the 81st. District Annual W.I. meeting in Cockstown United Church.
- July 13, 1983
On W.I. bus trip to Marineland, Niagara Falls.
- Sept. 6, 1983
Members and friends enjoyed a tour of the Robert Phillip Clock Museum near Cockstown.
- Oct. 11, 1983
The guest speaker was Mrs John Brown of Washago. Mrs. Brown is a Public L. Relations Officer and a member of the Provincial Board of the W.I. She also spoke on the A.C.W. Conference at which she was a delegate.
- Nov. 8, 1983
Enjoyed dinner at the Sweet and Spicy Restaurant in Alliston and later had meeting and played euchre.

- Nov. 10, 1983
At rug braiding course at Simcoe Manor under the directions of Mrs. Marion Watson and Mrs. Muriel Reynolds.
- Dec. 13, 1983
At Christmas Meeting we talked about crafts.
- Jan. 10, 1984
Interesting news from Current Events Book 1975-1976. Read a poem "Ode to A Kitchen" written by Marie Magloughlin of Cockstown and referring to the one built to the back of Marion and Stewart Magloughlin's house on Queen St. in 1980. Mrs. Myra McAdam was presented with a Life Membership Pin and Certificate.
- Feb. 14, 1984
The Beeton Institute entertained their sister branch of Alliston and some residents upstairs at Simcoe Manor. Students from Grades 1, 2 and 3 of Tecumset Beeton Central School entertained with some delightful songs. Mrs. Leeta Broome and Mrs. Mary Watson read chapters from a book, "I Remember the One Roomed School", which brought back memories of the past.
- Mar. 1984
Our guest was Mrs. Keith Kruss. She dressed dolls and brought a display of them with her. She described each one and told of its origin.
- Apr. 10, 1984
Marjorie Drury explained "The Mary Stewart Collect." Guest Mr. Graham Bell of Alliston who spoke on "What everyone should know about electrical wiring and safety."
- May 15, 1984
Guest was Mrs. Janet Bowie of the Health Unit from Alliston. She spoke on nutrition and expressed the importance of eating proper foods.
- May 17, 1984
Ruth Mayberry, Muriel Reynolds and Marjorie Drury were delegates to the 83rd. District Annual W.I. Meeting in Churchill United Church.
- May 25, 1984
Some members worked on getting the display ready for Schenck Fair.
- May 29, 1984
Had a dessert luncheon, euchre and bake sale at Simcoe Manor.
- June 8, 1984
Several members attended the W.I. Bicentennial and 70th. Anniversary in Knox Presbyterian Church, Alliston. Mrs. Margaret Birch, M.P.P. Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier and Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on the Bicentennial was introduced by Mrs. Elaine (George) McCague of Alliston.
- June 12, 1984
Mrs. Leeta Broome and her guest Mrs. Helen Lisk gave the history of Cross's School S.S.# 10 which was quite interesting and informative.
- Aug. 15, 1984
Several members attended the 50th. Anniversary of Silford W.I. in the United Church. Mrs. Jessie Stears was the guest speaker.
- Sept. 13, 1984
Set up fair display for Cockstown Fair "Articles from Attic."
- Sept. 16, 1984
Bob Evans a lawyer from Bradford spoke on Wills at the Newton Robinson Hall to the Booster Club and we were their guests. Everyone enjoyed the talk and the Institute gave \$5.00 To Booster Club on motion by Mrs. Ross Watson and seconded by Mrs. Muriel Reynolds.
- Sept. 19, 1984
Members dressed in old costumes rode in three decorated convertible cars in the Beeton Fair parade and won a prize.
- Nov. 11, 1984
Members and friends enjoyed dinner at the Husky Restaurant east of Bond Head.
- Nov. 13, 1984
After W.I. meeting at Simcoe Manor a few games of euchre was enjoyed by all.
- Nov. 20, 1984
Muriel Reynolds, Maids Ritchie, Blossom Cross and Marjorie Drury attended the November Session of County Council at Midhurst when they recognized the W.I. Contributions towards the establishment of a microfilm facility in the County Archives followed by a social time.
- Dec. 13, 1984
Rev. Andy Leroux speaker at the Christmas W.I. meeting at Freda Liska. Doris Graham and Gertie Williams supplied music for carol singing.
- Jan. 8, 1985
History given from the Current Events Books for the year 1977. Thelma Coburn gave the W.I. quilt blocks to be made into a quilt and quilted for sale. This quilt was later put together and quilted at the home of Marjorie Drury.
- Mar. 12, 1985
Entertained our sister W.I. Churchill to a hot luck luncheon, at Drury's. Keith McRuer showed slides of his Clara Murt trip to Australia in 1982 which everyone enjoyed.

Mar. 19, 1985

Some members attended a dessert luncheon put on by sister W.I. Fisher's Corners at the home of Mrs Jean (Orville) Hughes. Mr. George Coulson spoke on the Museum and the Microfilm in the Archives.

May 10, 1985

Dessert luncheon, euchre and bake sale at the Manor.

May 18, 1985

Mrs. Dyllis (Rev Lee) Haughton was the guest speaker on Nursing and V.O.N. (Victorian Order of Nurses) work she had done in the past.

June 8, 1985

The institute put on a W.I. Disaster Relief Fund euchre at Simcoe Manor which was very successful.

June 11, 1985

Mrs Sheila Walker had a number of crafts made by the manor residents where she teaches crafts which were quite interesting.

July 3, 1985

Several members attended the 60th. Anniversary of the Bradford Women's Institute in the United Church there. Mrs. Janet Hiesleh, R.R.# 2, Springfield was the guest speaker and the Scottish Dancers entertained before lunch. (Past Provincial President of the Federated Women's Institutes Of Ontario).

Sept. 10, 1985

Preparation for Beeton Fair and the Float kept us busy but turned out very rewarding as we won several prizes.

Oct. 15, 1985

Miss Leena Huhti, a student from Finland, showed slides of her country which was very interesting.

Nov. 3, 1985

Thirty-six members and guests of Beeton Women's Institute enjoyed dinner at the Husky Restaurant near Bond Head.

Nov. 12, 1985

Mrs. Susan Campbell, with Lorimers Real Estate. (9th. Line Of Tecumseh Township) spoke on real estate which was quite informative.

Nov. 18, 1985

Ruth Mayberry and Marjorie Drury attended a W.I. District Directors meeting in Brentwood Community Hall. Mrs Albert Allary of New Lowell, a Provincial Board Director and Convenor of Citizenship and World Affairs introduced Mr. George Rogers, a flag collector, and then she showed pictures of Ontario and Manitoba.

Dec. 10, 1985

Lightening the Advent Candles, with readings, carol singing and music by Evelyn Matson, accordion and Alex. Lillico, mouth organ which everyone enjoyed followed by Santa Claus and a delicious lunch and Christmas Cake at the home of Freda Lisk.

Marjorie Drury

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Beeton Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. E. Ritchie, May 13, with Mrs. W. Broome presiding.

Seventeen members and one visitor answered the roll call - pay fees and a hint from a green thumb to a green horn.

Mrs. W. Broome commented on the motto - "Pioneers had their own tranquilizers, they called it 'work'."

Mrs. W. Watson introduced the guest speaker, Doug Lambie, Agriculture representative of Simcoe County.

Delegates Mrs. G. Mayberry, Mrs. W. Watson, and Mrs. G. Drury were appointed to attend the Simcoe South District 84th Annual Meeting in Bond Head Community Hall.

The next meeting is September 9 at Mrs. C. Reynolds's home. 1984

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The regular monthly meeting of the Beeton Women's Institute was held on June 10th at the home of Mrs. C. Reynolds.

Mrs. Reynolds, president, opened the meeting and the roll call "Citizenship is a lot of little things - name one" was answered by 12 members and one visitor.

Mrs. W. Watson commented on the motto - "Man's feet should be planted in his country, but his eyes should survey the world."

Current events for the month were prepared and read by Mrs. G. Platt.

A donation is being sent to the Simcoe County Museum and a book placed in Tecumseth Beeton Central Public School library. Mrs. W. Watson and Mrs. G. Drury gave a good report on the Simcoe South District Annual meeting held in Bond Head.

Our guest speaker for Citizenship and World Affairs was Miss Dee Dee McCullough, Rotary exchange student, who spent a year going to school in Melbourne, Australia. She spoke highly of the school and the families

she stayed with and talked of other interesting things. Her talk was very informative.

Mrs. G. McClain presented Dee Dee with a gift in appreciation.

Mrs. Reynolds closed the meeting with the Institute Grace. Lunch was served by Mrs. E. Stewart and Mrs. H. Cross.

The next meeting is in September. 1984

Beeton women's institute

The September meeting was held at the home of Mrs. G. McClain with the president Mrs. C. Reynolds presiding.

Fifteen members answered the roll call - "name a youth who has accomplished something worthwhile in Canada".

A thank you letter was received from a 4-H member thanking the Institute for sponsoring their club. Plans were made for the W.I. display at the Beeton Fair. A donation is being sent to Contact Centre in Allison.

Mrs. R. Watson had the program, she spoke on "Our Town". Mrs. Watson also conducted a contest - two minute talk of your choice, which was interesting. Current events for the past three months were prepared and read by Mrs. H. Cross.

Mrs. Reynolds closed the meeting with the Institute Grace. Lunch was served by Mrs. A. Hagerman and Mrs. C. Reynolds. 1984

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A very pleasant afternoon was spent by the ladies of the Women's Institute at Mrs. G. Platt on Oct. 14. Fourteen members and two visitors answered the roll call with "What we can do to improve public relations in our country."

The motto "Kindness

is the prime factor in overcoming friction and making the human machinery run smoothly," was given by Mrs. C. Reynolds, president.

A donation is being sent to the Crisis Centre in Allison.

Mrs. G. Mayberry gave a report on the

South Simcoe District Director's meeting held in Cookstown.

Mrs. W. Broome was in charge of the program. Cultural Activities. She had as her guest Sadie Dunnill who demonstrated some of her Christmas crafts and talked on how to make them. Mrs. Broome had crafts also. 1984

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The November meeting of the Beeton W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. N. Stewart.

The roll call - "An armistice verse or a thought on peace" was answered by 15 members and one visitor. The motto was "Every war ends where it should have started; with peace". The comment was given by Mrs. M. Hobbs.

In the absence of our secretary Mrs. Ritchie, the minutes of the

last meeting were read by Mrs. G. Drury. Each member donated to the Mental Health in Barrie.

Mrs. C. Reynolds introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Betty Anderson, who gave us an excellent talk on peace, very suitable for our Armistice Day meeting.

Current events were prepared and read by Mrs. S. McMinn. Mrs. W. Watson, as a delegate, reported on the W.I. area convention in Elmville Oct. 15th. It was decided to have an exchange of gifts at Mrs. H. Lisk's Christmas meeting Dec. 9th.

Several of the Institute members and guests enjoyed brunch at the Nottawasaga Inn on Sun., Nov. 23rd. 1984

B W.I. euchre

On November 1st Beeton Women's Institute held its second euchre in the Senior's room at the Manor with 13 tables in play.

The prize winners are as follows: Ladies - 1st Beryl Fleming; 2nd Ildegard Maher, 3rd Eileen Gray and Gladys Bone tied. Men's 1st Isabel Hagerman; 2nd Florence McClain; 3rd Jack Gray.

There were ten share-the-wealth winners. 1984

Beeton W.I. euchre

Oct. 25th Beeton Women's Institute held its first euchre in the seniors room at the Manor with 13 tables in play.

The prize winners are as follows: Ladies - 1st - Beryl Fleming, 2nd - Donna Hamilton, 3rd - Edna Cairns; Men - 1st - Angus Dove, 2nd - Rina Morrow playing as a man and 3rd - Stewart Cairns.

Eleven share the wealth winners were Fred Lisk, Truman Bell, Beryl Fleming, Mrs. Crane, Wayne Mayberry, Annie Hill, Harvey Simpson, Muriel Reynolds, Wayne Mayberry, Irene Bible and Gordon Logan.

Another euchre will be held on Sat., Nov. 3 at 8 p.m. in the seniors room. 1984

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Beeton Women's Institute held its Christmas Meeting at the home of Mrs. H. Lisk, Dec. 5th, with the president Mrs. C. Reynolds presiding. The Roll Call - "Bring an old Christmas Carol." The Motto - "The only true gift is a portion of Yourself." The comment was given by Mrs. A. Hagerman. The program started with the singing of Christmas carols with Mrs. W. Broome at the piano.

Little Miss Kimberly West entertained with singing her favorite songs accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Lloyd West, at the piano.

Rev. Lee Houghton gave an inspiring Christmas message. Mrs. G. McClain gave the local current events.

The meeting closed with the Institute Grace, followed by an exchange of gifts. A delicious lunch was served including Mrs. Lisk's Christmas cake. The next meeting is at Mrs. W. Coburn's on Jan. 13, 1985

Canadian group doing well in U.S.

by John Arnold

There you are, heart of the matter: "Well, a few people in Boston have and a lot more to be found there as well."

The Addenroes is a shipping and performing group made up of a bunch of Canadian men, and they're good. Not only are they good, but they're doing very well for themselves.

Not an incredibly, maybe, as the Portland Brothers, whose Tiger to under Canadian group has been as good to them as well.

That today, Burton, who has been in the past, who carries the group as he sings, acts and this day says through their two feet and a half hour performance each night.

Jack and his wife, Owen, were made in St. Petersburg, Florida.

with their daughter, Brenda, Jack and Owen in Las Vegas at one of their appearances. Owen was a Broadway star.

Others in the popular group, which play mostly in such places as Las Vegas, New York, Florida and California, are second hand and third hand of Thunder Bay, Keith and Kelly Lusk, the only Canadian from London, Ontario, and Kelly Lusk, the only American, from People's Choice.

Jack plays a multitude of instruments, among which are the piano, guitar, two different guitars, drums, violin, bass and tenor.

Jack also plays many vocal instruments as they make their way from the big band sounds of the 1940s through the 1970s rock and

roll period, the band's music at the 1970s and into the 1980s.

Keith holds the group steady with his excellent organ playing and Kelly adds a lot of fun and on occasion is the comedy, the drums.

Kelly also does a lot of that in the evening program, equipped with his own and local experiences of great bygone performers.

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HAPPY 40TH — (From left) mother, father and wife Owen, Burton and daughter, Brenda, celebrating their 40th birthday in Ontario, N.Y. last week. One 20. Dressed from bottom to top: Kelly Lusk, Jack's group, 1984. Owen, Owen and Jack.



Sunday it was surprise time for Jack as a surprise birthday bash and party had been organized for his 40th birthday. For Christmas, Burton, his daughter, Kelly, his wife, Owen, and his son, Kelly, had done all the preparations. Jack's parents, Earl and Charles, himself of Burton, were on hand to the group. Burton, who was Queen's father of Las Vegas.

The birthday was a total surprise to Jack as he had been taken getting while the room and further Jack were on up.

It was a lot of fun with cards, musical gifts and some birthday songs of Jack's growing up days in Burton.

Jack's sister, Vicki Lewis, was unable to attend but she sent along a cassette containing her wishes and a few words of Jack's love.

All in all it was a beautiful evening, with generous but not over-the-top, good planning food and a few more for all.

The group concluded its various acts at the "Edgemoor" bar.

It's about 275 miles to Aurora, Ill. by along Highway 401 to by Ken bridge over the 1000 Islands and then a few miles and in New York State Route 12. It's not much the trip but it's not, are, definitely required.

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HELPING FOUNDATION — (From left) Burton, his daughter, Kelly, his wife, Owen, and his son, Kelly, celebrating their 40th birthday in Ontario, N.Y. last week. One 20. Dressed from bottom to top: Kelly Lusk, Jack's group, 1984. Owen, Owen and Jack.



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION — Christ Church Tottenham was filled Sunday for a special service marking 100 years of worship at the Anglican church. The Most Reverend Lewis Barnsworthy, the Archbishop, conducted the service which included special guests M.P.P. George McCague, reeve Ralph Hutton and deputy-reeve Nelson

Lambert. Following the service, Mr. McCague presented a Centennial plaque to the Church on behalf of Premier David Peterson. From left to right is warden Ron Brightly, Archbishop Barnsworthy, the Reverend Andy Leroux, Mr. McCague and warden Andy Fitch.

Photo by Bruce Haire



CANCER SOCIETY AWARDS — Members of the Beeton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society received 25 year pins at a Banquet in Barrie last week. Top row from left to right are Dorothea Rutherford, Mary Walsh, Agnes Rodan, Muriel Reynolds and Marjorie Drury. Front row

(l to r) Frank and Helen Lisk, Bertha McCullough and Ruth Milligan. Mr. and Mrs. Lisk received long service pins and Anne Holmes also received a 25-year pin but was unable to attend.

Oct. 3, 1987

Photo by Lorna Davis

Top row from left to right are Dorothea Rutherford, Mary Walsh, Carmeleita McKenna, Muriel Reynolds, Agnes Rodan, and Marjorie Drury. Front row are Frank and Helen Lisk, Bertha McCullough and Ruth Milligan.

Fred Dermott

After a valiant fight with cancer the first break in the Dermott family of nine occurred with the passing of Fredrick Gordon Dermott on July 3, 1986 at Simcoe Manor in Beeton.

He was born in Mono Twsp in 1901, second son of John Wilson Dermott and Isabella Gray. He attended school in Mono and moved to Beeton with his parents in 1920. In 1930 he married Mae Brunning of Mono and they farmed for many years on Conc. 7 Tecumseh, near Bond Head. They sold their farm and moved to Beeton in 1955. In September of 1985 he went to the hospital and then the Simcoe Manor where his wife joined him in February 1986. Left to mourn his loss is his wife Mae and their daughter Marquerite (Peggy) Brown and her four children Robert and Karen of Beeton, Terry of Newmarket, Row and Gail and Sue-Ann of Beeton and one great grandchild Jason Brown. He also leaves to mourn his loss three brothers and five sisters. Milton and Wilbert of Cookstown, Bill, Leeta Brown and and Velma McDonald of Beeton, Beulah Colquhoun of Allison, Aileen Polkinghorne of Dunedin and Vera Fair of Orangeville.

He was of a kind gentle nature, an avid storyteller, enjoyed his gardening, a member of Beeton L.O.L. # 200 since 1922, a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Beeton since 1920 where he was Chairman of the Board of Managers and for many years was also on the Cemetery Board. Fred was a councillor for the village of Beeton for several years, a member of Beeton Sr. Citizens and a staunch Conservative in Politics.

The funeral service was from Rod Abrahams Funeral Home to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Beeton for funeral service on July 7 at 1:30 p.m., conducted by Rev. Rooney of Cookstown. Interment Beeton Presbyterian Cemetery. Pallbearers were Grant Broome, Kent Broome, Jack Peters, Bruce Coleman, Winston Dermott and John McDonald.

Stephen Dungey carried a casket pillow of flowers. An Orange Service was held on Sunday evening at 8:30 p.m. He will be sadly missed by his family, neighbours and friends.

Ex-reeve blessing to community

It is with sadness at his passing, but with thanksgiving for his life, that we acknowledge the passing of Harry Cross.

Harry was born June 19, 1911, on the Cross homestead, 4th line of Tecumseth (now owned by T.G. Somers and family). He was the son of Weslie and Mamie Cross. He farmed this land, as a descendant of his great-grandfather, Robert Cross, who purchased the land from the Crown, around 1825.

Harry obtained his primary school education, at what was known as Cross' School, later attending Beeton Continuation School for three years. In 1942, he married Blossom Dales, of Bradford, a graduate nurse of York County Hospital in Newmarket.

In earlier years, he was an enthusiastic promoter of sports in this area - he was a baseball fan, but his great love for hockey made him known to all the young people, and it was through much effort on his part, that Beeton has had professional hockey players over the past years. Wise young men all have the highest respect, for the memory of Harry Cross.

A great part of Harry's life was devoted to promoting and managing, Beeton Fall Fair, of which he was secretary for 25 years and manager for 1973 to 1979. A beautiful clock hangs in the Cross home, attesting to the appreciation of Beeton Fair, for his long years of dedicated service.

In 1968, Harry was Master of Spry Lodge 385, Beeton and he lived his life, according to their code of laws.

Mr. Cross has long been associated with the affairs of our township, Tecumseth. He was first councillor, then deputy-reeve, and reeve from 1970 to 1976, serving on County Council from 1965 to 1976. His great-grandfather Robert Cross was the first reeve of Tecumseth Township, 1850 to 1855.

During Harry's term in County Council, he was vice chairman of the Social Services Committee for 10 years and chairman of the same committee from 1970 to 1976. He had a deep concern for the elder-



ly, and was chairman of the board when Georgian Manor in Penetang was opened, and later, when the new west wing of our Simcoe Manor became a reality.

Among his prized possessions is a medal and plaque presented to him, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen coming to the throne 1952-1977.

In later years, Harry worked as a vegetable inspector in the Bradford area, and made many friends there. Just this month, he received a letter from the Tottenham District Chamber of Commerce, stating that he had been chosen to receive a citizen award of the year, to be presented at the opening of the Trade Fair '80. Harry was aware of this honour, while in hospital, and was very pleased.

For the past 20 years, Harry has not enjoyed good health, but he was brave about his problem. He always said "I can beat it", and he did, for many years. He was not a complainer, and did all his suffering in silence. He has earned his just reward, and we shall honour his memory always.

His death occurred in Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston on Tuesday, May 12, and the funeral was from the Rod Abrams Funeral Home on Friday, May 15, 1987, with Masonic Service the previous evening.

Harry is survived by his wife, Blossom, two sisters, Helen (Mrs. G. Williamson) and Weslene (Mrs. C. James), and three nieces and five nephews.

Honorary bearers were Messrs. T. Somers Sr., Jack Oreig, Allan Glassford, Bert Murphy and Jack Mason.

Bearers were Messrs. T. Somers Jr., Ron Lisk, Lorne Williams, Don Bray, Keith Drury and Clarence Parry. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Lee Houghton.

To quote from the eulogy given by Mr. Somers at the funeral - "Harry has lived well, laughed often and loved much - he has filled his niche and accomplished his task - he never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it - he looked for the best in others, and gave the best he had - his memory is a benediction."

Mrs. Margaret Hamilton passed away at Simcoe Manor, Beeton, on Sat., June 27, 1987. Beloved wife of the late Emerson McAdam. Loving mother of William and Eva (Mrs. O. Koskunen). Dear grandmother of Boyd and Marjole McAdam, and Daniel and Kathryn Koskunen. Resided in the chapel at Simcoe Manor, Beeton where funeral service was held Tuesday morning, June 30. Interment: Presbyterian Cemetery, Beeton. 726

Born in England

Lewis Baker, at Stevenson Memorial Hospital on April 21, 1987, Lewis Baker of the 8th concession of Tecumseth Twp. and recently a resident of Simcoe Manor in Beeton passed away. Born at Cornwall, England, he came to Canada with his parents in 1912. In 1920 he moved to the family farm in Tecumseth with his family.

The deceased was the son of Albert Moore Baker and Grace Amy. He is survived by his sister Ivy Barton and was predeceased by brothers Gilbert, of Netherhill, Sask., Harry and Wesley of Beeton, Tom of Brussels, William of Resdale and a sister Rosa Sheardown of Nobleton.

Friends paid their respects at the Abrams Funeral Chapel in Tottenham. The service was conducted by the Rev. Lee Houghton. Pallbearers were: Murray Sheardown, Albert Baker, Alan Baker, Ross Armstrong, Stanley Spurr and Lorne Williams. Interment in Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton.

WILLIAMS: Edgar passed away at York County Hospital June 19, 1987. He was in his 92nd year. Edgar was the son of Richard Williams and Anna Evans. They left their home in Newfist, Montgomeryshire, Wales in 1871 to come to Canada and settled in the Woodbridge area. He farmed there with his parents until he left to serve his country in World War I. In 1925 he married Anna Mabel Brooks. They moved to the 10th Concession of Tecumseth for a short time and then to the family farm on the 8th Concession of Tecumseth. His wife predeceased him in 1973. Edgar was active in the community serving as a school trustee at \$5 \$10, a steward of Beeton United Church and for many years he was a member of the Beeton Agricultural Society. Edgar was the best surviving member of his family of eleven children. He was predeceased by brothers Richard of Woodhead, Lumsy of Newmarket, Albert of Winton, Norman of Woodbridge and Harold of California, sisters Anna Ruthven of Toronto, Fanny Eliza of Toronto, Margaret Ernest of Beeton, Elizabeth Wulfe of Woodbridge and Clara Wulfe of Munton. He is survived by his daughter Marjorie (Mrs. Vincent Fashley) of Beeton, son Lorne of Tecumseth, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. The funeral was from Abrams in Tottenham with the Rev. Lee Houghton conducting the service. Honorary Pallbearers were: Thomas Bell and Frank Lisk. Pallbearers were: grandsons, Jim Fashley, Brian Bell, Guy Beaton, Ryan Beaton, Glenn Williams and Gerry Williams. Flower bearers were Ron Lisk and Don Bray. Interment in Beeton United Church Cemetery June 21, 1987. 826

Prize winning violinist

William Edgar Thomas Ritchie died at Stevenson Memorial Hospital on Oct. 22. He was 73.

As a youth, Edgar attended Wilcox school and the Beeton continuation school. In 1938 he married Maida Anne Orr and they lived in Alliston for 15 years before moving to Beeton in 1951.

Edgar enjoyed music and at age 16 won second prize at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto playing a violin. In later life he enjoyed playing the

organ and played at his granddaughter's wedding.

He was an 18-year employee of British American Oil Distributors and retired three years ago as supervisor of Toronto Valve Services.

Edgar leaves his wife Maida, his son Bill and wife Norma, daughter Jane and husband Stacey Plets, grandchildren Sarah and Whitney Jackson and his sister Mariel Reynolds.

Edgar will be greatly missed by his family but will always be

remembered for his kindness to others.

The funeral was held Oct. 24 at the Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham conducted by Rev. L. Houghton of Trinity United Church, Beeton. Pallbearers were Jim Huchan, Don King, Alvin Huchan, Bruce Cole, Gilbert Van Dam and William Sedzrak. Honorary pallbearers were R.J. Logan, Norman Law, Clayton Huchan and Bill Starachan.

Interment was at Trinity United cemetery, Beeton. 1287

CAMPBELL: Mary Eleanor. At Simcoe Manor Home, Beeton, on Wednesday, September 30th, 1987. Mary Reynolds, beloved wife of the late Jack Albert Campbell. Loving Mother of Mrs. P.R. Heenan (Alice), Mrs. Arthur Ross (Jessie), John, and Mrs. M.C. Watson (Molly). Loved by her 13 grandchildren and 10 Great Grandchildren. Dear Sister of Jack Reynolds of Winton. Beloved daughter of the late George E. and Eleanor Reynolds.

Rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. Funeral service was held in the Chapel of Simcoe Manor, Friday afternoon, September 11th. Interment, Trinity Cemetery, Beeton. 837

JERRY: Joseph. At York County Hospital, Newmarket, on Thursday, September 10th, 1987. Joseph Jerry of Beeton, beloved husband of Bernice Pegg. Loving Father of Joanne and Erna Watson, Bob and Donna Brian, Wendy and Barry English. Loved by his 3 Grandchildren, Jason, Mearse, and Joey. Dear Brother of Steve, Josephine, Tom, Sam, Eddie, Frank, Norman, and John.

Rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. Funeral service was held in Trinity United Church, Beeton, Sunday afternoon, September 13th. Interment Trinity Cemetery, Beeton. 837

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

On Tuesday, January 13 a very pleasant afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. W. Coburn, when the ladies of the Institute met for their first meeting of the new year.

Mrs. C. Reynolds opened the meeting in the usual manner. The roll call - "The first church I attended, and the ministers name" was answered by 13 members. The motto - "A land without memories is a land without history." The comment was given by Mrs. C. Reynolds. Mrs. G. Drury, convener of Tweedsmuir History had the program.

It was decided to donate \$50.00 to Simcoe Manor for its Roof Top Patio Project. Mrs. W. Watson gave the current events. The meeting closed with Grace, Lunch and a social hour followed. The next meeting is at Mrs. H. Lisk's home Feb. 10th, 1987.



BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Beeton Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. H. Lisk for the February meeting with president Mrs. C. Reynolds presiding. There were 12 members and two visitors present.

Roll call - "Bring an article from your school days". Motto - "When we stop listening, we stop learning." The comment was given by Mrs. G. Drury.

Two of our members Mrs. H. Lisk and Mrs. G. Platt took the course on Short Order Meals sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food at Simcoe Manor Feb. 14th. Mrs. W. Broome, convener of education and cultural activities had the program. She spoke on education. Mrs. C. Reynolds gave the current events.

Lunch was served by the hostess and Mrs. S. McMinn. The next meeting is a pot luck luncheon at Mrs. G. Drury's. 1987



BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Beeton Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Cecil Reynolds for the September meeting with nine members present.

Roll call was answered by naming "different ways of using vinegar".

Mrs. R. Watson, convener of family and consumer affairs, had

The roll call - A Good Safety Rule, was answered by 13 members and four visitors. Mrs. S. McMinn had the program on safety. She introduced the speaker, Mr. Murray Wilson, from the Alliston Hydro. He spoke on "What everyone should know about electrical safety." Each member brought items which were auctioned off with the proceeds going to the "Pemmias for Friendship Fund." 1987

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On March 10th, the Beeton Women's Institute held its annual pot luck luncheon at the home of Mrs. Gordon Drury. Each member brought food made from the recipe in the "Short Order Meals" cook book. The food was delicious and plentiful.

the program. She spoke on consumer affairs. Current events for the last three months were prepared and read by Mrs. W. Watson and Mrs. H. Cross.

On Thursday, July 2, Mrs. Ross Watson got quite a surprise when several members met at her home and presented her with a W.I. life membership pin and certificate. Her daughter, Mrs. Don Bergin, was a guest.

A social hour followed with tea and cookies. The Women's Institute sponsored a bus trip to Lagoon City on Aug. 5, 1987.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The October meeting of Beeton W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. G. Platt, with the president, Mrs. C. Reynolds presiding.

Nine members answered the roll call - "One way I can improve my relations with the public." The motto - "It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely help another without helping himself." Comment by Mrs. C. Reynolds. Mrs. G. Platt had the program on public relations. Mrs. G. Hayberry gave a report on the district directors meeting. Current events for the month were prepared by Mrs. Hayberry.

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Beeton Women's Institute.

The regular monthly meeting of the Beeton women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. G. Drury on April 14th, 1987, at 2 p.m.

The President, Mrs. C. Reynolds, opened the meeting with the Institute Ode and The Mary Stewart Collect. The Roll Call "What do you think would add a little pleasure for our age?" was answered by 12 members. Mrs. Stewart McMinn commented on the motto - "A day is like a trunk, you can put twice as much into it, if you know how."

It was decided to let each W.I. choose their own theme for the Beeton Fair Display.

Mrs. C. Reynolds was chosen as Program Co-ordinator and Mrs. Margaret Platt as Public Relations Officer. It was decided to give \$50.00 for Fannies for Friendship.

Mrs. Reynolds had the program on Resolutions. She mentioned the W.I. Triangle, Milton Hall, Lee Home and the Hoodless Home.

The current events prepared by Mrs. Herv. Hobbs were read by Mrs. G. Drury.

The meeting closed with the W.I. Grace, Lunch was served by Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Hobbs.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Beeton Women's Institute meeting was held on May 12th, 1987, at the home of Mrs. A. Hagerman with 13 in attendance. Mrs. C. Reynolds opened the meeting. The roll call was "Pay for \$4.00 and bring a flower slip to exchange". Mrs. W. Broome commented on the motto - "The difficult part of an undertaking is getting started."

It was moved by Mrs. Herb Lisk and seconded by Mrs. G. Drury, to pay Mrs. Roger Cooper (Kettle Sub-Division) \$25.00 for material and \$10.00 for her work for printing our W.I. Programs. It was decided to give a donation to the Agriculture Society, the Horticulture Society, give 2 Canadian author school books to Grade VI, in the Beeton Central School, and a donation to the Museum, also \$75.00 to Simcoe Manor and Alliston Hospital.

Delegates to the District Annual Meeting in the Presbyterian Church, Tottenham, May 28th, 1987, were to be Mrs. G. Hayberry, Mrs. W. Watson and Mrs. Drury.

Mrs. W. Watson had the program on Agriculture and Canadian Industries. She told different stories of happenings during her life on the farm.

Mrs. E. Ritchie read the current events. Mrs. E. Stewart and Mrs. H. Lisk served a delicious lunch.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Beeton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. E. Ritchie on June 9th, 1987 at 2 p.m. The roll call "Bring something from another country and tell how you received it," was answered by 13 members. Mrs. Margaret Platt, Mrs. G. Drury and Mrs. H. Cross were a committee to set up the Beeton Fair Display. The title "Promotion of Nutrition to the Consumer." Mrs. G. McMinn, program convener introduced Mr. Terry Thompson, R.C.S., Rural Organization Service Representative for the Agricultural Office, Alliston. (He was getting married August 21st. to a lady graduating as a nurse. He bought a home in Keswick.) He takes the place of Patricia Reed, Home Economist, and spoke on food and energy, milk and egg quotas and Ontario Pork Producers.

Current events were read by Mrs. Platt. The meeting closed and Mrs. Ritchie and Mrs. Coburn served lunch.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

On Sunday Nov. 8th. 1987 members and guests enjoyed brunch at the Mettewasag Inn.

The following Tuesday Nov. 10th. the regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Norvel Stewart with Mrs. C Reynolds presiding.

Thirteen members and one guest answered the roll call - "How did you celebrate Remembrance Day when you were a child?" The motto - "There will be peace when everyone has his fair share of this world's goods." The comment was given by Mrs. Hobbs.

Each member donated to the Mental Health Group in Barrie and a donation is being sent to the Sunnybrook Hospital. Mrs. C. Reynolds had the program. She spoke on Freedom and Peace. Mrs. S. McMillan brought us up to date with current events.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Beeton Women's Institute held their Christmas meeting on Thursday Dec. 17th. at the home of Mrs. Herb. Lisk, with president Mrs. C. Reynolds presiding. The roll call "Your family's favourite Christmas custom" was answered by 12 members and 4 visitors.

The motto was -- "Joy is not in things but is in us" with the comment given by Mrs. A. Hagerman.

Mr. John Burton of Patterson St. was the guest speaker. He spoke on Christmas traditions and customs of other countries, especially in England. Mrs. G. McElain read the current events.

Christmas carols were sung with Mrs. Bernice Jerry at the piano.

Delicious lunch was served including Mrs. Lisk's Christmas cake. Christmas gifts were exchanged and everyone went home feeling they had a very enjoyable afternoon.

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CANADA'S NEW ONE-DOLLAR COIN, featuring a portrait of the loon, made its public debut last week at the Royal Canadian Mint's Winnipeg plant. The new dollar coin is 11-sided, yellow-gold in colour, and only slightly larger and heavier than a 25-cent coin. It begins circulating across the country in July. 1987



Governor General Sauvé counts on his family to assist her in her role as the nation's number one hostess. Her husband Maurice (right) is a delightful raconteur and superb host. Her son, Jean-François (left), 23, is an easygoing young man who lives in Toronto. But he'll help out too, especially when visiting heads of state bring their families to Canada.

Simcoe County Senior Citizens' annual euchre finals

The County of Simcoe Recreation and Special Services Department in co-operation with the Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee held their annual euchre finals recently at which there were 21 seniors' clubs represented from throughout the county. Eligible participants in the finals were winners in their respective clubs at one of the four area tournaments.

The winners of the Elsie Rhine Euchre Trophy were Robenia Service and Marjorie Drury of the Beeton Friendship Club. Runners-up were Della DesRoches and Bernice Tooley of the Champlain Club in Pentanguishene. Alice MacKay and Gussie Hamilton placed third.

Congratulations to everyone.



FROM THE PAST — This is the 1981 class from S.S. No. 11 Tecumseh (the Wilcox school). Back row (l to r): Mary Goud (teacher), Mrs. Draper (student teacher), Lois Rutledge, Lois Goud, Bruce Glasford, and George Reid. Middle row: Vivien Turner, Helen Watson, Joan Gerswell, Bill Turner, Joan Verbeek, Jo Verbeek, Joe Foran and Maurice Rutledge. Front row

Inez Verbeek, Pam Reid, Carolyn Hantah, Joan Connell, Jack McCague, Ron Watson, John Rutledge, Wayne Service, Dick Foran, Peter Gerswell, Anne Gerswell, Linda Rutledge, Marie Bowman and Linda McCague.

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RR2, Palmerston

Bill and Elsie Strachan retire

By Brian Carruthers

Do you remember when the roads in Beeton were not paved?

Well Bill Strachan does. His father brought his family from Orillia and opened a B/A (British/American) gas station and car dealership, with a partner, on the corner of Patterson Ave. and Main St. in 1931. After one year the partner sold out and moved on. As time went by Bill Jr. graduated from Banting High School in Alliston and became interested in the family business. He became his father's partner. Later Bill Sr. would retire and his son took over.

In 1949 he married Elsie, who was raised in Alliston, and they have run the business together ever since.

They stopped selling Ford cars in 1955. Then the station became a Gulf Oil outlet and recently Petro Canada purchased the chain, but still the Strachans carried on.

They not only carried on business but matured and raised a family in the same building. They have two daughters, Connie and Paula, and one grandson, William.

Now it is time to retire, or as Bill says, "We worked together all these years now it's time to play together. I intend to keep my job as fire chief, which is one of my big interests."

Retirement also has to do with the business. According to Mr. Strachan it is getting harder and harder to get parts. The big chains are buying up all the little part jobbers and are doing the work themselves, he says.

Another factor for retiring now is that about three years ago a friend died of a heart attack. After returning from the funeral, they called a family meeting. "We talked it over with the kids and decided then that we wanted to start thinking about retirement. We bought a lot on Maple Ave. and started to build a house. It is now ready."

"We are giving up the business as well because none of the kids are interested in it," the Strachans said.



BILL AND ELSIE STRACHAN

A week ago Tuesday was the first day of their retirement. Well almost. Bill still plans to do some mechanical work, but the gas pumps were shut down. Mrs. Strachan said: "I was still listening for the bell but it didn't ring and I got up a few times to check and see if there were any customers. It was really quiet for a change. We'll miss the people, but we will still be very active in the community. I suppose it will be even quieter on Maple Ave."

Bill said, "the thing I won't miss is the towing. The average guy on the road today has no regard for a flashing light and that is scary. I have been touched three times and never seriously, but it was close."

I remember one day in April in the late 70's. We had one of the worst spring blizzards we have ever had. We were supposed to go down to York University and pick up our daughter Connie and she wouldn't believe us when we said

we couldn't get out of town. She thought we were just trying to avoid her for the weekend. But eventually we went down and got her and when we came back up she could see the deepness of the cuts in the road. In fact I went out to tow some cars and remember standing on the ground, on the eighth line, and hooking the chains to a car that was over my head. The people were using metal detectors to find their cars in the snow. When I pulled the car away I discovered another car had been

parked underneath the first one. The next day I noticed that another car was on the inside of the spot I had pulled the other two cars away from the day before. None of the cars was damaged in any way by the towing."

We would like to say thanks to all our friends and customers, but especially to the people who have been continuous customers since the days when dad started up the business. Some of those customers are Truman Bell, Henry Williams and Doc McKeivley."



FORD AGENCY, BEETON, 1925 (Strachan's Garage)



THE CERSWELL-SCOTT FARM HOUSE, CIRCA 1845 — One of the fine homes to be seen on Tecumseh and West Gwillimbury Historical Society House Tour, May 31st 1997.

8th historical tour planned by society

"Journey Into The Past", to Bond Head, on Sunday, 1-3:30 p.m. to visit five fine old homes, two churches, a restored school and an Orangeman's Lodge. Watch a traditional cabinet maker at work. Enjoy homemade refreshments served by the ladies of the Anglican Church. This is the eighth tour sponsored by Tecumseh & West Gwillimbury Historical Society.

The homes have been carefully selected because they retain much of their original architecture: doors, windows, trim, fireplaces, balustrades, etc. Two have been designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. This is a unique opportunity to see how people have adapted to living in these old houses, often furnished with family treasures and auction sale finds.

Bond Head, named in 1837 after Upper Canada's controversial Lieut. Governor, Sir Francis

Bond Head, is rich in history. It is the birthplace of Dr. William Osler, the father of clinical medicine and Sir William Molock, who served the Province as Chief Justice and Post Master General.

Visitors will feel a strong sense of the past for many of the buildings and historic plaques are within easy walking distance. A collection of old photographs will show how this hamlet appeared in 1850.

An important aspect of our heritage is perpetuating the knowledge and skills of the old craftsmen. Bruce Chambers, a resident of Bond Head, has been learning and developing his dexterity in traditional cabinet making, often using hand tools to dovetail a drawer or carve out a chair seat. He will be working on a Windsor chair.

Tickets are \$7, which include refreshments. Phone (416) 729-3159 or (705) 458-9730. *1997*



PLAQUE UNVEILING — Earl Rowe, MPP for Simcoe Centre, proudly stands beside the plaque honouring his grandfather, the late Hon. William Earl Rowe. The plaque will have a permanent home on the front lawn of Rowelands, the former Lt. Governor's estate in Newton Robinson. See story on page 11. Photo by Marc Fike

Late Hon. Earl Rowe remembered with hamlet plaque on Sunday *July 24, 1997*

An historic plaque honouring the late Hon. William Earl Rowe was unveiled in Newton Robinson on Sunday. The ceremony was originally scheduled to take place at Rowelands, but inclement weather forced the more than 100 guests and friends into the Tec-We-Gwill Hall.

The unveiling was done by the Rt. Hon. Roland Michener, Governor General of Canada from 1967 to 1974. Michener paid

tribute to Rowe's work as Lt. Governor of Ontario (from 1963 to 1968), saying "he had such an understanding of the Ontario people, the farmers and the businessmen, because he was both."

The plaque was presented by Richard Alway, chairman of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, which is part of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture. Alway said the plaque program is intended to highlight special moments or people in history, and that by honouring Earl Rowe's 40 year career, "we are celebrating something that speaks to our roots, to our heritage."

Rev. Henry Dahlin, former Minister of the Newton Robinson United Church, where Rowe was a member of the congregation, offered several anecdotal sketches of Rowe's life. Dahlin highlighted several incidents in Rowe's life, from his first business (selling poultry) to his horsemanship, to his long political career.

The plaque was accepted on behalf of the Rowe family by Earl Rowe, MPP for the area, and grandson of the late Hon. William Earl Rowe.

He gave a short, emotional speech, thanking the Foundation and the Tecumseh and West Gwillimbury Historical Society for organizing the event. He noted that "more words cannot express the family's heartfelt gratitude."

Lincoln M. Alexander was originally supposed to unveil the plaque, but the calling of the provincial election, and the fact that MPP Rowe is again a candidate, forced him to decline the invitation (in the interest of political neutrality).

The late Hon. William Earl Rowe began his political career in 1919, as a councillor and then reeve of West Gwillimbury Township. He was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 1923, as the member for Simcoe South.

In 1925 he moved to the federal House of Commons to represent Dufferin-Simcoe. He became the youngest member of R.B. Bennett's cabinet in 1935. He remained in the House until 1962, and was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario in 1963. He served in that capacity until 1968, and then retired to his horse farm, Rowelands. He passed away in 1984.



DISPLAYING GIFTS — Brenda and Andy Leroux opened gifts of appreciation at a send-off party held by the Anglican parish of Beeton, Tottenham and Palgrave.

Saturday night in Tottenham. The Reverend Andy Leroux is leaving the parish and taking a sabbatical as a parish priest. *Sept 1997*

Dave Pegg has seen big changes in 25 years of teaching

Dave Pegg, 47, was honoured last week for over 25 years in teaching by his fellow staff members at Tecumseh Benton Central School.

For Mr. Pegg these 25 years are a time when he has watched the school system change from the one room schools to the centralized schools of today.

He grew up in Benton in a building that was then the family grocery store and is now Jim Mallin's insurance. After graduation in grade 12, he took a six week summer course and then

started teaching in Adjela No. 1 (a rural school) where he taught grades one to eight. After two years of that he took a year as teacher's college and then spent two more years at the rural school.

"I remember putting in five hours a night getting lessons ready for the next day," You'd start giving the grade eight an assignment and then work down to grade one where you'd start teaching and then you'd work your way back up teaching.

It's still similar with the

groupings you have in the class today. In a grade eight class you may have a range of abilities from grade four to 12.

"After two more years in Adjela, I then took grade 13. I could see that university was going to be needed in the the very near future."

After that I went back and taught at Adjela Central School. I took four months off and went on the road with an orchestra playing clubs. I played the electric bass guitar and we were called The Christmas. Now they're the Millionaires.

After that he taught at Toronto for 12 years and has been at Benton five nine years.

For a while he was a principal's assistant but he says he would "just as soon be in the classroom with the kids."

Methodologies have really changed since he has been in education. There is much more emphasis on day to day work and pupils are learning to evaluate their own work. Also because of TV and computers, there is a wider range of things students are exposed to.

In the old school system, students "might have a rote knowledge but not a working knowledge" of subjects. "The children are now responsible for their learning what is their world rather than what the establishment wishes them to learn. I think kids are coming out as well equipped as in the past. It's a different world out there."

My pupils are now working on the computers dealing with LOGO (a programming language), and they're getting more satisfaction out of creating their own programs.

We're also training kids to use their leisure time wisely introducing the students to curling, checkers, chess, skiing, the arts. After the activity we have them



LOVES TEACHING — Dave Pegg was honoured by his colleagues at Tecumseh Benton Central School last week for completing 25 years of teaching. He started in

a one room schoolhouse.

Photo by Bruce Hare

write an evaluation of it. That's a very important part.

Mr. Pegg feels that kids have a lot of things done for them today. I think they're organized to death. We emphasize the play aspect in junior and primary grades. Some kids really don't know what to do. Some can't make up their minds.

"They have to learn to make choices at an activity centre. Afterwards they may learn that it wasn't a good choice."

Children are different in other ways too because of the decline and break-up of the family. Mr. Pegg says "there's a heck of a lot of kids that need a hug. They're reaching out for that affection that they're missing at home either because of a lack of a parent or because a parent is too busy."

Television is also a big factor.

They watch an average of three hours a day at night and five hours on Saturday. Parents use television as babysitting. Parents are often so involved with many outside activities that they forget about the fact that their major activity should be the family.

"I don't believe that there is any substitute for Mom and Dad. Those are the prime people in a child's life."

"It will come out in the child's feelings and behaviour that they are actually missing the major people in their lives."

"I feel we're headed in the wrong direction. Although it's a necessity for two parents to work, my wife and I have chosen to have her at home while the kids are growing up even though it meant a loss

of a substantial amount of money a year. We believe that her being at home was very important in the kids' lives."

Dave Pegg lives in Everett with his wife and two children.



GREAT GIFT — There was plenty of good-natured kidding at the recent Rotary Club meeting on Thursday night. For Vaughn Fife, manager of the Royal Bank in Benton since 1975, it was his last night at the club. This particular gift of a wallet with a lock on it might of had something to do with his reputation as the local bank manager.

Photo by Bruce Hare

New funeral home has million dollar

For many people the opening of the new Rod Abrams Funeral Home at the south entrance into Tottenham was a special occasion.

The many people that toured through it Friday night after the dedication ceremony and Saturday at the open house could see that it was project that was a prestige one with no expense spared. For the Abrams family, Mike Dunn and family and the many people who worked on it, it was an opportunity to savour what had been accomplished.

The 12,000 square foot facility was dedicated in a special service conducted by the Reverend John Lawson of the United Church and Father Francis Hannan of the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Lawson called the funeral home "a place of sanctity, a place of hope and comfort, a place of hope and comfort placed upon God."

He paid tribute to Rod Abrams for the professionalism with which he conducts his business and the "sense of respect and sense of compassion" which he has for others.

And he compared the new funeral home to the court of the Gentiles in the temple in Jerusalem which was "a place for



LOOKS GREAT — The new Rod Abrams Funeral Home looks great from the outside but from inside it looks

even better. The official opening and reception took place Friday night.

all people. This is that kind of place."

Father Hannan read the Scriptures and pronounced the Dedication and Blessing while music was provided by Jan and Lowell Tipping.

After the formal ceremonies several people made short speeches including the architect David McAuley, the interior designer John Nott and builder Michael Dunn.

Allison Reynolds of the Board of Funeral Services called the

Abrams Funeral Home the "epitome" of the high standards of the profession and said that "Rod's high standards are well known."

Rod Abrams explained some of the history of the project. Back in 1982, Sue and he realized they needed more parking. "Everybody seemed in favour. There were a couple who didn't (referring to Tottenham council and an Ontario Municipal Board hearing) and a few court cases later and here we are."

"We tried to get the best of everything," he said. The funeral home parking lot will handle 87 cars normally and 108 on funeral service day.

"We can accommodate five families at one time without crowding anybody. Everybody would have a large room," Mr. Abrams later explained.

They can also handle two funerals at the same time with one exiting out onto the patio. The funeral home has a million dollar

view as it is set into a hill overlooking the Tottenham Conservation Area and 40-acre Tottenham Pond.

The chapel can seat 120 comfortably in the pews, Mr. Abrams explained. They also have a family area which can seat 50 and an overflow area which can also view the service which seats another 50 to 55.

The balcony overlooking the chapel contains the organ and it can seat another 35.

The furnishings right down to the wallpaper and trim make the funeral home warm and comfortable. It is worth a visit to see it.

Mr. Abrams said there were about 125 to the Friday night service and another 550 or so tooted through the home during the Saturday open house.

"We had a nice crowd through with people from Palgrave to Alliston. We get families from Tottenham, Beeton, Schomberg and Adjala. They've been just great to us."

Monday a lot of people from Tottenham were still coming in to see the new landmark and Mr. Abrams expects that to continue for quite a while plus classes of school children will be touring the facility every second day for a while.

The funeral home has a self-contained two bedroom apartment and is almost finished. Outside lights, some wallpaper and some furnishings have not arrived yet.

For the construction, tribute was paid to Mike Dunn and his crew including their sub-trades. Rod and Sue Abrams called them up to the front after the dedication and had gifts of appreciation for them.

There was lots of good-natured

kidding and finally the patriarchs of the Abrams and Dunn families, Cliff and Art, were called up and Sue presented them with specially made T-shirts.

Rod says it is his wife Sue who deserves a lot of the credit for the way the funeral home looks. She teaches half-time and then would spend the rest of the day dealing with the contractors or driving to various places to keep the project running smoothly looking after all

the details while Rod continued to run the funeral business.

The respect with which Rod Abrams is held within his own trade was also evident as many funeral directors were in attendance.

However, probably no-one will really recognize what a beautiful funeral home it is and what a beautiful spot it is located on until the sun finally shines and one sees the majestic view that it enjoys.



CUTTING THE RIBBON — At the official opening of the brand new premises of the Rod Abrams Funeral Home Friday night in Tottenham, cutting the ribbon were Cliff Abrams (left, father of owner Rod Abrams) and

Art Dunn (father of contractor Mike Dunn). Flanking them are Sue and Rod Abrams and in the back are Ken and Barbara Burnley. See story on page B.

1985 Photo by Bruce Haire

Co-op expands with Tecumseth facility

by Kathleen Davis

Simcoe District Farmer's Co-operative is now in operation at the former Sutherland Elevators location, on County Rd. 10 and 7th Line, between Beeton and Tottenham. Gerry Mann, representative of the co-operative, stated that they will be providing the same service as before, to growers, and also contracting new crops such as soybeans and corn. The Co-op will be receiving for storage wheat, rye, white beans and barley, as usual.

The farmer owned Simcoe District Co-op offers services to Simcoe County, and part of York Region and Peel. Mr. Mann said the company has chemicals available immediately and will expand to supply bulk and bag fertilizer, bulk and pre-packaged chemicals and bag feed - bag feed being ready by June 1. Eventually a full service warehouse will include delivery and repair facilities, farmer's supplies, specialty pet food, and horse and cattle feed. Fertilizer delivery, spreader and floater trucks will also be provided.

An already existing low-rise building, on the four-acre lot, will be converted for the warehouse retail outlet and storage area.

One service the new location is offering, which according to Mr. Mann will satisfy both the farmers and citizens concerned with waste

disposal, is the availability of returnable containers for the three main bulk chemicals (Dial, Sutan and Atrazine), at a savings to the grower of up to 40 cents a litre, by handling of case lots. The 210 litre jugs require no downpayment and are recyclable.

Gerry Mann also wants the farmers to know that he has 12 years experience in recommending fertilizer for growing various crops in this area and will assist the grower in fertilizer requirements.

The Beeton-Tottenham area

provided a very suitable location for the expanding Co-op, with headquarters in Barrie and locations in Bradford and Elmville. "Our signs are due to arrive, soon," says Mr. Mann. Then the Simcoe District Farmer's Co-op will be ready to roll.



CO-OP EXPANSION — Simcoe District Co-Op have purchased the County Rd. 10 drying plant that belonged to

Wayne Sutherland and are planning to expand services their including the opening of a retail outlet. 1988

Photo by Kathy Davis



BY PROCESS OF ELIMINATION — Beeton Athletic Association president, Dick Saunders shakes Roger Findlay's hand after handing him the keys to a 1988

Ford Tempo. Mr. Findlay was the lucky holder of the 900th ticket drawn in the BAA's annual car draw last Saturday night.

Photo by Craig Widdfield

Tecumseth appoints 1988 committees

Tecumseth council has selected its new committees for 1988 and there a relatively few changes.

On the recreation committee, Eric Poulsen replaces Gary Carleton as Tecumseth's representative on the Beeton recreation committee. Other members are Ray Lisk as chairman, Jim Heath as vice-chairman, Clark Boyd, Donald Crumlie, and Howard Deyarmond, who is also a new member. John Archibald Jr. is the township's representative on the Alliston recreation committee.

Ramsie Thomas replaces Mike Carson on the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee and he joins Gerald Wallace, Jacob P. Jacob, Clark Boyd and David Chambers.

The Library Board has Allan Glassford, Linda Armstrong, Pauline Harper, Stewart McGregor and Peter Sutherland. The Cemetery Board members

were all reappointed and include Doug Jebb, Gerald Wallace, Allan Glassford, Roy Gardhouse and Al Lynch.

On the committee of adjustment, the members are William Kerr, James Cerwell, Stewart Calhoun, John Bruwer and Lawrence Hawton.

Doug Jebb represents the township on the Cookstown fire area board. Jim Heath on Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Area, Allan Glassford on the South Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority, and Gerry Eagan is the poundkeeper.

Deputy-reeve Jim Heath again sits on the waste management steering committee with Ray Lisk as the alternate. He is also chairman of public works and property with Doug Jebb as vice-chairman and Gerald Wallace is chairman of finance and administration with Ray Lisk as vice-chairman.



CUTTING THE RIBBON — The Town Hall building is probably the most historic in the village. To cut the ribbon Mrs. Nita Carleton, widow of Beeton World publisher Ken Carleton (which was published from 1883 to 1969), and former reeve Dr. S.R. McKelvey cut the ribbon. Dr. McKelvey, 89, was reeve

of the village in 1946 when the council decided to sell the building to Cooper Weeks in order to raise funds for a memorial community centre. On the left and right are owners Bruce and Mary Haire and Anne and John Archibald.

Photo by Craig Whiddell

Beeton honours its Celebration 88 winners

By Brian Carruthers

Tomorrow night (Thursday) the Village of Beeton honours some of its own as they hand out the Celebration 88 awards.

The winners of the Celebration 88 medals for their outstanding contributions to amateur sports are: Male Athlete - Paul Robinson, Female Athlete - Joanne Love, Volunteer - Aimee Rutledge, Coach - Fred St. Peters, Official - Ross Robinson, Sponsor - John Rutherford.

Winners of certificates for those who have contributed to the quality of life in the community are: Fred Dale, Helen Coburn, Harold Ellison, Dr. S.R. McKelvey, Albert Bulman, David Sealy, Sheridan McGinty and David Reesor.

