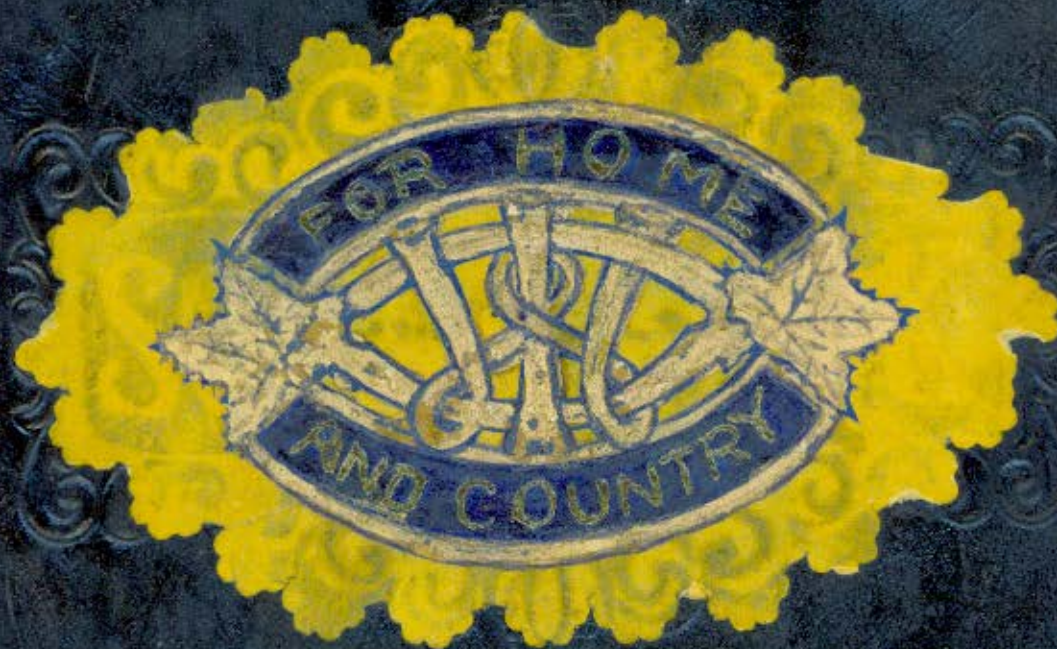


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Founder of Women's Institutes. 1897.



Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless.

The first Woman's Institute was founded at Stoney Creek, Ont. by a Canadian woman, Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless and so started a movement that has spread almost all around the world. There are now Women's Institutes in every province in Canada, in Great Britain, Belgium, France, New Zealand South Africa and India, and no doubt the institute idea has prompted the formation of some other groups that go to make up the world's organized country women.

It must have taken the courage of a pioneer, fifty years ago to launch an educational movement for women, who were right in the thick of their heaviest family responsibilities; most of them farm women with all that this implies in the way of limited leisure time. It took a pioneer vision to lay plans so sound that the objectives are still adaptable to changing conditions; the program still attracting women after half a century.

In Ontario, back in the late 1800's the farmers had what they called Farmer's Institutes. They also had an



Experimental Union, very busy just then with a campaign for the health of farm animals, and when the Experimental Union was planning its annual meeting at Guelph in 1896, some one had the bright idea of bringing in a woman speaker, a Mrs. John Hoodless of Hamilton, who was creating quite a stir in that city by agitating for the teaching of "domestic science" in the public schools. It is impossible to say whether the Union was particularly interested in Mrs. Hoodless' message, or whether they wanted a special attraction for their program, for however queer her views might be, this crusader already had a reputation as an entertaining speaker. At this meeting Mrs. Hoodless heard the men discussing the health of farm animals. When her turn came she argued that the health of their families was more important than the health of their cattle. — an approach that is still used by home economists doing rural extension work.

At the Guelph meeting, a public-spirited young farmer, Erland Lee, of Stony Creek, was particularly moved by what Mrs. Hoodless said, and he asked if she would speak at a meeting of his Farmer's Institute, when he would have the women out to hear her. At that meeting Mrs. Hoodless suggested that the women have an organization of their own to study homemaking, just as the Farmer's Institute studied farming. She offered to meet with them to talk this over, and a meeting was arranged for the next Friday night. Thirty-five women promised to attend. When the night came, one hundred and one women and one man — Erland Lee — crowded into Squire's Hall in the village of Stony Creek, and there on Feb. 19-1897 the first Women's Institute was organized.

Why did this organization of farm women, banded together for the simple purpose of better homemaking, grow into something so far-reaching and so significant? A good part of the answer is in the manner of woman who was its founder, Adelaide Hoodless, — Adelaide Hunter before her marriage — was born on a farm near St. George, in Brant county, Ontario, one of thirteen children. Her brothers were University men and Adelaide grew up in a home of culture and uncompromising Presbyterian ethics; grew up, too, with all the social graces that come of natural charm and a gentle background. Perhaps her experience as one of a large family gave her the emotional hardihood and perseverance she needed to carry through some of her schemes, in spite of criticism and opposition. No doubt her own youth on a farm gave her the understanding of the needs of farm woman.



But there was no experience to prepare her for a trouble that struck in the early years of her married life. Her first baby died when he was eighteen months old, and she felt that if she had known more about how to take care of a baby she might have saved him. Also it was discovered, too late, that the milk delivered to her house was not safe for babies, and she felt she should have known about that too. Out of her grief came the resolve to try to save other women from suffering like her own. So she headed a campaign for clean milk in her city and she began her crusade for home economics education for girls, — "domestic science" they called it then. And for women, whose school-days were over, she started the Women's Institutes, one of our first Canadian ventures in adult education. In laying plans for the women's institute, it is to be noted that Mrs. Hoodless, over fifty years ago, followed adult education principles that are approved by the experts of today. Her subject "the home and the family" was of vital and almost universal concern to women. Study was combined with sociability — the women held their meetings in one another's homes, and there was always a tea party afterwards. As far as possible everyone had a part in the program and because they prepared their own papers and gave their own demonstrations they "learned to do by doing". They were organized for action as well as study. — they not only had talks on recreation and good books, they provided community skating rinks and libraries.

Modern adult education tries to break down social barriers and cultivate tolerance. it was understood from the beginning that the women's institutes would favor no race, creed, class or political party.

And how timeless the original homemaking objectives were; how adaptable to progress. "A better understanding of the economic and hygienic value of foods" as it was written in the constitution, now covers the most up to date knowledge of nutrition, but of food prices and distribution. "The scientific care of children" takes in not only the pediatrician's rules for feeding but also the whole field of child psychology. It is not surprising that, after a year or two, there was added to the study of homemaking in the institute program. "the carrying on of any line of work for the uplifting of the home or the betterment of conditions surrounding community life"; for we notice in copies of Mrs. Hoodless' addresses that she almost invariably linked together a woman's responsibilities as a homemaker and as a **CITIZEN**. So it is entirely in keeping with her plans that the institutes now have standing committees on such things as "Social Welfare and Citizenship", running from a woman's part in the local school section, right up to international affairs. And if Adelaide Hoodless could know that the Ontario Institutes have asked the Government — 1950 — for a course in **CULTURE**, I think she might say, "That's the sort of thing I had in mind for the "uplifting of the home?"



In her own homemaking, Mrs. Hoodless must have been closely in line with home economics' present trend toward simplicity and an appreciation of the intangibles. A daughter says: "As a homemaker she was an inspiration. Our old home was open house and she the gracious centre around which everything revolved. Mother had travelled widely and there were always interesting people coming and going. She had a stimulating and lovable personality that drew young and old alike. Yet she seemed to have time for everything. She used to say: "Women must learn not to waste valuable time on non-essentials," and I think much of her success was due to her wise choice of essentials and her concentration on them."

In the early days of MacDonald Institute there was some little controversy over Mrs. Hoodless' determination to have "Ethics in the home" included in the course of study. She argued that more attention should be given to the spirit of homemaking. And her family remember that once after she had addressed the students of a college in the States, the President said: "I would give a very liberal salary to any woman who would bring into my college the spirit which you have introduced into the education of women in regard to homemaking." Perhaps in her work in her own country this "spirit" was her greatest contribution of all.

As an educationist Mrs. Hoodless was years ahead of her time. Fifty-five years ago, (1895) in an article on "New Methods of Education" she wrote: "The traditional idea of emphasizing the classics as a basis of all culture is a difficult one to combat. At the present day there is conflict between the idea of personal freedom and the organization of the social life. One writer says: "The ultimate development of personal freedom leads to anarchy, and the final development of organization to Socialism. What must be done is to develop to the fullest extent the two great social forces, education and organization, so as to secure for each individual, the highest degree of advancement." Without doubt, Adelaide Hoodless had the far-sighted vision of the pioneer. She had also the pioneer's hardships. Speaking at a celebration of MacDonald Institute's twenty-fifth anniversary her son mentioned this in a very moving tribute to his mother. He said: "After a bitter fight Mother succeeded in having domestic science introduced in the Hamilton schools. Today one can hardly conceive that the attacks made upon her could have occurred. She was derided in the press and from the platform as one of those despised "NEW WOMEN". "Let her stay home and take care of her family" was one of the pieces



of advice most often handed out. As to staying at home and taking care of her family — Well! no mother was ever more devoted nor any home better managed, . . . . She was a great mother and her wonderfully developed maternal instinct was large enough to include all classes and creeds!

Reviewing the life of this great educationist, one is amazed at the tremendous amount of straight hard work she did. One report tells of over sixty addresses given in two years. This was when the Minister of Education asked her to help in educating public opinion so as to warrant the government passing legislation permitting, and giving grants for, the teaching of domestic science in public schools.

There was also the business of raising funds. When the city of Hamilton refused to open a training school for domestic science teachers, Mrs. Hoodless interested Lord Strathcona in the project and with a donation from him she opened the "School of Domestic Science and Art" (Art meant sewing) in connection with the Hamilton Y.W.C.A. of which she was President. She knew, of course that such a school could not be run permanently on private funds and the need of graduates was steadily growing. More and more public schools wanted teachers and the Women's Institutes were asking for domestic science lecturers to come out and help them.

With a special concern for the needs of farm women and for the education of farmers' daughters, Mrs. Hoodless felt that the place for the training school was at the Ontario Agricultural College. Her plan was to move her College of Domestic Science and Art to Guelph and make it the nucleus of the new School. She talked this over with Dr. Mills then president of the Agricultural College and roused his enthusiasm. She conferred with the Ministers of Agriculture and Education and was assured of funds to maintain the school, if a building could be provided. She then approached Sir William MacDonal, the "Tobacco King" of Montreal, with her appeal for funds to build MacDonal Institute. One of her daughters reports this interesting recollection: "I remember very well having lunch with Mother and Sir William, and when Sir William remarked, "But I cannot give to Ontario unless I do something for Quebec." My Mother replied, "Well, why not do the same for Quebec? They need it as much as Ontario." A few years later Sir William endowed a Home Economics School at MacDonal College, Quebec.

It seems unbelievable that Mrs. Hoodless could have had the broad experience, could have accomplished all she did, in her comparatively brief public life. She was the first President of



the Y.W.C.A. when it was organized in Hamilton in 1889, and while she was President at Hamilton she organized and became ~~and~~ an officer of the Dominion Y.W.C.A. She was one of the group of women who formed the National Council of Women on which she served as Treasurer and Convener of Home Economics for ten years. She was at the National Council meeting in 1897 when Lady Aberdeen suggested organizing the Victorian Order of Nurses to commemorate the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. She got the teaching of domestic science started in public schools, founded the Women's Institute and saw a permanent school of Home Economics established at Mac Donald Institute.

Still there was something else needed — a course at some university to give more advanced training in household science. The Government was not willing to commit itself to capital expenditure, so, as usual, Mrs. Hoodless set out to find the capital. It was while she was pleading with the women of Toronto, at a special meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 1910, that Mrs. Hoodless dropped dead on the platform. She was only fifty-two years old.

The Hoodless family attended the "CHURCH of the ASCENSION in Hamilton.



"FOREWORD"

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

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

—Written by Lady Tweedsmuir.





THE LATE LORD TWEEDSMUIR.

The secretary of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario has sent a letter to the Lady Tweedsmuir expressing our appreciation of her enthusiasm for our ideals and of the active interest which she took in our work. We pledged ourselves to carry on "our educational work and all other activities for the welfare of the countryside", as she has requested, and to strengthen the links which bind the Canadian and British Women's Institutes together. The presence of The Lady Tweedsmuir in England as a life member of the Ontario Women's Institutes will be one of the strongest of these links.

The memory of The Lady Tweedsmuir's residence here will ever be a pleasant and inspiring one. We will recall with gratitude her addresses with their wise counsel, the very pleasant hours which some of us were privileged to spend at Government House, and the friendly chats which we enjoyed there and elsewhere.

## THE LADY TWEEDSMUIR BIDS FAREWELL

Every Women's Institute member in Canada must have been proud to hear The Lady Tweedsmuir's farewell message to the Canadian people. While resident in Canada, she honoured us by accepting a life membership in the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and by acting as our Honorary President. In her farewell address she gave us this message of inspiration:

"To my friends and fellow members of the Women's Institutes, I would like to say how much I hope they will press on with their work in education and in all other lines. I have so much enjoyed my association with them here, and, though I have not been able to answer their many kind letters sent to me in the last month, I would like to say how grateful I am to receive them. I hope that the Canadian and British Women's Institutes will always be linked together in the warmest friendship and closest association, and that we shall continue to work as ardently in the future for the welfare of the countryside as we have done in the past."



(Photo by Karsh, Ottawa).

THE LADY TWEEDSMUIR.

With these memories of the Lady Tweedsmuir we shall treasure, too, those of the late Lord Tweedsmuir. His understanding and sympathetic interest in the Women's Institutes was ever apparent. To The Lady Tweedsmuir and her family we offer our deep sympathy in their bereavement. Canadian people have lost not only a wise Governor-General but a man who won the true friendship of all.

It was a privilege for the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario to contribute to the gift of furs from the Canadian women to The Lady Tweedsmuir on her departure from Canada.

Let us resolve to keep alive the inspiration which has been given us by ever seeking to advance the work of those Institutes to which we belong.



Lady Tweedsmuir was a successful writer in her own right, having many short stories, essays, sketches and plays to her credit.

The late Lord Tweedsmuir was Governor General of Canada 1935-1939.

He was a successful author under his family name of "John Buchan" - a writer of many mystery novels, among which were: "Huntingtower," "The Island of Sheep," "Memory hold the door," "The thirty-nine steps" and many others; also numerous poems.

More general planning of farm activities in these critical days is imperative relative to the planning. I am confident that thoughtful and businesslike inquiries into the possibilities will be the result of our efforts. May I suggest that you help them to plan wisely and wisely work them out. May I also suggest that you support reading and the building up of libraries, through private agencies, but for high quality products.

For the benefits you have given to farm home improvement and rural beautification, I am deeply grateful. Will you kindly continue your efforts to arouse interest toward a more beautiful countryside? And then, too, we hope you have gained a mastery of our farms and resources far too great in this young country. Will you be your share to create a sentiment against those people that will not to share their percent who expect to destroy them? Rural beautification and weed eradication are two very worthy objectives.

Dedicate Ladies, for what you are accomplishing on behalf of our rural folk. I am truly grateful. More power to you to the love that lie ahead, and as you go about your tasks, may the love of the new opportunities be with you!

WILL YOU HELP?

Mr. Angus Stewart, Inspector of Libraries, said "Education is schooling plus experience in living plus intelligent reading." Libraries must be made important not only by supplying material to adults, but also by teaching children to enjoy reading. The qualifications for a good librarian are an adult mind, an extensive well backgrounded grasp of the technical aspect, an individual who like persons, is tactful and helpful. He emphasized the advantages of the County Library System, very evident in several counties.

Miss M. A. Clark gave a report of adult education carried on by the Women's Institutes pointing out that while our work cannot be neglected, some one must be entrusted as normally as possible. In conclusion, it was said that the Women's Institutes of Ontario had begun and had on

Four bright-eyed little boys, each 8, 7, 6 and 5 years of age, speaking English with an accent, arrived in Toronto recently with their parents. These pretty children are fortunate. In many cases, persecution and fight have meant the separation of members of a family. Hundreds, indeed thousands, of children were sent out of Germany alone and un-cared for. What would have been the feelings of a mother who deliberately gave her child away without knowing to whom it went. The life of a child-life is a community where democratic principles cannot be maintained - passed to them, the creature with. They get their sense of the humanitarianism and liberality of stranger and showed their children of it with. Can we evade that responsibility? England did not. She accepted 240,000 of them. German Austria and

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LADY TWEEDSMUIR



JUNE, 1926

### The Origin and Naming of the ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

After World War one, The late John Fletcher McLean, set up a garage business in Holstein, where he met and married Miss Reta Rodgers, daughter of the late Mrs. Wm. Rodgers, who was twice a District President of the then called "South Grey District Women's Institute."

Fletcher as he was known by friends and neighbors had served during the war in the Army, sold his business and being an only son, returned to the farm home to live with his parents on the farm now owned by Bert Chapman. Reta finding country life in need of more fellowship and having a keen interest in "Women's Institute" through her devoted Mother, got together with the late Mrs. David Lamb who by the way was born in "Aberdeen" Scotland, and was also a woman of keen interest in rural community life, decided to have a meeting in "Aberdeen School" for the purpose of explaining the purpose of an "Institute" and the possibility of establishing one. They decided to write notes and placed them in each mail box in the section with the date and hour of meeting, at that time delivered them by horse and buggy.

The meeting was a huge success almost every home was represented and all seemed interested after Reta's explanation of the "First Institute at Stoney Creek", and the rapid growth since, so a date was taken in favor which was unanimous.

So the next step was to find a name which was quite readily "Aberdeen Women's Institute", Mrs. Lamb's birthplace, made this an easy choice.

A slate of officers and preparation for the first meeting, the late Mrs. Jas. Haslett offered her home for the second week in June 1926, what a delightful meeting that was.

The late Mrs. Sm. Rodgers who was at the time District President and her daughter from Holstein, very ably conducted the first meeting, which was so well attended, some were there from South of Hutton Hill and Mulock, so at first we were a far flung branch Later Sunnyview was organized and some of our members went with the branch nearer.

One of the first projects of great importance was the establishing, furnishing and maintaining of a room in the New Wing of Durham Memorial Hospital which was called the Aberdeen Room which was maintained while the hospital existed, having many homey touches, the room was much in demand.

Of the Charter Members, only a very few remain on the roll.

Much more could be said of Aberdeen's Women's Institute.

Mary Davey (Chartered Member)



Original Membership List - 1926 ABERDEEN W.I.

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| Mrs. J. F. MacLean        | Durham, Ontario  | R.R. #2 |
| Mrs. Hugh MacLean         | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Mrs. Dan MacLean          | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Miss Margaret MacLean     | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Miss Mary McCracken       | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Miss Margaret Fletcher    | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Miss Charlotte Fletcher   | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Mrs. Wm. Noble            | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Mrs. Jas. Heslett         | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Mrs. Duncan MacQuarrie    | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Mrs. David Lamb           | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Mrs. Donald Stewart       | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Mrs. Herb. Hopkins        | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Mrs. J. S. Davey          | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Mrs. Fred Cuff            | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Miss Isabel McCormick     | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Miss Sara McCormick       | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Miss Anne C. Smith        | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Mrs. Jas. Ewen            | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Mrs. John Caswell         | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Mrs. John Grierson        | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Mrs. Hugh MacDonald       | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Miss Catherine D. MacLean | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Miss Mary E. Lamb         | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Miss Stella Lynn          | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Miss Ruby Heslett         | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Miss Ellen Edge           | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Miss Hazel Chapman        | " "              | R.R. #2 |
| Mrs. Neil McCallum        | Elmwood, Ontario | R.R. #4 |
| Mrs. Thos. Hopkins        | " "              | R.R. #4 |
| Mrs. Philip MacDonald     | " "              | R.R. #4 |
| Mrs. Gorman Johnston      | Hanover, Ontario | R.R. #3 |

Presidents have been:

Mrs. J. F. MacLean  
 Miss Charlotte Fletcher  
 Mrs. Wm. Noble  
 Mrs. J. S. Davey  
 Mrs. Thos. Lawrence  
 Mrs. Geo. Twamley  
 Mrs. Fred Cuff  
 Mrs. J. A. McLachlan

Secretaries

Miss Charlotte Fletcher  
 Mrs. Fred Cuff  
 Miss Anne C. Smith  
 Miss Cicely Hopkins  
 Mrs. Herb Hopkins  
 Mrs. J. A. McLachlan

Treasurers

Mrs. Donald Stewart  
 Mrs. J. F. MacLean  
 Mrs. David Lamb  
 Miss Jennie MacDonald  
 Miss Sara McCormick  
 Mrs. Howard Lawrence  
 Mrs. J. S. Davey

Sec'y Treasurers

Mrs. J. A. McLachlan  
 Mrs. Gordon Barfoot

Past District President

4th District Vice-President

Federated Representative

Mrs. J. S. Davey

Mrs. Herb. Hopkins

Mrs. J. S. Davey



" ABERDEEN Women's Institute "

(1) The ABERDEEN Branch of the South Grey District Women's Institute was organised on June 22nd, 1926 by the District President Mrs. W. H. Rogers of Holstein, at the home of Mrs. Jas. Heslett with thirty three ladies present. The officers appointed for the first year were as follows

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|---------------------|--|
| President           | - Mrs. J. F. MacLean   |
| 1st Vice Pres.      | - Miss Margaret Fletcher   |
| 2nd Vice Pres.      | - Miss Mary McCracken  |
| Secretary           | - Miss Charlotte Fletcher  |
| Treasurer           | - Mrs. Donald Stewart  |
| Directors           | - Mrs. Dan MacLean<br>Mrs. Herb. Hopkins<br>Mrs. J. S. Davey                       |
| District Director   | - Mrs. J. F. MacLean   |
| Auditors            | - Mrs. John Grierson and Mrs. Fred Cuff  |
| Press Correspondent | - Mrs. Fred Cuff   |
| Financial Committee | - Mrs. Jas Ewen<br>Miss Margaret MacLean<br>Miss Sara McCormick<br>Miss Ellen Edge |
| Program Committee   | - Mrs. MacQuarrie<br>Mrs. J. F. MacLean<br>Mrs. Jas. Heslett<br>Miss Hazel Chapman |
| Visiting Committee  | - Mrs. MacQuarrie and Miss C. Fletcher   |

Meetings to be held third Friday in every month at 2 p.m. Later this was changed to the third Thursday. There were thirty two members on the roll, three of whom have been presented with Life Membership Certificates and pins, namely Mrs. MacQuarrie, Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Donald Stewart. In all there are nine charter members still on the roll.

(A) Agriculture and Canadian Industries

A few of the many fine papers given were:

- (1) Birds and their value in agriculture.
- (2) Use of 2 4 D.
- (3) Soil less culture has its uses.
- (4) Mint farming as a profitable industry.

Roll calls were sometimes answered by an exchange of seeds and bulbs.

Plants and bulbs were donated to beautify the school ground.

A donation was sent to the "Seeds for Britain" fund.

A paper was given on " A Trip Through The Salt Works " - One of the "Developments in The Glass Industry" with exhibits showing a portion of a skein of glass spun on a spinning wheel, and samples of old time and modern glass blower's art.

(B) Citizenship and Education

Among the papers given throughout the years were

- (1) Municipal Affairs by the Reeve of the Township.



- (2) Communism.
- (3) Loyalty.
- (4) Our Flag.
- (5) Canada and her resources from coast to coast.
- (6) Legislation.
- (7) League of Nations.
- (8) Christmas Customs in Newfoundland.
- (9) Work of the Children's Aid Society.
- (10) Travel Talk on the Holy Land.
- (11) Travel Talks on trips to B.C.
- (12) World wide travels and experiences in the jungle.
- (13) Talk on Customs and Costumes of China with exhibits of Chinese dress and handcraft.
- (14) Religion in the Orient.
- (15) Religious training of children.
- (16) The relation of the Women's Institute to the Public School.
- (17) Woman and the changing world.
- (18) Citizenship.
- (19) Canadianization.

The Travelling Library was enjoyed for a time.

Debates and spelling matches at social evenings.

An organ was bought for the school, also gasoline lantern, and other necessary equipment such as dishes, cutlery, boiler and enamelware, dishpan, teapots etc. First - Aid Kits were placed in 3 schools.

Silver dollars were given to all school pupils passing their Entrance examinations.

Copies of the following books were purchased -

"History of Grey County"

"Fifty Years of Achievement"

A copy of "Hurlbut's Story of the Bible" was placed in the school.

A letter was sent to our town council and to the Hon. Walter Harris, Minister of Citizenship, requesting the installation of rest rooms accomodation in the local Post Office Building. No results to date.



(C) Community Activities and Public Relations.

A Farm Forum with accompanying social evenings and picnics, has been an enjoyable and profitable addition to community life. Also fowl suppers, euchre and crokinole parties, with National Film Board slides.

A few of the ways of raising money were " Box Socials ", " Plays ", " Baking Sales ", " Autograph Quilts ", and a very successful garden party at the home of the President.

Donations of baking, salads etc. were contributed toward the supper at a local barn raising, also assistance and baking contributed in the home of a member who had passed away.

Welcome home parties were given to all returning soldiers and a war bride from Ireland. Showers to all newly weds and gifts to Women's Institute Brides.

Shut - ins were remembered at Christmas, flowers and sympathy cards in case of bereavement, cheer-up and get well cards and boxes of treats in case of illness.

Donations included: -

- (1) Quilts and layettes and fruits to hospitals.
- (2) Quilts and fruits to children's Aid Society.
- (3) Two bales of clothing to Regina Red Cross for drought victims.
- (4) Three woollen blankets to Russian refugees.
- (5) A case of jam and a case of canned goods to Britain.

In 1929 a room was established in our local hospital to be known at the "Aberdeen Women's Institute Room." The initial value of equipment amounted to two hundred dollars (\$200.00). From time to time additions have been made such as blankets, overbed table, bedside metal stool, dresser clock, and the room has been redecorated.

Donations of money included the following: -

- \$15.00 to Care of Armenian boy.
- \$15.00 to Children's Shelter.
- \$15.00 to Telegram Fund.
- \$10.00 to Northern Ontario Fire Victims.
- \$10.00 to Manitoba Flood Relief.
- \$10.00 to Sick Children's Hospital.
- \$10.00 towards Renovations in School.
- \$ 5.00 to Tobermory Doctor.
- \$ 5.00 to Mobile Kitchen.
- \$ 5.00 to Society for Crippled Children.
- \$ 5.00 to X-Ray Fund in Local Hospital.
- \$ 3.00 to Projector Fund for "Grey Home" (Home for the aged.)
- \$ 2.00 to Milk for Britain Fund.
- \$14.00 to Adelaide Hoodless Scholarship Fund.
- \$ 1.00 to Station C.F.O.S. towards Women's Institute Broadcasts.

(D) Historical Research and Current Events.

Current events are given at all meetings. Material is being collected for Tweedsmuir



History Book. Many fine papers have been given on various items of historical interest.

Grandmothers meetings have been featured when the grandmothers were dressed in old time costumes. Contests, poems and papers appropriate to the occasion were given and old time favorite songs, often by the grandmothers - were enjoyed.

(E) Home Economics and Health

Departmental services were enjoyed, such as -  
"Fruits for food and flavor."

"Salads the year round."

"Meat cookery."

"Personality and Dress."

"Care of Clothing."

"Communicable Diseases."

"Quilts and Quilting."

"Frozen Foods."

Some of the papers were: -

"Child Welfare."

"Temperance."

"Health from a Dental Standpoint."

"Helps for Emergencies."

"Preventing Tuberculosis."

"Remedies that must not be mixed."

"The part Dogs play in Medicine." (Experimentation)

"The story of The Forgotten Father of The Red Cross - Jean Henri Dunant, Switzerland."  
"Cancer."

A most enjoyable afternoon was spent when four neighboring branches joined with the Aberdeen branch to hear Miss Helen Gardiner's Talk on "Health Before and After 40."  
A 25¢ tea was served. Attendance 84.

Demonstrations included: -

"Physical Culture Exercises for Health."

"Packing a Picnic Lunch."

"Flower Making."

"Tatting."

"Spinning Yarn."

"Tied and Dyed Work."



"Winding Yarn on an Old Fashioned Reel."

"Soapbark Renovation of Clothing."

"Lemons and Oranges as Varnishes of Foods."

Many helpful hints were also given.

We formed a group in 1947 and applied for membership in the Grey Co-Operative Medical Services. (Hospitalization)

(F) Resolutions.

- (1) One with regard to transferring our Area Convention from Toronto to Guelph.
- (2) One regarding the closing of ladies beverage rooms.
- (3) Several branch members signatures were also included in the petition circulated at the District Annual in Elmwood - June 14th 1950 to accompany the resolution opposing the granting of licences to sell beer in Glenelg Township - which was prepared that day.

A great deal of war work was accomplished during the war years.

Unfortunately no accurate record is available, but Knitting included Sweaters, socks, gloves, and sailor's double mitts. Sewing included Quilts, Coats, Coats and shirts, (suits) dresses, etc. etc.

Miss Anne C. Smith - Historical Research Convenor.



BUS TRIP MAY 27, 1972

On May 27, 1972 Aberdeen W.I. sponsored a bus trip to New Hamburg to the Mennonite Auction where over 200 quilts as well as bazaar articles, mats and old furniture and machinery were being auctioned for world relief by the Mennonite people.

Mr. Wilmer Vollett drove the bus. We left the Town Hall in Durham at 8:00 A.M. and going by Harriston, Palmerston, Listowel and on to Stratford, viewed from the bus the beautiful Avon River and Shakespearean Theatre Building. After a twenty minute stop we journeyed on to New Hamburg arriving at 10:30. We left New Hamburg at 1:00 o'clock and journeyed to Kitchener to the Fairview Plaza where we spent 3 hours shopping. At 5 o'clock we boarded the bus for the trip home by Conastoga, Alma and No. 6 Highway, arriving in Durham at 6:45 ending 46 years as a Women's Institute having had a wonderful trip but sorry that we would not be an organization anymore.

Those taking the trip were 8 members, two members not being able to go.

Mrs. Garry Mighton  
Mrs. Chas. Robson  
Mrs. Howard Grierson  
Mrs. Florence Hunt  
Mrs. Gordon Krauter  
Mrs. H. Berdel  
Mrs. Sharon Johnston  
Mrs. George Ashley

Members absent

Mrs. George Twamley  
Mrs. Walter Bray



*Bus Trip Guests.*

Jennett Patterson  
Mrs. Vern Brown  
Mrs. Mel McDermid  
Mrs. Geo. Miller  
Mrs. Carman Wilson  
Mrs. Jim Storry  
Mrs. Cam. Robson  
Mr. A. Rier  
Mrs. Don Bailey  
Mrs. Lloyd Krauter  
Mrs. Robt Ellison  
Miss Ethel Irland  
Mrs. Wm. Eccles  
Mrs. Chas. Schaefer  
Mrs. Ab. Wilton  
Mrs. Joe. Campbell  
Mrs. G. Baird  
Miss Kathleen Baird  
Mrs. Irvin Sharp  
Mrs. Bert Dickson  
Mrs Roy Eccles  
Judy Grierson  
Mrs. Robert Mighton (Allan Park)  
Mrs. Hank Koeslag  
Mrs. Tom Hopkins  
Mrs. Harry Styles (Walkerton)  
Marie Schuknecht (Elmwood)  
Mrs. Alvin Noble  
Donna Ahrens (Elmwood)  
Mrs. Gordon Barfoot  
Mrs. Rubin Noble  
Mrs. Percy Ledingham  
Mrs. E. Maxwell



## Aberdeen

### ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

A cordial welcome was given the Aberdeen Women's Institute at the home of Mrs. J. McDonald, Durham, Thursday afternoon, March 13. Owing to the poor condition of the roads the attendance was not very large. The president opened the meeting with the ode, Miss J. McDonald read the scripture lesson from Psalm 82, and the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison. The roll call was answered by an Irish Joke, following this the minutes were read and adopted. The treasurer and Sunshine committee gave their reports. Mrs. W. Noble offered to take the scripture lesson for the April meeting. All joined in singing "My Wild Irish Rose" and "When You and I Were Young, Maggie". Miss J. McDonald read an interesting paper, "A family code of manners", and conducted a contest. Mrs. Lamb gave a brief sketch of St. Patrick. The National Anthem was sung, closing a very enjoyable meeting. Mrs. McDonald assisted by Miss J. McDonald, served a delicious lunch. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. James Haslett on Thursday, April 16.

Mrs. James Ewen received a real nice letter from Mrs. R. W. Roseborough (Ella Edge), of Meota, Sask., thanking the ladies of the Institute for their kindness to her mother, Mrs. Elijah Edge, also mentioning how welcome the Durham Chronicle is, with all the local news, especially the report of the Aberdeen Women's Institute of which she was a member before leaving for the west nine years ago.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Wm. Hopkins quite ill at present and hope with the coming of spring her strength will be regained. Miss Lenore Reay, R. N., is in attendance.

### SKINER.

Ten members of the Aberdeen W. I. braved the storm on February 27th and attended the meeting at the home of the Misses McCormick, where they received a warm welcome and after a friendly chat around the fireside before the meeting. The president in opening the paid deep tribute to a friend and neighbor, the late Mrs. Putherbough. Mrs. Lamb read the Scripture lesson from Psalm 81. All stood with bowed heads in two minutes of silent prayer in memory of the late King George V and also for King Edward VIII.

Being a meeting on "Historical Research" the roll call was answered by a brief history of one's home which was very interesting, taking the members back to the days of their forefathers and the early settling of the land.

Letters of appreciation were read from Mr. Putherbough and family, also Mrs. R. Hopkins. A brief history of the late King was well given by Miss C. Fletcher. Miss Isabel McQuarrie read an interesting paper "What do you know about Canada?" Mrs. McQuarrie conducted a potato contest. Mrs. D. McCormick received first prize which was a basket of potatoes. Mrs. Lamb received a pair of homemade candles. Mrs. McQuarrie demonstrated the making of candles which proved very interesting.

## ABERDEEN W. I. ARE INTERESTED IN REFORESTATION

### The Members Order Trees to Plant on Farm 1937 Properties

A large number of members and visitors attended the meeting of the Aberdeen Women's Institute on February 18th, at the home of Mrs. George Twamley and spent a pleasant afternoon. The president, Mrs. Davey, opened the meeting. Mrs. T. Lawrence read the 90th Psalm in memory of the late Mr. Neil McCormick. Mrs. Lamb gave "Current Events." A question drawer was taken and well responded to. Discussing reforestation each member requiring trees was requested to have them listed for the March meeting as all orders have to be in the nursery by April 1st. It was decided to have a concert in the school-house, a good play to be prepared by Miss C. McLean. A copper contest is in progress, with Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Wm. Noble as captains. The losing side will hold a crokinole social.

The branch was pleased to have present Mrs. Lorne McNally who gave a talk on "Feeding the Family," and also a humorous reading on the "High Cost of Living." A hearty vote of thanks was given Mrs. McNally for her worth while address. Mrs. Nelson Hunt conducted an interesting contest and then treated all to delicious candy. Mrs. H. Hopkins conducted a peanut guessing contest. Mrs. Hunt received a rose bowl as first prize, Mrs. Haslett a dozen gladioli bulbs for second prize and Mrs. R. Noble the jar of peanuts for third. Mrs. Twamley and her assistants served refreshments.

### ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Aberdeen Women's Institute held their November meeting at Mrs. J. S. Davey's home with 14 members and 2 visitors present. The president, Mrs. George Twamley opened the meeting with the Ode followed by the Lord's prayer in unison. Mrs. Ewen read part of psalm 119. The minutes were read and adopted; sunshine and treasurer's reports were given and plans were made for the packing of the Christmas boxes for the sick and shut-ins. A sing song was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Stewart favored the meeting with a humorous recitation, My Pa's a Preacher; Mrs. Barfoot gave a reading, Out of the Past; Mrs. Davey gave a reading, Thoughts by the Way; Miss Annie Smith gave several splendid readings. Mrs. Twamley had the special, Miss Smith being the winner. She received a lovely set of table mats. The meeting closed with the National Anthem. Grace was sung and Mrs. Davey and assistants served a dainty lunch.

### Woman's Club, Reading.

The January meeting of Aberdeen W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Klaas Veen, with the roll call being answered by "A New Year's Resolution". Mrs. Geo. Miller read the Scripture and Mrs. H. Berdel gave a hint on how to remove grass stains from clothing. Mrs. Geo. Ashley had a contest of towns which was won by Mrs. Geo. Miller. Mrs. Veen had a bean guessing contest won by Mrs. Allie Hopkins.

Mrs. Gordon Krauter had a paper on trapping for furs in Northern Quebec. Mrs. Veen and committee served a bounteous lunch.