The medal winner for coach, Fred St. Peters began his involvement in sports as a coach in 1962, one year after he came to live in the village. He was asked, by John Rutherford and Bruce Gould, if

he would help out by umpiring some baseball games in a tournament that was being held at the Beeton park. He went on to say, "as I remember I umpired five games that weekend and continued umpiring for the next seven years."

During this time he began coaching and managing baseball and hockey teams. One of the first teams he managed was the 1963-64 midgets hockey club, which went all the way to the OMHA semi-finals. The next year that same club, under a different coaching staff won the OMHA championship. That second year Fred coached a pee-wee team. That team won both the OMHA hockey and the OBA baseball championships.

The reason he stopped coaching was because he met a young lad who he could no longer cope with. "I was coaching the four-year-olds and one boy named Mark didn't want to go on the ice but he

was persuaded by his father to go on the ice and give it a try. After a few moments the other children came around crying and complaining that Mark was using his stick to trip and hit the other children. I told him to go and skate by himself and play with a puck and stop hitting and tripping the other children. As he was leaving the area he slapped me across the shins with his stick. That was all I needed."

During his 21 years of involvement with sports in Beeton "I have had the pleasure of working with many wonderful people, some of whom are no longer with us, who were always willing to give help and advice."

"I have made a lot of lasting friendships and I will always have good memories of the times we were all working together to try and give any sports-minded youngsters the chance to play their favorite sports and to teach them sportsmanship and to have

respect for others and themselves."

John Rutherford spent a lot of time doing the same thing, but then in 1981 he started Rutherford Motors and he started to sponsor teams and individuals in the Beeton area.



John spent 37 years in the car

industry before starting his own dealership.

John sponsored hockey teams, baseball teams and has been involved in sponsoring special things for the Beeton Figure Skating Club, such as paying for bringing in the guest skaters at last year's carnival. He also sponsors the Beeton Stingers oldtimers hockey club, girls baseball, T-ball and an individual sweater for the Alliston Hornets.

Last year he and Don Coffey sponsored a local girl, Beth Farley, who attends Guelph University and plays goal for the girl's hockey team, to go to Zurich, Switzerland for a tournament.

John says, "you sponsor teams for a good cause the betterment of the children and because eventually they are the ones who will buy my cars and that after all is the bottom line."

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BEETON ORANGE CELEBRATION — Beeton's Main St. was filled with music and colour last Saturday afternoon. People from all over turned up to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Prince William of Orange's landing in England. The highlight of the event was the annual Beeton Orange Parade.



The parade featured pipe and drum corps (a member of one pictured left), Loyal Orange Lodge members marching down the street, and a special attraction, a replica of Prince William's ship 'The Brill' (pictured right). Photos by Vicki Wirkkunen



NEW FAIR QUEEN — Kimberly Lance takes a minute to pose for a picture while strolling through the Beeton fairgrounds Saturday. Kimberly was announced this year's Fair Queen at a ceremony on Friday night. 1988 Photo by Craig Widdifield



OFFICIAL OPENING — The former lieutenant governor of the province, the Hon. Pauline McGibbon, officially opened the Beeton Fall Fair on Saturday and then she received a

gift of a collector plate from Agricultural Society president Earl Woodrow. Mrs. McGibbon then stayed to tour the Fair and talk to the people.

Photos by Craig Widdifield
Kathryn Moog
Bruce Hare

Agricultural Hall of Fame unveiled



SOUTH SIMCOE FARM NEWS

Harry Cross, Roy Hickling and H.J. Wood are the three portraits of former Simcoe County farmers to be unveiled at the fifth Annual Agricultural Hall of Fame ceremony September 11. The program will be held at 2 p.m. during Pioneer Days

at the Agricultural County Museum, Midhurst. The Simcoe County Agricultural Hall of Fame opened in 1984. Nominations of worthy candidates may be made by either a farm organization or individual members. The Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the leadership and development of agriculture in Simcoe County. This year's nominees have shown leadership which has had significant importance on farm organizations in the county.

Harry Cross - 1911-1987 - Secretary and manager of Beeton Fall Fair, 1948-1979. A 4-H club leader and coach and promoter of youth sports, as well as being involved in municipal politics.

Roy Hickling - 1892-1984 - Gave leadership in milk producers groups, Soil and Crop Improvement work and Federation of Agriculture. He was involved in municipal politics, as well as church, hospital and education.

H.J. Wood - 1875-1971 - Instrumental in organizing cream producers, egg grading station, Farm Forum and Bass Lake Park. He was particularly involved in church, co-operative movements and hospital board.

Dairy Princess Competes at C.N.E.

Nicoline Van Winden, Simcoe County Dairy Princess for 1987-1988 competed in the 1988 Ontario Dairy Princess Competition. Nicoline made it to the semi finals which was an excellent achievement. Forty-two young ladies from across the province competed in four nights of preliminary competitions. The top 10 girls, one of which was

Nicoline, competed in two semi final nights August 29 and 30. The competition is held each year. The winner succeeds Andrea Lange from Utopia as Ontario Dairy Princess. Nicoline Van Winden represented milk producers of Simcoe County well at the competition. The Simcoe County Milk Committee will hold a Dairy Princess Competition on Saturday, October 22, at the Barrie Fairgrounds to choose a successor to Nicoline for 1988-1989.

KEARNS: Elsie Roberts, of Sheriden Mills, Mississauga, Ontario, on Sunday, February 28th, 1988. Elsie Roberts, Williams in her 93rd year. Wife of the late Ernest Kearns. Predeceased by her daughter Barbara (Mrs. Wallace Hayes) & Roberts (Mrs. Robert Wood). Loved grand-mother of Robert Hayes of Barrie. Dear sister of Dr. Maynard Williams of Florida. Mrs. Marion Hemphill of Kitchener. Mrs. Daisy Bakery of Collingwood. Mrs. Curtis Howling of Florida. Henry Williams of Beeton & predeceased by Mrs. Helen Savage & Dr. Jack Williams. Resting at The W. John Thomas Funeral, 244 Victoria St., Alliston from 2 - 4:30 & 7 - 9 p.m. on Tuesday. Funeral service and committal will be held in the chapel on Wednesday, March 2nd, 1988 at 1:30 p.m. Springmead, Trinity United Cemetery, Beeton. **809**

NODWELL: Nora Eileen At Stevens Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on Friday, October 21st, 1988. Nora Halsey, beloved wife of the late John (Jack) Nodwell, formerly of Beeton. Loving mother of Bill and his wife Olive, of Bolton. Loved by her grandchildren David, his wife Sandy, and Cathy. Rested at Red Alberta Funeral Home, Tottenham. Funeral service was held in the Chapel Monday afternoon, October 24th at 2 o'clock. Interment, Trinity Cemetery, Beeton. **T43**



FORMER REEVE HONOURED - The late Harry Cross was inducted into the Simcoe County Agricultural Hall of Fame in Midhurst on the weekend. Mr. Cross was chosen for his many years of service to agriculture as secretary-

manager of the Beeton Agricultural Society plus his work in minor sports and political life. Looking at the portrait that was unveiled is his widow Blossom Cross.

1988
Photo by Richard Blanchard



OUT FOR THE SUMMER SUN - The \$11,000 rooftop patio at Simcoe Manor in Beeton was officially opened

June 23. Here some of the staff and residents try it out for a little fresh air and sunshine.

1988
Photo by Vicki Wirkkunen

Memories of life long ago

By Marjorie Drury

We should remember that the quality of life we enjoy is the hard work and dedication of people from many different backgrounds.

How many people can recall their days in the little one room school house when the teacher taught eight grades? They no longer exist but many can remember them. The teacher boarded in the neighbourhood, gradually getting acquainted with her pupils' families which she enjoyed. The children walked to school, carrying their books and their lunch in a brown paper bag or lunch box, no money, no cafeterias in those days.

Usually an older boy in the school was the caretaker, lighting the stove early in the morning, and likely pumping a pail of water for drinking during the day. A long handle granite dipper and a cup were used. No water tap to turn on. After school the floors were swept, the blackboards washed and the wood readied for the morning. Even the packaged matches now are different than in those in those days. Now the children are picked up by buses and taken to central schools with all the conveniences necessary. No drying of socks, mitts and scarves around the stove or on the heat registers in the village schools.

Hot water is the greatest aid to bath cleanliness and health. In the old days, the kitchen stove usually

had a reservoir or tap on the side which had to be kept filled with water carried from a pump in the yard, or from catching rain water in a barrel at the corner of the house or a cistern if you were lucky enough to have one. A large copper boiler was used for heating the water on wash day. A wash board in a galvanized tub sitting between two chairs was used for rubbing the clothes on with a bar of home made soap or some soft soap. Lye from the wood ashes were used for making soap. No fancy boxes of laundry detergents then. Now the family wash is splashing merrily in a washing machine full of lovely hot water suds and rinsed and dried in an electric clothes dryer. No more cold fingers at the clothes line outside unless so desired.

Drip-dry clothes and the indispensable disposable diaper have taken away many hours of ironing with the sad irons which had to be heated on the stove. Electric blankets have replaced many blankets and homemade quilts and, of course, central heating is a far cry from the chilly bedrooms we used to have and many a time clothes were put on under the blankets before crawling out onto a cold floor. A small braided or hooked rug, made from pieces of old clothes, made life a little more comfortable. Nothing, no matter how old, was wanted in those days. Old coats,

dresses, men's shirts and pants were ripped apart, washed and made into children's clothes or used for quilt patches. The white factory cotton floor and sugar bags, which were about a yard square found many uses. After being washed and bleached to remove the printed lettering they were made into tea cloths, pillow cases, aprons, dresser scarves and even tea towels with embroidery work on some and other trimmed with lace. Hand knitted mitts and socks were kept darned with matching yarn so they would wear longer.

Toast never tasted better than when made with home made bread and toasted on a wire rack over hot coals in the stove and covered with butter churned when needed and spread with jam or jelly.

Eggs were sold by the dozen from a six quart basket or a 12 dozen egg crate to the store keeper in exchange for groceries like tea, sugar, spices, etc. which you didn't produce on the farm. As the hens usually stopped laying in the fall, the last few dozen eggs were usually wrapped in paper and set aside for baking until the pullets started to lay.

Potatoes, turnips, pumpkins, apples and other vegetables were stored in the cellar for winter use. Not many canned foods then. By the time we heard Christmas was coming, preparations were well under way. Puddings and cakes were prepared. Pans were lined with double layers of oiled brown grocery bag paper. As the wood or coal stove boasted no thermometer, cakes were tested often with strands taken from a new broom. Puddings were steamed and put in cloth bags and hung in the basement, the cakes found a place beside jars of preserved fruit and pickles on a hanging shelf in the cellar. Now the refrigerator and the freezer takes care of our needs.

During the summer several farmers belonged to a beef ring taking turns in butchering a beef and dividing it with the members.

Pork was cored in a salt brine and often stored in the oat bin in the grainery. Bacon was fried and stored in a crock or other container in its own grease, very handy when company dropped in. Very few people left your home without a meal in those days.

A day was set aside for preparing the fowl for Christmas. I remember putting them in a pen the day before without food. Ducks and geese were picked on your lap covered with an apron or clean potato sack, and drawn on the kitchen table. I wonder how many would or could do that today. The feathers and down were kept for feather ticks, pillows and cushions, very different from our firm mattresses and foam pillows today. Ticks filled with clean smelling straw after the grain threshing were also used usually under the feather tick.

House cleaning was different then too. A broom, dust pan, mop and a goose wing were very necessary, especially for cleaning the stair steps. A wing was also very handy for dusting the stove after emptying the ashes. No floor polishers or vacuum cleaners. From room rugs were taken up, shook and beat with a stick outside and sometimes left to air while you cleaned the room. I can remember washing lace curtains, starching them and pinning them on a frame covered with cloth on four chairs to dry to keep the edges straight or laying them together on a sheet on the floor. Now sliding drapes are more common and usually sent to the cleaners. Most windows had blinds which pulled down in the rooms to protect furniture from the hot sunshine. Storm windows were taken off in the spring and stored until fall, the kitchen was usually the sitting room with a couch near the stove and a comfortable rocking chair. The stove pipes which usually went upstairs through a bedroom to the chimney had to be taken down and cleaned with a stick outside every three or four weeks to prevent pipe or chimney fires. These

were very frightening especially at night or if you were alone.

The coal oil lamp and the kerosene lantern needed daily care, making sure they were filled with oil and the glasses cleaned. Too bad if the lamps were not on the kitchen shelf in readiness when darkness set in. No buttons to push for a light. Someone had to remember to wind the kitchen clock before bedtime. During the day many farmers told the time by hearing the trains a few miles away. Even though I was raised in the country I remember hearing the Beeton village bell ringing at 7 a.m. which meant getting up and preparing for school.

Telephones were few and far between, thus the neighbours visited more often and the weekly house parties with dancing and card playing were enjoyed by everyone. Even the little ones enjoyed a sleep on a couch or on top of some one's bed upstairs. No babysitters then. The local school concert was another exciting event, especially when the children heard Santa's bells outside about the time the concert was finished.

Travelling was very different years ago. Close neighbours would go together to a party in the farm sleigh, the adults sitting on boards for seats and the children sitting on straw covered with the horse blankets which later covered the horses while tied perhaps on an upstairs barn floor. No snow ploughs to clear the roads in those days. No cars, trucks, buses and even the high speed aeroplanes are used.

All these things were before television, radios, frozen foods, credit cards, instant coffee, tape recorders and many, many, more modern conveniences.

Thus was the way of life in the good old days. No doubt I have left out many customs. Memories are wonderful, unwritten,

treasured and will remain with us always. We, who lived during those times will never forget them.

Those who didn't will find it hard to understand how life carried on in the old days. Jan. 1988

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Years ago: The long, silent winters

VIEWPOINTS FROM A HILLTOP

by Allan Anderson



In those years, in the 1950s, the winters were cold. Often, the snow came early and stayed late. Everywhere, there was a clear, clean, white, unbroken expanse of fluffy snow. It was like a benediction on the land.

On a cloudless day, dusk came

slowly and evenly. The azure sky, in the west, turned to the softest mauve. Venus shone steadfastly in that western sky.

With the oncoming of the deepening twilight, there came, too, a hush over the snow-sculpted hills and ridges and valleys. The silence was palpable. First, the earth was hushed, and then, there was this effusion of a delicate and exquisite silence. It was the silence that I remember most.

At that hour, there were no

trains. I recall standing outside, standing very still, and listening to the silence. All nature revered that silence. I know it affected me deeply. There was never a daytime silence like it. At night, there would be silence, but not like the silence of the deep dusk. Holy dusk, silent dusk.

Sometimes, when there was a sound, it seemed to come from miles and miles away. It would almost be an echo, so distant it wasn't distinguishable. It was just a faint sound, there, for a mo-

ment, and then it would be gone.

Many times, I felt that I was the only one in the world that shared that silence. There were no neighbours to be seen anywhere. The big hill on the 5th Line dipped down sharply, and the first land visible was a mile away. To the south, a long line of bush paralleled the 4th, which was out of sight, in a valley. To the east, the little schoolhouse, SS. No. 6, Mount Pleasant, was dark and quiet, a tiny, small building lost in the snow.

The school faced the 5th and had a peaked roof over the entranceway. The main roof, sharply sloped, had a chimney at the north end. Big windows had been built into each side of the school, and smaller ones in the porch. There was a flagpole in front of the school, and, out front, in the yard, a high U-shaped net, so that, when the children played ball in the summer, the ball would not go sailing off into the road, if the catcher missed it.

The school usually had 20 kids — sometimes a few more. They struggled to school from all directions. Many of them had a long way to walk, and, so, their mothers bundled them up so that they looked like rag dolls, with scarves wound around them and touques pulled well down.

I sometimes wondered, in the violent weather, with a blizzard raging, how those kids ever made it to school. They came from all directions, climbing up the snowbanks and sliding down them. Boys and girls made their way to school from along the 4th, from the 5th and from the 6th. They came from up and down the 10th Sideroad. The kids were all from farm families: I was the only commuter around for almost 20 years. About nine families were represented at Mount Pleasant: the Brandbridges, the Drury, the Gerrards, the Grahams, the Kellys, the Molletts, the Oldfields, the Roberts and the Thomases. There might be one youngster from a family or there could be three or even four from one farm at the school at the same time.

The Township had one plough in the early days, which somehow or other, had to struggle through drifts along all the roads. No one living here nowadays can imagine the size of those drifts! Once, we were snowbound for two weeks. The snow blew and blew, and piled up in beautiful, carved, graceful drifts. But they weren't so beautiful when you had to struggle through them. I made my way, at the end of those two weeks, up and down those drifts, along the roads and across the fields, two miles to the CPR station in Tottenham, because I had to get to Toronto to do a CBC show. I could stand in the hollow between drifts and raise my hand straight up, and the top of most drifts would be well above the top of my hand. Scrambling up those drifts was torture, an absolute agony. Half the time, you'd slip back and have to start all over again, up that horrifying mass of snow. I was purple when I got to the station and Mrs. Delaney, the station master's wife, thought I would have a heart attack.

During the two-week blow, the phone was out and the hydro was off. Lines were down here, there and everywhere. We had a coal furnace and we baked potatoes by putting them on a stick and turning them by hand over embers in the furnace.



AN OLD PHOTO OF A ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE AM

One year, a day or so after Christmas, a sleet storm covered all the trees with heavy coats of ice. At 2 a.m., a big, spreading Manitoba Maple, behind our house, near the pump, came crashing down. It missed the house by a bare few inches and fell right alongside the house. It took down the hydro wires. That ruined the night, so we sat on the floor in the front room — why on the floor, I can't remember — and drank wine and ate cheese and thanked Heaven our roof hadn't been crushed.

It was peaceful on the winter roads. I remember hardly any traffic. When the 5th was clear enough, I know that I'd see, once a week, Bert Gerrard, with a long sleigh and two, and sometimes three, black horses, taking chop to the mill in Tottenham.

Our kids gloried in the winter — as did all country kids. Beside us, to the west, was a steep hill, and these yelling and yipping young ones would race down it on sleighs and toboggans. They would make tunnels through the snow and build elaborate forts. It was paradise for kids.

For many years, the winter rabbits munched on our raspberry canes and drove us crazy. On a moonlit night, in the eight acre field to the east of us (now the school playground), I could watch, with fascination, the rabbits bouncing around in the snow. They looked like waves on the ocean.

Ah, but those winters were crisp and crunchy and colourful! Would we could return to them now!



WATER FOUNTAIN DONATION — Saturday, Glacier Water Systems presented a water fountain they installed in Beeton's park to the village. The fountain is in honour of the 80th birthday of long-time resident Norval

Stewart. From left to right is Deputy-rev. Alan Bennett, Anthony Gull (chairman of Glacier), Rita and Norval Stewart and Tom Hay of Glacier.

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BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The first meeting of the New Year was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Coburn. The president, Mrs. Cecil Reynolds, read a poem and opened the meeting in the usual manner.

The roll call "Bring a keepsake and tell how it came into your possession" was answered by 17 members.

The motto "True wisdom lies in gathering the precious things out of everyday as it goes by". The comment was given by Mrs. G. Mayberry. Current events were prepared and read by Mrs. A. Hagerman. Mrs. G. Drury had the program entitled "Memories of Life Long Ago". 1988



BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A very pleasant afternoon was spent by the ladies of the Women's Institute at the home of Mrs. S. McMinn, Feb. 9th, with the president Mrs. C. Reynolds presiding. Fifteen members answered the roll call - Name a book you enjoyed reading.

Donations are being sent to the Erland Lee Home, Adelaide Hoodless Foundation and Water

Purification Fund.

Mrs. C. Reynolds introduced our speaker Mrs. Virginia DiLauro of Loreto. She spoke on recycling things such as glass, newspapers, tin cans, stationery and cardboard. It is important that we recycle as much as possible. It would cut down on the garbage. Mrs. DiLauro's talk was very interesting and informative.

Current events were given by Mrs. C. Reynolds. Each member brought an item to be auctioned with proceeds going to different funds.

Mrs. C. Reynolds, Mrs. A. Hagerman, Mrs. G. Mayberry, and Mrs. G. Drury attended the W.I. pot luck luncheon in Cookstown, Feb. 3rd. 1988



BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Beeton Women's Institute meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Mervyn Hobbs on Tuesday, May 10. The president Mrs. C. Reynolds opened the meeting with the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect.

Fifteen members answered the roll call "Name different ways wheat is brought to the table". Minutes of the last meeting were read by the new secretary, Mrs. H. Platt. Correspondence was read and dealt with. Motto - "The thoughts we think are the seeds we sow". The comment was given by Mrs. A. Hagerman.

Donations are being sent to Beeton Agricultural Society, Beeton Horticultural Society, Simcoe Manor, a book by a Canadian author to Grade 6 at Beeton Central School library, Alliston hospital and York County hospital Newmarket Cat Scan fund.

Mrs. G. Mayberry had the program on agriculture, the guest speaker was Mrs. Elaine Hill who has graduated as a Master Gardener. She took the course through the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food in Ouelph. Her talk was very interesting and informative. Mrs. Mayberry thanked Mrs. Hill and presented her with a gift in appreciation.

Mrs. G. McClain brought us up to date with the current events.



BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A very pleasant afternoon was spent by the ladies of the Women's Institute at the home of Mrs. M. Pomeroy, June 14. With 12 members and one visitor present. The president Mrs. C. Reynolds opened the meeting in the usual manner. An excellent comment was given by Mrs. G. Drury.

Mrs. G. McClain had the program on Citizenship. She had as the guest speaker, Linda Duczak, clerk-administrator for the Township of Tecumseth. She explained her work with the Township. Her talk was very in-

teresting and informative. Mrs. McClain thanked Linda and presented a gift in appreciation.

Mrs. G. Mayberry gave a report on the Simcoe South District Annual meeting held in Stroud. Delegates were Mrs. C. Reynolds, Mrs. G. Mayberry and Mrs. M. Pomeroy, also attending were Mrs. G. Drury, Mrs. H. Platt and Mrs. G. McClain.

The next meeting is Sept. 13 at Mrs. C. Reynolds' home. 1988

The September meeting of Beeton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. H. Platt.

The motto - "The quality of life must begin at home" was commented on by Mrs. Platt. Mrs. R. Watson had the program on "Family and Consumer Affairs". She had as the guest speakers Penny Burrell director of My Sister's Place in Alliston and Kay Healy a residential worker.

Current events were prepared and read by Mrs. Watson and Mrs. H. Cross and two books were donated to Beeton Central School. 1988

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On March 8, Beeton Women's Institute held its annual pot luck luncheon at the home of Mrs. Gordon Drury. As usual the food was delicious and plentiful.

Mrs. C. Reynolds opened the meeting with the Ode and The Mary Stewart Collect. The Roll Call "Safety ideas for your kitchen," was answered by 16 members and two visitors.

The Motto, "If you can't be thankful for what you have be thankful for what you escape" was commented on by Mrs. Gordon McClain.

Adonation of \$10.00 was given to the Canadian Cancer Society in memory of Mrs. Ernest (Elsie) Kearns, one of our Life Members who died February 28, 1988.

Each member gave the price of a loaf of bread towards Pennies for Friendship for educating girls in a developing country.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The April meeting of the Beeton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Gordon McClain. The president, Mrs. C. Reynolds, opened the meeting with the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Fifteen members answered the roll call - "Pay fees" and name a country you have visited. The Motto - "A vacation is something you take when you can't take what you are taking." Comment was given by Mrs. Roskington.

Mrs. G. Mayberry gave a report on the district directors meeting. Current events were prepared and read by Mrs. Merv. Hobbs.

The installation of officers ceremony was conducted by Mrs. Gordon Drury.

The meeting closed with the institute Grace followed by lunch.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Beeton Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. C. Reynolds for the November meeting with the president Mrs. Reynolds presiding.

There were 11 members and one visitor who answered the roll call "What does the poppy mean to you?"

The motto - "Peace will come when the power of love is greater than the love of power," was commented on by Mrs. R. Watson.

Donations are being sent to the Museum at Midhurst, My Sister's Place in Alliston and Sunnybrook Veterans, each member donated to the Canadian Mental Health Association in Barrie.

Our guest speaker, Mrs. Freda Bradshaw, spoke on her experience as a nurse during the second World War in England.

Current events were given by Mrs. E. Ritchie. Meeting closed with the Institute Grace and a social half hour was spent during lunch.

Christmas meeting is Dec. 13 at Mrs. Lisk's home.

On Sunday, Nov. 27, 1988, 18 Beeton Institute Ladies and friends drove to the Parkley Restaurant on Highway 11 for brunch at 11:00 a.m. The salads were lovely and the main course and desserts were delicious. Everyone was in a very congenial mood and enjoyed every moment of the afternoon. It's too bad it only happens once a year.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Beeton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Freda Lisk on Dec. 13, 1980. President Mrs. C. Reynolds opened the meeting with the song followed by The Mary Stewart Collect.

"A Christmas Custom" which was answered by 16 members plus visitors was interesting. It was decided to have 4 squares in the month of January and also to save I.O.A. tapes.

"Mrs. Kettle's Christmas Pudding" was read by Mrs. G. Drury.

Mrs. Jean Koffer, President of the District of Simcoe South gave a very interesting talk about the Convention she attended in Newfoundland for the Women's Institute. She also showed slides of her trip and all the other delegates that attended it with her.

Christmas entertainment was supplied by Bernice Jerry at the piano and Kerin Jebb played the violin, accompanied by her grandmother Joan Jebb. A sing song of Christmas Carols was enjoyed by all.

Grace was said followed by gifts being exchanged. A delicious lunch of sandwiches and Freda's Christmas Cake ended a very enjoyable afternoon.

The Blue boxes are here by Craig Widdfield

Municipalities involved in the South Simcoe Waste Management Master Plan kicked off their curbside recycling programs last Saturday with the distribution of over 12,000 blue boxes.

The townships of Tecumseth, Adjala and West Gwillimbury, along with the towns of Tottenham, Beeton, Alliston, Cookstown and Bradford received their blue boxes over the weekend and officially began their recycling programs.

Recycling Co-ordinator Anne Mathewson who was responsible for organizing the distribution of the boxes says there were some problems but that everything went well for the most part. "We had a few snags," she says, "but if everything had gone perfectly, I would have been wondering what was going on."

Mrs. Mathewson says everyone pitched in to help out with the delivery, from Girl Guides and Scouts to members of TRAD (Tecumseth Residents Against Irresponsible Decision-making). Even Steering Committee chairman and Deputy-Reeve, Jim Heath was out doing his part, helping to load vehicles for delivery in Tecumseth.

A barbecue was held Saturday afternoon for those who helped distribute the boxes and Mrs. Mathewson says everyone enjoyed it, especially the kids. "It's fun to watch the kids go to throw a pop can in the garbage and then realize that the blue box is sitting on the floor," she says.

Most of the municipalities held launch receptions on Saturday as well. Tecumseth and Beeton held their reception jointly Saturday night with representatives from OMRI (Ontario Multi-Material Recycling Inc.) present as well as Simcoe West MPP, George McCague.



SCOUT'S HONOUR — There were a lot of honourable Cub Scouts and other groups and individuals pitching in to help distribute the blue recycling containers to homes throughout the area last Saturday. Above, Beeton Deputy-Reeve Alan Bennett and Cub Scout James Sanson take a moment out of a busy delivery schedule to pose for a picture.

Photo by Bruce Hare



BLUE BOX BOHANZA — Puppet characters were on hand at Tecumseth's recycling launch ceremony Saturday night to both educate and entertain children and adults. Above, Beeton Deputy-Reeve Alan Bennett, Simcoe West MPP George McCague, OMRI representative Robbi Robinson and

Steering Committee chairman and Tecumseth Deputy-Reeve Jim Heath pose with the recyclables. The message is, start recycling now.

Photo by Craig Widdfield



Senior's playing euchre in the Senior's Room at Simcoe Manor on Saturday nights.

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Jean Keffer: Most Women's Institutes will



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR

By Allan Anderson

Women's Institutes can look back a long way to a vigorous beginning in the last years of the 19th century. Jean Keffer has been very active in the Tec-We-Gwill Institute. She and her husband, Bruce, and their son, farm 300 acres, west of Highway 27 half-a-mile, and have a dairy herd of about 100 cattle.