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#### ABERDEEN WOMAN'S INSTITUTE

The February meeting of the Aberdeen branch of the Women's Institute was held Thursday afternoon, February 21, at the home of Mrs. D. Lamb. There were eighteen ladies present, and Mrs. Davey presided. The meeting opened with the ode, and Miss A. Smith read the Scripture lesson from the 74th Psalm. The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison, and the roll call was answered by a Scotch joke, this added much merriment to the meeting. Three new members were added to the roll. Miss S. McCormick, treasurer, gave her report. Letters of thanks were read from Mrs. A. Greenwood, Mrs. G. Twanley and Mr. McCallum. The Sunshine committee were pleased to report all were improving, also Mrs. Edge, who has been quite ill. Mrs. Stewart offered to take the Scripture for the March meeting. It was decided that we refill "The First Aid Kit" in the school. The quilt which was completed was donated to the Caswell triplets of Durham. The print quilt blocks were to be completed and handed in at the March meeting. The program consisted of a splendid paper by Mrs. Davey, "Works of Famous Men"; "Faith of Our Fathers," was sung; Miss Vera Reay rendered a beautiful organ solo, "The Old Oaken Bucket" and "Lech Lomond" was sung by everyone. Miss Milligan conducted a Valentine contest, which proved to be quite interesting. A flower demonstration was given, also a "Door Stop", both having as a foundation a "Can". Patterns were also exchanged. The National Anthem was sung, closing a very enjoyable meeting. Grace was sung and Mrs. Lamb and assistants served a dainty lunch, and a social half hour was spent. The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Jas. Haslett when four of our leading members will give a debate.

#### ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Aberdeen branch of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Reuben Noble on Thursday afternoon last with an attendance of thirteen members and sixteen visitors. The president, Mrs. Davey opened the meeting with the ode. Mrs. Ewen read the scripture from part of the 78th Psalm. The Lord's prayer was repeated in unison. The roll call was answered by "The preserving of small fruits." Several good methods were given. The Sunshine committee gave their report. The Treasurer's report was given and a letter of thanks was read from Mr. Reginald Adlam on behalf of the board of trustees of S.S. No. 11, Bentinck, for first aid supplies in school, also a letter of thanks from Mrs. Thomas Lawrence for remembrance when sick and a letter of appreciation from Mrs. W. Lawrence, Durham. All joined in singing "We'll never let the old flag fall," and "When you and I were young Maggie." The Layette for the Durham hospital was completed and handed in. This being our "Health" meeting, Mrs. Lorne McNally gave an interesting and informative talk on health. Her topic "How to Keep Well". Mrs. McNally then conducted a Health Contest which was very interesting. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mrs. McNally for her worthwhile address. Mrs. Milligan then conducted a contest, the winning group receiving a large bowl of candy. The candy proved a tasty treat to all present. The National Anthem closed a very helpful meeting. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess and assistants.

#### ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Aberdeen branch of the Women's Institute held their eighth annual meeting at the home of Mrs. H. Hopkins on Thursday, May 16, with an attendance of sixteen members and eight visitors. The president, Mrs. Davey conducted the meeting, and after the usual opening exercises gave a brief summary of the year's work. Miss McCormick, the treasurer, gave the financial report and showed a balance of \$18.63 on hand. Miss Fletcher was appointed as District Director and representative to the District Annual in Hanover. The roll call was answered by payment of fees. Twenty-five members signed up for another year. The officers are as follows: President, Mrs. J. S. Davey; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. J. Grierson; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. F. Cuff; Secretary, Mrs. H. Hopkins; Treasurer, Miss S. McCormick; Directors, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Wm. Noble, Mrs. Ewen, Mrs. G. Johnston; Sunshine Committee, Mrs. G. Johnston, Mrs. R. Noble, Miss S. McCormick; Auditors, Miss Jennie McDonald, Mrs. Nelson Hunt; Program Committee, Miss C. Fletcher, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. R. Hopkins, Miss J. McDonald, Mrs. Nelson Hunt, Miss C. Hopkins; Organist, Mrs. Wm. Noble.

Mrs. H. Hopkins conducted a contest "Pioneering with Grandmother", Mrs. Davey being the winner and had the pleasure of lighting eight candles on the birthday cake and while the candles burned all joined heartily in singing "God Bless Our Institute", followed by the National Anthem which closed another helpful meeting. After singing grace lunch was served by the hostess and assistants. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss C. Fletcher on Thursday, June 20.



### ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. Herbert Hopkins entertained the A.W.I. at her home on Friday, November 17. The weather was anything but ideal. There was an average attendance of members and visitors.

Mrs. Wm. Noble, the president, opened the meeting with the ode, and read the Scripture lesson, after which the Lord's prayer was repeated in unison. The roll call was answered by a recipe for a hot supper dish. Many delicious recipes were given. The correspondence was read, and business was discussed. It was decided not to send a delegate to the convention in Toronto this year.

Mrs. Archie Greenwood gave a beautiful oration entitled "Should we love Him?" This was much enjoyed. Mrs. C. H. Hopkins read an interesting paper, "Should a child be taught to believe in Santa Claus." Mrs. Roy Hopkins read a paper "A Family Home Problem," which was appreciated. Mrs. G. Twamley gave a report of her pleasant visit to the Allan Park branch. Mrs. Davey gave a very interesting report of her visit to the Dornoch branch.

A duet was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Davey. Mrs. D. Stewart recited "A Methodist Meeting," which everyone enjoyed. Miss A. C. Smith read a paper entitled "Women's Work." The silver collection was taken up. The National Anthem was sung, and following the close of the meeting Mrs. Hopkins and assistants served a dainty lunch and a pleasant half hour was spent.

### ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

1935  
The Aberdeen Branch of the Women's Institute were entertained at the home of Miss C. Fletcher on Thursday afternoon of last week. There were sixteen members and four visitors present. The president opened the meeting with the ode. Miss A. Smith read the scripture lesson, Psalm 77. The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison. The roll call was answered by helpful hints, many good suggestions being given. The treasurer and Sunshine Committee gave their reports. A letter of appreciation was read from the secretary of No. 10 school board, Hugh McCormick, for the supplies for the First Aid Kit in the school. Also a letter of appreciation from Miss M. McQuarrie and pupils of No. 6, Mulock school for First Aid supplies. In memory of a highly respected departed resident of this community, the late Mrs. John D. Clark, the president asked that we rise and sing "Shall We Gather at the River." It was decided at this meeting that we furnish a "Layette" for our local hospital. Miss C. McLean offered to take the scripture for the July meeting. Miss C. Fletcher then gave a splendid report of the district annual held in Hanover. Miss J. McDonald gave a demonstration on "Packing a picnic unch." When she finished we were all wishing we could go with Jennie for a picnic. The National Anthem closed another helpful meeting. Misses Fletcher and assistants served a dainty lunch and a social half hour was spent together. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss C. McLean on Thursday, July 18.

### ABERDEEN INSTITUTE

Presentation to Miss Mary Lamb is Feature of Meeting  
DURHAM, Sept. 21 — Aberdeen Women's Institute met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. Davey with Mrs. Donald Stewart presiding. Two very interesting papers were given by Mrs. John Grierson and Miss Lottie Fletcher. Miss Eva Chapman put on a contest that provided a pleasant period, the prize being won by Miss Fletcher's group. A pleasing feature was the presentation of a flowered pyrex set, made on behalf of the branch, by Miss Annie Smith, to Miss Mary Lamb. Miss Lamb replied, expressing her appreciation and thanks for their kindness. Community singing was enjoyed, and the National Anthem closed the meeting, after which the hostess served refreshments. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. John Grierson's.





## District Institute Held Annual Meeting Here

**Election of Officers and General Business Transacted, and Special Speakers Heard in Excellent Addresses.—  
Over One Hundred Delegates Present.**

The annual meeting of South Grey Women's Institute was held in the lecture room of Knox United church here Tuesday, with an attendance of one hundred delegates, all branches but one being represented. Mrs. P. Krauter of Louise and Crawford branch, presided. After the opening exercises Mrs. George Sharp extended a hearty welcome to the visiting delegates, to Mr. G. A. Putnam, Superintendent of Women's Institutes, and to Miss E. H. Besley, Shelburne, who were the guest speakers.

The president's address contained food for thought, and was given in her usual humorous and racy manner. She spoke of our work as homemakers, stressing three essentials—food, clothing and shelter. The former should be plain, and well cooked to be conducive to health. In the matter of clothing it did not need to be expensive to be pretty and not to hide ourselves at home because we could not have the latest styles, but wear what we have and be happy in the wearing of it. As to our homes, whether grand or otherwise, she warned against being fussy housekeepers and urged that every woman plant a tree or a flower to enhance the beauty of our surroundings, which would bring happiness to all concerned.

Reports of branches and executives and of chairman of standing committees were all interesting and showed good work done during the year.

Mr. Putnam was called upon for his address early in the day as he was due in Pinkerton in the afternoon for a second annual meeting. He spoke on nutrition, housing, clothing and health. That to be judiciously fed, well clothed and sanely housed made for efficiency. Continuing he spoke of finance, stating emphatically that the W. I. is not a money making organization, and we are in danger of killing it if we stress money too much today. Federation fees are reduced this year. Any woman can be a member and receive four copies of "Home and Country" during the year for twenty-five cents. He also reminded the delegates of the advantages of the course in nutrition, home-nursing, sewing, and a new one in dramatics. He finished his informative address by answering some of the questions submitted to him in writing.

Miss E. H. Besley, at present member of the Federated Board, continued the answering of questions and gave useful information along several lines. Although this was the first time she had attended a District Annual meeting outside of her own county (Dufferin), she has been District Secretary of said county for 20 years, and is well versed in Institute work.

Community singing and a duet entitled "Merry Birds of Spring," sung by Mrs. Stonehouse and Mrs. McGirr, comprised the musical part of the program.

An In Memoriam service for Mrs. F. Sutton, was conducted by Mrs. Rogers and Miss M. McGirr.

The officers elected for the year 1934-35, are as follows:

Hon. Presidents, Mrs. T. McGirr, Mrs. S. Patterson, Mrs. W. H. Rogers and Mrs. V. Dorum; President, Mrs. P. Krauter, Elmwood; Vice-Pres., Mrs. E. J. Thorne, Holstein; 2nd Vice-Pres., Miss C. Fletcher, Aberdeen; 3rd Vice-Pres., Mrs. G. Mackey, Campbell's Corner; 4th Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. E. Schnurr, Neustadt; Sec'y-Treas., Mrs. J. S. McIlraith, Durham; Representative to County Convention, Mrs. J. Ezra Holliday, Glen Eden; Representative to Provincial Convention, Mrs. John McMurdo, Dromore; Alternate, Mrs. W. Philp, Dromore.

The receipts of the district for 1933-34 were \$188.72, the expenditures \$156.70, leaving a balance on hand of \$32.02.

The Durham branch served lunch and supper to the visiting members and were given the usual donation and a hearty vote of thanks. The singing of the National Anthem closed another interesting meeting.

## Institute's Members Study Clothing Care

DURHAM, Oct. 4—The fall project for the Women's Institutes of this locality was held in the Presbyterian Church basement on Wednesday and was attended by 55 delegates from Durham, South Glenelg, Sunnyside, Victory and Zion Institutes.

Mrs. Edith Collins of the Women's Institute Branch at Toronto, in her colorful manner, conducted the demonstration on "Care of Clothing," showing the process of manufacture from virgin wool to the weaving of cloth. She showed ways of testing materials for wool, rayon, cotton and silk content. She demonstrated moth-proofing and showed the process of moth destruction, also how small clothes closets in small rooms may be added at small cost.

Miss Helen Gerrie, household science teacher at the High School, was in attendance with her class of girls.



## ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Aberdeen Women's Institute held their fourteenth annual meeting at the home of Mrs. J. S. Davey with a good attendance of members. The president, Mrs. George Twamley opened the meeting with the Ode followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison. Part of the 119th psalm was read by Mrs. J. McLachlan. The question drawer was taken and the sunshine and treasurer's reports were given. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the officers of last year. Mrs. Stewart took the chair for the election of officers, the old officers all being re-elected for another year. A sing-song was enjoyed. Miss Annie Smith was the special speaker for the day and had two splendid papers on Health, "How Hunger Can Affect Conscience and Behaviour" and Home Economics, "Laundry Hints and the many uses of salt on stains etc. The Maple Leaf Forever was sung. Twenty-six pairs of socks have been brought in since the last meeting, twenty-five pairs of which were turned over to the Red Cross and one pair given to Major Lind, who leaves for England shortly. Mrs. Twamley took the chair and closed the meeting with the National Anthem. Grace was sung and Mrs. Davey and assistants served a dainty lunch.

## ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

1941  
The Aberdeen Women's Institute held their 15th annual meeting at Mrs. James Ewen's home. The president, Mrs. George Twamley opened the meeting with the Ode followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison. The 147th psalm was read by Miss A. C. Smith. The minutes were read and adopted, the sunshine and treasurer's reports were given. Mrs. McLachlan gave a

reading on "The Change of the Seasons". All joined in singing, "Joy to the World."

Mrs. Donald Stewart took the chair for the election of officers which resulted as follows: president, Mrs. J.S. Davey; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Donald Stewart; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. James Ewen; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. James A. McLachlan; district director, Mrs. George Twamley; branch directors, Mrs. Barfoot, Miss A. C. Smith; representative to District Annual, Miss A. C. Smith; organist, Mrs. William Noble; sunshine committee, Mrs. G. Twamley, Mrs. Ewen, Mrs. McQuarrie and Miss S. McCormick; auditors J. S. Davey and Gordon Krauter. A vote of thanks was moved to the retiring officers. Fifty-two pairs of socks, 3 wool blankets and 2 quilts were turned in to the Red Cross in Durham. A reading was given by Miss A. C. Smith on First Aid Hints and Hospital Care in Ontario, also a demonstration on cleaning goods with "Tree Bark" which was very interesting. The meeting closed with the National Anthem. Grace was sung and Mrs. Ewen and assistants served a dainty lunch.

## Aberdeen Institute March 1941 Plan At-Home

The Aberdeen Branch of the Women's Institute met at the Davey home for their March meeting. Mrs Howard Grierson presided for the meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs Collinson, who is still confined to the hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs Wes Monk read the scripture from Psalm 61. The roll call was answered by paying one cent for every inch of one's headsize.

Reports were given by the Sunshine committee. A donation was sent to the Easter Seals Campaign. Plans were made for the At-Home to be held in the school.

Mrs Ashley gave a paper "What's New in Fabrics" Mrs H. Rowbotham gave a May Time contest which was won by Mrs C. Robson. Mrs J. McLachlan donated a prize for the monthly draw which was won by Mrs Gordon Krauter. Mrs Ashley gave an interesting demonstration on blocking felt hats and also displayed hats made from other materials.

Mrs Ralph Davey and Mrs Wes. Monk favored the ladies with beautiful selections on the piano.

Mrs Davey served a lovely lunch at the close of the meeting.

## Aberdeen W.I. Aug 21 1943 Hear Rally Report

The August meeting of Aberdeen Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs J. S. Davey. The interesting meeting opened in the usual manner with Mrs Howard Grierson reading the scripture.

The roll call was answered by "Take a dozen cookies and buy a dozen cookies," with Mrs Ritchie of Kincardine as a capable auctioneer.

Mrs McLachlan read the minutes and correspondence, including the resolutions to be dealt with at Grey Bruce Area Convention at Meaford. Mrs McLachlan and Mrs Twamley are to be delegates to the convention.

Mrs Grierson had a draw, won by Mrs Ralph Davey. Mrs McLachlan gave an interesting report of the County Rally held at Keady, where Mr Waines, Owen Sound, very ably demonstrated flower arrangements especially for small banquets.

Mrs Twamley had a watch contest which was won by Mrs J. S. Davey. Mrs H. Rowbotham also had a contest, Bible Alphabet which was won by Mrs Ritchie of Kincardine.

Mrs Ralph Davey entertained the ladies at the piano until lunch time. Mrs J. S. Davey was assisted with a lovely lunch by the lunch committee.



## REV. R.G. HALBERT GAVE GOOD ADDRESS

Spoke on "Education" at Regular Meeting of Aberdeen Women's Institute.—Meeting Well Attended.

A pleasant and helpful afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. J. Grierson on Thursday of last week, when a good attendance was present at the regular monthly meeting of Aberdeen Women's Institute. The president, Mrs. Davey, opened with the ode, and Mrs. H. Hopkins read Psalm 88. The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison, and the roll call answered by "Your Grandmother's Maiden Name". The Sunshine committee gave their report and the treasurer gave hers. Mrs. Stewart gave a splendid report of current events and also read a poem, "The Second Minuet". Plans were made for the At Home, which is to be held in the school house on Friday evening, October 16, when Mr. Stewart Cooper, of Markdale, will be the special speaker. A good programme will be provided. This was Grandmothers' Day at the Institute and Rev. Mr. Halbert of Durham kindly consented to address the gathering.

### The Address

Mr. Halbert expressed approval of the kind act on the part of the Institute in entertaining the Grandmothers, and congratulated the latter in being present to enjoy an incident that would be unheard of in their earlier days.

The Women's Institute is a comparatively new institution, unknown a few years ago, but is another of the many factors that has come to make its contribution to the development of society in modern days—to assist in building the character of the nation.

Education can scarcely be confined to any time or within any period. It is a long process, a continuous flow from our generation to another—having as its goal the idea of character. It begins with life, centres in life, and ends with life. From the sociological point of view it is the process of development of society and cannot be complete within one generation. Its aim is to equip men for good citizenship. There are five great agencies of civilization which conserve the past, preserve the present, and make possible a progressive future. All others such as women's institutes are auxiliary to one or other of these. They are, namely: Home, School, Vocation, State and Church.

The Home is basic in civilization. In it are latent all the powers that later life is to realize. The School got its origin in the Home and grew into a separate institution. In it the teacher stood in loco parentis. The Vocation: In it becomes realized the personal powers gained in Home and School. The plying of our vocation makes necessary the State and underneath the whole procession, giving immortal significance to each and all is the Church.

Each contributed to the development of human powers into personality and character which makes of the individual a good or bad citizen as the case may be. Each discovers the social nature of man and reveals him in a series of widening relationships. In the Home the father, mother, brothers and sisters. In the School, teachers and fellow pupils. In Vocation, fellow laborers and employers. In the State, with his fellow citizens under the law, and in the Church in personal relation to the Ideal Person, to God, the widest relation of all that is possible to man.

Each is based on some underlying principle, which justifies their existence and gives them permanency. In the Home, obedience; in the School, development; in the Vocation, it is interdependence; in the State it is justice, and in the Church, righteousness—when any of these fail to give reality to their significant principle the whole fabric is permanently weakened.

In the Home the idea of obedience is fundamental and must become a habit of child life—ready surrender to the standards of a righteous and loving authority. "To obey is better than sacrifice." This virtue must be the contribution of the Home, is most important—if learning all, one fails to learn obedience, he is a poor citizen of



Grandmother Day

Mrs Herb Hopkins, Gordon Hopkins, Mrs Jas Ewen  
Elise Ewen, Mrs David Lamb Hazel Hopkins  
Mrs John Vessie Vera Vessie Mrs Wm Noble  
Adela Noble



# ONTARIO WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



## Life Membership Certificate

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

MAE (MRS. HERBERT) HOPKINS

has been granted Life Membership in the - - ABERDEEN - - - Women's Institute.

This Certificate has been granted in recognition of much appreciated service.

President *E. Maude Robson*

Secretary *Ruby D. Grierson*

Date *August 24, 1966*

This Life Membership is transferable to any Women's Institute in Ontario

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**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OFFICERS  
HELD RALLY IN HOLSTEIN**

The South Grey District Women's Institute held a very successful and educational officers' rally in Holstein Park last Saturday. There were upwards of fifty officers of the district present and two sessions were held at the hours of 10 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. The guest speaker and teacher for the occasion was Mrs. C. Hayes, Georgetown, representative from the Department of Agriculture. Mrs. J. S. Davey, district president, presided at both sessions.

The morning session opened with the regular Institute devotional exercises. The speaker's subject was the Finance of Branch and District Institute, dealing with fixed incomes and expenditures and floating expenses.

In the afternoon the subject chosen was Reports and Records and Parliamentary Procedure in the Work. Both addresses were full of help and inspiration for those present. Considerable business pertaining to the work of the district was conducted. Assembly singing was a much enjoyed feature throughout the meeting.

The ladies of the Holstein branch served a most bountiful lunch and dinner at the noon hour and at the close. This is the first District Rally of Officers ever held in South Grey, which proved to be a most profitable meeting for all concerned.

**Louise-Crawford Institute**

The October meeting of the Louise-Crawford Women's Institute was held on Wednesday, October 21, at the home of Miss Mildred Henderson, with 30 ladies present. Miss Fisher, president, had charge of the meeting and opened the programme with the singing of the ode. Mrs. George Hastie read the scripture lesson, John 6. Roll call was answered by "Why and How I Like Milk". Mrs. Davey of Aberdeen, one of the vice-presidents of the District, was in attendance and gave a well prepared address on Health and Child Welfare, giving pointers on keeping the family, living, proper diet and rest. Mrs. Herb. Brigham read a poem, "Hard Up" and community singing followed. The singing of the National Anthem closed the meeting, and lunch was served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. Wright on November 18.



This is to certify that  
Mrs George Devinsky  
is a Life Member of  
*The Federated Women's Institute of Ontario*

May 1969  
Date

Sign: Willie M. Charlton  
Secretary



# Women's Institute Held District Convention

Annual Convention Held in Hanover Last Wednesday. — Miss Margaret McGirr is New President. — Successful Year's Work Reported. 1935

The annual district convention of the South Grey Women's Institute was held in the Baptist church, Hanover last Wednesday, with a record attendance. About 150 branch members registered and when the roll was called 14 of the 15 senior branches in the district and five junior branches responded.

The president, Mrs. Peter Krauter, of Louise, well known for her cordial and optimistic manner, conducted the meetings very ably. Mrs. Krauter concluded her successful two-year term as president when the election of officers was held, and Miss Margaret McGirr of Durham, who has always taken an active part in the various Institute departments was unanimously the choice of the convention for the president's chair for the coming year.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Wesley Martin, president of Campbell's Corner branch, and Mrs. Arthur Redford of Lamlash. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. H. M. Huber, president of the Hanover branch, with Mrs. Gebert, of Neustadt, responding in words of deep warmth for the cordial welcome and hoped this occasion, falling as it did in the King's silver jubilee year would long be remembered.

The morning session was devoted chiefly to reports and a splendid diversity of community work was reviewed throughout, the branches each striving to promote interest in the motto "For Home and Country".

Many branches had given newly born babies a financial start in life by opening a bank account in their name with a one dollar deposit. Relief work, caring for the sick and shut-ins, showers for brides was noted, assistance along educational lines by presenting medals to entrance pupils in their district, first aid kits replenished, others were beautifying grounds for parks and the social side was given over to music, study of poets, travelling libraries, debates and plays.

Interesting addresses were given by Mrs. Krauter, retiring president, Mrs. J. McMurdo, of Dromore, past district representative, Miss Gertrude Gray of Toornito, department speaker, Miss E. H. Beasley, Shelburne, federation representative and others. Reports from the various vice-presidents and chairmen of standing committees were received and showed a splendid year's work accomplished.

The report of the secretary-treasurer Mrs. J. S. McIlraith, of Durham, was given in detail and contained many interesting items. In the South Grey district there is a total membership of 425 members. Total receipts in the district for the year, including the balance of \$32 at the beginning of the year, a government grant of \$25, fees from branches \$38, legislation grant \$58.50, amounting to \$179.10, expenditures including officers' salaries of \$68, leaving a balance of \$37.90.

The nominating slate of officers was presented by Mrs. W. H. Rogers of Holstein, and the election was conducted by Mrs. Krauter, who asked for further nominations from the floor or approval of slate and on motion the following will comprise the 1935-36 executive: Hon. Presidents, Mrs. W. H. Rogers, Holstein; Mrs. T. McGirr, and Mrs. S. Patterson, Durham; immediate past president, Mrs. Peter Krauter, of Louise; President, Miss Margaret McGirr, Durham; 1st vice-president, Mrs. J. McMurdo, Dromore; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. H. M. Huber, Hanover; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. Mark Mervin, Elmwood; 4th vice-president, Mrs. P. Ledingham, Dornoch; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. S. McIlraith, Durham; district federal representative, Mrs. C. Cook, of Zion; alternate, Miss L. Fisher, Crawford; county representative, Mrs. C. Fenton, Holstein; auditors, Miss W. Blyth, Miss L. McComb, of Durham; chairmen of standing committees: Temperance, Mrs. Peter Krauter, of Louise; education, Mrs. Amos Widmeyer, Ayton; legislation, Mrs. John McGirr, Durham; health, Miss Fletcher, Aberdeen; historical research, Mrs. E. C. Taylor, Hanover.

The selection of Miss McGirr of Durham as president, was evidenced by the singing of "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow" as she stepped to the platform, and voiced deep appreciation for the honor conferred and also brought greetings from her mother, Mrs. Tacs. McGirr, Institute organizer and chartered member and who now through

illness is unable to assist.

A musical programme of high interest added diversion to the proceedings and filled interlude moments. Misses Ruth and Violet Fursman contributed piano selections. Mrs. Clarence Grandy of Hanover, rendered a vocal solo and Mrs. R. Christie of Holstein, was heard in a humorous Scotch reading. Mrs. M. Loughtenschlager presided at the piano. Invitations for the 1936 district convention from Durham and Elmwood branches graciously consented to entertain the next county convention. Both were accepted with thanks.

The hostess branch served delicious meals and a vote of gratitude for their general hospitality was moved and all agreed that the many addresses and fine reports contained much fine material for the branches to weave into their yearly programmes.



## ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Aberdeen branch of the Women's Institute held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. James Ewen on Friday, December 14. There were 15 members and visitors present and two new members were added to the roll. The president, Mrs. Davey was in the chair, and it could be truly said the Christmas spirit permeated the whole program. The meeting opened with the ode and Mrs. J. Grierson read the Scripture lesson from Luke 7:21. The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison, and the roll call was answered by an exchange of gifts, every member present responding with a beautiful little gift. Correspondence was read, and the Sunshine committee gave their report. The treasurer, gave her report and a letter of thanks was read from Mrs. D. Stewart for kind remembrance. A basket of cheer was filled for a shutin. It was decided that we buy four dozen more cups to be added to our cabinet in the school, and also that each member piece one block for a quilt to be used as relief work and donated at the January meeting. This brought the business part of the meeting to a close. "Come All Ye Faithful" was then sung. Rev. Mr. Gowdy was the guest speaker and addressed the meeting on "Keeping the Christmas Spirit Throughout the Year." His message contained many beautiful thoughts and which if brought into practice by each and every one of us throughout the year, just remembering that self-denial and loving kindness means so much to surrendering ourselves to the Spirit of God and in doing so, how much happier this world might be. May the Christmas spirit keep us throughout the year. A hearty vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. Stewart and Miss C. Fletcher to Mr. Gowdy for his splendid address. A lovely duet was sung by Mrs. Wm. Noble and Mrs. J. S. Davey, "I Can Hear the Saviour Calling". Mr. Gowdy also favored with a beautiful solo, "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear". All joined in singing "A Little Brown Church in the Vale". Mrs. W. Noble accompanied on the organ throughout the meeting. The collection amounted to \$1.25. The National Anthem was sung, closing a very worth-while meeting. Grace was sung after which a dainty lunch was served, everyone being treated to a piece of Christmas cake by the hostess. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Sarah McCormick on Thursday, January 17.

## Aberdeen

(Our Own Correspondent)

The Aberdeen W. I. held their November meeting at the home of Mrs. Herb Hopkins when nineteen members and twelve visitors were present. The President conducted and opened the meeting with the Ode after which Mrs. J. Ewen read the Scripture. A letter of appreciation was read from a member who was remembered while ill in hospital. Three new members were added to the roll. The "Brown-eyed Susan" quilt, now completed, was much admired and Mrs. Hopkins kindly offered her home for the quilting. The holder of the lucky ticket then wins the quilt. After the business was concluded community singing was enjoyed for a time. Mrs. D. Stewart in appropriate costume next favored the ladies with the poem "Canadian Born" which was much enjoyed. All joined in singing "O Canada".

Dr. J. L. Smith, Durham, was present and gave a most informative talk on "Helps for Emergencies". He also voiced his appreciation of the splendid work of the Women's Institutes. The roll call was responded to by asking the doctor a question pertaining to first aid remedies and each and all were cheerfully answered. His address was much appreciated and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered on motion of Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Lamb gave a report of her visit to the sister branch at Dornoch. The national anthem brought a very enjoyable afternoon to a close and lunch was served by Mrs. Hopkins, assisted by Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Milligan and Mrs. Johnson. The December meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Thos. Milligan, Friday, December 18, when all ladies are welcome.

Mrs. I. Hopkins, Miss Alma Hopkins of Hanover and Mrs. Bartman of Warton visited the former's daughter, Mrs. H. Hopkins and attended the W. I. meeting.

## ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Aberdeen branch of the Women's Institute held their meeting at the home of Mrs. James Haslett on March 21, with 15 members and visitors present. The president, was in the chair and opened the meeting with the ode. Mrs. Stewart read the Scripture lesson from the 75th Psalm. The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison. The roll call was answered by an "Irish Joke", and brought forth many good jokes. The minutes of the February meeting were read and adopted. The treasurer, Miss McCormick, gave her report. A letter was read from the teacher, Miss C. McLean and pupils thanking the ladies for replenishing the first aid kit at the school, also a letter of thanks from Miss C. Hopkins. Community singing was enjoyed by all. Miss C. Fletcher offered to take the Scripture for April. The print quilt blocks were banded in and Miss C. Fletcher offered her home for this quilt to be completed and ready for April meeting. Mrs. James Haslett gave a splendid paper on "Happiness". The debate, "Resolved: Which has done the most for the development of the country—the pulpit or the press?" was then the interesting item on the program. The affirmative was taken by Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Davey, the negative being taken by Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Wm. Noble. The judges, Mrs. J. Grierson and Mr. D. McCormick congratulated the debaters on their excellent work, deciding it was a tie. We the members of the Women's Institute want to thank Mr. McCormick for the cheerful manner in which he always acts whenever called upon to aid the ladies in their work.

The National Anthem closed a very helpful meeting and Mrs. Haslett and assistants served a bountiful lunch. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Noble on Thursday, April 18, when Rev. J. Thompson of Durham Trinity church, will address the meeting.



DR. J. F. GRANT *Aug 1934*  
GIVES FACTS ON  
EVILS OF LIQUOR

*Aberdeen Women's Institute Devote Program to Temperance Cause*

The Aberdeen branch of the Women's Institute devoted the August programme at the home of Mrs. H. Hopkins to "Temperance" with J. F. Grant of Durham as the very informative speaker. Describing in many ways how alcohol was injurious, he showed it to be a protoplasmic poison and injurious to all forms of life. It is not a true stimulant but a depressor, as proven by the marathon race in London some years ago, when the American runners who drank only water came in first, while the Italians who used alcohol to quench their thirst during the 26 mile race, all collapsed before the goal was reached. In regards to the food value of alcohol Dr. Grant showed that 1-2 pound of bread had .83 grains of muscle building food, 1-2 pint of milk had 179, while whiskey and brandy had none. One loaf of bread, costing 8 cents, has more muscle building food than 2 1-2 gallons of beer, costing by the glass many times that price, said Dr. Grant. The annual per capita consumption of milk in the United States increased from 754 lbs. in 1917 (Pre-prohibition year) to 997 lbs. in 1929, (prohibition year). To produce this increase alone required 10,000,000,000 lbs. of grain and 25,000,000,000 lbs. of roughage. The total grain used by brewers and distillers of the United States in 1917, amounted to only 6,202,000,000 lbs., less than two-thirds that required to produce merely the increase in consumption of milk in 1929. The brewers of Canada had in 1929 an invested capital of \$70,390,147. They employed 4,897 persons, paid in wages \$7,134,256 and used raw material to the value of \$12,135,208. Had this same capital been invested making boots and shoes there would have been employed 34,721 persons, wages paid would have been \$33,551,587 and the value of the raw material used would have been \$59,081,367.

Reference was also made by the speaker to the growing list of accidents on the highways of Ontario. In 1933 the year before beverage rooms, there were 403 persons killed. In 1934 with beer rooms operating 5 months 527 persons were killed. In 1935 with beer rooms operating 12 months, 554 persons were killed. Alcohol and gasoline do not mix said Dr. Grant. Dr. Arthur Evans, Westminster Hospital, England, says, "You are twice as dangerous a driver once you have drunk a pint of beer." Alcohol causes blurred vision, impaired judgment, delayed action. A driver, who has only had a small dose of alcohol is at least vital fractions of a second slower in action than he otherwise would be. Dr. Evans further states that a

man with three-fifths of a second delay can pull up a car in an emergency from 40 miles per hour in 106 feet. A driver with one and one-fifths seconds delay passes at 28 miles per hour the spot where the first man stopped. If he struck a pedestrian his one ton car would have a striking power of 29 tons. The driver might not be what you would call drunk, but the unfortunate individual hit by his car would be very dead. A small dose of alcohol may mean a great tragedy, brought out the speaker. The drunk traffic is our greatest wasteful commercially, our greatest criminal socially, our greatest enemy morally and religiously. Are you with or against the enemy? Dr. Grant asked in closing.

A hearty vote of thanks was given Dr. Grant for his splendid address.

There was an attendance of 41 members and visitors at the meeting. The president was in the

chair. Miss Grace Davey read the Scripture lesson. The usual reports were given and question drawer taken up. New song books were distributed and community singing enjoyed. Mrs. Johnston held an interesting contest and served maple sugar. At the close of the meeting the hostess and her assistants served refreshments on the awn.



THE DAILY SUN-TIMES, OWEN SOUND, ONTARIO. SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1936

### BIG ATTENDANCE AT ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



The Aberdeen Women's Institute, near Durham on the Rocky Saugeen River, met on Thursday afternoon with a very large attendance. Fourteen visitors were present and Dr. J. F. Grant of Durham was the speaker. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Herb Hopkins. Shown above are the ladies, many of them with their children. Front row, left to right, Mrs. Howard Lawrence and daughter Isobel, Betty Read, Jean Read, Hazel Hopkins, Gordon Hopkins, Adele Noble, Mrs. Thomas Lawrence and son Donald, Mrs. James McLachlan and daughter Jean. Second row, Miss Jennie McDonald, Miss Anna Smith, Mrs.

Nelson Hunt, Mrs. R. Noble, Mrs. Gorman Johnston and daughter Grace, Murray Twomley. Third row, Mrs. William Noble, Mrs. R. Hopkins, Mrs. D. McQuarrie, Mrs. David Lamb, Mrs. L. McLean, Mrs. J. S. Davey, Mrs. Herb Hopkins. Fourth Row, Mrs. James Ewen, Mrs. B. Smith, Mrs. Donald Stewart, Mrs. Wes Noble, Miss Sarah McCormack, Isabelle McQuarrie, Mrs. Thom. Milligan, Isabelle McCormack, Catherine McLean, Dr. J. F. Grant, Mrs. Nelson Schafer, Mrs. Charles Moffat, Mary McQuarrie, Grace Davey, Mrs. George Twomley, Miss Mary McCracken. —Sun-Times Staff Photo.



# Portrait, Medals For Legion



**WAR MEMENTOS** — Durham Branch 308, Royal Canadian Legion were honored last Wednesday evening when they received new Legion Colors from the Legion Ladies Auxiliary; a painting of the late Colonel Hunter, his War Medals and a lance that he used in India, and the War Medals of the late Tpr. Gordon Falkingham, killed in action in World War II. Seen in the above picture is the large painting of the Colonel, bordered by the new Legion Colors. Immediately below the picture is a lance that was carried by the late Colonel. On the left are the War Medals of Colonel Hunter and to the right the War Medals of Tpr. Falkingham.

—Chronicle Staff Photo

*Col. Hunter addressed the  
Aberdeen Womens Institute  
at the home of Mrs Gorman  
Johnston. 1936*



## ABERDEEN BRANCH W. I. HOLD APRIL MEETING

### Rev. E. Hayes Spoke on "Religious Training of Children"

DURHAM, April 23.—The Aberdeen branch of the Women's Institute met in the home of Mrs. Wesley Noble for their April study meeting and had twenty-eight ladies and ten children present. The address of the day was given by Rev. E. Hayes and he spoke very earnestly on the "Religious Training of Children." He stressed three points, the religious training in the home, in the day school and in the Sunday school. The home is the most important, for here the foundation is laid both by precept and example. The public school is limited for religious training and the Sunday school needs the constant assistance and sympathy of the home to make their short period of religious study effective. He made a strong plea for the home to see that the Sunday school lessons are studied and reviewed and the children prepared for this hour of study. The members were much impressed with this earnest address.

Mrs. McQuarrie put on a contest in which the answers were all dress-making terms. The crowd were divided into groups and the winning group received a box of marshmallow candy. Plans were made for to make out the program for the coming year. Community singing and a bountiful supper were both heartily enjoyed.