"The Women's Institutes began in 1897," Jean Keffer said. "The founder was Adelaide Hoodless. She, together with Erland Lee, who was the head of a farmers' group, organized the first Women's Institute at Stony Creek, near Hamilton. Erland Lee helped her with advice.

"Her main objective, I would say, was to improve the health and nutrition of rural families. She lost an 18-month-old son, I believe it was, because he drank impure milk. So she was very concerned that that should not happen to anyone else. She did have other children.

"She, also, was the instigator of domestic science in the public schools and the high schools. So, she was quite a woman. And she got Mac Hall started at Guelph, where women were taught to be home economists and domestic science teachers. This woman was truly incredible!

"I visited her homestead, recently, at St. George, with members of my Institute - the homestead is near Cambridge and it's a beautiful, old, wooden house, kept in good shape by The Women's Institutes of Canada. It's a museum and there are quite a few artifacts, that belonged to the Hoodless family. This was Adelaide's parents' home and she lived there as a child."

(Note: Adelaide Hoodless, according to the Canadian Encyclopedia, worked with Lady Aberdeen - wife of a Governor-General - to help found the National Council of Women, the Victorian Order of Nurses and the national YWCA. She believed women's place was in the home



Jean and Bruce Keffer

and was not, by any means, a suffragette.)

"The proposal for Women's Institutes caught on quite quickly," Jean Keffer noted. "A fair number of branches were organized within a few years. The idea spread from Ontario to Manitoba and British Columbia and Saskatchewan - in fact, right across the country. Within 20 years it became a nation-wide organization. The Institutes stressed better ways of looking after families in the home. Women became more knowledgeable and better citizens and life at home was happier and healthier. The Women's Institute was the backbone of the farm community in those days.

"We have Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. Then we have The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada. Then there is Associated Countrywomen of the World, so it is a world organization, though it is not called a Women's Institute in every country. It's worthwhile noting that the idea spread from Canada to other countries. It was a Mrs. Alfred

Watt of Simcoe County who started the first Women's Institute branch in England. She went over there to organize the first branch. This was about 1907.

"My guess would be that the peak period for Women's Institutes would be during the 1940s and 1950s, when membership flourished, and, since the 1960s, the

membership has started to fall back. But there still are 30,000 members in Ontario right now, and that's not bad, considering how busy people are these days. We have 1000 branches in Ontario. You'll find that the farther you get from the big cities, the more successful and popular the branches are. The interest is there.

"In north Simcoe, there are some very good branches, such as at Sparrow Lake, north of Orillia, and in the Stayner area, in west Simcoe. An average membership would be 15 to 20 members. Tec-We-Gwill has 48 members. We meet once a month, except for July and August.

"The main focus in Women's Institutes' meetings now is on education and leadership. We had a speaker on irradiation of food and we are having a speaker on pornography. We had a funeral director talking about pre-arranging funerals and what is involved and it wasn't a morbid meeting at all.

"And by 'leadership' I mean urging women to take an active part in their communities - get on Committees of Adjustment and into councils, where they will have some power. In the past, we've been the quiet ones, without a voice, to any extent, in public affairs. The problem is that, to get

meet new challenges

into municipal life, takes a lot of time and women have to balance that against the demands of home and children.

"I know of one woman, Helen Courtis, who was a Federated Women's Institute of Ontario board director, and she ran for Adjala Township Council and was elected and she has been one of the promoters of waste management in that township. And we have some other Women's Institute

members who are on Committees of Adjustment in various parts of Simcoe County. Betty Lou Vanderpost is on the West Gwillimbury Committee of Adjustment. There's a Lois Lochlin who is also on the Committee of Adjustment in her township in north Simcoe. So it does happen. I think it's because of the makeup of these women and the interest they have in politics - they just lean that way."

June 9, 1989



NEW EXECUTIVE - The Simcoe South District Women's Institute elected its new executive at Newton Robinson. Front row (l-r) Maureen Couture, Margaret Jessop, Joy Larkey, Jean Ketter (president), Sandra Kell. Back row (l-r) Marie McVety (exec. vice president), Joan Jebb, Beth Harvey (secretary), Edith Kerri, Doreen Prier (2nd vice-president) and Jean Hughes.

Photo by Kathryn Mool



BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Tuesday Jan. 10 a very pleasant afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. Norval Stewart, when the ladies of the Institute met for their first meeting of the new year. Mrs. C. Reynolds opened the meeting in the usual manner. Eleven members answered the roll call - What is our generation leaving behind? The Motto - "Events of

to-day are history tomorrow," was commented on by Mrs. C. Reynolds.

Current events were prepared and read by Mrs. H. Lisk.

Mrs. G. Drury had the program. She spoke on Memories during her school years while attending Beeton Public and Continuation School on Tecumseh St. Which was built in 1922 and closed in 1986.

Several members plan to attend the Fun Day pot luck luncheon at Newton Robinson hall on Feb. 9. The meeting closed with the Institute Grace.

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Official

The Women's Institute of Alliston has officially disbanded effective April 30, 1989, but Les Kennet, the Institute's representative to the Alliston Library Board, is going to continue on as a citizen on the board.



BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The February meeting of the Beeton W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Edgar Ritchie with the president Mrs. C. Reynolds presiding.

Eleven members and one visitor answered the roll call - "Name a citizen from any country in whose footsteps you would like to follow." The motto was "A little oil of courtesy will save a lot of friction." The comment was given by Mrs. W. Watson.

We were very pleased to have Mrs. E. McVety of Bradford, secretary of Simcoe South District Women's Institute as our guest speaker. She spoke on public relations. Mrs. McVety was presented with a gift in appreciation.

Current events were prepared and read by Mrs. G. Mayberry. Each member brought items which were auctioned by Mrs. W. Watson, the proceeds going to the Pennies for Friendship Fund. Mrs. C. Reynolds conducted a contest which was quite interesting.

The meeting closed with the Institute Grace and a social half hour was spent during lunch. The next meeting is a pot luck luncheon at Mrs. G. Drury's in March.

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SESQUICENTENNIAL - Anglican Churches in the area are recognizing the 150th year of Christian service since the formation of the Toronto diocese when the rector of St. James in Toronto, John Strachan, became the first Bishop. Members

of Christ Church in Tottenham gather around the Cross that is being carried throughout the Diocese for commemorative services.

June 1989

Photo by Bruce Haine



TWENTY-YEARS-OLD - The Reverend James and Laura Cross were two of the guests of honour at the twentieth birthday celebration of the Beeton Senior Citizens' club on Friday. Rev. Cross as the first president of the club had the honour of cutting the cake. *June 23/89* Photo by Bruce Haire



BEETON SENIORS

by Ena McMin

Beeton seniors celebrated the 20th anniversary of their club on Friday evening. One hundred and two members, friends and guests sat down to a delicious dinner.

Frank Lisk introduced the

guests at the head table, Brenda and Mike Urbanski (Brenda is administrator of Simcoe Manor), Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lisk (Frank is our president and Helen our secretary), Mr. and Mrs. James Cross (Mr. Cross was the first president of our club), Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boynton (Ed was governor of Simcoe Manor at that time) and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown, (Earl

was reeve of Beeton).

Frank also thanked the Presbyterian Church ladies for catering such a lovely meal.

After the dinner tables were removed, the chairs were placed around and we enjoyed the music played by Leeta Broome's son Kent and her grandson and his friend Vaun Rutledge. It was a grand finish to a lovely evening.

Fred St. Peters retires as postmaster

by Kathryn Mooij

After 44 years of public service in the military and the post office, Fred St. Peters, postmaster in Beeton, has retired.

Born in Nova Scotia in 1924, James Frederick St. Peters, joined the army at the age of 17. He spent his 19th birthday on duty in France, and while in Europe he met his Belgian bride Lisette. After the war, Fred moved his wife and two young children to France, where they lived from 1954 to 1957, while he served in the military.

It was in 1969 while stationed at Base Borden that Fred finally made the decision to resign from the army.

"We had been living in Beeton for eight years, and made some good friends here and we didn't want to disrupt our teenagers," Fred explained. He turned down a posting to Quebec and retired from the military "to make Beeton our home."

Accustomed to being a public servant, the post office seemed to be a suitable place for Fred St. Peters whose outlook on service has not changed. "When you are serving the public, you are there to serve, to the best of your ability," he stated recently.

With the friendship and advice of Harold Ellison, Fred began his career in the Beeton Post Office. Mr. Ellison was postmaster of the village for 30 years, and he helped to instill in Fred a caring, concerned attitude about customers.

"Harold Ellison delivered mail and packages after hours and I followed his lead ... I believe Mother's Day and Christmas are very special times, so I try to call people if something comes in on those occasions and they haven't been in to pick them up," Mr. St. Peters said.

When Mr. Ellison retired, the job of postmaster went up for competition between members of the Canadian Association of Postmasters and Assistants (C.P.A.A.) Mr. Wayne Stratton won the job but was here for only a few months (he presently holds a high Canada Post position in Ottawa). The job of postmaster was finally awarded to Fred St. Peters on June 18th, 1984. He had been acting postmaster for over a year and had actually been doing all the postmaster's work without the official title.

Mr. St. Peters also served as field support postmaster for the towns of Bond Head, Loretto, Holland Landing and River Drive



READY FOR RETIREMENT - Fred St. Peters now has a moment or two to sit down since his retirement as Beeton's postmaster last Tuesday. He plans to keep busy and will work part-time at the Post Office. The lovely paper tote he is displaying here was made by Fran Hutt and was a gift from the Post Office staff.

Photo by Kathryn Mooij

Park. He has seen the Beeton post office go from a grade four in 1969 to a grade six which is the highest a rural post office can go. The grades are based on the population and size of a town. The next step up would be a facility such as Allison's.

His staff, Lois McCallough, Jean Millar and Fran Hutt, along with other temporary workers, have, according to Mr. St. Peters, been "excellent".

Fred believes that the entire staff has what he calls a "small town outlook". He explained this as being an attitude where "every-one is equal and is treated that way. Everybody knows everybody and speaks to everybody ... they have time to smile and say hello. It's not that the people in the city are different, they just don't have the time!" he stated.

When he retired last Tuesday,

friends, neighbours, colleagues and family made time for Fred St. Peters. He received phone calls from as far away as London, England (from his daughter Linda) to congratulate him on his retirement. His staff gave a surprise brunch for him at the Nottawasaga Inn and he was presented with a paper tote picture done by Fran Hutt.

Believing in "giving back to the community some of what we've received", Mr. St. Peters plans to volunteer a lot of his time to the Salvation Army and/or St. Vincent DePaul. He has also been offered part-time work at the post office. The St. Peters plan to spend the month of June in Nova Scotia and then they will return to Beeton.

"We are very happy here. We have no plans to move. We have everything we need right here and we've made some wonderful friends so we're staying here ... Beeton is our home" the retiring postmaster said.

Dear Allen (Glassford).
On fifteen sideroad Caledon
One sunny summer's morn
To Lillian and Jackson Glassford
A little son was born.

They called him Jackson Allen
And a happy lad was he
As he played with sister Freda
Or sat on mother's knee.

In the evening by the moonlight
When the day's work was all done
Mother Lil would sit and dream
About her baby son.

He is such a handsome lad
So, young, so fair and bright
Someday he will be famous
If we can raise him right.

Marion arrived on Christmas day
In the year nineteen twenty-nine.
To bring on the great depression
The start of real hard times.

The Glassfords moved eastward
In nineteen thirty-eight
They settled in Tecumseh
Lot Twenty, Concession Eight.

For Allen this was quite a change
He was off to Wilcox School
Where he learned to make new friends.
And another teacher's rules.

Just a carefree school boy
And who would then believe
This curly headed little lad
Would one day be our Reeve.

Little brother Bruce arrived
To pop's and Mom's delight
Until they found he ate all day
So he could cry all night.

When grade eight was finished
Allen went to Beeton High
On his bike he joined the other boys
When they came riding by.

Allen helped his father
To get the farm work done.
At other times with the local boys
He was out for a little fun.

With his good friend Stewart
He bought a Model T.
Five dollars was the purchase price
Nineteen twenty-four the year.

The ride was a little rough
And every bump you would feel
There was one rubber tire
The rest were wooden wheels.

This car was their pride and joy
But it didn't go too fast.
One night they felt a sudden bump
And a wheel went rolling east.

Another night they got stuck in the mud
In a big red clover field.
They got quite a dressing down
When Doc McKelvey appeared.

After finishing school, on the family farm
Young Allen settled down
For hobbies he liked fixing cars
And chasing girls around.

Allen with friends Stewart and Victor
Decided one Saturday night
To travel a little further afield
And see some brighter lights.

They were driving a thirty-five Ford
The tank was filled with gas
They hoped to reach Port Huron
Before the night had passed.

It was a long night's driving
And at the break of day
They saw the border up ahead
Just half a mile away.

With the motor running smoothly
The Ford was in high gear
But the brakes seemed to be failing
With the border closing near.

The old Ford slid to a stop
With just two feet to spare
The guards that were on duty
Gave our boys quite a scare.

After tearing around on Saturday nights
To dances in different towns
Allen decided the time had come
To marry and settle down.

He surrounded Doris Ritchie
That a life of ease and fame
Was waiting for the lucky girl
Who chose the Glassford name.

They were married in July of fifty-three
In a church down Bradford way
Where they said those magic words
Love, honour and obey.

Doris was a teacher
So it was a busy life
To keep the school kids happy
And be a farmer's wife.

Often when she came from work
She would get the same old greeting
Hurry up with supper, dear
I have a school board meeting.

The evenings were so quiet
No Allen and no T.V.
Doris thought she'd have a baby
To keep her company.

Bonnie, Janice, Gary and Susan
Arrived at the Glassford door
The nursery was a busy place
There was no room for more.

When School board days were finished
Allen thought he'd try his hand
On the Council of Tecumseh
And become a busy man.

Allen was Deputy-Reeve and Reeve
Simcoe County Warden too
In seventy-eight he decided to retire
And find something else to do.

He served on the Simcoe Manor Board
And this was smart you know
If Doris ever kicked him out
He would have a place to go.

The political life still beckoned
So Allen returned once more
For eight successful years as Reeve
The position he held before.

May your days be filled with sunshine
And your crosses always light
May you always have fond memories
Of your party here to-night.

By Gerry Egan
Tottenham, Ont.
Sept. 16, 1989.

They have been very busy years
Many meetings to attend
Sometimes long and trying days
You thought would never end.

So to-night your many friends
Are here to have some fun
And to extend congratulations
On the work that you have done.

Sometimes at a picnic
Doris just might say
Let's leave early, Allen
It's been a long hard day.

Often Allen would reply
I am very sorry, dear
But I have to kiss some babies
This is election year.

The years have gone by quickly
You have served our townships well
As Councillor, Reeve and Warden
Many stories you could tell

BESTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Beston Women's Institute meeting was held at the home of Freda Lisk due to Marjorie Drury's broken wrist, on March 14, 1989.

Roll Call- Name an industry unknown to our grandmothers.

Motto- The pioneers had their own tranquilizer- they called it work.

Program- Canadian Industries.-Mr Dwight Sharp of Alliston was the speaker on Westinghouse Motors, etc. in his 42nd. year with the company. Mary Pomeroy presented him with a Pumpkin Cook Book.

BESTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The April meeting of the Beston Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Gordon McClain. Mrs. C. Reynolds opened the meeting.

Mrs. S. McMinn had the program on Education and Safety.

Mr. Bill Strachan was the guest speaker. He has been with the Beston Fire Department for 45 years. He spoke on different ways to prevent fires and what to do if fire broke out in the home and also explained the work of the department.

Mrs. McMinn presented Mr. Strachan with a gift in appreciation.

The District Annual Meeting is to be held in Bradford, May 23rd. Meeting closed with the Institute Grace, followed by a social hour.

BESTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Beston Women's Institute meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Mary Pomeroy May 9, 1989.

Roll Call- Name a food grown on the farm.

Motto- How can we preserve our farm land of to-day for the future generation.

Program Agriculture- Mrs. G. Mayberry.

Mr. Ken Phipps of Alliston brought plants and several violet leaves for the members, which he planted.

The meeting closed with the Institute Grace followed by a social hour.

Beston Women's Institute

The Beston Women's Institute meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Lorna Hobbs June 13, 1989.

Roll Call-Something I plan on doing as a good Canadian Citizen.

Motto- How to keep your life safe even if the world collapses.

Program- Citizenship and Legislation. -Mrs. Gordon McClain. Mrs. Janine Grady, 7th. Line of Tecumseth Township, spoke on the Beston Library.

Mrs. Margaret Platt gave the Current Events.

The meeting closed with the Institute Grace, followed by a social hour.

Members of Beston Women's Institute and some guests had their annual meal out on Sunday Dec. 3rd. at the Red Pine Restaurant in Alliston. Twenty -four attended and they all enjoyed the very delicious brunch and a social time together, although it was a stormy day. 1989

BESTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Beston Women's Institute meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Mariel Reynolds Sept. 5, 1989.

Roll Call- My pet peeve when I go shopping.

Motto- Forget what you can't do and concentrate on what you can do.

Program- Family and Consumers Affairs, by Mrs. Wilfrid Watson. We all went to Mrs. Edith Brownlee's (Monks) farm at Alliston. Her daughter Lois showed us the Holstein Dairy Herd and explained the milk equipment.

We returned to Mariel's for the rest of the meeting and lunch, followed by a social hour.

BESTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Beston Women's Institute meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Margaret Platt on October 10, 1989.

Roll Call- Name a current event from your town.

Motto- How can we improve our community?

Program- Public Relations- Mrs. E. Ritchie. She had a speaker from "MY SISTER'S PLACE", in Alliston, followed by lunch and a social hour.

BESTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Beston Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Norval Stewart Nov. 7, 1989.

President, Mrs. Mary Pomeroy read a poem "In Flanders Fields" followed by the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect.

Roll Call- Wear a poppy and place on the Cross was answered by 16 members and one visitor.

Motto- Build to-day for tomorrow, build for your future.

Mrs. Ross Watson had the program Armistice Day. She introduced the guest speaker Mrs. Fred. Dale, who spoke on her experiences during World War II, and the memories she has. Mrs. Dale served in the Air Force, met Fred, they got married and she came to Canada as a war bride.

Plans were made for our annual dinner out. Current events were prepared and read by Mrs. E. Ritchie. Meeting closed with the Institute Grace. A lovely lunch was served.

BESTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Christmas Women's Institute meeting was held at the home of Freda Lisk with 12 members and Nora McKay, Bernice Jerry and Diane Woodcock, from Buds and Bows.

Roll Call- An old Christmas Card and read a verse.

Motto- A Christmas Reading, Marjorie Drury.

Program- Variety Entertainment, M. Pomeroy.

Mrs. Woodcock made a Christmas arrangement. Each one paid 1.00 and Freda got it. Bernice played Carols followed by gifts from Santa and a delicious lunch.

December 12, 1989

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

On January 9, 1990, a very pleasant afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. E. Ritchie when the ladies of the Institute met for the first meeting of the New Year. The President, Mrs. M. Pomeroy opened the meeting with the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect.

Roll Call-A New Year's Resolution.

A Minute's silence was observed in memory of Lorna, Mrs. Mervyn Hobbs who passed away suddenly on Dec. 23, 1989.

Motto-To-days treasures are to-morrow's memories bringing back the very thoughts of the past. The comment was given by Mrs. C. Reynolds.

Mrs. G. Drury had the program on the Tweedsmuir History. She reviewed the work of the Institute during the last five years. She also read a Poem to Allan Glassford by Gerry Egan at his Retirement Party.

Mrs. Platt gave the current events, followed by a delicious lunch.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Beeton Women's Institute met at the home of Freda Lisk Feb. 13, 1990. WITH 11 members present and Nora, Beesie and Selma Cornwell as guests.

Roll Call- Bring articles for Pennies for Friendship auction.

Motto- World affairs are our affairs.

Program- International Affairs.- Mrs. C. Reynolds. Muriel showed several Valentine Cards and had a Valentine Contest won by Mary Watson.

Mary Watson auctioned several articles and baking for Pennies For Friendship amounting to \$ 50.00.

Current events were given by Marjorie Drury, followed by Institute Grace and lunch.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Beeton Women's Institute met March 13, 1990 at the home of Marjorie Drury for the annual pot luck luncheon at 12 noon.

At 1:15pm. The President, Mary Pomeroy, called the meeting to order in the usual manner by repeating the INSTITUTE Ode and Mary Stewart Collect..

Roll Call-Name a way progress is changing our lives.

Motto- What our minds plan to-day are our achievements for to-morrow.

Program- National Industries- Mrs. C. Reynolds.

Josh Coleman had won second prize in the Legion Public Speaking Contest and he was present and had his skateboard with him. He gave his speech very professionally and carefully described the board and told us the idea came from California and is getting very popular in Canada.

Mrs. Sharon Wilson, 133 Centre St. Beeton, was present and told us the history of silk and about the successful cottage industry she has in her home. She is a graduate of The College of Art and her hand painted and dyed scarves are beautiful.

In the general meeting, there was a discussion about the recipe books we hope to have ready for sale next month. It was decided to give a donation of \$100.00 to Stevenson Memorial Hospital to help finance the "Lifeline" plan.

The subject of the next meeting is Safety Education and will be held April 10th. at the home of Velma McClain. New members or visitors are always welcome.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The April meeting of the Beeton Women's Institute was held at the home of Velma McClain, April 9, 1990, with 14 present.

The President, Mary Pomeroy opened the meeting in the usual way and we answered the roll call by paying our dues for 1990-1991 and naming means of self education.

The comment on the motto, "Cultivating the mind as food for the body," was given by our newest member, Selma Cornwell. She stressed this idea very well. Isabel Hagerman prepared and read the current events. In this way we record history as it happens each month.

We decided to give \$50.00 donation to the Beeton Fire Department.

Our cook books have arrived and are on sale for \$5.00. They were printed to celebrate 70 years since our branch was organized by the late Kate Altken.

The program "Education and Safety" was planned by Margaret Platt and her daughter, Jean Colwell, who teaches public school at Kettleby was a most interesting speaker.

She began by reminding us of the unsafe conditions we had survived in the old one room school- large wood stoves in the middle of the room surrounded by oil soaked wooden floors, one exit, water not tested very often and scarcely any yard supervision. The teacher was too busy with 35-50 pupils in all eight grades. Good points in those days were good cooperation from the parents. The parents decided if road conditions were such that the school should be closed, rather than by a person in a town office several miles away.

Now the buildings are safer and the children are supervised from the time they board the bus in the morning and are returned home in the evening.

The Education System requests that the children be creative. This is often very frustrating for the teacher who is often called every name imaginable by the pupils and cannot punish the child in any way. Many pupils have no respect for teachers or their peers. Joan still thinks teaching is a worthwhile career.

A delicious lunch served by Mary Pomeroy, Blossom Cross and our hostess brought a pleasant afternoon to an end.

Nine members attended the District Annual of South Simcoe Women's Institutes on Tuesday May 15, 1990, at Newton Robinson. Marjorie Drury did The In Memoriam for Lorna, Mrs. Mervyn Hobbs and Hazel, Mrs. Dr. Fred. Spearing, the last charter member of the Beeton Women's Institute. Mary Watson, the oldest branch member gave Pennies for Friendship, \$260.00 and A.C.W.W. \$10.00. W.I. invited to Beeton in 1991. 74 attended.

Environment still on the minds of over 20,000

The environment is still very much on the minds of the over 20,000 Women's Institute members in Ontario. They have taken as their theme for 1990-1 Women and the Environment - Family and Community. This continues their Environmental themes of the past two years.

A way of raising money to help celebrate the FWIO Centenary in 1997, but also a chance to aid in Recycling and Reduction has lead the Women's Institutes to sell Blue Carry-All Bags, which can be taken to the grocery stores and used instead of plastic bags. Originally designed to help people in apartments take their recyclable

articles to the bin, the Women's Institutes have carried the idea forward.

One hundred environmental projects to be completed or at least started by June 1990, was the target set at the Women's Institute Conference in Kingston in 1988. To date the number is 160 and growing every day. The final total and list of the projects will be announced at the Women and their Environment Conference - An International Challenge Conference to be held June 1-3 at Carleton University, Ottawa. At the conference the Women's Institute members will examine the three environments, Self,

Family and Community, and the World around Us. Among the topics under discussion will be: Can we see the Forest for the Trees? Water - our most Precious Resource. The Environment - the view of a Native Canadian Woman. The Family in the 90s. Learning to live as if Nature Matters, and Eat Well - Be Well. The impact of this conference will be felt throughout rural Ontario.

As part of their community action, the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario have just been involved with Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, in a Canadian wide survey on the needs of and for Rural Child-Care. This is the only in-depth survey that has surveyed all the rural areas throughout all of Canada. The results of this survey will be presented to Health and Welfare Canada, and Agriculture Canada. It was Federated Women's

Institutes of Ontario who sponsored the first Rural Child-Care Project in Ontario in 1984.

The worldwide picture for FWIO will take place when a group of Women's Institute members will travel to England in July to help the Women's Institutes of England and Wales celebrate their 75th anniversary. FWIO will be hosting a reception on July 13, at Ontario House in London, for the British Women's Institute members. This opportunity will also be used to promote Ontario

agricultural products.

An organization started in Stoney Creek, Ontario, in 1897, has certainly grown to affect the lives of women throughout the world.

For more information on: FWIO theme and Environmental Projects - Mrs. Hilde Morden, 519-785-0745.

June Conference Program and Speakers - Mrs. Joan Payle, 519-822-7293.

Rural Child Survey - Mrs.

Margaret Munro, 613-721-0917, English Celebrations - Mrs. Peggy Knapp, 416-877-8925.

Geraldine Campbell - FWIO Public Relations Officer, 519-674-0542.

Women's Institute focusing on environment

At its March meeting the Simcoe South District Federated Women's Institute of Ontario continued to look at the FWIO's theme of Women and the En-

vironment.

The theme will continue through until 1997, the centennial year of the FWIO. It will focus on the environment, fami-

ly and society as a whole.

To commemorate its 100th anniversary the FWIO has approached the Post Office about issuing a stamp in the organization's honor.

As well, the South Simcoe chapter made plans for the District Annual Meeting to be held May 15th in Newton Robinson, the theme of which will be literacy.

Other dates to remember are the April 28 workshop at the home of Jean Keffler on Facts,

Forms, and Figures; May 29 when Cecil Bradley staff for the OFA will be speaking on the GST at the Barrie Agriculture Building; June 5 and 6, WI days at the Erland Lee home in Stoney Creek; Aug. 25, Victorian Tea Party; Oct. 3 and 4 are home harvest days and Christmas at the Lee is Dec. 5.

As well the representative of the Federation of Agriculture is looking for people to help with the display at malls during the Thanksgiving weekend.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The May 1st. meeting of the Beeton Women's Institute was held at the home of the president, Mary Pomeroy.

Roll Call- What do you enjoy most about our local 1 Fall Fair.

Motto- Sell like a man detegates with abuse.

We are to be responsible for registration at the Simcoe South District Annual to be held May 15, 1990, in the Tec.-WE-Gwill hall at Newton Robinson.

It was decided to give our regular donations to the Horticultural and Agriculture Societies and Simcoe County Museum, as well as placing books at sixth grade level in the local school library.

Agriculture was the theme of the meeting and Mrs. Joan Jebb, district representative to the Federation of Agriculture, gave a very informative talk. Only three percent of Canadian population farms, but one farm family is now able to grow enough food for 120 people.

The newest project funded by Simcoe Federation of Agriculture and supported by the Women's Institute is Agriculture in the Classroom.

This is a great education for the teachers and pupils. Some Women's Institute have given the schools kits of model farm animals and equipment. This program is unique in Simcoe County.

At present one of the greatest problems farmers have is that produce from other countries is allowed into Canada at the same time as our home grown asparagus, strawberries, tomatoes, etc. are ready for sale.

Jean was thanked by Ruth Mayberry.

Our cook books are selling very well.

The meeting closed after a delicious lunch was served by the hostess and Maide Ritchie.

The next meeting is June 5 at the home of Maide Ritchie. New members and visitors are always welcome.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

TREE TO BE PLANTED IN HONOUR OF KATE AITKEN.

Beeton Women's Institute met June 5, 1990, at the home of Maide Ritchie, President, Mary Pomeroy opened the meeting.