## Aberdeen

(Our Own Correspondent)

The October meeting of the Aberdeen W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. John Grierson with an attendance of sixteen. Mrs. Will Noble read the scripture. It was decided to buy a copy of the book "Hurlbut's Story of the Bible" and present it to the school library. Plans were made for holding a Halloween entertainment in the schoolhouse Friday evening, October 30. An excellent paper on Thanksgiving, entitled "In Everything Give Thanks" was given by Mrs. Davey who also read a fine little poem, "The Tedious Task". The speaker of the day was Mr. Trout of Owen Sound who gave a most interesting and enlightening address on the splendid work of the Children's Aid Society. An amusing contest was conducted by Miss Cicely Hopkins. Two groups tied for the box of delicious homemade candy. The national anthem closed the meeting and Mrs. Grierson and assistants served refreshments.

## ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Aberdeen Women's Institute held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. J. S. Davey on September 15. There were 21 members and visitors present. The president opened the meeting in the usual manner. Miss Fletcher read the Scripture and the roll call was answered by a name of a Canadian author. The minutes of the last meeting were read, committee reports were given. It was decided that in the future "Grandmothers' Day" be in September. Also that all ladies over 70 years of age be accepted as members. Community singing was then enjoyed.

The Grandmothers' took charge of the programme. Mrs. D. Lamb read a paper, and Mrs. Haslett recited a poetic joke. Mrs. Noble read a paper. As some of the grandmothers were not present, Mrs. J. Grierson read a poem, and Miss A. Smith read a very interesting article on the history of Rev. H. T. Lyte, who composed "Abide With Me." Everybody joined in singing "Abide With Me."

Miss D. McKenzie of the Hanover High school staff, treated the ladies to a vivid description of her motor trip through the lower part of Quebec and through the Maritime provinces, visiting at points of specific interest on the way and on the return trip. One listening could enjoy Miss McKenzie's trip almost as much as if they had been with her.

Mrs. Davey put on a contest, guessing the names of garden seeds. Miss Smith was awarded first prize, and received a large muskmelon. Mrs. John Grierson and Mrs. D. Lamb drew lots for the second prize, which was a box of ripe strawberries, the former winning. Some old records were on display. The National Anthem was sung and delicious refreshments were served.

## ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INST. MET FRIDAY AFTERNOON

DURHAM, Jan. 21.—The Aberdeen branch of the Women's Institute met on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. James Ewen, with almost a full membership, and a few visitors present. In the absence of the president, the vice-president, Mrs. H. Hopkins, the vice-president, presided. In the business period it was decided to supply spectacles for a child in the section that needs them. Plans were made for a winter feast in February. Mrs. Wm. Noble and Mrs. S. Davey sang a beautiful duet. Mrs. D. McQuarrie gave an interesting paper on methods used by our grandmothers. Mrs. John Grierson read a paper on current events. The special item on the program was given by Mrs. Herb Hopkins, a suggestive and helpful talk on "Expectations." The National Anthem closed the meeting, after which a happy half hour was spent in social chat over the tea cups.

## ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Aberdeen branch of the Women's Institute held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Herb Hopkins, with Mrs. Roy Hopkins as acting hostess, on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 15. Seventeen members and three visitors were present at the meeting which was opened by singing the ode. Mrs. Lamb read the Scripture lesson from the 72nd Psalm, after which the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison. Several letters were read from the sick who had been remembered since our last meeting. The Treasurer and Sunshine committees gave reports. Mrs. J. Grierson offered to take the Scripture for the December meeting. Mrs. J. S. McIlraith of Durham then gave us a splendid account of the county convention held at Shallow Lake, which was appreciated very much by the members. "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" was then sung. Correspondence was read and discussed. It was decided that we do not send a delegate to Toronto convention this year. The secretary was asked to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Putnam for his many years of faithful work as superintendent of the Women's Institute. The roll call had been answered by "How to Make Money for the Institute for the New Year", and it was decided that we set aside 10c

for every holiday throughout the year.

Mrs. J. S. McIlraith being the guest speaker, was then asked to address the meeting and gave a well prepared paper on "Temperance", showing clearly what the liquor interests desire and suggesting various ways every individual can help to overcome the tremendous power for evil in the hands of those who wish to make money from liquor, taking prayer as our foundation. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mrs. McIlraith for her worthwhile address, which was greatly enjoyed by all. Mrs. Veslie then sang a beautiful solo "Saved by Grace", which was very appropriate. Miss A. C. Smith gave a demonstration on "Tied and Dyed Work" which was very interesting and helpful. Mrs. Wm. Noble conducted a Fruit Contest. Mrs. Grierson was the winner. The National Anthem closed a very helpful meeting. Grace was sung and the hostess and assistants served refreshments. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. James Ewen on Friday, December

Mrs. (Rev.) D. Gowdy will be the speaker.



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ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Aberdeen Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Nelson Hunt on Thursday of last week with an attendance of 19 members and five visitors. The president, Mrs. Davey, was in charge and opened the meeting by singing the ode. Mrs. G. Johnston read the scripture lesson from part of the 78th Psalm. The roll call was answered by the presenting of antiques. The Sunshine Committee gave their report. The treasurer gave her report and letters of thanks were read from Miss C. Fettes, Mrs. Archie McLean and George Twamley. Correspondence was read and discussed. All joined in singing "The Maple Leaf Forever". The programme which had as its theme:—"Grandmothers", was a particularly happy and enjoyable one. Mrs. D. Lamb, eldest grandmother present, appeared with her beautiful Paisley shawl and quaint little cape. Mrs. Wm. Noble was also nicely gowned for the occasion. Mrs. Roy Hopkins gave a nice reading on "Somebody's Grandmother", also a demonstration on how to make a bed doll. Miss Jennie McDonald gave a splendid reading, "How Grandmother spent Grandma's Day". Mrs. William Noble gave a lovely paper, "It will not last long". It was decided that the quilting will be held at the home of Mrs. G. Johnston on Friday, October 4. All ladies are invited to come. The At Home will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Twamley on October 25. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Milligan on November 21. The singing of "Abide With Me", closed another helpful meeting. Grace was sung and Mrs. Nelson Hunt and assistants served a bountiful lunch.

Thursday, November 28, 1935

ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

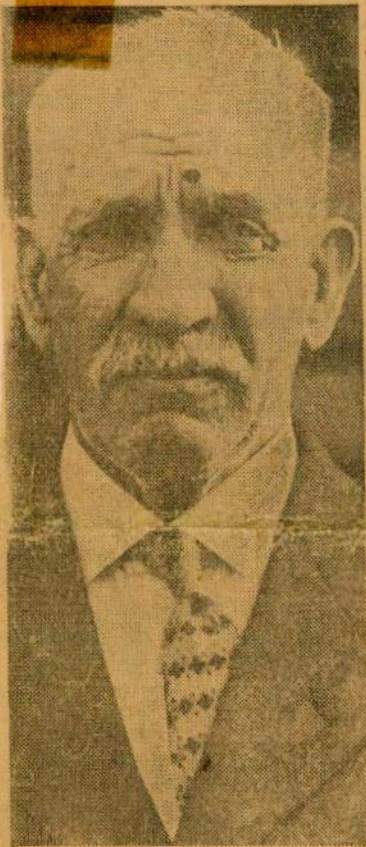
The regular monthly meeting of the Aberdeen Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Thomas Milligan last Thursday afternoon with an attendance of 15 members and nine visitors. The president opened the meeting with singing of the ode and Mrs. Grierson read the scripture lesson from Psalm 79. In memory of the late Mr. D. McQuarrie, the president asked that we rise in a moment of silence. The Lord's Prayer was then repeated in unison. The roll call was answered by a verse of "Peace". The Sunshine Committee gave their report and the treasurer's report was given. A letter of thanks was read from Mrs. Putherbough, who, we are sorry to report, is suffering a great deal at the present time. The secretary was asked to apply to the department for the Government grant. A splendid report of the cooking class held in Durham was given by Miss J. McDonald. A committee was appointed to buy tea towels for our cabinet in the school. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. and Mrs. G. Twamley for their generous hospitality the evening of the "At Home", and also to those who helped. All joined in singing "Abide With Me". Mrs. Davey gave an interesting paper on "Peace" and also conducted a contest. Mrs. Howard Lawrence gave a splendid paper "On Being Positive". The National Anthem closed another delightful afternoon. Lunch was served and a social half-hour spent. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Noble on Thursday, December 19.

ABERDEEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Christmas meeting of the Aberdeen Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Noble on Thursday afternoon, December 19, with an attendance of 14 members, and three visitors. The president, Mrs. Davey, presided, and opened the meeting with the ode followed by "O Come All Ye Faithful". The president then read the Christmas message, from the 2nd chapter of Luke. The Lord's Prayer was then repeated in unison. The roll call was answered by exchange of gifts. The treasurer and Sunshine committee gave their reports. A letter of thank was read from Mrs. McQuarrie and family. A number of Christmas cheer boxes were filled for the sick and shut-ins. The guest speaker for the afternoon was the Rev. Mr. Thompson of Trinity Church, Durham, who gave a very interesting talk on "Christmas". On behalf of the Institute the president presented the speaker with a box of handkerchiefs at the close of his address, his talk being much appreciated by all present. Mrs. X. Hopkins read a paper, "What should Christmas mean to me?" and also conducted a guessing contest. Mrs. Nelson Schafer guessed nearest to the correct answer and received the prize. The National Anthem closed another delightful meeting. Mrs. Noble and assistants served a dainty lunch. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. James Ewen on Thursday, January 16.



Triplets' Grandfather



**ROBERT GRIERSON**

Proud grandfather of the Caswell Triplets, of Durham, who for many years has been a brave and familiar figure in Bentinck township council and in the Grey County Council.

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Women's Institute  
Garden Party held at  
The Home of Mr and Mrs  
George Twamley 1948



Mrs Twamley



Table's set for Supper



Garden Party 1948.







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Resolutions - Mrs J S Davley

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↳ District Annual (Holstein)  
Mrs J MacLachlan, Mrs Barfoot, Mrs Davey, Mrs G Ashley

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Delegates to area convention Guelph  
Mrs G Barfoot Mrs G Ashley

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County rally Hanover  
Mrs J. S. Davey Mrs MacLachlan

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Miss Anne C. Smith,  
R.R. # 2,  
Durham, Ontario.

1207 Bay St  
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June 27 1950

Dear Miss Smith,

Thank you for the information re the Aberdeen  
Women's Institute.

We are glad to have it for our special historical files  
and appreciate the time and effort spent in compiling it.

Cordially yours,



Anna P. Lewis,  
Director.

APL/jh



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1954-1955

pres. - Mrs Jas Mc Lachlan  
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other members

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Mrs Fred Cuff  
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Mrs E Noble





The 40 th Anniversary Cake was made by Mrs. Geo. Ashley and decorated by Mrs. Gordon McLean. The cake was cut by two chartered members Mrs. Herb Hopkins and Mrs. J.S. Davey.







SCIT "The Women's  
Institute"  
Mrs Howard GrierSON AND  
Mrs Walter Bray



Class Mates  
Mrs Allie Hopkins, Mrs Gordon Krader  
Gordon Maclean, Mrs Nelson Hunt  
Dick Dauey, Mrs Geo Ashley  
George Miller, George Ashley



Decoration from Anniversary  
Cake.





40th ANNIVERSARY PICNIC  
 JUNE 18 1966. Aberdeen  
 School yard



W. G. Charterd Members  
 Mrs Herb Hopkins, Mrs J.S. Davey  
 MISS ANN SMITH, Mrs Geo. Bayley  
 Mrs Jas EWem, Mrs Thos. Hopkins  
 Mrs GORMAN Johnston, Mrs John  
 Grietson, Mrs Walter EWing

Present Members  
 Mrs Herb Hopkins, Mrs Gordon Krauter  
 Mrs Jas McLachlan, Mrs Geo. Miller  
 Mrs Cliff Rowbotham, Mrs Geo. Twanley  
 Mrs Geo. Ashley, Mrs Chas. Robson  
 Mrs Helmut Berdel, Mrs Walter Bray  
 Mrs J.S. Davey, Mrs Edmund noble



Guest June 18 1966

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mrs J S Davey.            | Mrs Elva Brown           |
| Mrs Edmund Noble          | Shirley Robson           |
| Mrs Thos. Hopkins         | Mrs Herb Hopkins         |
| Mrs Gordon Barfoot        | Margaret Robson          |
| Mrs Walter Ewing          | Gordon Krauter           |
| Walter Ewing              | Hugh Mc Cormack          |
| Jessie Stewart            | Mrs Ruth Berdel          |
| Mrs Jas Ewen              | George Miller            |
| Mrs R. N Hunt             | Thos Hopkins             |
| Mrs Jennie Derby          | Nelson Hunt              |
| Mrs Edith Swanley         | Solita & Gordon Mac Jean |
| Mrs Jean Mc Sacklan       | Dick Davey               |
| Mrs Chas Robson           | Harvey Rowbotham         |
| Charis Robson             | Mrs George Miller        |
| Mrs Marguerite Bray       | Allie Hopkins            |
| Mrs Jean Rowbotham        | Clifford Rowbotham       |
| Mrs Mimmie Bleil          | Gorman Johnston          |
| Ann Clark Smith           | Mrs Gorman Johnston      |
| Mrs Cliff Rowbotham       | Theresa Johnston.        |
| Mrs Gorge Bayly Blankheim |                          |
| Mrs Rueben Noble          |                          |
| Mrs Allie Hopkins         |                          |
| Mrs George Ashley.        |                          |
| Mrs Lawson Hopkins        |                          |
| Lorrie Monk               |                          |
| Mrs Gordon Krauter        |                          |
| Mrs Howard Guerson        |                          |
| Mrs Ralph Davey           |                          |
| Judy Hopkins              |                          |
| Wesley Robson             |                          |





Left side of table  
 Elva Brown — Gordon Latta & Duncan  
 — Mae Lean  
 Right side starting at wall  
 Roy Lamb George Ashley —  
 Tom Miller George Miller Ronald  
 Johnston Vern Brown

W. 2. Pot Luck Supper  
 Oct 1966



Grandmother's Day at the Aberdeen Women's Institute. The grandmothers in the front row hunted out their shawls and bonnets for the occasion.



## Install officers at Grey South W.I. District annual

AYTON — The Aberdeen W.I. was hostess branch for the 67th annual district meeting of Grey South Women's Institute in Mulock Baptist church in Bentinck township. President Mrs. I. V. Schenk, Ayton, conducted both morning and afternoon sessions with 98 members in attendance.

Opening exercises included the reading of scripture by Mrs. T. V. Bell, South Glenelg, and a prayer offered by Mrs. Harold Lemont, Neustadt. Mrs. George Ashley extended words of welcome on behalf of the Aberdeen branch and an In Memoriam period for departed members was conducted by Mrs. Lloyd Christie and Mrs. R. Snell, Durham.

Ratification of district directors representing the 15 branches was conducted by Mrs. Arthur Teasdale, Dobbinton provincial board member for subdivision 16, 100 percent, reporting was recorded with presentation of reports from all district standing convenors. Mrs. T. J. Cornish, alternate provincial board member, outlined highlights of the Spring board meeting.

Greetings were conveyed to the delegates by Mrs. W. Middleton district president, Bruce East, Mrs. A. E. Carson, Grey-Bruce area secretary, Mrs. Fraser, Grey County rally secretary, and Mrs. C. Sutcliffe, past president for Grey centre district. Plans were announced for the Grey County W.I. rally to be held at Hanover in August.

Mrs. E. Ryan Grey County home economist, summarized the 4-H club work and outlined future summer and fall projects urging attendance at the food forum in Chatsworth in June.

A pleasant feature of the day's programs was the presentation of life membership cards to 23 life members who had previously received certificates and pins. This duty was performed by Mrs. A. Teasdale who also conducted the election of officers. They are as follows: past president, Mrs. I. V. Schenk, Ayton; president Mrs. Harold Garlick, Hanover; vice presidents Mrs. Milton Weber, Neustadt, and Mrs. Wilfred Peter, Durham R3; secretary treasurer, Mrs. Sian Whiston, Hanover; public relations officers, Mrs. James Milligan, R. 1, Hanover; curator, Mrs. W. J. Hockridge, Cedarville; federation representative, Mrs. E. Emke, Hanover; alternate, Mrs. S. Whiston, Hanover.

Conveners of standing committees were appointed namely: home economics and health, Mrs. Rueben Schaus, Hanover; citizenship and education Mrs. I. B. Sharpe, Durham; agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. H. Pinder, Holstein, R 1; historical research and current events, Mrs. Gerald Ritchie, R 1, Ayton; resolutions Mrs. Calvin Smith, Ayton; 4-H home-making clubs, Mrs. Howard Grierson, Durham.

Other appointments are: delegate to the Grey County rally: Mrs. William Mather; alternate Mrs. G. Macrae, Durham; representatives to the Grey-Bruce area convention, Mrs. O s r a i Maxwell, Durham, Alternate; Mrs. H. Williamson, Gleneden; auditors, Mrs. W. Patterson, Hanover and Mrs. Harold Blasin, Neustadt R 1.

The president expressed her appreciation for the assistance rendered her during her two year term of office and urged that members accept bigger challenges and aim for greater achievements in the coming year.

President-elect, Mrs. Garlick, expressed her appreciation for the confidence placed in her and asked for support and cooperation during her term of office.

The program was interspersed by assembly singing lead by Mrs. W. Bourne Dromore with Mrs. H. Williamson, Gleneden,

at the piano. Mrs. KlaasVeen sang a selection in her native Dutch tongue. The Pennies for Friendship project was headed by members of the Campbells Corner's branch. Mrs. A. G. MacDonald and Mrs. J. Petty, Sunny View. A display of 4-H club work was conducted by Mrs. George Ashley, Aberdeen.

Registrars for voting delegates were Mrs. H. Aitcheson and Mrs. M. Dixon. Victory branch visiting delegates were Mrs. Arthur Brown and Mrs. H. Binder, Holstein. The report of the nominating committee, which consisted of district directors from Aberdeen, Victory, Sunnyview and South Glenelg was presented by the past president Mrs. E. Emke.





SOUTH GREY DISTRICT W.I. OFFICERS — The Women's Institutes of South Grey District held their 67th annual meeting Tuesday at Bentinck Baptist Church, Mulock. About 100 delegates from the various Institute branches attended. Officers elected to serve for the coming year are, front row, left to right, president Mrs. Harold Garlick of Hanover, past president Mrs. I. V. Schenk of Ayton. Back row, 1st vice-president Mrs. Milton Weber of Neustadt, 2nd vice-president Mrs. Wilfred Peter of RR 3, Durham and secretary-treasurer Mrs. Stan Whiston of Hanover. (Staff Photo)

Branch Curators

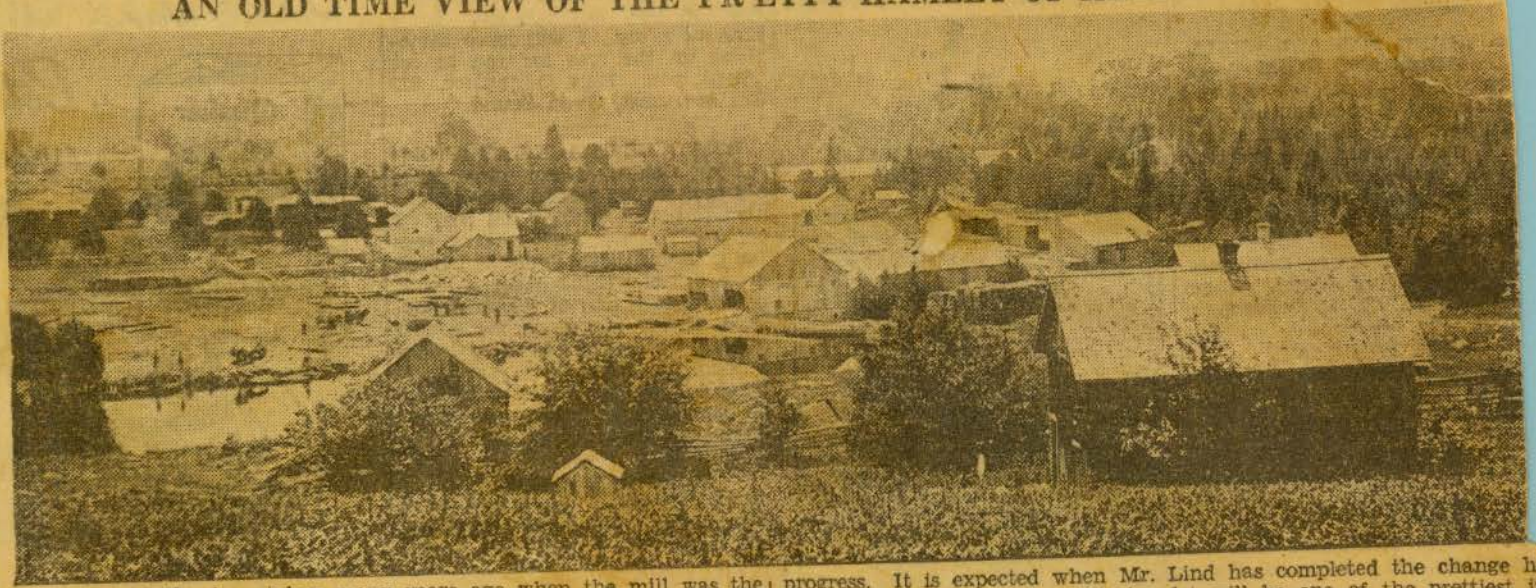


May 1968

Back row L to R. Miss Minnie McFyre Cederville, Mrs — Neustadt  
 Mrs. Louis Moyer Glendon.  
 front row Mrs Victor Emmerson Wigham Area Curator  
 Mrs W. J. Hockridge Cederville District Curator



AN OLD TIME VIEW OF THE PRETTY HAMLET OF ABERDEEN



A view of Aberdeen taken many years ago when the mill was the hive of industry in the hamlet. The property now is in the possession of Mr. John G. Lind of St. Mary's and many improvements are in progress. It is expected when Mr. Lind has completed the change he contemplates making that this hamlet will be one of the prettiest in the entire district.





## THE HISTORY OF "ABERDEEN"

by Marion Morton

The Durham Review --- February 28, 1929

Facts and Figures regarding the early years of "Aberdeen."

This history should have been written some time ago when we had the pioneers with us to tell us themselves of their experiences. They have now all passed away and the present generation know far too little of their wonderful experiences in the early days.

There is no history more interesting to read and I fear that some of the most interesting stories of these early settlers have been forgotten and will never be known to us.

There is no record to be had of the exact date when these pioneers came in. The registry office tells us when the deeds of the land were taken, but this was a few years after the land was taken and the settlers came in.

These early settlers came from the old land as far as Hamilton, from here by stage and many of them walked from Guelph to Durham.

When they reached Durham they stayed at Archibald Hunter's hotel. A. Hunter was the first settler in Durham; William Jackson was the land agent at Durham. From him they secured the land and started out to the forest to build their homes. These homes at first were chiefly one-roomed log houses. When they had done their settlement duties they went to Owen Sound to get their crown deeds.

A school treasurer's book now in the possession of the Sec-Treasurer, dates back to 1857. A few pages are torn from the first of this book but it gives the names of the land-owners in that year. This of course, is at least more than ten years after some of the settlers came in here. There may have been more settlers here, earlier than some of these I know of, but Alexander Morton was the first settler on the 2nd Concession of Bentinck. He came in the year of 1843. His sister, Margaret also came with him, but died shortly after and was the first woman buried in the old cemetery at Durham. Hugh MacLean with his sons, Neil and John MacLean came in 1846.

James MacDonald came here in 1861 when he was 13 years of age. He spent the winter with his uncle, Dougald Clark, then he settled on lot 29, Con. 2. So the Clark families were settled here a number of years before that. Donald MacDonald, father of Hugh MacDonald of Durham, settled here in 1854. There were many others in the section before above date, as will be seen by the list of settlers on each farm in 1857, but I do not know the date when they settled.

James MacDonald, living in Aberdeen is now the oldest person living in the section, since the death of Archibald McCormick a few years ago, and of Neil MacLean who was about the same age as Archibald McCormick and one of the first settlers. Archie McCormick was not the first settler on the farm on which he lived but he lived there many years.



ABERDEEN, BENTINCK TOWNSHIP, GREY COUNTY 1971

According to an old directory of 1865 the first sawmill was built by Francis Caton at lot 41 WGR, 2nd Concession of Bentinck Township. The lot had originally been patented to Herman Schofield in 1852. It was then sold to a Mr. Kay in 1870 and by him in 1879 to Jas. Crawford who came from Scotland. The mill came to be known as Crawford's Mills. Mr. Crawford named the settlement "Aberdeen" after his birthplace in Scotland. He built several buildings, among them the location of the first post office of Aberdeen. Miss Elizabeth MacDonald was Post Mistress and also kept a small grocery store. Mr. Lockwood Elvidge carried the mail from Durham to Aberdeen. Miss MacDonald moved to Dakota and John W. Smith was appointed Post Master. When rural mail came into effect in 1913 Aberdeen Post Office was abolished. Mr. John Pust was the first rural mail courier. The present one is Harold Morton who has held the post for 47 years.

Throughout the years there was three shoemakers who hand made and repaired boots and shoes. There were two lime kilns owners, names now unknown. There was a small church where Sunday school was held and services conducted by ministers of different denominations.

Mr. Robert McCracken was the village blacksmith later carried on by his son William.

Mr. Crawford sold the mill to his brother-in-law Gibson Collinson. Later Mr. Collinson sold to Norman M. McIntyre of Durham. It was carried on by his son Norman Jr. but has not been in operation since 1914. There was an electric power plant which provided the lights for the Town of Durham. Norman McIntyre sold the entire property to Mr. John Lind of St. Marys in 1933. The mill was dismantled and farm buildings erected. In the Easter Flood of 1928 the original dam was destroyed and John Lind Jr. built a new dam, with fish ladder, east of the old dam location. When Hydro came to Durham the electric light plant was no longer needed at Aberdeen. The Hydro line was erected on the 2nd Con. in 1948. Several homes already had the telephone.

In the early years Geo. Campbell made spinning wheels. A Mr. Cowan, father of Mrs. Neil Clark was a weaver. Mr. John Clark Sr. had a flourishing cooper shop where he made wooden tubs of various sizes, dash churns, vats, barrels, home made cheese presses. Many of the settler's wives made their own home made cheese.

Robert Grierson had a horse power threshing machine which took care of the neighbors and surrounding community. Later John MacDonald had a steam engine outfit which carried on until combines came into common usage.

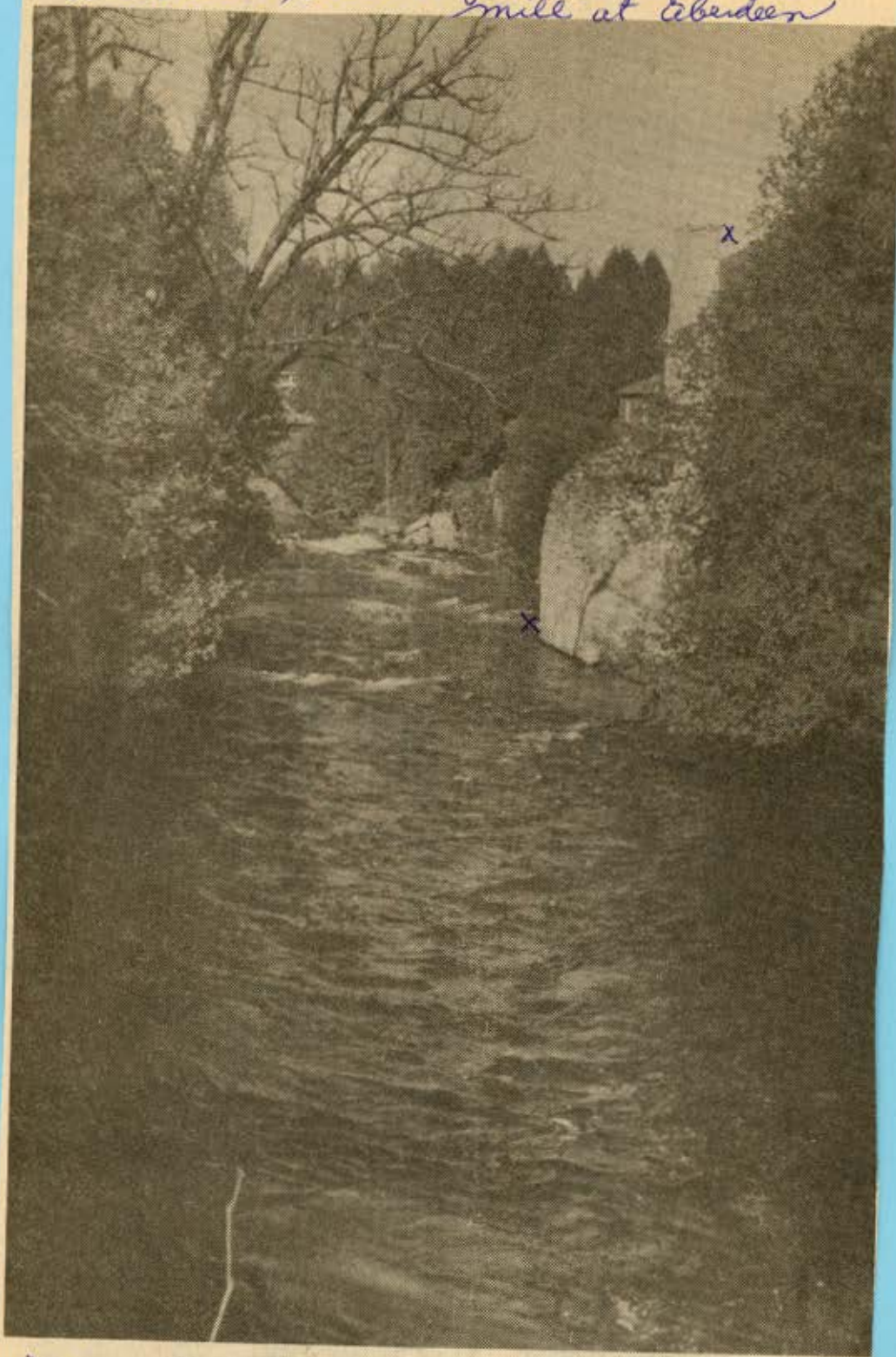
The first old log school house was in John Clark Sr.'s front field, close to the road and was called Clark's School house. Later when the new stone building was erected it was on the adjoining farm in the northeast corner of John W. Smith's front field but continued to be known as Clark's School house, later S.S. No. 10.

There were twenty-seven school teachers went out from No. 10, many of whom distinguished themselves in later years. Willie Dunlop was born at Aberdeen and began his schooldays at No. 10. He later became the Hon. W. J. Dunlop, Ontario Minister of Education. Neil W. Campbell was Grey Co. Public School Inspector. Malcolm N. Clark was Principal at Peterborough until his retirement. Archibald Campbell, brother of N. W. Campbell, was a well known barrister. Four pupils became nurses and one a woman doctor, Dr. Jessie Caton.

Some of the names of the old settlers were John Cuff, Lionel Robson, Thos. Fulton, Thos. Morton, Thos. Torry, Robert Ewen, Alex. Morton Sr., Fred Lunney, Wm. Lunney, John Burns, \_\_ Scanlan, \_\_ Armour, Wm. Brown, Archibald McLarty, John McCallum, Jas. Johnston, David Hopkins, David Lamb, Geo. Miller, Geo. Campbell, Neil Clark, John D. Clark, Jas Hewitson, Jas. McDonald, John MacDonald, Francis Caton, Jas. Heslett, Arch. MacLean, Alexander Stewart, Donald Stewart, John W. Smith, John Clark Sr., Jas. Aitchison, Wm.



Sawdust Buines from Crowfords saw  
mill at Aberdeen



*still standing* Some things of beauty never change



Campbell, Reverend Dunlop, \_\_\_ McGillivray, McKillop, McNicol, John MacLean, Neil MacLean, Donald McQuarrie, Duncan McQuarrie, \_\_\_ Dalgleish, Jas. MacDonald, Alexander McCormack, Arch. McCormack, Charles Fletcher, Samuel Putherbough, Wm. McNally, \_\_\_ Scheureman, Donald McLean, Donald McCormack, J. S. Davey

This history written by Miss Anne C. Smith, Durham, Ontario.

### Gave Name to Hamlet



**MR. J. W. CRAWFORD**

who purchased the mills at Aberdeen in 1870 from Mr. S. [redacted]. Mr. Crawford made application for the post office and gave the hamlet the name of his birthplace in Scotland, Aberdeen. Mr. Crawford took an active part in all phases of community life. In the building of the church Mr. Crawford gave the material as well as his time for building it.

Mr. Crawford spent the evening of his life at his home in Durham and passed on two years ago.



## EARLY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Durham Review---- 1929

The first religious service was prayer meeting held at the home of Mr. Hugh MacLean. These were conducted by Rev. Stewart of Durham, one of the first ministers of the town. When the Rocky and Mulock churches were built, most of the people attended these.

The Aberdeen Church was then built, but it had no stationed minister. J. W. Crawford supplied all the material and the work was done by a number of neighbours. Some of the men who assisted [redacted] in the building of the church were J. W. Crawford, F. Torry, T. Morton, F. Lunney, G. Collinson, J. Collinson and R. McCracken. There were appointed three trustees: F. Torry, J. Collinson and F. Lunney. The majority of the children in the community attended Sunday School here. The church was also supplied with a library. Some splendid old-time tea-meetings have been held in the church. Since the buggy and auto came into use the church was little used and it is now in ruins.

Later research discloses that the above mentioned first religious services was held at Hugh McLeans in 1846 and later united with Mulock in 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McLean lived in a log house on the Bert Chapman farm and they were Gaelic Services.



Church At Aberdeen



## ABERDEEN SCHOOL HISTORIES

written by Mrs. Chas. Robson in 1966

The School Section of 1860 extended from Lot 19 to Lot 46 on the 3rd Con. and from Lot 24 to Lot 46 on the 2nd Con. of Bentinck. The first school was built on Lot 31 of the 2nd Con. The settlers were chiefly of English, Irish and Scottish nationality, with Scotch predominating. The section was thickly populated and as many as sixty pupils attended school at one time. Some pupils still came to school during the winter months at the age of nineteen and twenty years.

A second school was built some years later on Lot 33, Con. 3 about 25 rods north of the first school.

The present school was erected in 1873 on Lot 34, a stone structure 38½ by 30½. The cost of the school was \$9.00. It was equipped with long benches the cost of which was \$6.50. Since that time several improvements have been made. Seats replaced benches. The first porch 1898 and the second porch was built in 1931. Chemical toilets were added in 1931 and the first woodshed 1902 and the second woodshed in 1936.

Many improvements were made through the years with School Fairs beginning in 1924, hot lunches in 1930, agriculture in 1928 and music began in 1939. It is interesting to compare the school taxes of those days with that of the present time. The highest tax per hundred acres in 1857 was paid by those at the north and south ends of the section. Dougald Fletcher paid \$5.34 and Alexander Morton paid \$4.91.

At the end of June 1945 Aberdeen School was closed due to the small number of pupils in the section. The parents of the pupils were paid a small sum to transport their children to "The Rocky" school. The school board consisting of Harvey Rowbotham, Archie MacLean, Roy Lamb with Hugh McCormick as Sec. Tres. carried on until 1949 when a School Area was formed. The new school area board were John Corbett, George Cammidge, Alvin Noble, and Herb Hooey with Hugh McCormick as chairman and John Dirstein as Sec. Tres. The Aberdeen School was reopened in 1965 with Mrs. McKay of Chesley as the teacher and the school Area Board consisting of Sec. Tres. Lloyd Cathers, Chairman Chas. Robson, Arnold Sachs Vice Chairman, Tom Hutton, Harvey Switzer and Hugh McCormick. Mr. McCormick retired at the end of the year after serving faithful for sixteen years. The present board in 1966 is Sec. Tres. Lloyd Cathers, Chairman Chas. Robson, who is in his fifth year as chairman, Vice Chairman Harvey Switzer as well as Tom Hutton, Herb Hooey and Hank Koeslag.