Roll Call- Why does Canada attract people from other countries.

Motto- A good citizen is not content to sit, he or she finds their place in the community.

The recipe books we had printed to mark our 70th. Anniversary year have sold very well.

It was decided to plant a tree in the John Northwood Park in memory of Kate Aitken who organized our Institute 70 years ago.

Two books by Canadian Authors are to be placed in 6th. grade part of local school library.

We decided on a theme for our display at Beeton Fair.

In Margaret Platt's comment on the Motto, she stressed the point that at any age a person has something worthwhile to give to the community.

Current events were read by Margaret Platt. Our 70th. Anniversary meeting will be held October 16, 1990, at 8 p.m. in the Auditorium at Simcoe Manor.

The meeting closed with a dainty lunch served by Maide and helpers.

Next meeting will be September 4, at the home of Muriel Reynolds. Visitors are always welcome.

BERTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

70th. Anniversary Being Planned.

The September meeting of Berton Women's Institute was held at Marjell Reynolds's home with 10 in attendance on Sept. 4, 1990.

President Mary Pomeroy opened the meeting in the usual manner.

Roll Call- Give your opinion on the use of Credit Cards are they good or bad. From the roll call we got a variety of ideas.

Selma-Cornwell-Hobb's comment on the subject gave us some new ideas about the use of credit cards.

Mary Watson was convener of the program on Family and Consumers Affairs. She gave a talk on environmental ways we can do our household chores using vinegar and other common products instead of expensive cleaners.

Current events were written and read by Mary Watson.

It was reported that all but two of the 120 cook books are sold and two books at grade six level were presented to the local public school library.

We planned a fine display for Berton Fair.

Our next meeting is at the auditorium of Simeon Manor, October 16 at 8 P.M. We invite anyone interested to come and help us to celebrate our 70th. Anniversary.



Women's Institute celebrates its 70th anniversary



Beeton Women's Institute held a very successful 70th anniversary party, October 16 in Simcoe Manor auditorium with 68 in attendance.

The president, Mary Pomroy, attired in a beautiful cream crepe and lace dress made by her mother in the 1920s welcomed everyone and opened the meeting in the usual Institute manner. Welcome to Simcoe Manor was given by Brenda Urhanski, the administrator.

The roll call was answered by representatives from eight Simcoe South groups and guests. Betty Anderson was present and told us about the "Tottenham Concert Goers" concert for the season. Marjorie Drury very ably presented a detailed history of Beeton Women's Institute since Kate Aitken gathered a group of women together and held the first meeting in her home. Meetings were held in the library behind the post office. They carried out many projects, the largest being the Memorial Gates at the park and furnishings for the community hall.

Muriel Reynolds read from the November 1920 "Canadian Country" the report of the 1920 Provincial Women's Institute annual meeting in Toronto. Hon. E.E. Drury was guest speaker and the president was Mrs. Todd from our area. Their interests and resolutions were quite different from our present ones.

Marie McVety brought greetings from Simcoe South District and Corinne Mallion, a former area president, said she

was so glad to meet her Institute friends again.

Mrs. Jessie Steers, Simcoe Area President, gave a very thought provoking talk and was thanked by Mary Watson.

A short fashion show was presented by four members wearing dresses representative of the '20s, '30s and '40s.

The special part of the evening was beautiful music provided by

Janet, Sandy and Lowell Tipping.

Muriel Reynolds played several piano selections when the guests were arriving.

With everyone seated at tea tables a delicious lunch was served and the anniversary cake was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting is November 13 at Rita Stewart's home. Visitors welcome.

Freda Lisk, Marion Watson, Kate Stewart, Selma Cornwell-Hobbs, Mary Pomroy, Velma McClain, Margaret Platt, Maide Ritchie, Marjorie Drury, Blossom Gross, Ruth Mayberry, Isabel Patterson, Muriel Reynolds, Mary Watson.



70 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG — Members of the Beeton Women's Institute celebrated the organization's 70th anniversary last week with a special celebration at the Simcoe Manor. Above, Beeton W.I. members gather around the cake made especially for the occasion.

Women's Institute celebrates 70 years

A celebration of 70 years of the Beeton Women's Institute was held at Simcoe Manor last Tuesday with WI members from around south Simcoe joining in the festivities.

Women from Alliston, Bond Head, Everett, Fisher's Corners, Tec-We-Owill, Tottenham and Cookstown WIs were among the 60 guests and members who were entertained and informed at the event.

A detailed history of the Beeton WI was related by Marjorie Drury, Tweedsmuir history curator. The chapter was formed April 29, 1920 with Kate Aitken and 12 members present at the founding meeting.

Over the years the women put on cooking courses, donated granite pillars for the entrance to the community park with the names of those who died in the first and second world wars inscribed on them, sent parcels to men overseas through the Red Cross and made donations to the hall, the Heart Society, Agricultural Society, Sunnybrook Hospital, mentally challenged children, library

board, Simcoe Manor, Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Simcoe County Museum and My Sister's Place.

The WI supported swimming classes and assisted the Simcoe County Historical Association in the dedication of a plaque in memory of Aitken. A tree was planted this year, also in memory of Aitken.

An article in a 1920 newspaper read by Muriel Reynolds contained some insight into the doings of the WI at that time. The article told of a District WI meeting in Toronto. The meeting concerned the 19th annual convention with the Duchess of Bedford and the superintendent of the WI. At that time the WI had 900 branches and 30,000 members in Ontario.

Ontario premier E.C. Drury was the guest speaker at that 1920 meeting. He spoke of how farming should stay in the hands of Anglo-Saxons and how newspapers were saturating farm people with city people ideas.

There was concern in 1920 about WI school fairs disappear-

ing and mothers artificially feeding their babies. Resolutions passed at that meeting were for prohibition of liquor and against immodest dress, the latter referred to as being the chief cause of relaxed discipline in the home.

In other moments in history Simcoe County WIs began the museum in 1930. The project was taken over by the county in 1962. Musical festivals were sponsored by WIs in 1925 the Area was formed and in 1933 the ACWW was founded in Sweden.

Back in Beeton Jessie Steers, Area president and guest speaker, reflected on events of yesterday - the accumulated wisdom of mothers in the past, respect for their achievements and the strive to be equals.

A parade of gowns from over the years was a feature of the

meeting. Mary Pomroy wore a dress made and worn by her mother in the '20s with 1914 vintage shoes; Muriel Reynolds wore a '40s dress with 132 buttons and Marjorie Drury wore a cerise '30s dress. Also seen was a wedding gown from 1900 and a '40s dress that was brown with lace inserts.

A gift of appreciation was presented to Steers and musical entertainment was provided by the Tipping family. Refreshments of fancy sandwiches and relishes and a large cake decorated in blue and gold colors were served.

Those present to wish the Beeton WI well included Brenda Urhanski, administrator of Simcoe Manor; Betty Anderson, Tottenham Musical Group; and Marie McVety, District WI president.

Beeton, Ontario
October 16, 1990.

History of Beeton Women's Institute
1920-1990.

Dear Institute Members and Friends:

Beeton Women's Institute is celebrating its 70th. Anniversary this month. On October 29th. 1920, a group of women under the leadership of Mrs. H.M. (Kate) Aitken assembled in Beeton for the purpose of organizing a local Women's Institute.

Mrs. Greer of the Department of Agriculture, addressed the gathering. She stressed the need of this type of community work, and told of the growth of the organization throughout the rural areas of the province.

The result of that meeting was as follows, Mrs. H.M. Aitken was elected president; Mrs. J.D. Williams, 1st. vice-president; Mrs. Matthew Martin, 2nd. vice-president; Mrs. W.D. Morton, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. W. Evans and Miss Myra Wallwin, directors. Twelve members were enrolled at this meeting.

The first meeting of the new organization was held at the home of Mrs. Aitken on November 9th. 1920. Mrs. Aitken spoke of the advantages to the community of such a society. A discussion followed as to future work, and it was decided to secure a meeting place for the Institute. A room was secured adjoining the post office from Miss Marion Pierson, who was the postmistress, at a rental of \$7.00 per month.

Relief work came up for discussion and it was decided that the Wednesday evening of Christmas week there would be a Community Tree, presents to be sent to the Children's Aid Society in Barrie, and the local children would be trained for Carol singing.

Miss Wallwin suggested to the gathering that a fitting War Memorial to the boys who fell in World War I should be one of the major projects undertaken. Eight new members were enrolled at this meeting.

At the December meeting there was a discussion on Child Health and welfare, and Dr. Fred. Spearing was asked to have the government send two nurses for a demonstration clinic to be held the week following Christmas.

On January 13th. the Club room was open to the public. There was a sale of home baking followed by a Victrola concert for the children in the evening. Each member was asked to contribute a chair. Miss Ethel M. Chapman, Institute Journalist from the Department addressed the meeting on "The Possibilities of a New Institute". She suggested the establishment of a school nurse and a dental clinic and also advised that the Institute concentrate on these things that need a woman's influence - the home, the school, public health and the welfare of the young people.

At the February meeting it was decided to hold a sale of home baking twice a month as a means of raising funds, and each member to contribute a cup and saucer.

At the April meeting arrangements were made for a baking sale and pan cake supper. The Institute also assisted the Girl Guides in the installation of a water fountain in the school, and also donated \$15.00 to purchase a coal oil stove for the school.

Mrs. Greer conducted a vegetable canning demonstration at the home of Mrs. Aitken. The booth operated at the fall fair netted the Institute \$15.40.

In October 1921 Rev. Lovering of the Methodist (now United) Church and the Rev. McPaul of the Presbyterian Church addressed the Institute on the "Development of a Community".

A cooking class was held in November, with 20 taking the course. The same month, Mrs. William Todd of Grillia, the newly elected President of the Dominion Federated Women's Institutes addressed the open meeting in the Methodist Church basement.

After serving as President of the local Institute for 15 months, Mrs. Aitken resigned to become the first president for the County of Simcoe.

The following is the membership list for 1920- 1921.

Mrs. H.M.Aitken, Mrs. J.D.Williams, Mrs. J.T.Berton, Mrs. W.D.Morton, Mrs. W.Evans, Mrs. Matt. Martin, Mrs. H.O.Cornell, Mrs. Wm.Campbell, Mrs. E.Wallwin, Miss Myra Wallwin, Mrs. J.D.Smart, Mrs. R.J.Berton, Mrs. J. Wright, Mrs. R.A.O.Hobbs, Mrs. W.J.Bell, Mrs. Harry E. Campbell, Mrs. Roy McDonald, Mrs. Gen.W.Watson, Mrs. James Mullen, Miss Mabel Soules, Mrs. Robert Hill, Mrs. William Smart, Miss Gladys Smart, Mrs. William Carr, Mrs. Fred. Hall, Mrs. Albert Hayes, Mrs. Wilmet Hayes, Mrs. A.E. Hooper, Mrs. Austin Card, Mrs. J.Reynolds, Mrs. Albert V.Smith, Mrs. Wesley Cross, Mrs. George Bobbs, Mrs. J.Reynolds, Mrs. A. Kennedy, Mrs. William Nicol, Mrs. Fred. Dr. Spearings, Mrs. W.H.Mannell, Mrs. A. Prentiss, Mrs. W.S.Kettle, Mrs. Ira Palmer, Mrs. F.Stone, Mrs. William Mannell, Mrs. Milton Reynolds, Mrs. C.E.Reynolds, Mrs. W.M.Elines, Miss Roxy Miller, Mrs. W. Penrose, Mrs. W.P.McDonald, Mrs. Charles Lisk, Mrs. W. Carruthers, Mrs. Percy Sample, Mrs. W.Bacon and Mrs. Alex. Colgin.

All of these original members have passed on. Mrs. DR. Fred. Spearings, the last member of the Women's Institute passed away March 15, 1990 in her 96th year.

Going back to the War Memorial project. Discussions were many, a park was suggested and government officials came to discuss the matter with the Institute. Many months passed and the whole village seemed now to become Park conscious, and it was Mr. T.A. Chapman who became most active in cleaning the land and beautifying the grounds by planting trees.

In 1927 the Institute project finally materialized and Mr. Joe Parrot of the Alliston Marble Works erected four granite pillars at the entrance to the town park. This allows for a wide central driveway and two side path gates.

The unveiling took place on Thanksgiving Day November 27, 1927. After the unveiling Mrs. Strangways placed a wreath at the foot of the pillar. Inscribed on the granite are the names of those brave men who did not return from World War I, 1914-1918, and later World War II, 1939-1945, but are ever alive in the hearts who loved them. For many years following a wreath was placed there by the Women's Institute at the November 11th. Memorial Services.

In 1931 the wrought iron archway and lights were added to the Memorial.

During both World Wars Beeton Branch organized the sewing, knitting, and financial aid in the community and to our brave heroes overseas through the Red Cross Society.

Since the opening of the Community Hall the Women's Institute began to meet there. They purchased and placed in the hall, stage curtains, and tracks, venetian blinds, one stainless steel double sink in the kitchen, material for kitchen cupboard, 25 card tables, 2 hand railon stairway, painted council chambers, donated dishes, cutlery, pots, pans, trays, etc. as well as a floor covering.

Through the years the Women's Institute have given donations to the Horticultural Society, the Agricultural Society, Swimming Classes, Save the Sight Fund, Sunnybrook Hospital, the Retarded children in Orillia, Barrie and Alliston, Contact, the Big Brothers Association, prizes to the two best students in Grade VI in Beeton Public School, placed books by Canadian Authors in School Library, gave to the Beeton Library Board, sponsored a Baby Clinic, the Brownies, a 4-H club, also a Salvation Army collection, entertained and remembered residents at Simcoe Manor, have contributed to Adelaide Hoodless and Erland Lee homes as Museums, Alliston Hospital, the Museum at Midhurst, Whisper Billy Watson Fund in Newmarket, My Sister's Place, Alliston, held a supper for the Tornado Fund, the Beeton Fire Department and last but not least a non competitive display along with other Institutes at the Beeton Fall Fair. Beeton Fair would not be Beeton Fair without these very attractive displays in the hall.

Several members have received certificates and W.I. Pins for 25 consecutive years of membership. Soup and saucer is presented to brides who are daughters of members and a gift to members who move away. An IN Memorial donation for members who have passed on is given to the Cancer Society, Heart Fund, Arthritic Society or Charity of their choice.

When the Simcoe County Historical Association proposed to erect a plaque in Mrs. Aitken's memory, the Beeton Women's Institute actively supported the project. It was fitting, therefore, that three of the speakers at Sunday's ceremony, June 13th, 1973, were Institute officers.

Mrs. Aitken's daughters Anne Thompson and Mary Horley unveiled the plaque as over 1000 people gathered in Beeton Park. A delicious lunch was then served by the Women's Institute members in the Community Hall.

Our message is always one of encouragement, that in our humble way we make ourselves useful to others carrying happiness into their lives. Our meetings in the homes have radiated with a spirit of kindness and true friendship and we cannot help feeling thankful for the work accomplished through our few activities, but made possible by the cheerful, loyal co-operation and faithful efforts of our few members.

In the past quilting, serving meals, suchres and bake sales were held for fun and fund raising.

Bus trips to Adelaide Hoodless Home and other Ontario points are enjoyed by members and friends.

On our monthly programmes, we have enjoyed current events, a guest speaker, a few demonstrations, readings, contests, enjoyed some courses, interesting roll calls and dinner out with husbands and friends, as well as being entertained and entertaining our sister institutes. One hundred and ninety three members have joined the Institute in the past 70 years and we now have 16 members and 2 Life Members. Mrs. Cecil (Mariel) Reynolds 1981 and Mrs. Ross (Marion) Watson 1987.

At our June 5th., 1990, meeting it was decided to plant a tree in the Beeton North Park, north of Lilly Street or 9th line, in memory of Kate Aitken for our 70th. Anniversary.

Although we do not seem to accomplish much each month, over the period of a year some good is done, and I have just mentioned a few of the high lights during the years. When we review the period of seventy years of Institute work it is surprising and inspiring when one realizes what good works are accomplished by small bands of women whose Motto is "For Home and Country".

Mrs. Gordon (Marjorie) Drury.
Tweedsmuir History Curator
for the Beeton Women's Institute
1970-1990.

THE TECUMSETH SWAMP

By Muriel Reynolds.

As far as I know I am the only member of this organization who lives in the swamp, so I have been asked to tell some of its history.

When I was going to be married, my friends said "so you are going to live over in the swamp". After all I have only lived fifty years, so to get more information I met with Helen and Roy and May and Irwin Reynolds, who know more about the area than I do.

The first Reynolds settled in late 1830's on north side of 13th. line lot 18. When I asked why they later bought farms in the swamp and the answer was "they were tired of picking stones".

Thousands of years ago the swamp was the bed of a large lake. This was bordered by the surrounding hills on the 13th. and 14th. lines, lots 18 on the 10th. line and south of the 9th. line, half way south on Centre street section, along north of the Bader farm, to Adjala Township on the west. When digging on the hills small shells are still found. We find them at the river on lot 14 con. 10, also tree trunks buried 4 feet deep and sticking out into the water. A great deal of trapping was done along the river until the 1940's.

Several streams and creeks meander through the swamp. The Innisfil Creek connects the West Gwillimbury swamp to the Tecumseth swamp. The Batley and Hammett Creeks come together south of the 11th line.

Along these creeks there were many waterfowl. Once a man who entered the area to fish or trap was attacked and almost killed by Blue Herons or Cranes. They took over trees in an area and killed them with their large nests.

My husband's grandfather, Joseph Reynolds, used to go in the evening for the cows pasturing at the river. He would take his fishing spear and bring home a fine pike for supper.

The swamp was covered with cedars in the south, pine in the north and of course a mixture of deciduous trees throughout.

The first person to take an interest in clearing the swamp was William Train who established a saw mill south of the 13th. line where the Lisk family have their home, now. For some reason the barn was on the south side of the river. A hamlet there was called Trainville, a few remains can still be found. Mr. Train made money and owned most of Thompsonville and gave land for their Methodist Church in 1880. He moved north as people became interested in settling the land. His last mill was at Elvendale where his descendants still live.

Another who helped clear the swamp was Saul Bryant who established his mill on the 11th. line and cleared the eastern area. When he cleared a roadway he named it as a street, because he had a vision of a hamlet being formed. His dream was never realized. A Sunday School was held at his home. My mother-in-law told us of walking over the snow covered fields to attend.

After the farmers bought the land there was still a great deal of hard work to be done. About 1875 my father-in-law told us of being awakened when he was nine years old to go out and keep the huge piles of cedars burning. When they were clearing they really did a complete job, not even leaving trees for shade. This was on lot 14 con. 10. At about the same time they were clearing the west side of lot 13 con. 12, where Ross Reynolds farms now. His grandfather, Milton, was four years old, was watching his father, John, and a man with a huge stump puller at work. A chain broke and the man was pinned beneath the stump.

Milton was handed the lines and had to drive the horses, while his father pulled the man free. He had a badly crushed leg.

The farmers on the high land would take their cattle to pasture in the swamp. One five year old boy was sent to bring the cows home, he had a pet cow and he would take hold of her tail and be helped through the underbrush. One evening the cow became frightened and dragged the boy far into the bush. The neighbours organized a search party, and armed with their guns, looked all night. The next morning the boy was found up a tree with a bear at its base. They soon finished off the bear and the boy lived to tell the tale.

After the rest of the area was being cultivated and when the eastern part was cleared of trees and the moisture was gone a layer of peat was left. This had to be burned off before the land could be used. It would burn all winter and gave off smoke and a strange odour which spread all over the country. It became great soil for growing slake and some farmers made a great deal of money growing this crop. Another kind of soil found in swamps was Marl, a grey white lumpy soil used to make cement.

Roads were necessary as soon as the settlers came. The first were corduroy, made by cutting the small trees and placing them close together, not a very smooth road but better than no mode of travel. This road base could still be seen and felt in the 1950's along the 10th. side road, and on some of the concessions. This was especially noticeable in the spring, when the roads were always deep with mud.

The Tecumseh Swamp is now fine farm land, that was mixed farming but now is more specialized- potatoes, corn, and sod are grown. Lately I see some grain being grown again.

Muriel Reynolds.



MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING

Friends and fellow horticulturalists gathered at Northwood Park in Beeton for a memorial tree planting in memory of Margaret Westlake, Saturday. Pictured above is Muriel Reynolds placing dirt around the tree.

May 1992

photo by Christine Kremer

BESTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 1991

The regular meeting of Beston Women's Institute was held Jan. 8 at the home of Marjorie Drury with a good attendance and visitors present. Mary Pomeroy, the president, opened the meeting in the regular manner. The Roll Call was answered by a New Year's Resolution.

Consent on the Motto was given by Mariel Reynolds. Current Events were prepared and read by Freda Lisk.

The Tweedsmuir History was the theme of the meeting so our convener, Marjorie Drury, had invited the district convener, Maureen Goutary to be our guest speaker.

Mariel Reynolds gave a talk on "The Tecumseh Swans".

An interesting afternoon was completed by a social time over the delicious lunch prepared by Mary Watson and Mary Pomeroy.

Next Meeting will be Feb. 12 at the home of Freda Lisk.

BESTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 1991

Freda Lisk was hostess for the Feb. 12 meeting. Ten were present and answered the roll call by bringing articles for our annual auction.

Mary Pomeroy conducted the meeting. The motto was "Travel Broadens the Mind". Mariel Reynolds in her comment mentioned several countries she had visited and the interesting things she had seen and learned.

Current events were read by Marjorie Drury. This part of our program is writing history of the area as it happens. Mention was made of the opening of our beautiful new I.G.A.

Joanne McKelvey was the Guest speaker and she remarked that now we know what weather and other conditions are like all over the world. Canadians should always travel with a maple leaf on their baggage and their lapel.

Mary Pomeroy thanked the speaker and was the auctioneer for our successful sale the profit of which goes to our "Pennies for Friendship".

Lunch was served by Freda Lisk and Maide Ritchie.

BESTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Beston Women's Institute had Kim Williams public Relations person for Harrie area police force, as guest speaker.

The March meeting began at 12 noon with a pot luck luncheon at Marjorie Drury's home. There were 13 in attendance.

After the meal, the meeting was opened by the president, Mary Pomeroy, and we answered the roll call by naming the oldest industry in the community. Answers included lumbering, farming, woollen mills, and making rag carpet at a home on Prospect Street. Marjorie Drury gave many ideas on safety outside the home.

The speaker of the day, Kim Williams, came in complete uniform exactly the same as the men wear, including loaded revolver and handcuffs. She was over six feet tall and had such a friendly personability. Her talk was very informative about about "Crime Stoppers" and "Neighbourhood Watch". Always report any suspicious action in the community. She left us information on safety in our homes and cars. When travelling wear a money belt instead of carrying a purse.

Mary Pomeroy thanked our hostess. The speaker was also thanked and given a small gift.

BESTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. Joanne Drummond, Administrator of Riverwood Retirement Home, guest speaker at the Beston Women's Institute meeting.

The regular meeting of the Beston Women's Institute was held at Freda Lisk's home with 12 present on April 9, 1991. All answered the roll call by paying the membership fee for next year.

President Mary Pomeroy opened the meeting in the regular manner. The consent on the motto "Improvements in the Medical Field" was prepared by Isabel Hagerman and read by Mary Watson.

Marguerite Hobbs gave the current events. It was decided to make donations to Eriem's Lee Home and Woodless Home.

Preparations were finalized for Simcoe South District Annual to be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church May 7, 1991. We are the hostess branch.

Joanne Drummond, administrator of Riverwood Retirement Home, was guest speaker. She gave a very interesting educational talk on services, care and cost for those living there.

BESTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Beston Women's Institute held their meeting May 14, 1991, at the home of Mary Pomeroy in Cookstown. Roll call - Bring an item for the Food Bank. Mariel Reynolds commented on the motto "If you love nature you will never sulk". Mary Watson convener of Agriculture, invited Mrs. Maide Kile (Kayscroft, Kadyk farm) to speak on the Federation of Agriculture which was most interesting and informative. Current events were read by Mary Pomeroy. Hostesses Mary Pomeroy and Maide Ritchie.

Five members of Beston Women's Institute, Velma McGleis, Marjorie Drury, Maide Ritchie, Isabel Hagerman and Mariel Reynolds attended the Cookstown Women's Institute 90th. anniversary on June 6, 1991.

A number of W.I. members attended the Simcoe South District Women's Institute 90th. annual meeting on May 7, 1991, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Beston. Fifty-seven women were present and Marie McVety presided.

Mary Pomeroy, Margaret Platt, Marjorie Drury and Ruth Mayberry attended the Women's Institute Memorial Service for Olive (Dan) Anderson at Bradford Funeral Home on Tuesday afternoon June 18, 1991.

Mary Pomeroy, Mariel Reynolds, Maide Ritchie and Marjorie Drury attended Fisher's Corners Women's Institute 70th. anniversary at 200 Holland Court, Bradford, on June 25th. 1991.

SECTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Seeton Women's Institute held their regular meeting June 11, 1991, at the home of Roellie Weismeyer, 7th. line, New Tecumseth. The president, Mary Pomeroy, opened the meeting with the W.I. Ode and Mary Stewart Collect.

The roll call- "Why does Canada attract so many people from other countries" and answers ranged from "It is too easy to enter Canada" to "We have a vast country free from war."

Motto- "There is no machine that can replace a neighbour". Mary Watson gave a fine comment.

We are making our usual donations to the Horticulture Society and Agriculture Society, and also the Parkinson's Disease Society.

International affairs was the theme of the meeting so our hostess, Roellie, who had just returned from a month in Holland, her homeland, gave us much information about her country. Much of the land areas are below sea level and protected by dykes. She had many pictures and beautiful crafts she had made.

Margaret Platt gave the current events. We have placed two Canadian books in the local public school library. They are of interest to Grade 6.

Roellie treated us to a completely Dutch lunch. There was cheese from Holland and cookies she had made while on her trip.

Mary Watson thanked our hostess for an exceptionally fine meeting.

SECTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Fifteen members of the Seeton Women's Institute went to Riverwood Retirement Home in Ailliston for their September Meeting 10/91

Three members were presented with Life Memberships and pins and they were: Marjorie Drury, Freda Lisk and Mary Watson for 25 years service.

After the meeting we were given a guided tour of the beautiful home.

The next meeting is Oct. 8 at the home of Margaret Platt on the 7th. line. (Jack Colwell)

SECTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The October 15th, 1991, meeting of Seeton Women's Institute was held at the home of Margaret Platt with 12 in attendance. The Roll Call "Where we first attended school" produced many stories of school days in England, Holland, Edmonton, and of course, locally.

The theme of the meeting was "Education" and Bert Platt, the speaker, He gave us a most interesting history of education in Canada from the first small log school in Cornwall established by a 21 year old, John Strachan, from Scotland. He came to York, now Toronto, where he later started the University of Toronto. Egerton Ryerson, in York, became very interested in the need of education in country areas. Both were prolific writers and their school books are now collector's items.

Years ago teachers had strict rules to live by and had to clean the school and keep it heated at salaries as low as \$150 per year.

Bert told us that school all year around is being seriously thought of and planned for.

A delicious lunch served by Maide Ritchie and our hostess, was enjoyed by everyone.

SECTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Seeton Women's Institute held their meeting November 12, 1991, at the home of Marguerite Hobbs with 12 members present.

During the roll call each member placed the penny she was wearing on a cross and the president, Mary Pomeroy, asked for two minutes silence in memory of those who served in the two world wars.

Marjorie Drury commented on the motto- "People born in freedom should know its value". We should never forget that we live in a free, peaceful, country.

Nora Dungey, who has been chairman of the Pappy Committee of Seeton Legion for many years proved to be a very interesting speaker. From Penny raised from door-to-door penny sales they do a lot of good work, involve the school children in art and public speaking competitions and provide Christmas treats to needy families. The Legion is a very important group in our community.

Among information left with us we learned 634,636 enlisted from Canada for World War I and 4,518 women served in the medical corps. In World War II, 49,963 women served in all services.

Ruth Mayberry thanked the speaker and presented a small gift.

Freda Lisk read current events written by Roellie Weismeyer.

Hostess Marguerite and helpers served a delicious lunch to conclude the meeting.

SECTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Seeton Women's Institute held its Christmas meeting at Freda Lisk's beautifully decorated home with 15 present on Dec. 11, 1991.

President, Mary Pomeroy, opened the meeting in the usual manner and the roll call was answered with our favourite Christmas hymn or verse.

Our motto was "Joy is not in things but in us".

We remembered to give shut in members a little slant.

The president was responsible for the program which started by singing carols lead by Terence Jerry at the piano. The Guest speaker was to have been Lloyd West who had recently travelled to China with a group of farmers. He was unable to be present but his wife, Bonnie, did a fine job of presenting his slides and explaining his travels in China. It is a country of free trade and only 3 per cent of people are Christians. There are few cars and hundreds of bikes. The women do so much close work that their eyes fail at 30 years of age. Bonnie was thanked and presented with a gift and we had an exchange of small gifts from the brightly decorated tree.

The hostess and Roellie Weismeyer and Velma McClain served a dainty lunch and we finished the meeting by enjoying Freda's prize winning Christmas cake.

In County Armagh Ireland
Some ninety years ago
It was a land of rolling hills
Where gentle breezes blow.

From the home of Sunnertons
You could hear shouts of joy
They just had been presented
With a bouncing baby boy.

That little lad named Jacob
So fair, so young and bright
Was daddy of this pretty lass
We have on stage tonight.

When Jacob reached the age 16
He said it's time for me
To make a new beginning
In that land across the sea.

At his first stop near Alliston
Jake learned a farmer's ways
Feeding pigs and cattle
Making hay on sunny days.

As he worked on different farms
Young Jake was checking round
When he met Ethel English
The perfect girl he had found.

They married and lived in Georgetown
Then moved back Beeton way
To settle down on Lilly St
Where Dorothy lives today.

Jake was always working
Out on the C. N. line
So Ethel had a baby
To help her pass the time.

They named that baby Helen May
A shy but pretty lass
She was followed by 5 others
Before 15 years had passed.

Eileen, John, Walter and Dorothy
Then pretty red haired Vi
All came to live on Lilly St.
As time kept passing by.

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Helen was a busy babe
And when she reached age 5
She was helping mother Ethel
To bake some cakes and pies.

Soon it was time for school
Wee Helen walked the line
To the red brick Beeton school
She always was on time.

When Helen finished High School
She had a master plan
The main objective in her life
Was "Catch herself a man".

She went to a schombergfield day
With a curly haired young lad
Who fell for Helen's big brown eyes
And a happy time they had.

Her friends all said in Frankie Lisk
She sure had picked a winner
Helen took no chances
She asked him home for dinner.

Frank lived on 15 side road
Third youngest child of ten
The son of Charles and Gilla
He was quite a ladies man.

The Sumnertons for years and years
Had voted Tory blue
The girls were told "no bloody grit
Is good enough for you!"

Helen had to warn young Frank
Now watch each word you say
If dad finds you're a Liberal
There will be hell to pay.

Jake and Ethel were quite pleased
"He's a nice young man, it's true
But if he always eats that much
How come he never grew?"

It was a happy courtship
The time soon came around
When Frank and Helen both agreed
To marry and settle down.

To win Helen's hand in marriage
Frank had to go and say
"The greatest Canadian of them all
Was the great John "A".

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The wedding was in Beeton
In warm and sunny weather
When Frank and Helen promised
To spend their lives together.

They had a happy summer
Then one November day
Helen made her big announcement
She was in the family way.

It was a tearful parting
When Frank went overseas
He never got a chance to hold
Wee Beverley on his knee.

After he had won the war
Frank came flying home
To meet the little daughter
That he had never known.

Frank and Helen bought a farm
Lot fourteen, concession eight
And very soon young Sylvia
Was dropped off at the gate.

It was just one year later
When Charlie came to stay
Thank God, said Frank, a boy at last
To help me with the hay!!

The year was 1950
When the stork came by once more
And little Raymond Bruce Lisk
Came crawling through the door.

Frank had gone to Cross's School
Called S.S. number 10
And soon the little school house
Was filled with Lisks again!

Frank had been raised with horses
So when the tractors came
He made his changes slowly
Some guys are hard to train.

Helen drove the tractor
Out cutting oats and wheat
Frank in straw hat and overalls
Would ride the binder seat.

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If Helen got a little sleepy
And drove into the grain
Frank would holler "gee" or "haw"
'Till she drove out again!

Frank was very optimistic
And was often heard to say
"A little patience and perseverance
Will carry us through the day".

On weekends Frank had plans all made
To keep his kids real busy
If the weatherman said rain
He almost drove them dizzy.

If the forecast was for sunny
Frank would then declare
"Let's go gang, now if it rains
I will take you to the fair".

Any news of cows breaking out
Put Frank in an upset state
At his loudest he would yell
Don't let them through that gate.

A little child of eight or nine
At risk of life and limb
Would somehow stop the thundering herd
That was bearing down on them.

Another time the family heard
Their daddy's famous roar
Was when the horse which pulled the slings
Went crashing through the floor.

Helen was always baking pies
For friends both young and old
To be delivered round the town
As soon as they were cold

For the church, for eucres or Beeton Fair
There were other pies as well
How many hundred did she make?
No one could really tell.

But often in that kitchen
The kids heard Helen cry
Don't you kids dare to touch
Mrs. Jones' lemon pie.

The kids began to wonder
What their hard work had earned
The only cakes or pies they got
Were either flat or burned.

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Frank and Helen were great sport fans
As their many friends can tell
They could follow games on two radios
Watch one on T.V. as well.

For years Frank played hockey
Quite a star we understand
While Helen too was famous
For the noise she made in the stands.

It was a great occasion
In the spring of 52
When Frank and his mates won the O.R.N.A.
A tired but happy crew.

When Frank finally did retire
To start a coaching career
He took a bunch of rowdy lads
To a very successful year.

After some famous bus trips
All night and half the day
In 56 they were declared
The champs of the O.R.N.A.

Once or twice every year
The coach and team would take
A well - earned holiday with their wives
Up north on Nipissing Lake.

They stayed at Jim Porter's cottages
Glen Echo camp was the name
It was near the town of Callander
Of Dionne Quintuplet fame.

The girls were all sitting around
One warm and sunny day
They were talking about their single lives
And their beaux that got away.

The boys for some peace and quiet
Managed to sneak away
They got out their fishing rods
And went for a cruise in the bay.

The bottom was quite rocky
Was the news that Frank had heard
He was worried about the motor
That he borrowed from brother Herb.

Bergin and Kearns were in the bow
To choose a course that was clear
While Kelly sat amid ship
He was put in charge of the beer.

Frank was showing Bob Rutledge
The best way to cast a line
He was really enjoying the cruise
Everything was going fine.....

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But Don and Bob were talking
About big games they had won
And sort of forgot to watch for rocks
They were having so much fun!

Suddenly there was a crash
The boat had a sudden stop
Herb's motor was ruined for good
Frank's nerves were really shot!

Another time Frank was trolling
With 200 ft of line
When he felt a sudden heavy pull
He thought "its a big one this time".

But somehow the boat got turned around
Frank thought he was going daft
When he found his fishing rod and lure
Wrapped around the propellor shaft.

When election time drew near
Every few years or so
Frank would call the family around
There is something you should know.

The worst thing you can do
Is listen to Uncle John
If we don't get a liberal win
Our country will be gone.

When Helen said her prayers, she'd say
Dear Lord I love you so
Please bless the Lisks and Summertons
And of course Pierre Trudeau.

Frank and Helen worked hard on the farm
So they could find a way
To help with all the projects
That were going on each day.

At the church, school or rink
There was always work to do
When the Lisks were on the job
They would always see it through.

In the drive for central schools
Frank helped to lead the way
Which called for dozens of meetings
There were many busy days.

HELEN AND HER SISTER 'VI'
HAVE VOICES SOFT AND CLEAR
WITH THE "CELEBRATION SINGERS"
THEY SANG FOR MANY A YEAR!
FRANK TOO IS A SINGER
AND IN HIS BEST ATTIRE
HE HELPS OUT EVERY SUNDAY
WITH THE UNITED CHURCH CHOIR

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After the family had grown up
Frank and Helen found more time
To take some well earned holidays
And try out a warmer clime

They have been to Portugal
California, Florida and Mexico
If a new trip was advertised
Frank and Helen were ready to go...

If their choice was Europe
They always had to pack
Some rolls of toilet paper
To last till they got back

It seemed wherever Helen went
That she was sure to find
The paper was "too scratchy"
To use on her behind!

To have a proper breakfast
They brought their cereal along
A dish of oatmeal porridge each day
Had always kept them strong

The years have gone by quickly
Since May of forty one
When you two decided
Two could live as cheap as one.

Through goodtimes and bad times
You have done your best each day
To be the type of citizens
Who always lead the way.

May you have fond memories
Of your party here tonight
We wish you all God's blessings
And a future always bright.

Congratulations to you
From your many many friends
When gold turns to diamond
We will be back again.

Best wishes
Mury Eagan

DEAR NELLIE AND BILL

Oct. 27, 1991.

Way back in 1907
One cool September Morn
To Sam and Sarah Prest
A little son was born.

They named him William Oliver
But the kids all called him Bill
He was a hungry little lad
And very hard to fill.

In the Prest family
Bill was number three
He'd holler till he got a place
Up there on Sarah's knee.

Bill always liked to tinker
And in the stormy weather
He liked to take his toys apart
And put them back together.

The Prest family left King
And moved up Blackhorse way
To the 10th. line of Albion
Called the McCabe farm today.

With Rita and Velma leading the way
Bill walked to S.S.#1.
A long walk for a little boy
But in school there was always fun.

With Bill Potter, Paul Turner and
Louis Grayford
Bill planted some maple trees
If you go by the school today
They still are there to see.

Boy and Mary were next to arrive
And baby Lila was last
With six kids around the place
A busy time they passed.

At school they needed a janitor
And Bill was ready to hire
For three years he went early
To sweep and light the fire.

The pay for a janitor then
Was never very dear
For all his work every day
Bill got \$8.00 a year.

To get some water at the school
Bill walked down Fechely's lane
To fill the pail at the pump
And carry it back again.

Bill got very tired of school
He decided to quit one time
But his mother asked what was wrong
He said "It's a waste of time".

Sam's horse was scared of cars
He upset the buggy one day
For six months with a broken back
Right in his bed Sam lay.

So Bill at the age of eleven
Had to get the work done somehow
With the team and single furrow
He had forty acres to plough.

When Sam got all better
Bill helped him around the farm
Feeding pigs and milking cows
And cleaning out the barn.

Bill in his 27 chev. truck
Hauled stock near and far
Saturdays he worked for Charlie O'Leary.
Loading cattle on railroad cars.

The Prest family moved again
To settle on the third line
When we all got to know them
We sure got along fine.

Their new farm had been vacant
For at least a year or two
Bill and his parents worked very hard
There was quite a cleanup to do.

The Egan boys on their way to school
Got in the henhouse one day
Mrs. Prest caught them there
And sent them on their way.

Bill although he was busy
Got tired of the single life
If he was going to get married
He first must find a wife.

Harold Maynard married Ellie McCauley
They lived out Blackhorse way
Not far from the C.P.R. tracks
Where the gravel pit is today.

Ellie was expecting soon
Her first born on the way
The wind was blowing fiercely
It was a stormy day.

They called up Dr. Raynar
But the roads were blocked with snow
He had to walk down the tracks
It was the only way to go.

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Dr. Raynar was on time
That cold and wintry night
A pretty little girl was born
Before the morning light.

They called their baby Nellie
And tried to raise her right
But wee Nellie slept all day
So she could cry all night.

When Harold came home from work
It was often that he found
Little Nellie in the kitchen
Throwing pots and pans around.

Soon their little Nellie
Was old enough for school
Through Andy's field to No 1
To learn the teachers rules.

Verona Ronan was the teacher
She did her very best
To teach the kids their A.B.C.'s
So they would pass their tests.

Nellie and her sister Georgina
If the fields were full of snow
Would sometimes walk the railroad
tracks

An easier way to go.

When Nellie finished school
She got a job right away
She helped Mrs. John Wilson
On the farm for many a day.

Later on she worked with Mrs. Elliot
At the famous Maple Leaf Hotel
No one ever got poisoned
Nellie had learned to cook well.

Nellie worked with Dr. Spearing
About five years or so
They never lost a patient
At least as far as we know.

Nellie and her friend Sylvia
Decided new dresses would be nice
But when they went out shopping
They couldn't afford the price..

They got some material and patterns
And laid them out on the floor
They sewed and sewed every evening
Till their thumbs and fingers were sore.

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The dresses were partly sewed together
With some pins to help out here and
there
They went to a dance at Brendon's Hall
There were boys standing round every
where.

When the girls were busy dancing
The pins and the thread didn't hold
So our dancers had to leave early
With their dresses hanging in folds.

Nellie got a job at the Tottenham
Creamery
Where she wrapped butter each day
In summer when cream was plentiful
Their were hundreds of lbs to weigh.

There was one farmer kept coming
More often than all the rest
He was a fine looking fellow
And his name was William Prest.

Every time Bill brought the cream in
He would always stop for a chat
And it wasn't too hard to notice
Nellie was the girl he looked at.

Finally Bill got his courage up
He asked Nellie for a date
Nellie said fine but I wondered
How long I would have to wait.

Bill wasn't long in deciding
At last he had found the heat
One night with the moon shining brightly
He asked Nellie to be Mrs. Prest.

So in the year 1941
One bright November day
Bill and Nellie promised
To love, honour and obey.

In Bill's 35 Hummobile
They took off but didn't get far
It seems the boys from the creamery
Had done a job on the car.

There were cream cans and tin cans
And other garbage too
Bill had a slier in the trunk
And knew just what to do.

Once more they took off
And this time all went well
They drove down to the city
To stay at the Ford Hotel.

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They arrived home on a Thursday
With the wind starting to blow
They woke on Friday morning
To find the ground white with snow.

Bill said "Come on Nellie
You are a farmer now
Here's a pair of overalls
It's time to milk the cows".

Nellie learned a farmer's ways
There was always lots to do
When Daisy raised twin heifer cows
She had to milk them too.

Sometimes they would go visiting
And when they did come home
They found Nellie's chocolate cake
was gone
The Egans had used the phone.

Bill got a Co-op tractor
Which would really fly around.
He even passed a car one day
While on the way to town.

Nellie and Bill, Priscilla and Willie
Would sometimes drive away
To take a break from milking cows
For a well earned holiday.

Bill, Hervey, Walter, Willie, Cliff
and Murray
Decided one harvest time
If they had their own threshing machine
Everything would be just fine.

So they bought a Mt. Forest machine
The "big 6" was forced that day
Back and forth till the grain was done
As long as the rain stayed away.

When threshing time arrived
The ladies were busy too
It took a lot of pie and cake
To feed the hungry crew.

Bill was a loyal member
Of the Tottenham L.O.L.
He attended all the meetings
And he served them very well.

He always got his haying done
Before the 12th of July
The lively notes of fife and drum
Would see Bill stepping high.

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Bill had three fine horses
Sandy, Prince and Jumbo by name
While Nellie looked after the chickens
Her eggs were the biggest she claims.

Bill and Nellie decided
In fifty five end day
It was time to give up farming
And take a holiday.

They moved down to Woodbridge
Their retirement didn't last long
Bill got a job as a carpenter
And he soon was going strong.

Just for a little side line
He was sharpening saws as well
Will he ever be old enough to retire?
Only time will tell.

Bill bought beef from Eagan's each
spring
And went to the house to pay
He left the car trunk open
Because it was a warm day.

The old Orange cat was watching her
chance
And when we came out the door
She had stolen one piece of beef
And was coming back for more.

Nellie had six salt and pepper sets
And decided she would like more
As her friends all got to know this
She watched her collection soar.

Bill finally got fed up
They were piled up everywhere
He built a big cabinet and said
There is lots of room in there.

But the shakers still kept coming
Over seven hundred that we have seen
There is no doubt that Nellie is
The salt and pepper queen.

The years have gone by quickly
Since that November day
When the knot was tied in Tottenham
And the newlyweds drove away.

That we often do recall
You have been good friends and
neighbours
And we thank you one and all.

Congratulations to you both
On your anniversary day
May the good Lord bless and keep you
As you travel down life's way.

Congratulations
Gerry Eagan.

Beeton W.I. Report

Owing to the severe storm on January 14, the regular meeting of Beeton Women's Institute was held January 21, 1992 at the home of Rita Stewart.

The president, Mary Pomeroy, opened the meeting in the usual manner and the roll call was answered by many interesting memories of a pioneer kitchen.

The current events were prepared and read by Ruth Mayberry.

We decided to sponsor a month of Saturday night euchre during the winter.

The program theme was Twodecennial history presented by Marjorie Drury. "The Tenth Sideroad from 8th to 7th Line" was the subject of Marjorie's talk. She walked this road from when she started public school until she travelled to her work as a clerk in a local store.

In the beginning the road was like a camel's back with two steep, small hills and an area in between where deep snow gathered in winter. The arrival of spring brought the mud boiling up to a great depth. Many travellers were met but most unusual was Mrs. Rowley who lived on Patterson Street. She was always dressed very poorly and carried two or more bags on her back. They were empty in the morning and in the evening filled with plants and seed gathered in the woods and sold for medicinal purposes. Marjorie didn't enjoy meeting two bearded men whose home was a shack on the east side of the road. It has disappeared long ago.

The hostess and Mary Pomeroy served a delicious lunch at the close of the meeting. 1992

Brett addresses Beeton W.I.

Beeton W.I. Report

The regular meeting of Beeton Women's Institute was held April 16 at the home of Muriel Reynolds. Twelve members answered the roll call by paying fees and some had reports to hand in.

The motto — Keep pint-sized people off man-sized machinery — was commented on by Marjorie Plant who told of fatal accidents resulting from this practice. Many children, mostly boys, are allowed to control machinery before they realize their responsibility.

Current events were written and read by the president, Mary Pomeroy.

Maida Ritchie covered the safety program and Marjorie Brett, a safety control person in Alliston, was the speaker. She works with the local police and is paid by the municipality, not the school board.

Her responsibility is to get 400 children safely across the intersection. Most children are easy to work with, but not all drivers are that co-operative. It is an interesting job, but not very pleasant on below zero days. Marjorie was thanked by Maida and given a small gift.

We planned next year's meetings and discussed the Beeton Fair display.

The meeting was closed with lunch served by Isabel Hagaman and Muriel Reynolds. The next meeting will be held May 12 at Mary Pomeroy's home in Cookstown. Visitors are welcome.

Beeton W.I. Report

February Report

The regular meeting of Beeton Women's Institute was held at the home of Marjorie Drury, Feb. 11. The president opened the meeting with all of us repeating the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. For the roll call everyone brought a craft.

The Motto: "Be alert to give service, what counts in life is what we do for others." Mary Pomeroy commented on this.

Maida Ritchie wrote and read the current events. Freda Lisk reported on cards that had been

sent to shut-in members. A cookbook was presented to Helga Elkie for her special help in preparation of our Beeton Fair display. We planned our March Saturday night euchre.

Muriel Reynolds was responsible for the program. Everyone got involved and brought wonderful crafts - the work of Indian and Inuit people and articles from Germany and Ireland as well as beautiful articles made by our members or their families.

Maida Ritchie thanked our hostess and a dainty lunch was served by Marjorie Drury and Merle Dermott.

Next meeting on March 10 at Marjorie's home at 12 noon. Visitors are always welcome.

Beeton W.I. Report

Entertained District President

Beeton Women's Institute held a luncheon meeting at Marjorie Drury's home with 13 in attendance. After repeating the Institute grace we enjoyed a delightful pot luck meal.

At 2 p.m. president, Mary Pomeroy, opened the meeting by everyone repeating the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. The roll call, an old fashioned remedy brought out many memories pleasant or unpleasant of such things as goose grease and coal oil for a cold and of course mustard plasters.

The motto, what is important is not to add years to life but life to our years was commented on by

Margaret Hobbs.

Current events were prepared and read by Mary Pomeroy.

Our guest was Mrs. Marie McVey, president of Simcoe South Women's Institute. She read us an amusing story and we spent a lot of time answering the survey questions sent out by the area. We decided to buy Institute signs to place at entrance of our homes.

Our first Saturday night March euchre was successful and we are holding three more.

At the close of the meeting we all had a problem clearing a thick coat of ice off our cars before we started home.

Next meeting April 16 at home of Muriel Reynolds, visitors always welcome. March 1992



A COUNTRY ROAD

By Muriel Windley and
Marjorie Drury for a
U.I. Program January 1992.

Progress is great--I think. We saw it start in the early 70's with the influx of city commuters, and the building of our Central Schools. Dear knows we had complained for years, but now good roads were essential. So we got our progress and our good roads, but I feel every time we make progress we lose a little bit of country and rural atmosphere.

Side with me while I reminisce a spell. To-day I came across this snapshot our son Bill took of ten sideroad, before the bulldozer came and changed it's character forever. Bill being a country boy must have wanted to capture on film memories of times spent here.

It was only a mile, but a long one. Leaving Beeton you started up "Hammell's Hill". Now all the locals know that if you weren't doing 40 miles per hour at the line fence to the left you dropped down to second gear or you wouldn't make it. Okay you're up and over and bracing yourself for the "Cold Blow Hill". Incidentally the bulldozers eliminated this one completely. This was a nightmare. In winter the sweep of the west wind could pile the snow four feet high overnight, and in the spring we had a "bog hole" that boiled like a volcano when the frost came out. For awhile you might get around it but eventually it became impassable and we would have to go around the Tottenham road to Beeton. We often walked through the bush to Church on Sunday. We would leave our rubbers at the end of Selby Bobb's lane so we wouldn't look so "back country".

If you were successful in mastering the "Cold Blow Hill" you deserved your license--if you had one. Oh yes I drove a lot before I got around to making it legal. We had no black and white cars on our roads then. Okay we're back on the road but hang on it's not over yet. Four the deal is her going down hill to get us saved for the "Corner Hill". You could usually get almost to the top, but there was a little hump there that defied you. More often than not you would have to back down and repeat your attempt two or three times before you successfully rounded the corner.

Eventually the bulldozers and machinery came and cut all the hills down. They trucked the sand for fill for the subdivisions in Beeton and replaced it with gravel and eventually it was hardtopped.

There were the hardships but there were good times spent here too. Our kids could walk these roads alone, without fear. They knew all the cars that travelled along it's way, as we knew our neighbours for miles around. They loved to pick the first purple violets and bring them home for mother to put in a wee vase. There were wild strawberries to be picked and savoured. I see in this picture thornapple trees where they would fill the satchels for me to make jelly. How good it tasted on toast on a winter morning after their hot porridge. Oh yes that's when children were glad to eat what was put in front of them. We hadn't yet heard of cereals with gimmicks to lure them--french fries and gravy had not been introduced, and I'm sure they didn't know what a pizza was. Sometimes when I see our yellow buses picking the kids up at their gates I feel sorry for all they have missed.

Yes, progress must come, but sometimes it's nice to recapture for a few minutes the peace and tranquility of---"A COUNTRY ROAD".

By Muriel Windley
(Mrs. Harold Windley).

A COUNTRY ROAD

(Continued).

I will now recall my memories of "A COUNTRY ROAD", # 10 sideroad from the 7th. to the 8th. line before the 1970's. To any one not familiar with this road it is a continuation of Patterson St. Seaton, north to #89 Highway and south through Rich Hill to #9.

I started to Seaton Public School on Tecumseh Street in the early 1920's and walked this road alone for two years from my home on the south west corner of the 7th. line where my brother Harold and his wife Merle (Martin) Findlay live. My Mother (Mrs. McGill Findlay) took me to school in the horse and buggy the first morning. Nichol Martin, our neighbour, who was starting to work in the Seaton Royal Bank on the corner of Centre and Queen Streets went with us.

Another morning or two Mother walked with me to the 7th. line corner and watched till I got over the "Cold Blow Hill". Then I ran to the top of the smaller hill as I was afraid of meeting two men with beards who lived in a shack on the east side of the road. I think their name was Bowers. Then up the steep Hammell's hill from which I could see the village of Seaton.

I often met Miss Marion Williams, on her way to teach at S.S.#6, Mount Pleasant School and later her sister Miss Daisy Williams. Also Mr. Max Beurose in his little coup car, perhaps going to teach at Rich Hill School.

My most unusual traveller was a Mrs. Holley from Patterson St. She dressed poorly and carried a sack over her shoulder. She gathered nuts, seeds, pods, etc. for myelins, matchless, yarn etc. I often wonder who would do that kind of hard work to-day. At first I was nervous meeting Mrs. Holley but I soon learned that she was the mother of Mary and Orsaby who went to school.

Now back to #10 sideroad. In the spring sometimes the road was impassable. I remember my Aunt Clara Frizzell from Begnor, near Owen Sound, walking in our lane at supper time carrying her suit case. She had come by train and Charlie Brown's livery horse and buggy met her at the 8th. line station west of Seaton. That evening the road at "Cold Blow Hill" was so bad that she had to walk to our home. I don't remember how Dad got her to the station the next day.

The two bearded men finally moved away and in 1925 Mr. Andrew McCague bought the farm from a Mr. Ross. Mr. McCague pastured sheep on the hills and used the old shack for a shelter. There was no house on the farm until his son Angus and his wife Eleanor built their home in 1955.

The Riddell family of brothers and sisters lived on the west side of the road near the village when we first bought the farm in 1922. I remember Mr. Riddell changing threshing with my Dad. (McGill Findlay). Then William Hammell's bought the farm. Later Dr. McKelvey and his wife Mabel bought the farm from her parents. When the house burned down the McKelveys moved into Seaton.

Later Gordon Newton and his wife Lillian (Stafford) who ran a butcher shop on Centre St. bought the farm and built houses on Maple Ave. East. Then their son Lawrence and his wife Joan (Whiteside) took over the farm and built a house on it. Now there are homes built in the bush along the Corner Hill.

I walked this road to Public and High School, to St. Paul's Anglican Church and Sunday School and later to work in Mr. Harry Katz's clothing store, in front of Mr. William Colwell's Funeral Home on Main St. In those days the stores were open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings, so many a night I walked home and carried a flashlight at 10 p.m.. Sometimes I walked home up past Selby Dobbs farm house, now Tecumseh Street, through the fields and followed a path through the bush to a gate which I climbed over onto the road in front of my home.

Over the years there have been many changes along the road and I wonder how many miles I have walked.

By Marjorie Drury
Tweedsmuir History Curator for
the Seaton Women's Institute.
Program for January 1992.

South Simcoe WI celebrates 90th

The South Simcoe District Women's Institute annual meeting 90th anniversary was held at Cookstown United church on May 26, 1992.

There are six branches in Simcoe South with a total of 124 members, 73 of whom attended this event. Members came from Alliston, Everett, Gilford, Beeton, Bond Head, Churchill, Cookstown, Fisher's Corners, Tec-We-Gwill and Tottenham.

Women of the '90s was the theme and Sandra Kell responded to this theme. Tottenham gave the In Memoriam, noting that four members were deceased in the past year - Beth Robinson, Olive Anderson, Keatha Riley and Ruth Newton.

The new executive was elected with Marie McVety named president and Donna Jebb first vice-president.

Joan Jebb gave the Federation of Agriculture report and told members that the largest issue this year was the Canadian farm family demonstration in Ottawa in February. Approximately 200 family members from Simcoe County joined some 40,000 demonstrators from the agricultural industry indicating their support for the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs.

She also noted the MP's farm tour will be held July 8 in the Stayner area. It will feature tour of Reinhardt Vinegars industry, Neil Meathall's sheep farm and will end with a BBQ at Robert Walker's.

The slow-moving vehicle awareness signs are being distributed to all townships - 47 signs in all at a cost of \$2,600. The OFA is helping to fund this expense. It is illegal to use this sign on anything but a slow moving vehicle. The Farm Comes to Town will be held at the Barrie Fairgrounds Oct. 6. Nearly 700 children will be expected and 10 commodity groups will be displaying their

commodities and commenting for 10 minutes each.

The Keith McRuer post secondary scholarship (two - \$500 each) deadline is June 30. Also the Federation of Women's Institutes of Ontario scholarships deadline is July 18 (see a local WI member for details).