Early Teachers of S.S. No. 10 are as follows:

Mr. Neil MacDonald 1862-1863  
Mr. A. MacLelland 1884  
Mr. John MacKechnie 1865-1866  
Mr. J. Stewart 1867  
Mr. Dougald Gilchrist 1868 - 1870  
Mr. Archie D. Campbell 1871-1872  
Miss MacKenzie 1873  
Mr. John MacNichol 1874  
Mr. Joseph Ellison 1874 Jan. to July  
Mr. Wm. Boyle 1875  
Mr. John Skene 1876  
Miss Helen Smith 1877



Mr. Angus McKinnon 1878-1880  
Mr. N. W. Campbell 1881-1882  
Mr. John McIntosh 1883-1885  
Mr. Malcolm Clark 1886-1888  
Miss Viola O'Neil 1889-1890  
Mr. William Beatty 1891-1893  
Mr. Duncan McPhee 1894-1896  
Mr. Archibald Galbraith 1897-1898  
Miss Margaret Clark 1899  
Miss MacLean 1900  
Miss Mary Fletcher 1901  
Miss Dora Davidson 1903-1904  
Mr. Wm. Ritchie 1905  
Miss Marion Morton 1906-1908  
Miss Margaret Clark 1909  
Miss Mildred Whitmore 1910-1911  
Miss Hazel Willis 1912-1913  
Miss Shiers 1913 Sept. to Jan.  
Miss Wilson 1914-1915  
Miss Henderson 1915 April to July  
Miss E. McGarity 1915-1916  
Miss I. Crawford 1917  
Miss Teasdale 1918  
Miss Hughes 1919  
Miss Margaret MacKenzie 1921  
Miss Miller 1921 Sept. to Dec.  
Miss Richmond Dec. 1922-1923  
Mr. McCormack 1923-1930  
Miss Myrtle Mortley 1930 - Dec 1931  
Miss M.C. McLean 1931-1932  
Miss Catharine MacLean Dec. 1932-1938  
Miss Mary C. MacQuarrie 1938-1945  
Mrs. McKay 1965- 1966  
Miss E. Hahn 1966-1967

The first secretary of SS No. 10 Bentinck was:

Mr. Dougald Fletcher 1857-1862  
Mr. Jas. McDonald 1863-1869  
Mr. Wm. Campbell 1869-1879  
Mr. Geo. Campbell 1879-1913  
Mr. Donald MacLean 1913-1923  
Mr. J. S. Davey 1923-1930  
Mr. Hugh MacCormack 1931

The first record of the chairman of the Board is in 1890 with Mr. Gibson Collinson

Mr. John Dalgish 1891  
Mr. Gas Archeson 1892  
Mr. John D. Clark 1893  
Mr. Jas. Aicheson 1894  
Mr. Samuel Putherbough 1895-1897  
Mr. Wm. McNally 1898  
Mr. Duncan MacLean 1899  
Mr. Neil Clark 1900  
Mr. Samuel Putherbough 1901, 1903-1904  
Mr. Donald McLean 1902



Mr. David Lamb 1905  
Mr. M. J. McLean 1906  
Mr. John Lunney 1907-1908, 1910  
Mr. Donald McLean 1909, 1912-1913, 1915-1916, 1918-1929  
Mr. Arch. MacLean 1911  
Mr. Robert Grierson 1914, 1917  
Mr. Jas. Ewen 1930-1935, 1937-1939  
Mr. J. S. Davey 1936, 1940-1941  
Mr. Geo. Chapman 1942  
Mr. Gordon Barfoot 1943  
Mr. Roy Lamb 1944  
Mr. Harvey Rowbotham 1945





Though the snowman is somewhat belated in providing his share of the festive touch to this happy season of the year, it was not lacking indoors when the schoolhouse at No. 10 Bentinck, gay with Christmas decorations was the scene of a happy gathering on Monday afternoon. Gordon McLean capably presided and the lengthy program gave evidence of much careful preparation on the part of the teacher, Miss Mortley. There was not a dull moment from beginning to end. The opening number was a chorus by the school. Recitations were given by Bessie Miller, Velma Goldsmith, Howard Grierson, Jack Chapman, Clarence Lynn, Hazel McDonald and Elsie Ewen; monologues by Grace Davey, "Miss Dorothy Entertains the Minister" and John McLean "Bringing in the Wood" were well given. In the several dialogues all took their parts creditably. Violin solo by George Miller, step dancing by Alfetta Noble, a song by seven girls representing the days of the week, and a motion song by a group of boys were much enjoyed. "Silent Night" was nicely sung by three girls—Alfetta Noble, Grace Davey and Bessie Miller. The closing number was a chorus by the school "Christmas Bells" after which the National Anthem was sung. Miss Mortley was then called forward and Ardena McArthur read an address while Hazel McDonald presented Miss Mortley with a walnut end table on behalf of the pupils and parents of the section. Though taken by surprise Miss Mortley expressed her thanks in a neat little speech for the lovely gift. Miss Mortley has endeared herself to the community during her short term here and though regretting losing her we are pleased to have her located not so far distant in her home town of Durham.

A short address was next given by Mr. S. Putherbough who reminded the children of the good fortune they enjoyed today in their comfortable and well furnished school, compared to what he enjoyed when he attended school as a boy. The thrilling moment at last arrived for which all so patiently (?) had been waiting when Santa Claus himself appeared and proceeded with the assistance of Miss Mortley, to distribute the gifts from the well laden and beautifully decorated Christmas tree. This completed, a bountiful lunch was served from the abundance of good things provided by the ladies.

#### ABERDEEN SCHOOL

By Effie Campbell, North  
Bentinck

Recently the Hanover Post reproduced a photograph of the 60th anniversary reunion of the Campbell's Corners School, No. 1, Bentinck, held in Hanover Arena in 1939. Pictured are some twenty-six adults who had been pupils within the years of 1893 to 1898. In the front row the central figure was that of the teacher who had been in charge for those years, when she was Miss Margaret Clark. For the re-union, as the oldest teacher present she

was then Mrs Duncan McGillivray.

An Aberdeen farm was Margaret Clark's birthplace, next door to Aberdeen School, now closed, and recently sold. She attended that school, also Hanover High School and Model School, and later a Normal school.

At sixteen years of age, Miss Clark was teacher at Latona public school on the Garafraxa Road, now Highway No. 6. She also taught in her "home" school, Aberdeen, and other schools as well. From the time of her marriage to Duncan McGillivray, they lived on the McGillivray homestead at Lovat, near Paisley, where their son, John and daughter, Anne still live. Mrs McGillivray died in April 1943, in her 74th year. Nephews and nieces are the Morrison family at Dornoch, Miss Ann Smith of Durham, Miss Margaret Clark (who also taught Aberdeen school) now of Kitchener and Mr Jack Smith, Aberdeen.

Dec  
1931







Friday, April 10 at  
A. C. Kell of Knox United  
officiated.

## John Davey, 74 Died Following Long Illness

A native of Kincardine, John Southcott Davey, 74, of Bentinck Township, died Wednesday, April 8, 1959, in Owen Sound General & Marine Hospital after a long illness.

A son of the late Richard Browning Davey and Jemima Southcott, he was a jeweller in Kincardine and Goderich before farming in Bentinck in 1918. He farmed there for 40 years. He was a member of the Anglican Church.

Survivors include his wife, the former Mary Caswell; three sons, Richard R. and Leonard of Owen Sound and Ralph, at home, and one daughter, Mrs J. Grace Twiss of Rexdale. One son, William, was killed in the second world war.

The funeral service was held from the Kress funeral home on Saturday, April 11 at 2 p.m. Rev Gordon L. Hamill of Durham Presbyterian church officiated.

M.  
tendance

The study  
of Mrs J. Weir,  
Mrs Rus. Drimmie



## Where Dr. Dunlop Was First Pupil and Then Teacher



Of Particular interest with the Ontario Minister of Education, Dr. W. J. Dunlop's visit to Owen Sound as guest speaker at the Board of Trade annual banquet is this photo of Aberdeen

School near Durham. Here Dr. Dunlop attended as a student and later taught. The school is now closed.

## Dr. W. J. Dunlop Attended School Near Durham

### Was Both Student and Teacher at Aberdeen School, Now Closed

DURHAM, March 3—The visit of Hon. Dr. W. J. Dunlop, minister of education to Grey County Friday, was of interest to Durham and district residents.

Dr. Dunlop, guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Owen Sound Board of Trade Friday night, received his early education at Aberdeen School (S. S. 10, Bentinck Township) near Durham.

His father, Rev. James C. Dunlop, was Baptist minister at the rural churches of Mulock and North Glenelg.

Dr. Dunlop attended school at Aberdeen until the family left for Stayner when he was 10 years old.

Mrs. Donald Stewart and members of the Smith, McQuarrie and McCormack families recall attending school with "Willie" and "Torrence" Dunlop. The latter, R. T. Dunlop, was a bank manager, now retired, whose last bank management was at Chatsworth.

Incidentally, 22 teachers, including the well-known inspector, N. W. Campbell of South Grey and Dr. Dunlop, and the Putherborough Brothers successful London building contractors, attended the little Aberdeen school which is now closed.

Dr. Dunlop was principal of the public and continuation school at Tavistock for three years.

In 1910 he joined the staff of the University of Toronto schools.

#### Favored by Clarks

In addition to Dr. Dunlop and the late Neil W. Campbell who was inspector for South Grey, the teachers were the late Malcolm N. Clarke, principal at Meaford for 14 years and at Peterborough until his retirement; Margaret E. Clark (Mrs. Duncan McGillivray) of Paisley; the late Mary C. Clark (Mrs. Joseph Byers), Allan, Sask.

Also Agnes Clark (Mrs. Samuel Jackson) of British Columbia; the late Annie Clark (Mrs. Thomas Wallace) of Mount Forest and Jessie Clark (Mrs. Leonard Thompson) now of Chesley.

Also the late George Putherbough of London whose brothers were London building contractors; Catherine Putherbough (Mrs. Charles Dowding) of British Columbia.

#### Others Listed

Also the late Mary Fletcher (Mrs. Hugh Riddell), Bentinck Township; Catherine Fletcher (Mrs. Angus McKinnon), Calgary; Donald McCormick, Aberdeen; Annie McCracken (Mrs. Edwards) of Alberta.

Also Mary Lamb (Mrs. George Bayley), Blenheim; the late Mary McQuarrie (Mrs. Bert Chapman), Aberdeen; John Lunney, western Canada; the late Janet N. Smith, New York; Thomas Collinson and

Joseph Collinson; Catherine D. McLeon (Mrs. Richard Dolman), Norwood; Sara McLean (Mrs. Kenneth McKay), Loring.

Also Marion Morton, Mount Forest; Mary E. Morton, Durham and Catherine Clark (Mrs. Fraser) of British Columbia.

#### Minister, Doctor

Among other students were the late Archibald G. Campbell, Port Elgin barrister; James R. Smith, chartered accountant in the United States.

Also Rev. Harvey Caswell, Des Moines, Iowa, and Dr. Jessie Canton.

Among students who entered the nursing profession were the late Bessie F. Smith, New York; Margaret Clark Smith (Mrs. W. A. Pessefall), Dearborn, Mich.; Mary E. Caswell (Mrs. J. S. Davey) who lives at Aberdeen and her daughter, Grace A. Davey (Mrs. James Twiss, Garson, Ont.





Settlers concession 2. W. Y. R. 1857 to 1976.

- Lot 22 Dougall Mc Callum Hugh Mc Cormick Cam Mc Donald.
- Lot 23 John Mc Donald. Donald Mc Donald. Cayle Mc Donald.  
Calvin Mc Donald. Cam Mc Donald. M Horvick  
L Kyte
- Lot 24 Lauchlan Mc Donald. Wm Mc Dally. Wm Honess  
Alf Noble Wm Mc Donald.
- Lot 25 Donald Mc Kinnon Archie Mc Cormick. Hugh  
Mc Cormick. Don O. haw
- Lot 26 Alex Mc phail, Niel Mc phail, John Mc phail  
Allen Mc Kechnie Sam Puthrough  
Jake Willet. Mitchel Mc Lean
- Lot 27 John Mc Kechnie Alex Mc Cormick Howard Smith  
Bert Chapman. M Bowman. Dr Ennes.  
Elmer Sanderson M Vickie. Goldie Lewis  
Miss Graham Quarrie — Dalglisk
- Lot 28 Malcolm Mc ~~Quarrie~~ — Dalglisk  
George Swamley. R Kemble. R Bowler
- Lot 29 George Boganson John Lauder Malcolm Campbell  
Jas Mc Donald. J. S. Dovey. I Armour  
Bob Slater Mr Ormel
- Lot 30 Duncan Campbell J Teasdale. G Caswell  
James Wilson. Juan Hunter Mrs Wagner
- Lot 31 Hugh Livingston ~~Archie~~ Wilson George Chapman  
Bert Chapman pat Mc Daid. H Clack E Lalonde
- Lot 32 Niel Mc Donald. Mrs Mc nichol Robt Gueison  
John Gueison Hawey Rowbottom C Ginky  
N Wilmer
- Lot 33 Wm Campbell Robt Gueison. John Gueison  
Hawey Rowbottom ~~Wm Hunter~~ C Ginky N Wilmer
- Lot 34 John Mc Donald. Jas Aitison Donald MacLean  
Gordon MacLean Cliff Rowbottom W Hunter



Settlers Con. - 2 W. Y.R. Cont.

- Lot 35- Urias Everson. Archie Mac Lean & Archie M  
Mac Lean. John Mac Lean Herb. ~~Butter~~ Butter
- Lot 36 Ed Conner John McDonald. Jack & Wm McDonald.  
Frank Collinson. George Miller Tom Miller
- Lot 37 Wm Conner Frances Catton Archie Mac Lean  
George Miller
- Lot 38 Jas Mc Donald. David Conner George Miller Sr.  
George Miller Jr.
- Lot 39. Mr Schofield David Lamb. Roy Lamb Ed Paterson  
John & Walter Lind, Paul Nelson
- Lot 40 R Conner John Collinson David Lamb.  
Roy Lamb Ed Paterson John & Walter Lind
- Lot 41 Mr Crawford. Norman Mc Dwyer John Lind
- Lot 42 West  $\frac{1}{2}$  Mr Crawford. Norman Mc Dwyer  
John Lind  
East  $\frac{1}{2}$  John Edge. Elias & Wm Edge John &  
Walter Lind
- Lot 43 Wm Ellison. J Lindsay. J Collinson Duncan  
Mac Lean George Twamley. Mr Tomlinson. Ronald  
Johnston. Percy Johnston
- Lot 45 Henry Lee Robt Ewen. Jas Ewen. Gordon Vesic  
Jerry Peterson Solyd Noble. J Madil. Jim Ellis
- Lot 46 Alex Morton Thos Morton George Morton  
David Krauter



Settlers on Con 3 W. Y. R.

- Lot 22 Duncan Fletcher, Chas Fletcher, Dougald Fletcher  
Alex Fletcher Mr Paddy D. A Campbell
- Lot 23 Duncan Fletcher Chas Fletcher Dougald Fletcher  
Lot 24 Alex Fletcher D. A Campbell Mr Paddy
- Lot 24 Duncan Fletcher Chas Fletcher Dougald Fletcher  
Alex Fletcher D. A Campbell Mr Paddy.
- Lot 25 Allen Mc Keebric Sam Putterbough J. Willet  
Frank Swamley. Fred Reay.
- Lot 26 John MacLean. Mr Wright J Willet  
B Lambert
- Lot 27 & 28. Donald & John Mc Guavie Duncan  
Mc Guavie. Peter Mc Guavie, Howard.  
Garrison J Kellmer.
- Lot 29 Hugh MacLean & Neil MacLean. Hugh MacLean.  
John F MacLean Bert Chapman. Pat Mc Daid  
Wayne Mighton C Roycroft
- Lot 30 John MacLean Donald MacLean.  
Ralph Dawey. ~~Thomas~~ Wilmer <sup>Richard Dawey</sup>
- Lot 31 Archie Mc Gillvary. Ralph Dawey & J Cromdell
- Lot 32 John Clark Fred Cuff Mr Klink To Costrel
- Lot 33 John Clark Fred Cuff Chas. Lawrence Gerge  
Miller Ivan Hunter W Grace
- Lot 34 Donald Mc Donald. Jas Dixon West  $\frac{1}{2}$  34  
J W Smith Donald Stewart Gordon Krauter  
<sup>Erik Jelinski</sup>
- Lot 35 John Cowan. J W Smith Donald Stewart  
Gordon Krauter Erik Jelinski
- Lot 36. <sup>East  $\frac{1}{2}$</sup>  A Mc Keebric Donald Stewart Gordon Krauter  
<sup>West  $\frac{1}{2}$</sup>  Jas Heslip Wm Heslip Erik Jelinski
- Lot 37 Duncan Mc Donald J Hesterton. Jas Heslip Wm  
Heslip Erik Jelinski Tom Hollo



Con 3. W & R. Cont.

Lot 38 Mr Mc Anse. Jas Mc Donald. John Mc Donald.  
Frank Collison Allen Piken Erik Jelinetic

Lot 39 <sup>Mrs D</sup> Dougald Clark. John D Clark Loma Clark  
Walter Bray! (Front Lot) Helmet Beidel. <sup>1/2 front lot</sup> <sup>2/3 Les. & Susan</sup> <sup>Talbot</sup>

Lot 40 Dougald Clark Niel Clark Dougald Clark Jr  
Joe noble Bert Davis Harold Davis

Lot 41 Peter Campbell George Campbell. Jas Mc Donald.  
Hugh Mc Donald. Ed Paterson. Garry Mighston  
Part Lot 41 Mrs Art Fisher

Lot 42 John McMartin H Lunney. Sam Mc Cracken  
Mrs Herb Hopkins George Ashley Ellison Boyce.

Lot of 42 Russel Mc Lewis. Norm. Ashley. Geo Ashley  
Wm <sup>Johnny Simpson</sup> <sup>Ken Wittus</sup> <sup>Wittus</sup> Butt. ~~Jas~~ Ray Sacks. Jas Maxwell.  
Art Fisher. <sup>Bob west</sup>

Lot 43 S Edge John Edge <sup>west</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$  43 David Hopkins  
Herb Hopkins George Ashley Vernon Brown  
<sup>Bruce Hostie</sup>

East  $\frac{1}{2}$  43 Wm Mc Cracken: Dr J.A. Lind  
Lot 44 Wm <sup>Edge</sup> <sup>with</sup> Elias Edge Wm Mc Cracken: Dr J.A. Lind

Lot 45 East  $\frac{1}{2}$  <sup>10</sup> Chas Hopkins Jas Ewen Cicely Hopkins  
George Swamley. Robt noble. Jerry Peterson  
West  $\frac{1}{2}$  <sup>west</sup> Herb Hopkins Roy Hopkins

Lot 46 Wm Edge John Stewart (Agent) and others Wm Scharf.  
Wm noble Allen Piken Elwood Rodgers.  
Claus Veen Ed Kant. S Vares. Art Rineast



## Robson Farm in Bentinck Township



This photo shows the farm buildings of Charles Robson of R.R. 2, Durham, in Bentinck Township. Mr. Robson bought this 100-acre farm seven years ago, and this is the fifth generation of Robsons who have resided there. Mr. Robson received an enlarged photo of the farm and \$12.00 in gift certificates. Mrs. Lowell Johnston of Durham was the first to identify the farm and win a year's subscription to The Chronicle.

Lot 47 Con. 2 WGR  
Bentinck

Frank McGroshney settled lot 47 in 1845

Adam Robson and his wife Mary Wingate Robson and their sons Asa and Lyle moved to lot 47 in 1873 from the 2. Con Glenelg township

Lyle Robson married Arrie Petty and had a family of four daughters all dying in infancy with exception of Margaret.

Lyle built the house and barn and hewed the timber for same that stands on the farm to day.