OFA is lobbying Ontario Hydro asking why the 11.9 per cent increase this year with another 9 per cent scheduled for next year. Results will be reported later.

The annual meeting will be held Oct. 20 in Barrie.

Jean Keffer on the Farm Safety report noted that fatal accidents were down but there were two fatalities in south Simcoe in 1991. A topic chosen by a speaker at the conference was Taking Risks and Suicides on the Farm - Rural Ontario's Dilemma. Testimonials were given by two people involved in farm accidents.

Beeton W.I. Report

On Sept. 8, Beeton Women's Institute members planned something different. They drove to Riverwood, Alliston and enjoyed a delicious luncheon.

Margaret Platt commented on the Motto - name a career or position a woman can enter today that was impossible in

The Federated Women's Institute of Ontario representative, Florence Downing, gave her report. Resolutions being studied were: to learn more about surrogate mothers, banning ads for alcoholic beverages, investigating unemployment insurance claims, closures and amalgamations of post offices, young offenders should be more accountable for their actions, mandatory labelling, education to prevent injustice and violence to women and children. She noted that Little's Hill WI will have a delegate to the convention in The Hague and will bring back a report.

Ninety students from Cookstown Central Public School presented their Nickelodeon musical. They were given a standing ovation.

Simcoe County will host the 1994 conference and members are urged to attend the one at Thunder Bay this summer.

grandmother's day.

We finalized our plans for the Beeton Fair display - "Grandmother's Kitchen in 1867".

Maida Ritchie introduced the guest speaker, Beverly Ott-Pinn, from the Red Cross. She showed us a video of their work and told us of the many services and help for older and handicapped people. Muriel Reynolds thanked her and presented a small gift. After Maida's educational content we all knew the names of all our Town council and the Warden.

Beeton W.I. Report

The regular meeting of Beeton Women's Institute was held May 12 at the home of the president, Mary Pomeroy. Twelve answered the roll call by telling of an experience they had on the farm.

The motto 'Agriculture is like a wheelbarrow - it stands still until pushed.' In her comment Muriel Reynolds said how important agriculture is to the economy but the farmers have to be organized to keep this before the public. Mrs. Helga Elie was the special speaker and told us interesting happenings that have come up in her varied type of farming. Current events were read by Ruth Mayberry.

A delicious lunch was served by Maida Ritchie and Mary Pomeroy.

Beeton W.I. Report

The November meeting of Beeton Women's Institute was held at the home of Marguerite Hobbs with 13 present. The Roll Call was answered by placing the poppy we were wearing on a cross at the front of the room. The Motto - "Some people grin and bear it, others smile and change it". Blossom Cross in her comment mentioned that the latter is much the better line to follow. Current Events were prepared and read by Rolie Niemeyer.

We decided to go for lunch on the 22nd to the Nottawasaga Inn. This proved to be a very enjoyable event with 30 in attendance. Our program convenor, Isabel Hagerman had invited Mr. Edward Beaven from the Tottenham Legion. He spoke specially about how the war affected the people of the different countries.

During the first part of the Second World War a group of 81 children were sent to Canada for safety. All were drowned at sea. Hundreds of children were sent from London to the country. Some found good homes, others were not so fortunate.

Mary Watson read "In Flander's Fields" and we had two minutes silence.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Women's Institute Meeting was held at the home of Margaret Platt on the 7th. line south of Beeton, on October 13th. 1992. The Roll Call was "Use your mind and write a few words of a poem". The Motto was "Friendship and understanding are the only bonds that hold the world together". The comment was by Mrs. Selma Hobbs. Margaret Platt had the program on Education. Current Events were read by Rolie Niemeyer. At the close of the meeting Margaret Platt and Maida Ritchie served lunch, then Margaret showed us through her new home.

The December Meeting

Our Dec. 8 meeting was very special and held at the home of Helga and Theo Elie in their beautifully decorated old home. The men were invited too and there were 20 present. We answered the Roll Call by telling about our favourite Christmas customs.

The Motto "Joy is not in things but in the pleasure we get from helping others" was commented on by Isabel Hagerman. She said that if everyone realized this and lived it, it would make the world a better place.

Cards were sent to Shit Ins. Current events were prepared and read by Marjorie Deury.

The President, Mary Pomeroy, arranged the program and we certainly enjoyed the music of the Bond Head Fiddlers.

After the gift exchange we watched Helga prepare a delicious hot drink that is always made at Christmas in Germany - delicious! She was assisted by Rolie and we went to the dining room where the table was laden with German and Dutch cookies and loaves. It was a treat for the eye and the taste.

Mary Watson thanked our hostess Ena Rolie and the program convenor.

Muriel Reynolds

Local women's history a Historical Society feature

By Helen Yielding

It was most appropriate to hold the Tecumseh and West Gwillimbury Historical Society's October meeting, celebrating "Significant Local Women" in the month that celebrates Women's History in Ontario. And, as the large audience proved, it was a popular subject.

Betty Anderson, a noted broadcaster and writer in her own right did loving justice to broadcaster and writer Kate Aitken. She described Kate's Beeton childhood in her father's store and her first entrepreneurial successes at raising chickens and processing local produce for a Toronto market. Accounts of her accomplishments on such varied careers as broadcasting, cooking shows, newspaper columnist, Director of the women's section of the C.N.E., working for U.N.I.C.E.F., and world traveller, were interspersed with personal anecdotes and a delightful excerpt from her book, *Never a Day so Bright*.

Kate died in 1971 and is buried in Beeton. Two years after her

death, the Beeton Women's Institute, of which Kate was a founding president, organized a Memorial Day in her honour attended by 1,000 people. There is a plaque of dedication in the fairgrounds and a Memorial booklet in the library in remembrance of this local woman whose flair, steely energy and love of challenge made her a household name.

Four women, local to Beeton Head and Newton Robinson, were profiled by Bernice Ellis. She spoke first of the pioneer life and difficult times of Mrs. Featherstone Osler, who though eclipsed by the achievements of her husband and sons, was a remarkable wife, mother, teacher and person. She lived her motto, to persevere against all odds even if *Lies stand in the Way*, the title of a book on Mrs. Osler.

Bernice was a student of her next subject, Gladys Chantler, a math and physics teacher in Toronto. She was one of the Newton Robinson Chantlers, whose general store was a landmark there. Gladys and her husband, Dr. Frank Walker, delved into history and wrote and edited several books.

A scrap book filled with the varied activities of Mrs. Earl Rowe, wife of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, was a visible profile of another Newton Robinson resident who despite the demands of her busy official life, still found time for quilting and painting.

Josephine Wilcox-Mills is fondly remembered by many local residents. She was born on the fifth Concession, attended the local school and graduated too young to train for her chosen career, teaching. After further education, Josephine taught at Dunkerton where she met her husband, Mrs. Wilcox-Mills entered into all aspects of community life until her death a few years ago.

Muriel Reynolds's reminiscences of the musical career of Georgina Barton of Beeton delighted the audience. Muriel was a former piano student of this gifted woman and remembers the thrill of attending a performance of the H.M.S. Pinafore under Miss Barton's direction. She was one of the early itinerant music teachers who brought to rural students and, later, to Brampton, Guelph and local students, the joy of singing, both in the classrooms and at fairs.

When Miss Barton retired to Beeton many of her former students, including Dr. David Ouchterlony, used to visit regularly. To celebrate her pioneering achievements her neighbours formed a committee to hold a Georgina Barton Night, where Miss Barton, in black velvet, was honoured for her devotion to music instruction and music appreciation.

The 70th anniversary of the Person's Case, which ruled that women were persons under the law, was a fitting reminder that Cookstown was the birthplace of Emily Murphy, a social activist and the first woman judge in Canada. Helen Yielding set out the factors which allowed Mrs. Murphy to crusade effectively for the rights of Women in law, politics and social justice.

The Historical Society's project, a video on the history of New Tecumseth, is progressing nicely, with interviews of local residents, shots of historical buildings and a script all now completed. In fact, the rough copy is due for viewing early in November. More news of this exciting undertaking will be forthcoming next month. Perhaps a copy of this video might solve those difficult Christmas presents!

Our next meeting, Nov. 16, features Mary Munro on the lost hamlet of Keenansville. Plan to attend and be part of an interesting evening!



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

Naulah Breedon of Beeton celebrated her 90th birthday amongst family and friends at Simcoe Manor in Beeton on Sunday. *Oct. 13, 1992* photo by Christine Kremer



70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Friends and family of Earl and Ra Stewart gathered at Simcoe Manor in Beeton to celebrate their 70th anniversary. The Stewarts have been life-long Tecumseth residents and have nine children, 29 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren and one great great grandson. *Oct. 14, 1992* photo by Christine Kremer

Cancer volunteers honoured

Members of the Beeton and District Cancer Society were honoured at the annual dinner held in Beeton on Oct. 8.

All those honoured were canvassers except for Dorothea Rutherford (service to patients) and Anne Holmes (memorial donations secretary).

Canvassers were given a certificate and pin but paid for their own dinner said Helen Lisk who has served as campaign chairman for 17 years.

Honoured for 32 years service were Anne Holmes, Dorothea Rutherford, Agnes Ronan, May Walsh; 30 years - Muriel Reynolds, Ruth Milligan, Marjorie Dyer; 26 years - Leeta Broome; over 20 - Margaret Hannah, Delphine Archibald; over 15 - Brenda Bradley, Sadie Dunnill, Betty Cramble, Merle Findlay, Gerrie Woodrow, Betty Ann Usher, Doris Duglaire; over 10 - Dorothy and Arnold Rogers, Irene Blacklaws, Barbara and Erle Collins, Elaine Yates, Marie Logan; and over five - Stella Murray and Eileen Walker. *1992*



Helga Elie honoured by OFA

Helga Elie of New Tecumseth has been honoured with a Certificate of Excellence for her work in agriculture from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. Elie has been re-elected as the New Tecumseth representative on the Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture and elected the South Simcoe regional representative on the OFA.

Besides her work on the OFA, Elie has been a staunch defender of farm rights on the New Tecumseth Planning for the Future committee.

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TEC. BEETON'S 25TH REUNION

Tecumseth Beeton held their 25th reunion Saturday evening. Pictured above (left to right) are principals John Denny (1968-1973), Geoff Mulholland (1976-1984), Ron Sproule (1985-1989) and Carol Bertram (1989-7). Missing was principal Andy Mayer who served from 1973-1976.

photo by Christine Kremer



Celebrating with friends

Freda Lisk, a lifetime resident of Beeton, receives a plaque from New Tecumseth mayor George McCague congratulating her on her 80th birthday. Family and friends gathered at the United church parlor in Beeton on Aug. 1.

(Illustrated photo by Bill Stelberg)

Beeton Women's Institute.

The Institute meeting was held at the home of Freda Lick on January 12, 1993 with 13 members. Roll Call-- Tell about a vacation and why it was enjoyed. The Motto was "A few words of praise goes a long way to happiness". The comment by Marjorie Reynolds. Program on Tweedsmuir History by Marjorie Drury. "A glimpse of the past". She had a story on "Changes that have taken place in the west years in and around Beeton". Current events were given by Helga Elie. Freda and Mary Pomeroy served lunch.

Beeton Women's Institute

The Institute meeting was held at the home of Marjorie Drury March 6, 1993 with a set lunch. 13 members attended. Roll Call- In one word describe what family means to you. Motto- Peace cannot be kept by force only by understanding. Comment by Selma Hobbs. Program Health Education- Marjorie Reynolds. She read Commandments of Human Relations and gave a talk on health and The Red Cross. Current events were given by Mary Pomeroy. Silence was observed in memory of Blossom Cross who died March 5, 1993. \$ 15.00 was donated to the Lifeline in Alliston Hospital in her memory. Also \$15.00 to Sunnybrook Hospital and \$15.00 to the Museum. It was moved by Helga Elie and Marjorie Reynolds that Marjorie Drury put W.I. Tweedsmuir History Books in The New Tecumseth Library.

March 19, 1993. Marjorie Drury put two Tweedsmuir History Books, Minute Books and Current Events Books from 1926 in the Beeton Public Library for storage. Janine Gready, Librarian suggested that the best location for storage would be in the vault of the Tottenham branch where the material is available to the public for in library use only. She is going to look after them and give us a copy of the material taken there.

W.I. on condition that--- Ownerships reside with the Beeton Women's Institute. The material is available to the public for in library use only. The original material stay within New Tecumseth although it could be microfilmed by the Simcoe County Archives. It is suggested that the best location for storage would be in the vault of the Tottenham Branch.

Beeton Women's Institute

The Women's Institute meeting was held at the home of Marjorie Reynolds April 13, 1993 with 11 members and Jan Hall. Roll Call-- Pay dues \$5.00 and hand in receipts. Motto-- Keep children away from harmful drugs and poisonous plants. Comment by Rosalie Niemeyer. There was a motion to have Rosalie Niemeyer act as President in place of Mary Pomeroy. Rosalie was recovering from a broken ankle. Program-- Safety by Mary Watson. Margaret Platt announced a 25 year W.I. sin on Maids Ritchie and also gave her a certificate. Congratulations. Beeton W.I. were invited to the Churchill 90th Anniversary on May 12, 1993. Sorry no one attended. Silence was observed in memory of Selma Cornwall Hobbs who died April 9, 1993. Current events were read by Mary Pomeroy. Lunch was served by Mary Pomeroy and Maids Ritchie.

Beeton W.I. Report

February Report

By Marjorie Reynolds

The regular meeting of Beeton Women's Institute was held Feb. 9 at the home of Rita Stewart with a good attendance.

The roll call was answered by ways and means of raising money for our organization. We may hold a Dessert Euchre in the future. The motto was "Be alert to give service, what counts most in life is what we do for others." In Mary Pomeroy's comments she said she feels better about her volunteer work than any other times she spends.

Maids Ritchie prepared and read the current events.

The guest speaker was Marie McVety, Simcoe South District president. She gave an interesting and informative talk on family life in Tonga - at time of a death a ten day celebration is held with the women doing all the necessary preparations with never a man taking part. Marie was thanked by Ruth Mayberry and given a small gift.

A delicious lunch served by the hostess and her assistants brought the afternoon to a finish.

Beeton Women's Institute.

May 11, 1993. Margaret Platt, Ruth Mayberry, Mary Pomeroy and Marjorie Drury attended the 91st District Annual Women's Institute in Red-Yea. Quill Women's Institute Hall, Newton Robinson. Ruth and Mary presented names for In Memoriam with carnations in vase for each member. Blossom Cross and Selma Cornwall Hobbs from Beeton. As Tweedsmuir History Curator Marjorie Drury gave \$-60.00 for Pennies for Friendship and told of the diesel and steam trains running from Tottenham to Beeton on Sundays during the summer.

Beeton Women's Institute.

The Women's Institute meeting was held at the home of Mary Pomeroy, May 18, 1993, with 9 members attending. Roll Call-- Does it pay to have a vegetable garden? Motto-- Have a herb that is beneficial to your health, mint for stomach problems, onions-- were the juice for ear aches, good for cholesterol, good for cucumber poisoning by making a poultice. Pay for flowers for District Annual Meeting In Memoriam. Printing 25 W.I. books \$31.00. A thank you letter was read from the teacher, Eileen Coffey for two school books by Canadian Authors. Joan Jebb and Betty Vanderpost to serve meals at the Beeton Fair. Current events were read by Mary Pomeroy. Program on Agriculture by Helga Elie. Lunch was served by Mary Pomeroy and Maids Ritchie.

Boston Women's Institute.

The Women's Institute meeting was held at the home of Marjorie Drury on June 8, 1993, with 8 members present and Helen Lisk. Roll Call-- Gave something unique about a country in the world. Motto-- Open mindedness is the pathway to wisdom, close your mind and dwell in ignorance, was commented on by Helga Elie. Plan a S.S.Q. at Helga's for August 28th. at 7:00 a.m. lunch, pork, and sausage and all kinds of desert. The Fair display to be crafts. Program-- International Affairs. Helen Lisk spoke about her trips around the world, which were very interesting. Gave a birthday card to Marjorie who was 63 that day. Current events were read by Freda Lisk. Lunch was served by Marjorie and Ruth Mayberry.

Boston Women's Institute.

September 14, 1993, 13 members and Freda's grand-daughter Erica Blomberg drove to Riverwood Home in Alliston for their lunch at 12:30 a.m.. Then our President Rosalie Niemeyer opened the meeting with the Institute O.S., followed by the Mary Stewart Collect. Roll Call-- Visit Seniors or shut in's. Motto-- Feeding the birds, was commented on by Margaret Platt. Paid \$22.00 for lunch tickets for Mary Poweroy and Rosalie Niemeyer to attend the Area Convention October 13, 1993, at the Army and Navy Hall, George St. off Anne St. in Barrie. Program --Public Relations--Maica Ritchie. Marjorie Reynolds did the Walking Tour of Boston and sold some books for \$10.00. Very interesting. A wreath for a door and a \$25.00 gift certificate was presented to Theo and Helga Elie for a dinner at the Nottawasseage Inn for their help at the W.I. S.S.Q. in August. The Current events were given by Mary Watson. Marjorie Drury offered her home for the October meeting as Margaret Platt was unable to have the meeting on account of her broken elbow.

Boston Women's Institute.

The women's Institute meeting was held at the home of Marjorie Drury on October 13, 1993, with 12 members. Roll Call-- Advice investment that I have made. Motto-- Your W.I. is like a bank the more you put into it the more interest you have. The comment was by Rosalie Niemeyer. It was decided that each member pay \$7.00 towards the W.I. home in Guelph. 14 members times 7 is \$98.00 and take \$102.00 from the account making a cheque for \$4.00 to be given at the Area Convention. Freda Lisk and Marjorie Drury gave a gift to Valma McClain in the Manor and also a gift to Margaret Platt with a broken elbow. Program-- Heritage Train-- Helga Elie. Current events by Margaret Platt. Lunch was served by Margaret and Maica Ritchie.

WI hears veteran

The November 9 meeting of Boston Women's Institute was held at the home of the president Rosalie Niemeyer. For the roll call we wore a poppy and placed it on a cross for Remembrance Day.

Maida Ritchie commented on the motto, "Never return a kindness, pass it on".

Mary Poweroy reported on the area convention she and the president attended. A great deal of money was collected for the new provincial centre of the Institute.

Current events were written and read by the president.

Isabel Hagerman presented

an Armistice Day program and the speaker was Theo Elie. His talk on life during the war years in Europe made us all feel we were very fortunate to live in Canada.

Margaret Platt and the presi-

dent have spent a lot of time and driving delivering 100 copies of the leaflet *Drug Awareness* to schools, libraries and business places. These leaflets are very worthwhile and more have been requested.

We plan to go to luncheon at Carrying Place in early December.

After the Women's Institute grace Helga Elie and the hostess served a most delicious lunch.

History of SSR explained

The regular monthly meeting of Boston Women's Institute was held October 12 with an attendance of 12 members. Roll call was "A wise investment I have made." Many answered that joining the Institute had been a good investment of their time and interest - no one mentioned money. Our new president commented on the motto, "Your women's Institute is like a bank, the more you put into it the more interest you have."

For the program Helga Elie gave us a complete history of the Heritage train. It is a very successful venture by many dedicated people who gave money, time and work before the first train ran in 1992.

We had two members attending the area convention and they took our donation for the establishment of a new Women's Institute Centre in Guelph.

The president and secretary treasurer have been very busy lately delivering 100 copies of booklets on drug abuse, drug safety. Why not to say yes.

The police department, all schools, two libraries and many local business places received copies. All asked for more, they find them so helpful and well written.

Margaret Platt and Maida Ritchie served a delicious lunch to close our meeting.

Bob, Grumble's Retirement Party.
Dear Bob, July 10, 1993.

In the village of Cookstown
Some sixty years ago
The day was dark and cloudy
With the weather forecast 'snow'

Alice
Alice Grumble said to Robert
I have great news today
At last our prayers are answered
I am in the family way.

Bob was smiling broadly
On his face a look of joy
Someday soon we will have a farm
I will need a good strong boy.

Alice dreamed of big blue eyes
And a head of wavy curls
The answer to her dearest wish
Would be a baby girl.

A few months later Alice thought
As she walked across the yard
This baby must be mad at me
It's really kicking hard.

On the first day of August
One sunny summer morn
To Bob and Alice Grumble
A little son was born.

They named him 'Robert Junior'
And tried to raise him right
But little Bob would sleep all day
So he could yell all night.

He was a lively little lad
Who filled their hearts with cheer
But it really worried his mother
When his first word was 'beer'.

It was two years later
The stork came by once more
And dropped off little Johnny
Right at the Grumble door.

Two Bob's around the house
Did not work at all
Alice got two answers
Whenever she would call.

So little Bob was changed to 'Bubs'
And it seemed to work okay.
It has been Bubs for sixty years
And it still is today.

When Bubs was six years old
Alice sent him on his way
Across the fields to Cross's school
Where he spent many a day.

Edna Johnson was the teacher
She always did her best
To make those farm boys behave
But it was quite a test.

Bubs didn't really care for school
Sometimes he would skip a day
To do a little fishing
Somewhere along the way.

He always liked to tinker
And his dearest wish by far
Was to get his license
And drive his father's car.

Bubs soon got tired of farming
And any chance he'd get
He would take off for Boston
To track for Ernie Letts.

At Hoover's garage in Boston
Bubs was a mechanic too
With a good set of wrenches
There's nothing he can't do.

Bubs was quite a ladies' man
And when he chanced to meet
A girl named Irene Hopkins
He swept her off her feet.

In April of 1951
It was a nice spring day
When Bob and Irene said those words
Love, honour and obey.

They settled down on Main Street
In the old Queen's Hotel
Where according to all reports
They got along quite well.

The stork found the Grumble home
And seemed to like it well
The nursery was quite busy
As time will surely tell.

The townships needed a driver
So Bubs was hired right away
As Granville's top grader man
He was on the job to stay.

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Rick, Linda and Don were born
And the family numbered three
Sometimes wee Don rode the grader
Asleep on daddy's knee.

The apartment was getting crowded
A house they just had to find
When they moved to Tecumseh street
The stork wasn't far behind.

Carol, Bobbie and Cathy arrived
Grumble's house was a busy place
Bubs had to enlarge the table
Or he wouldn't have had a space.

Irene thought she was all through
She was giving her crib away
The doctor told her "not so fast"
I think you have twins on the way.

Don and Randy were the last
To land at the Grumble door
Bubs just said, "Double trouble I'm
sure"

~~We~~ don't need any more.

Bubs and Jack Duchan one day
Were rebuilding the second line
The day was hot, the road was rough
They were having a really tough time

They decided to ask for a drink
At a stone house on the north side
All they asked for was water
But they did a lot better inside.

Bill Voss said "come right in,
This is your lucky day
I have some nice fresh goat's milk
It will cut all that sand away.

You have to acquire a taste for it
But it makes you really spzy
Just to add extra flavour
I'll mix in a shot of rye".

The afternoon passed very quickly
But the work got a little behind
Any time there was work on the second
Bubs and Jack didn't mind.

In the north end of the township
One time a few years ago
There was a wild and woolly storm
The roads were filled with snow.

* Bubs and his winger Jim Weatherup
Were lost for two whole days
When Grenville finally found them
They were still ploughing away.

The township shop on Main Street
Was always a busy place
Where Grenville and his men
Worked at a steady pace.

A little east of the township shop
Was the famous Bectonia Hotel
Which the men would sometimes check
To make sure that all was well.

On very rare occasions
If it was a hot summer day
Bubs would stop for a draft or two
To clear the dust away.

If he happened to meet some friends
And the chat was going strong
Bubs might forget to notice
That the time was moving along.

When it came six o'clock
Irene would pick up the phone
**Tell Bubs that dinner is ready
Would you please send him home? **

Bubs was made township foreman
In the year 1972
Looking after Alvin, Keith, Joe and
Stanley.
Certainly gave him lots to do....

Ploughing snow wasn't so bad
If the storm didn't last too long
But deciding whose road was ploughed
first
Bubs found he was always wrong.

Bubs went to a roads convention one
time
It was held at the Royal York
But when two days had passed
He didn't show up for work.

They started worrying about him
But Bubs wasn't lost at all
Just visiting the Hopkins family
We hear they were having a ball.

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When Irene started catering
Bubs was her right hand man
Hauling a carload of food
And all those pots and pans.

He is chauffeur for Irene's helpers
Delivery boy with the car
And when the need arose
He also ran the bar.

He is the official tester
For all those delicious Pies
Irene always seems to have
A never ending supply.

You may have happened to notice
Bubs doesn't hear as well now
You would think it was from the grader
Or the years on that noisy snowplough.

He said it wasn't that at all
But the results are just the same
It was from listening to Irene yell
At all the hockey games.

Thirty eight years is a long time
On a grader or a snowplough
Bubs, you have served the township
well
It's time to slow down now.

Congratulations to you Bubs
On this your special night
May you have a happy retirement
With a future warm and bright.

Best Wishes
Gerry Eagen.



The Grand Lodge
OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF CANADA
IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

William David McPherson, Esq., W.C., M. P. P.
GRAND MASTER

To All Our
Worshipful & Loving
Brethren & Sisters

There are to verify that our Brother
William Malen,
who hath signed his name in the margin
hereof was regularly received into the
Framingham on the 5th day of October
1887 in the Free and Accepted
Masons Lodge No. 216,
was introduced in the Grand Lodge on
the 5th day of December 1887
in the above named Lodge
and was admitted to the Third Degree
on the 5th day of January 1888
in the same Lodge
and that he is duly registered in the books
of this Grand Lodge accordingly
In testimony whereof, I have hereunto
subscribed my name and affixed the
seal of the Grand Lodge at
Framingham the 6th day of
July 1888

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William Mallet.

All the plans were completed in a month of Saturday evening sessions at the seniors' room in the school. Jean and her mother, Jeanette, Mayor in July, 1900, Mary Pomeroy, International Affairs convener, invited as our speaker Jean Platt, who has been teaching English in a school in Japan so she has a great deal of information about that country. She has found that people very friendly and helpful and very interested in learning about life in Canada. Food and all living expenses are very high but there is not much unemployment, and salaries are quite satisfying.

Jean and our hosts were thanked by Mary Pomeroy. After the Institute group enjoyed a delicious lunch served by Ruth Mayberry and Rolfe Niermeyer.

WI discusses family changes

Churchill Women's Institute hosted the Simcoe South District Annual meeting in Churchill United church on May 19. The theme was Year of the Family. The highlight of the day was speaker Reverend Gayle Lucas-Roth and a panel of four young women, Sandra Tait, bank manager and single mother of four, Debbie McKnight, dairy farm wife, full time nurse and mother of two, Karen Harvey, partner in a beef and crop farm and mother of three, and Darlene Cooper, wife and mother of four and manager of her own children's wear business.

All women told of the changes in the family today and how to work toward a happy home and family life. The panel discussed their roles as working women, managing the family and home, and it sounded as if they all ran very successful, happy households.

Barbara Cook from North Simcoe told of the FWIO Conference '94 and the ACWW Mini Conference to be held at Geneva Park, Orillia, Aug. 12-14. Simcoe area is hosting the conference and Simcoe South members are helping with the welcoming and reception. We are looking forward to this exciting, educational and fun weekend.

Bev Couits, our provincial board director, brought us up to date on FWIO events. Valerie Fisher, the ACWW president from Australia, is visiting Ontario May 26 to 29. Women's Institute shall be 100 years old in 1997 and there are quilts and song competitions and a history book as centennial projects. Breast screening is stressed for everyone 50 and older. They should have a mammogram every two years as the average Ontario woman has a one in ten chance of developing breast cancer.

Bev Couits conducted the election and installation of officers: past president, Marie McVety; president, Donna Jebb; 1st vice president, Maureen Couture; 2nd vice president, June Petch; secretary,

Dorothy Chirney; treasurer, Joy Larkey; public relations, Jean Keffer; program co-ordinator, June Petch; Tweedsmuir History, Maureen Couture; Federation of Agriculture, Helga Elie; education committee, Nancy Bell; auditors, Margaret Jessop, Jean Gordon; FWIO board director, Marie McVety; alternate, Grace Elliott.

Judy Taggart, now called a rural community adviser, told about the changes in our county agriculture offices. By fall there shall be one office at the corner of Ferndale and Dunlop streets in Barrie. Sandra Kell reported Simcoe South has seven branches, 142 members, nine new members and 38 life members. Donna Jebb closed this well planned day with the courtesies.

WI's

The Women's Institute has many activities and events planned for October. First there is the annual Simcoe area convention October 13 in the Steelworkers Hall, Orillia. Donna Jebb and Maureen Couture are delegates for Simcoe South but any member is welcome to attend by paying the registration fee.

WI learns about Japan

Beeton Women's Institute held the October 11 meeting at Margaret Platt's home with 14 in attendance.

After the members had repeated the Women's Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect the roll call was answered by telling what the public should

know about the Women's Institute's accomplishments and services. The secretary and treasurer's report were given by Margaret Platt. The cochon we hosted at the seniors' room at Simcoe Manor proved to be very helpful financially. We voted to give donations

to Stevenson Memorial Hospital, York County Hospital and the Parkinson Disease Association.

Special visitors and speakers were Tanya Platt and Ian Montgomery, who have spent the last year teaching English in Japan.

We enjoyed seeing several pictures and articles from Japan. Rent for a very small apartment is very expensive. They found the people very friendly and helpful and they learned some of the very difficult language. They plan to leave soon for southeast Asian countries and Australia.

Diann Gaston was a lunch time visitor. Hostesses Margaret Platt and Maida Ritchie served delicious refreshments.

W.I.'s 1994 Conference in Truro

Stand up, speak out and be proud to be a member was the theme of the 61st. annual Simcoe County Women's Institute meeting held in October.

Held in Barrie, the meeting brought together 158 W.I. representatives from all over the county.

Among the many issues discussed was funding changes with the Ontario Ministry of Agricultural and Food. A new headquarters is to be established and all branches were asked to make donations.

Over \$9,000 was donated at the meeting from county branches for this project.

It was announced that the 1994 national conference will be held in Truro, N.S. The United Nations has declared 1994 the Year of the Family.

A Tweedsmuir curators' workshop will be held at the OMAF office in Elmville, Tuesday Nov. 16.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

September 14th, 1994, the following W.I. members, Mary Pomeroy, Margaret Platt, Ruth Mayberry, Roellie Niemeyer, Muriel Reynolds, Merle Dermott, Velma McClain, Maida Ritchie, Rita Stewart, Helga Elie, Isabel Hagerman, and Marjorie Drury enjoyed their lunch at Mr. McGregor's Restaurant in Klienbergh.

Then they visited the Mc Michael Art Gallery which is the only public gallery in Canada with authority to collect exclusively Canadian Art.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The W.I. meeting was held November 15th, 1994 at Simcoe Manor with Rita Stewart as hostess. Roll Call- Wear a Poppy and place it on the Cross. Motto- Your thoughts on World War One and Two. Comment- Roellie Niemeyer. Program- Isabel Hagerman-- Armistice Day. She introduced Nora Dale who gave an interesting talk on her experiences during the war and showed her medals.

Current Events- Roellie Niemeyer. Hostesses Rita Stewart and Mary Pomeroy. (Marjorie Drury in Newmarket Hospital)

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Women's Institute meeting was held at the home of Helga Elie on Dec. 13th, 1994, with nine members present.

Roll Call- A Christmas Custom.

Motto- A most memorable Christmas card or gift.

Comment- Isabel Hagerman.

It was decided to give \$ 30.00 to the Food Bank instead of having an exchange of Christmas gifts.

Marjorie Drury thanked the members for her fruit basket after she came home from Newmarket Hospital.

Program- Variety Entertainment- Roelle Niemeyer. South Central School Choir of 7 girls and 2 boys including Roelle's granddaughter, the Principal and the Music Teacher, were just wonderful. The W.I. gave the Choir a cheque for \$ 15.00.

Every one enjoyed the lovely lunch provided by Helga Elie and Roelle Niemeyer and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Tottenham hosts South Simcoe W.I.

Tottenham Women's Institute hosted the Simcoe South District 93rd annual meeting, May 16 at Tottenham Presbyterian Church. After a kind welcome by Rhoda Montgomery, President Donna Jebb remarked on our theme, "Communicate-Hear, See, Speak". She started off by saying several sentences in French, then commented, "Did you listen to me or shut me off and tune me out? If we don't listen and understand then we are not communicating just because we talk. There are many ways of communicating-language is one but posture, facial expression, wearing symbols, gestures all tell something." She emphasized we must communicate better with the media and let the public know what we are all about. Jebb told of the highlights of her year-attending the federated Women's Institute of Canada convention in Truro, N.S. taking part in Geneva Park Officers and Associated Country Women of the World conference, hosting two Education Days at Tec-We- Gwill Hall and judging Canada Day celebrations at Alliston. She enjoyed the fun and fellowship of ladies across Canada and keeps up a friendship with one in Sask. and promises to visit another in B.C. for a bed and breakfast holiday.

In the afternoon, guest speaker, Beverly Dixon Mallette, co-owner of the woodridge Advertiser and a writer, followed the theme. She gave an inspiring talk by giving a personal picture

on being a good listener, communicating by seeing a visual message or a silent message of body language, speaking and talking to work out feelings of anger or affection. She said that taste, smell and touch are other ways of communicating. To be able to communicate with the handicapped and help out, was special. Tottenham Public School Jr. choir, directed by Janice Magloughlin, delighted us with songs from Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin and Little Mermaid.

Marie McVety, Provincial Board Director, brought information on future events. The District is challenged to give \$200 by Oct. 1 to the Area W.I. for the new Headquarters Fund. United Nations celebrates a 50th Anniversary in Canada in October. 4H is having a 80th celebration July 29 at the Milton agriculture Museum. There will be a photography course in the spring and more Education days. Women's Institute has its Centennial in 1997 and Centennial Rises are being planted in prominent parks, as one way of marking this special year. Volunteer hours

are to be W.I. related, to be recorded.

Fishers Corners shall host next year's annual meeting and it will be an afternoon and evening session for a change. A total of \$594.39 was collected for Pennies for Friendship for the year. Motions, to designate \$200.00 of this for a Red Pepper Dryer that A.C.W.W. is buying for people on Wando Island S. Korea and \$50 to Clean Water for All, were passed.

Wilma Carter Provincial Board Director for District 13 conducted the election of officers and the installation of the following:

Pres.- Donna Jebb
1st Vice-Pres.- Maureen Coutrane
2nd Vice Pres.- June Peich
Secretary- Ann Sorensen
Treasurer- Joy Larky
P.R.O.- Jean Keffler
Prog. Co-Ord.- June Peich
F.W.I.Co-Bd. Director- Marie McVety
Tweedsmuir Curotor- Maureen Coutrane
Education Comm.- Nancy Bell
Auditors- Jean Gordon, Marg Sessup

Beeton WI tells ways to stay young

The January meeting of the Beeton Women's Institute was held at Freda Lisk's home with eleven in attendance.

The roll call was telling what we do to keep young - everything from thinking young, spending time with young people to exercise and reading were reported.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were given by Margaret Platt.

We voted to give a donation to the agricultural society and sponsor a home-made candy class.

Motto- every day of your life is a day of your history. Comment was by Muriel Reynolds. History is not something of the distant past, it is happening every day so we must make

every day worthwhile.

For the Tweedsmuir history program Marjorie Drury gave a most interesting talk about transportation in our community for about 65 years. The great quantity of snow often caused the horses and sleighs to take to the fields. People could rent a horse and buggy or cutter at Charlie Broom's Livery stable in Beeton.

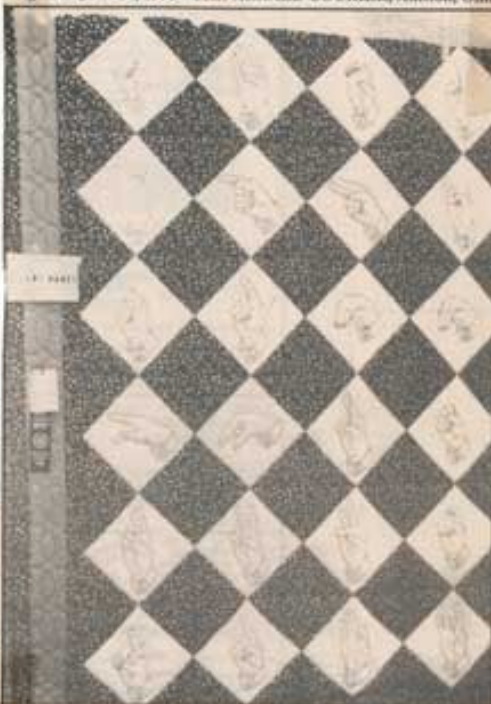
Current events prepared and read by Helga Elie gave us a fine review of the year 1994.

After the Institute Grace we enjoyed a delicious lunch served by Freda and assistants.

The hostess was thanked and the president Robin Numejer wished everyone a healthy, happy new year.

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A new meaning to reading in bed

This hand stitched masterpiece won first prize in the Arizona State Fair but was quilted by five local residents. Muriel Reynolds, Helen Reynolds, Jean Murphy, Ruth Mayberry and Maida Ritchie spent a month quilting this original design by Joyce MacNab from Phoenix, Arizona. After receiving the blue ribbon it will be placed in the Webster House, Marion, Indiana which is the future site of the Quilters Hall of Fame.

Founder of the Beeton women's institute

Aitken's historical accomplishments on display

Kate Aitken, a native of Beeton, is one of several women to be featured in a special series of displays at the Ontario legislative building this year.

The Aitken exhibit will remain on display in the west wing of the legislative building until July 12. It will then be moved to the South Simcoe Pioneer Museum where it will be on display from July 15 to Aug. 10.

The display of Aitken's accomplishments was compiled by the South Simcoe Pioneer Museum Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee and details her extraordinary life as teacher, entrepreneur, farmer, community volunteer, broadcaster, ambassador and world traveller.

Born in Beeton in 1891, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, owners of the general store at the south-east corner of Main St.

At 16 she taught school in Adajala, later marrying Henry Aitken, son of the local miller. Together they had two daughters, Ann and Mary.



Kate Aitken

In 1920 she invited several women from the community to her home and organized the Beeton Women's Institute. She was elected first vice-president and later held higher offices in Simcoe County's Women's Institute.

The Aitkens lived on Centre St., Beeton, before building a house on Prospect St. They planted an orchard and Aitken kept a flock of hens. She hired

local women and they began to can chicken and fruit.

She marketed these products in Toronto and could often be seen taking her produce to the city on an old small Ford tractor.

Soon, with help from the Tamblyn, the drug firm that originated in Beeton, Aitken

had her own radio program. Each week she gave 16 radio broadcasts and one telecast which she prepared. She became known as Mrs. A.

Aitken retired at 67 but continued to receive many letters asking for advice. She wrote at least three books and travelled around the world several times

to research information for her broadcasts.

In her busy life, Aitken also found time to train junior choir at the Presbyterian church. In 1959 she officially opened the Beeton Fall Fair.

She died in 1971 at the age of 81.



Record of achievement

A display featuring some of the accomplishments of one-time Beeton resident Kate Aitken is featured at the Ontario Legislative Buildings.

Museum features local woman

The South Simcoe Pioneer Museum is featuring Kate Aitken in a special display until the potato festival weekend.

Aitken was born in Beeton in 1891. She was quite the woman for that time period with her own radio program which required 16 broadcasts a week plus one telecast. She prepared all programs herself.

She became affectionately known as "Mrs. A" and was the author of several books. *Never A Day So Bright* and the *Kate Aitken Cookbook* can be purchased from the gift shop at the museum.

When she retired at the age of 67 she continued to receive many letters asking for advice. She travelled around the world more than once to research information for her broadcasts. Her family has been very helpful in loaning some of Aitken's personal items to the museum. The museum is open Wednesdays to Sundays from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and the display is well worth a visit.

Each Wednesday morning pioneer craft programs are being offered for children at the museum. On Aug. 2 the topic will be potato printing. At this time students will have a tour of the farm implements and learn the importance of potatoes to the area.

They will then create personalized wrapping paper using cut potatoes. This program is for children 4-10 years of age. There is a small fee for materials and the program runs from 10:30-11:30 a.m. To register, call Rae at the Museum 435-0167 by Sunday.

Other programs planned at the museum include exploring artifacts and the culture of local Huron natives, dyed eggs and the natural dyes used by the pioneers and games that pioneer children might have played.

The final program on Aug. 30 will be on wildlife appreciation. Children will construct either an all natural bird feed from pine cones or a paper bird using basic cutting and gluing.

The museum committee is continuing its efforts to raise funds for the necessary renovations to the museum. The goal is \$40,000 and to date \$23,000 has been collected. Raffle tickets for the James Lumbers print Car Napping are now on sale at the museum. The print is also on display there for viewing.

There is now a small gift shop at the museum. Drop by and see what is available. After the renovations have been completed the plan is to expand this area.

Programs

The town's recreation department is offering a St. John Ambulance babysitting course on Wed., Aug. 23 in the Tottenham Community Centre. This

course is nearly at its maximum, so anyone interested in taking this program should call the recreation office very soon to register.

The Tottenham Summer Theatre will continue with its Drama Camp Aug. 14-17 and Aug. 12-24. This is a high energy program where students can develop their creative skills. For information and to register call 905-729-4014.

The ice plant in the Tottenham arena will be turned on for the 1995/6 season on Aug. 14 and ice should be ready for skating on Mon., Aug. 21.

Upcoming community events

The Georgian Bay Steam Show will take place in Beeton

during the weekend of Aug. 4-7. The show documents the history and many of the advances in technology and industry. It's a must for steam machine buffs.

The Alliston Potato Festival can be enjoyed throughout the following weekend Aug. 11-13, and the COPS Classic Car Show is in Tottenham Community Centre on Aug. 13.

It is still a busy time - lots to do and lots to see. Be aware of children playing and drive carefully. Keep the remaining days of summer safe ones.

For any information on parks and recreation or any of these programs call the recreation office at 435-6219.

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Institute focusing on communications

Simcoe South District Women's Institute held its semi-annual meeting at Cookstown town hall on March 1 with 10 members present and Donna Jebb presiding.

The report from the board director Marie McVety was given after she attended the annual Federated Women's Institute of Ontario (FWIO) meeting in Guelph, noting the theme for this year is Communicate - Hear, See, Speak, stressing that great reports are expected this year and much improved communication between branches, districts and areas.

A new Women's Institute branch started in Toronto in 1994, the first in Toronto.

Centennial Prelude which is advertising the 100th anniversary of the Ontario Agricultural Museum at Milton will be attended by a number of local women and a bus has been chartered to pick up members along the route from Orillia down to Hwy. 88. Contact McVety to arrange a ride.

The annual agricultural tour by MPPs and MPPs will be held July 1, and bursary entries should be in by Aug. 15.

Volunteer hours of all members are to be counted and entered on the annual reports.

A new cookbook is for sale, a history book will be published for the year 2,000 and for the 100th anniversary of Women's Institutes in 1997 a special pin is to be designed.

Competitions to be held for the 1997 conference include - 1) a community history, a photo history of century old buildings in the province; 2) a one-act play; 3) a hooked rug; 4) an essay with photographs, WI - A Family Affair; and 5) the centennial quilt competition.

The Conference '97 will be held in the Hamilton convention centre June 16-22/97 and 1500 to 2000 members are expected to attend. Early registration is necessary.

1995 is the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

June has been declared headquarters fundraising month. Start saving loonies.

Fourteen resolutions were read and eight sustained. These related to 1) the government conducting and publishing an epidemiological study on myalgic encephalomyelitis.

2) FWIO urge the government to enforce the sequence of writing YMD according to the Canadian Standards Association.

3) Request the government to remove manganese in the form of MMT from gasoline and replace it with a non-toxic, environmentally safe fuel additive from a renewable source.

4) Request the Minister of Revenue to demand legislation prohibiting the production,

importation, distribution and sale of all serial killer or mass murderer trading cards in Canada.

5) Urge the Ministry of Education to allow and encourage the presentation and practice of Christmas traditions and customs in schools.

To request the Attorney General's office in Ontario and Quebec to enact legislation required to make the mailing of unsolicited pornographic material illegal.

To urge the Ontario Ministry of Health to allocate funds to maximize present facilities and therefore avoid further denial of our human right to receive the best health care possible.

8) Request the federal minister of revenue to enact legislation prohibiting the importation, distribution and sale of

violent behavior and fantasy murder video games in Canada.

A resolution backed by 17,000 members is a very powerful, thought provoking document. Good backup material must accompany all resolutions.

The Ontario Farm Coalition that works with the agricultural ministry urges farmers to keep records of changes made in farming operations that improve the environment. There is a \$500 payment available.

The south Simcoe district Women's Institute annual meeting will be held May 16 at the Presbyterian church in Tottenham.

The next meeting will be held Sept. 6 at Cookstown town hall.

A spring workshop will be held, sponsored by the WI, at

Newton Robinson WI hall on April 8. Admission includes lunch and all materials except a T-shirt. A summer hat or planter and a garden surprise workshop including a cow planter. Please contact Nancy Bell 458-4388 to register.

Cookstown Women's Institute met at the home of McVety on March 3. A video of the beginnings of WI in 1897 given by Peggy Knapp was shown. Donations of \$100 each were given to the Cookstown Agricultural Society, Cookstown Public School, a table to Cookstown library (\$100) and for a board on the boardwalk at Tiffin Conservation Area. A contract was drafted to have the Tweedsmuir History books left at the library and to be presented to the library board for approval.

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Busy fall schedule for WI

At the Simcoe South District Sept. 6 meeting of the Women's Institute, a busy fall schedule was planned. Simcoe South District will host the Simcoe area convention at Cookstown Lions Hall, Oct. 11, with registration at 8:30 a.m. Speakers who attended the Associated Country Women of the World Conference in New Zealand will highlight the program.

Then, Sat., Oct. 14, Simcoe South District is having a car rally starting at Tec-We-Gwill Hall at 8:30 a.m. with checkpoints along the way and returning to the hall for lunch and prizes. All are welcome to participate and see the sights of south Simcoe in fall colors.

Oct. 28 is education day at Tec-We-Gwill Hall, Newton Robinson, when an angel making craft day is planned.

Marie McVety, Federated Women's Institute board director, and alternate Grace Elliot gave a good report on the work

and events of the provincial board. Nov. 9 is Women's Day at the Royal Winter Fair.

A Women's Institute Baseball Day is June 8, 1996 at the SkyDome.

The district donated \$200 to an ACWW project to send goats and pigs to Uganda to help feed hungry children and to fight AIDS. Three members are joining a Simcoe County Plowmen's bus to go to the International Plowing Match at Ayr, Waterloo Region, Sept. 20 to get ideas for the 1997 match in our county.

Helga Elie, our representative to Simcoe County Federa-

tion of Agriculture, in her report stressed their work for less legislation, fairer property taxes, speaking out against financial waste in the health ministry, gun control and the rules for starting small business. Simcoe County Federation of Agriculture has one of the five largest memberships in Ontario. Helga said the Federation needs volunteers to help host Farmer Comes to Town in Barrie, Oct. 2.

Donna Jebb, president, announced the next meeting will be March 6, 1996, and the meeting was adjourned. 1995

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Beeton Women's Institute meeting was held January 10, 1995, at the home of Freda Lisk (Leg. in a cast) with ten members present including Clara Watson.

Roll Call- What do you do to keep young?

Motto- Every day of your life is a day of your history.

Comment- Muriel Reynolds.

Program- Tweedsmuir History--Marjorie Drury.

Marjorie spoke on "Ways we travelled years ago as I remember." which was very interesting.

Current Events- Helga Elie.

Hostesses- Freda Lisk and Merle Dermott.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

February 14th, 1995, the following members of the Beeton Women's Institute enjoyed a meeting at the home of Marie McVety in Bradford. Margaret Platt, Ruth Mayberry, Maide Ritchie, Rita Stewart, Freda Lisk, Roellie Niemeyer, Mary Watson, Helga Elie, MaryPomeroy, and Marjorie Drury.

Roll Call- Your experience with a new product and how you liked it.

Motto- Counting time is not as important as making time count.

Program- Family and Consumers Affairs- Roellie Niemeyer.

Marie McVety showed us a video tape of Adelaide Hunter Hoodless with speaker Peggy Knapp which was very interesting.

Current Events- Ruth Mayberry.

Hostesses- Maide Ritchie and Muriel Reynolds.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Beeton Women's Institute meeting was held at the home of Marjorie Drury March 14th, 1995 with 12 members present.

Roll Call - Tell how a special friendship has influenced your life.

Motto- Its nice to be important but its more important to be nice.

Comment - Marjorie Drury.

Program- Citizenship and Legislation- Muriel Reynolds.

As Muriel was in the hospital following a stroke, Marjorie Drury read an interesting story explaining "The Mary Stewart Collect " .

Current Events- Mary Pomeroy.

Hostess- MarjorieDrury served biscuits and cheese and a piece of lemon pie instead of our usual pot luck luncheon which everyone enjoyed.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Beeton Women's Institute meeting was held at the home of Mary Pomeroy in Cookstown April 11th, 1995, with 10 members and Jean Platt present.

Roll Call- Pay dues and hand in reports. Paid \$6.00

Motto- Knowledge is power.

Comment- Mary Watson.

Program - Health Education and Safety- Margaret Platt

Speaker, Jean Platt.

CurrentsEvents- Maide Ritchie read by Margaret Platt.

Hostesses- Roellie Niemeyer and Maide Ritchie.

April 24th, 1995, Margaret Platt, Roellie Niemeyer, Marjorie Drury and Mary Pomeroy were at Helga Elie's preparing the Women's Institute programs for 1995-1996

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Beeton Women's Institute meeting was held May 9th, 1995 at the home of Mary Pomeroy, Cockstown, with in attendance.

Roll Call- Different ways wheat comes to the table.
Motto- A farmer doesn't have to go to work-he just gets up and it is there.

Comment- Mary Watson.
Program- Agriculture- Helga Elie.
Current Events - Freda Lisk.
Hostesses - Mary Pomeroy and Helga Elie.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Beeton Women's Institute meeting was held June 13, 1995, at the home of Roelle Niemeyer with in attendance.

Roll Call- Name a foreign country in the news lately and tell why it is in the news.

Motto- With the wisdom of the ages, knowledge of the past, we will serve in the future.

Comment- Freda Lisk.
Program- International Affairs.- Mary Pomeroy.
Current Events - Margaret Platt.
Hostesses- Roelle Niemeyer and Ruth Mayberry.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

September 12th, 1995, the following Beeton Women's Institute members Helga Elie, Roelle Niemeyer, Maida Ritchie, Mary Pomeroy, Freda Lisk, Margaret Platt, Muriel Reynolds, Isabel Hagerman, Marie Dermott, Ruth Mayberry and Marjorie Drury along with Eve Waldestein, and Theo Elie driving the small Manor bus left the I G A at 11 a.m. on their way to Midhurst Educational Building on the North side. After several tours of the buildings we had lunch in the cafeteria with tour leader George Coulson and another lady. We were given a Book, Simcoe County "The Recent Past", a Huronia Guide Map and a Simcoe County Pen. Then we went across the Road to the Museum. We were also fortunate in seeing the beautiful quilts hanging up ready for the Show on the week-end. We returned to Beeton about 4 p.m. after an enjoyable and interesting day.

Program-Simcoe County Day and Public Relations.- Helga Elie - who planned the day.

September 14th, 1995, we set up our Beeton Fall Fair Display in the Arena under the heading "Thanksgiving".

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Beeton Women's Institute meeting was held October 10th, 1995, at the home of Margaret Platt with 10 members present.

Roll Call- Give an important date in Canadian History
Motto- You get out of life what you put into it.
Comment - Margaret Platt.

Program- Education- Helga Elie.
Tanya Platt and her friend were there also.
Current Events - Margaret Platt.

Hostesses - Margaret Platt and Maida Ritchie.
It was decided that we go to the Simcoe Manor for our next meetings in the Seniors Room.

October 11th, 1995, Margaret Platt, Roelle Niemeyer, Mary Pomeroy and Marjorie Drury attended the Women's Institute Area Convention meeting at Cockstown Lion's Hall. There was a good crowd, 170 for lunch.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Beeton Women's Institute meeting was held in the Senior's Room at Simcoe Manor December 12th, 1995, with 11 members present.

Roll Call- A Christmas Custom.
Motto- A reading, "The making of an old fashioned Christmas Pudding," by Marjorie Drury.

Current Events - Marjorie Drury.
Program- Variety Entertainment.- Roelle Niemeyer.
25 Children from the Beeton Central School with teacher Linda Usher and two other Ladies sang several pieces and then all sang "Silent Night". Helga Elie and Roelle Niemeyer served then cookies, chocolate and drinks which they all enjoyed. The Institute members presented them with a cheque for \$15.00 for music, before going back to school. The members then sat down to a decorated table with candles and a delicious lunch prepared by Helga and Roelle was enjoyed by all.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Beeton Women's Institute meeting was held November 14th, 1995, in the Senior's room at Simcoe Manor, with 9 members and Irene Harburt present, and guests Mr. and Mrs. Fred St. Peters of Beeton.

Roll Call- Wear a Poppy and Place on Cross.
Motto- What does Liberation mean to you?
Comment- Roelle Niemeyer.

Program- Armistice Day. Isabel Hagerman.
Mr. St. Peters spoke on the 1939-1945 war years and their trip after 50 years to Holland.

Current Events- Roelle Niemeyer.
Hostesses- Mary Pomeroy and
The date set for our Christmas Party was December 10th, 1995, at Nottawasaga Inn for brunch at 12:30 p.m.
All the members donated \$2.00 to go to the Christmas Food Bank.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Beeton Women's Institute meeting was held in the Senior's Room at Simcoe Manor January 16, 1996 with 8 members present.

Roll Call---An old superstition.
Motto---Bring something old to talk about.
Program--- Tweedsmuir History. Marjorie Drury.
She read an interesting story on "Home".
Current events -----
Hostesses--- Freda Lisk and Marie Dermott.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Women's Institute meeting was held Feb. 13, 1996 in the Senior's Room at Simcoe Manor with 9 members.

Roll Call---Bring a consumer affairs item and tell how you like it.
Motto--- Don't find fault, find a remedy.
Comment--- Mary Pomeroy.
Program--- Family and Consumer Affairs. Roellie Niemeyer.
Hostesses---Marjorie Drury and Maida Ritchie.

Marjorie had the Tweedsmuir History Book on display.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Women's Institute meeting was held March 12, 1996 in the Senior's Room at Simcoe Manor with a Pot Luck Luncheon at 12 o'clock with 10 members present.

Roll Call-- A Historical Place you have visited.
Motto-- World Affairs is our affairs.
Comment-- Marjorie Drury.
Program--Citizenship and Legislation . --Margaret Platt. She spoke on Citizenship which was interesting.
Current Events--Mary Pomeroy.
Hostesses---All the members for the Pot luck Luncheon.

BEETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Beeton Women's Institute meeting was held in the Senior's Room at Simcoe Manor April 9th. 1996 with 6 members present.

Roll Call-- Pay Dues and hand in reports.
Motto-- Are we overfed or under nourished?
Comment -Margaret Platt.
Program-- Health and Safety. Margaret Platt.
Current Events--- Maida Ritchie and read by Marjorie Drury.
Due to a small membership at the meeting Roellie Niemeyer, President, brought up the subject of our institute disbanding and she had made some inquiries about what we should do.
Hostesses-- Mary Pomeroy and Marjorie Drury.

Beeton Women's Institute.

May 14th. 1996, the following members of the Beeton Women's Institute. Roellie Niemeyer, President, Margaret Platt, secretary-treasurer, Muriel Reynolds, Maida Ritchie, Velma McClain, Isabel Bakeman, Marie Dermott, Mary Pomeroy and Marjorie Drury. (Freda Lisk absent) met in the Senior's Room at Simcoe Manor at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Donna Jebb and Mrs. Anne Sorenson, President and Secretary of Simcoe South District attended to discuss our disbanding. The Beeton Tweedsmuir History Books, the Minute Books and the Current Events Books are to be given to the District Women's Institute. No doubt some of us members are going to miss the W.I. meetings and the good times we had together. A lovely lunch was enjoyed by all.