His wife died when Margaret was very young and later he married Mary Dawson

Lyle Robson sold the farm to Lhos Sulton in 1901 Mrs Sulton died in Jan 1931 and Lhos Sulton in April 1941

Lot 47 was then taken over by Nelson Hunt and his wife Florence Ewen Hunt.

In June 1945 Chas. Robson great grandson of Adam Robson bought the farm from Nelson Hunt



Lot 47 Con 2. Cont.

and still - occupies the farm.

He married Maud Storry in 1946 they have a <sup>family</sup> of three  
Margaret, Shirley Anne and Cameron Wesley.

In 1950 Margaret Robson Boyd daughter of Lyle Robson  
moved back to Lot 47 to spend her declining years  
with her cousin but health permitted a short stay  
and she died the same fall.



Lot 46 Con 2 WGR Bentinck

Alexander Morton who was born in Dumfriess Scotland was the first settler on the seconded Concession of Bentinck. He came in the year 1843 and settled on Lot 46 Con 2 W.G.R. His sister Margaret came with him but died shortly after and was the <sup>first</sup> woman buried in old Durham Cemetery. His wife Mary Kerr came from Scotland in 1847. They had a family of three Thomas, George, Isabella, all born on Lot 46 Con 2.

The early settlers came from the old land as far as Hamilton and from there by stage and many of them walked from Guelph to Durham.

Many days of hard work had been done by the pioneers; not only had they to clear the land of timber but also of stones.

Isabella Morton passed away in 1876 Alexander Morton and his wife 1895.

Alexander Morton's son Thomas was the second owner of Lot 46.

He was a natural genius with tools and many evidences of his ~~skill~~ skill with tools abound in the home and neighbourhood. He made and repaired machinery and made tools, furniture and Violins. He built the house and barn which stand on the farm to-day.

Thomas Morton married Mary Morton of Dumfriess and there was a family of seven. Alex. Isabella, George, Marion Agnes, Mary, Margaret.

Thos Morton passed away April 1921 and his wife in Jan 1932.

The third owner Lot 46 was George Morton son of Thomas Morton.





*Morton's house*



*Morton's barn*



GEORGE TWAMLEY FARM, ABERDEEN, LOT 43-44 W.G.R. From 1926 - 1957

On April 8th while having dinner in Durham at my father and mother's, my father said, Son, I want you to go out to Aberdeen and look over the Duncan McLean Farm. You know, my father had part of that farm rented when I was a boy and I always had a dream I would like to own that farm. If it suits you, I will buy it for you. Well on April 10th, 1926, that dream came true. Robert Twamley drove to Hanover with horse and cutter to draw up the new deed for the McLean Farm. On the 27th of April I started to plow. On the 9th of May I had 30 acres sowed. This was all done with horses and horse drawn machinery. In the busy time during the summer months my father and mother would come out to the farm to help out. In the winter I kept batch hall. I was just sweet sixteen when my father purchased this farm for me. I really thought I had the world by the ears. In 1928 my father bought me a new Chevie which was a real thrill in those days. On October 25th, 1930 I married Edith Torry, this was in the depression years. We never had any money but we always had lots of fun. We usually had a hired man during the summer months. Some of the men we hired were Clifford Adlam, Eric Ashton, Fred Cuff, Harold Davis, Jack Chapman, Duncan McDougall, Bill and Gary Miller. We purchased our first tractor in 1943, a Ford Ferguson and a two furrow plow, for \$1,026.00. I drove it for ten years and traded it for a new 1953 Ford Jubilee which cost \$1,700.00. Our farm was rated one of the best wheat farms in the township. We usually had 30 or 40 acres of wheat every year. It was also great for Alfalfa hay. On July 9th, 1948 the Aberdeen Ladies Institute, my wife being president that year, held a garden party at our farm to raise money for funds for the institute, which was a real success. In 1948 my wife and I thought it was time to take a holiday so on the 10th of September we took the train for the West Coast, Victoria B.C. We arrived back home on the 25th of October and really enjoyed a well earned holiday. In 1949 my wife had the misfortune to slip on the top step of our stair steps and landed on her back in the centre of the living room floor. It



appeared to be just a simple fall but was a very costly one in later years. In 1957 we decided to cut down in the farming life. We sold our farm at Aberdeen to Mr. and Mrs. John Tomlinson of Toronto. We had Bill Holley Construction build us a new home on our grass farm, the former Dalgish farm, lot 28, Con. 2, W G R. We moved into our new home November 6th, 1957. In 1963 we built a new barn and farmed there until 1974 when we gave up farming life due to my wife's illness. We sold the farm to Mr. Roderick Kembley of Bolton and retired to Durham, living at 3 Hunter Street, this our farming life from 1926 to 1974.

On the 7th of August, 1976 my dear wife passed away in the London Victoria Hospital. Up yonder she has gone, she has earned her reward, she is waiting for me, standing on guard. Profiled and written by

George Twamley,  
3 Hunter Street,  
Durham, Ontario.



Lot 43 + 44 Con 2 W. G. R



West  $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 43 con 3 W.G.R Bemtinck.

This farm was taken from the crown by a man by the name of Hamilton Edgell.

Who built a log house and frame barn about 15 rods East of the present buildings

He sold to Daniel Hopkins who with his wife built the brick house this house has 3 stories no basement the house was built in 1848

And the large barn 60 x 60

In 1917 he sold to his nephew Herb Hopkins who came from Langley Prairie B. C.

Mr Hopkins moved the small barn that had been built earlier up to the east end of the large barn where it still stands as a hay & pig barn

Mr Hopkins married Mrs Mae Ashley June 30 1925 at Denton and Mrs Hopkins came the second time to this farm as a bride. When she married Alfred Ashley in 1912 they rent this farm and lived 5 years on it

Mr & Mrs Hopkins remodeled the house making a kitchen Pantry and bathroom out of the big woodshed which stood

to the East end of the house. 1929 they built a Cistern also drilled a well and had the water piped to the barn and house, with a large Cistern for the cattle and a smaller <sup>on the house</sup> on both beside the barn at the west end. This water flowed by gravity to the house where it was on taps. A Baker Windmill pump the water to the Cisterns

In 1937 George Ashley bought the farm from his Step-Father Herb Hopkins many changes took place.

George Ashley married Florence Mae Jean June 1942. He Ashley had a daughter Elva <sup>born Norman</sup>

In 1948 the Hydro Come and many <sup>Electrical</sup> appliances were added one thing being Bell Electric Hammer Mill, Electric Cream Separator. Fanning mill



West  $\frac{1}{2}$  lot 43 Con 3.

On Nov 5 1973 the Ashley had a auction sale  
and the daughter and son law Vernon & Elva Brown  
took over the farm.

They remodeled the ~~big~~ house doing away with the  
woodshed when they put in Oil furnace making a  
laundry room in place of woodshed.

Many had lived on this farm as tenants through the  
years Ewens, Lunnery, Crozier, Ashleys.

Vernon & Elva Brown sold the farm to Brian & Linda  
Hastie June 1981



Lot 42 CON3 WGR Bentinck

There is no exacted date of who lived on this farm <sup>or who</sup> settled by <sup>found in Guy Co History of lots in Guy Co. 1865</sup> ~~John Hodge~~ Samuel Hecston as owner.

But from an old school recorded there was a John McMartin and J Lummy and Sam McCracken.

Mrs Mae Hopkins bought this farm from Mr McCracken in 1940.

The house was rebuilt in 1941 raised up and a basement put under it also summer kitchen & woodshed added. Delco plant for to supply light for the house.

Mr McCracken had built a pier to the barn about 1924 also a well was drilled

Mrs Hopkins had the Hydco installed in 1948. later a pressure system and the water piped to the house a bathroom put in.

Mrs Hopkins died May 1971

The farm was passed on to her son George Ashley. who continued to farm it until ill health forced him to sell in April 1974 to Ellison Boyce of Waterloo

The township had bought a road way of this farm derailing the river from the rest of the farm then

Mrs Hopkins sold lots of it to. Russell McJamish Norman Ashley, Vernon Brown but this lot was taken over by George Ashley, Mrs Art Lisher, Mrs Bill Vereash Jas Maxwell. all part of Lot 42. W. G. R.





Old house on lot 42 con. 3  
before it was remodeled.



After lot 42 con. 3



Lot 34 & 35 36 con 3 Bentinck Cont.

system and piped it to the barn. built a cement silo and tank at the barn and put a new roof on the house

Donald Stewart died June 3 1953 and his daughter and husband are now working the farm Mrs Stewart living with them. Gordon also put the Electric Lights in.



Lot 35 Con 2 W6R Bentinck

Lot 35 Con 2 Bentinck was taken up sometime between 1850 & 1860 by Eurus Everson and was held by him until 1865 when it was bought by Archie Mac Lean. Who came with his parents to Canada from Mull Scotland in 1852 after landing in Bentinck he took up land on 9th Con Bentinck a mile & half north of Lamack but sold it about 1868 and moved to the 9 con. buying lot 35 from Mr Everson he lived on it until his death 1907 the farm was left to his youngest son Archie M. Mac Lean who still lives on the farm with his son John and his wife and two children

The first buildings were of log and were south and west from where the barn now stands these buildings were a house, stable and grainer in 1880 the frame barn was built it was 40 x 50 ft, the framer for the barn was the late Hugh McKechnie who later went to Western Canada

In 1905 a lean was built to the barn on the east side it was 16 by 50 Mr Walter Middleton was the framer he is living in Toronto.

In 1940 this lean was taken down and a new frame was put up and now the posts are all the same height 18 ft and a steel roof was put on this work was done by John Hest of Durham

In 1882 the house was built by the same man as built the barn in 1895 a lean kitchen and woodshed was built to the north side by Hugh McKechnie who afterwards went to Basswood Manitoba



Lot 35 con 2 W Y R. Cont.

In 1939 the lean kitchen was taken down and all kitchen and woodshed was built

In 1918 a well was drilled by Ed Pratt it is 168 ft deep, and flowing all the time

In 1920 an implement shed was built it is 30 ft by 45 ft with 10 ft posts George Gray and Wm Heselet framed it.

The barn on this farm was burnt about 1960 and had been sold to Herbert Butler on the death of Archie M MacLean in 1958.

Lot 37 con 2 Bentinck

In 1920 lot 37 con 2 was bought from Wm J. Deaf who bought it some years before from Francis Ceton there were several owners before one was Elias Edge.

The first building on this farm were of log and were built on the east end of the farm

later a frame house was built about the middle of the farm and a stable

Later the stable was burnt about 1910

The house was sold to Mr Jas Lawrence who moved it to his farm near the Rocky Saugeen school, and later sold and moved again to Williamsford

A road way was bought across lot 36 to Lot 37 this is 4 rods wide.

Mr George Miller bought the Lot 37 from the estate of Archie M MacLean in 1958.



in raising June 1940



Remodeling the barn on Lot 35 con 2.  
June 1940 barn burn in ~~1916~~ 1960



Over flowing Well on Archie Mae Lean farm  
Lot 35 con 2. 1914 - 168 ft deep  
Mat. McEwen, Archie Mae Lean with daughter Florence,  
Donald Stewart and well driller Ed. Pratt





Georg Swanley Home lot 28.



George & Edith Swanley  
Christmas 1961 new home.





Lots 34 35 & east half lot 36  
Con. W & R BENTINCK.

This farm lies west of the Garafusa road in Bentinck township one acre was sold off lot 34 for a school.

John Smith bought this farm in 1872 and remained here till 1912 he built the house and barn then in 1912

James Healett bought the farm

In 1915 Donald and Mrs Stewart bought the farm there is 75 acres cleared land. the remainder is bush swamp and pasture

One day I was working in the garden and a Rev Cowan stopped on the road. to tell me he was raised in a small house on the side of the road. at one end of our garden there was also people lived at the back part of lot 34 & 35 but those buildings were all gone before we came here Donald Stewart put siding on the house in 1923 he also built the driving shed and wood shed put cement in the stables and Veranda also a Cistern that hold 45 barrels Water He also drilled a Well 100 ft deep and put new roof on the barn.

Gordon Krauter married Vera Stewart in 1940 and came to live here he put a new roof on drive shed also put in pressure



Lot 29 COM 2 WGR Bentinck  
Crown deed.

Grant to - George Bezeason west half (50 acres)  
recorded June 16 - 1856

Crown sale to George Bezeason east half (50 acres)  
recorded Oct 2 - 1856

Many short time owners until 1877 when Jas Mc Donald  
bought but did not live here until 1883

When Catherine Mc Donald became his wife they farmed  
until moving to Aberdeen

In 1914 John Southcott and Mary Dauey bought  
and lived here since, this account was written  
Oct 1964.

This farm has been sold first to Mr Armer and many other  
owners and has been divided into lots.



# Durham

## 1700 ATTEND AS BENTINCK HONORS VETS

Township Presents Signet  
Rings to 95 Men and  
Five Women

### AT FAIR GROUNDS

DURHAM, Sept. 23—An estimated 1700 people flocked to Durham Agricultural Grounds on Saturday afternoon for Bentinck Township's welcome home to its veterans. A parade from the armories under the command of C.S.M. James Sullivan, led by Durham Pipe Band to the grounds, opened the day's program.

Reeve William Holly, chairman of the committee in charge, was surrounded on the platform by his fellow councillors of Bentinck township and by Mayor Harry Kress of Durham who gave the opening address, welcoming the veterans and their friends to the town of Durham. Harry Henderson, formerly of Bentinck, Major Walter E. Harris, M.P.; Farquhar R. Oliver, M.L.A., and Rev. Father T. H. Mulhall of Durham also each addressed the gathering.

Prayer by James Barton of Mulock Baptist Church was followed by two minutes' silence in memory of the fallen.

Herbert Chittick made the presentation of signet rings to 97 servicemen and five women of the township as Reeve Holly read the names. Plaques to the mothers or wives of the dead will be presented personally later.

Community singing with Councillor George Mannerow as song leader followed and a baseball game between Aytch and Hanover teams was won 8-3 by Aytch.

Following is a list of Bentinck servicemen and women: Daniel Armstrong, Ross Roseborough, Oren Pollock, Gerald Hiscox, Howard Grierson, Lorne Lewis, Harold Roseborough, Richard Davey, Donald C. Campbell, Oliver Monk, Leonard Davey, Bert Chapman, John Chapman, Clifford Rowbottom, Grace Davey, Clifford Noble, Pearlous H. Scherk, David Bailey, William Hewitson, Howard Keller, Ralph Campbell, Arthur Wise, Roydon Vickers, Frank Baker, Miss Hughes, James Armstrong, Roy Andrews, Howard Bailey, Fred Vickers, Beverly Boyce, George Porter, Duncan McDougall, Philip McDonald, Herbert Obenhack, Carl Mackey, Bruce Mackey, Harold Magwood, Warren Jacklin, Fred Fursman, Max Hopkins, Albert Hiebin, Charles Pfeffer, Wilson Ritchie, Kenneth Kobe, George Dobson, Arthur Young, Isabel Hiebin, A. F. Lorenz, Alfred Summerell, K. E. Lorenz, F. L. Howald, Alvin Schaab, James Hastie, Marvin Howald, Nursing Sister Morton, Eldon Monk, Robert Howald, Gordon

Matier, Clarence Wiermier, Wallace K. Hatton, William Ebenau, Walter C. Wiermier, Harold Christie, Harold Owens, Rex Luckhart, W. B. Allison, Robert Herd, Edward Miles, John Miles, Harold Fiddler, Gordon Patterson, Charles Weber, George Weis, Garfield D. Chittick, Bruce Wendorf, Wesley Cuff, George Patterson, Wesley

Pfeffer, Gladys Pfeffer, Milton Krauter, Jack Schoeck, Orville Lipake, George Monk, Wilbert Howie, William Wilkinson, Gordon Wilkinson, Victor Scheurman, Archie McLean, James Stokes, Norman Thompson and Lloyd Redford.

## TOWNSHIP OF BENTINCK WAR VETERANS

Members of armed forces who were residents of the Township of Bentinck at time of enlisting.

If there are any errors or omissions in the following list of names, please notify the Township Clerk by letter.

Five paid the supreme sacrifice, namely: Harry Hughes, son of Mrs. Hughes, R.R. 1 Chesley; William Davey, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Davey, R.R. 2 Durham; Kenneth McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McDonald, R.R. 2 Durham; Raymond Bruegeman, wife formerly Miss Dorothy Magwood, R.R. 1 Hanover; Howard McLennan, son of Mrs. McLennan, Elmwood.

### RETURNED VETERANS

|                    |                  |                       |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Miss Hughes        | Frank Baker      | James Hastie          |
| James Armstrong    | Roy Andrews      | Marion Howald         |
| Daniel Armstrong   | Howard Bailey    | Nursing Sister Morton |
| Ross Rosborough    | Fred Vickers     | Eldon Monk            |
| Oren Pollock       | Beverly Boyce    | Robert Howald         |
| Howard Grierson    | George Porter    | Gordon Maurer         |
| Gerald Hiscox      | Duncan McDougall | Clarence Wiermier     |
| Lorne Lewis        | Philip McDonald  | Wallace K. Hatton     |
| Harold Rosborough  | Herb Obenhack    | William Ebenau        |
| Richard Davey      | Carl Mackey      | Walter C. Wiermier    |
| Oliver Monk        | Bruce Mackey     | Harold Christie       |
| Leonard Davey      | Harold Magwood   | Harold Owens          |
| Donald C. Campbell | Warren Jacklin   | Rex Luckhart          |
| Bert Chapman       | Fred Fursman     | W. B. Allison         |
| John Chapman       | Irwin Glauser    | Robert Herd           |
| Clifford Rowbottom | Max Hopkins      | Edward Miles          |
| Grace Davey, R.N.  | Albert Hiebin    | John Miles            |
| Clifford Noble     | Chas. Pfeffer    | Harold Fiddler        |
| Perilous H. Sherk  | Wilson Ritchie   | Gordon Patterson      |
| David Bailey       | Kenneth Kobe     | Chas. Weber           |
| Wm. Hewitson       | George Dobson    | George Weis           |
| Ralph Campbell     | Arthur Young     | Garfield D. Chittick  |
| Victor Scherman    | Isabel Hiebin    | Bruce Wendorf         |
| Philip McDonald    | A. F. Lorenz     | Wesley Cuff           |
| Howard Keller      | Alfred Summerell | George Patterson      |
| Archie McLean      | K. E. Lorenz     | Wesley Ball           |
| Arthur Wise        | F. L. Howald     | Clayton J. Wise       |
| Royden Vickers     | Alvin Schaab     |                       |

H. J. CHITTICK, Clerk, R.R. 3 Hanover



# Mrs. Donald C. McKechnie Is One of Pioneer Residents Of Bentinck and Glenelg

Born on Lot 24 Con. 2 W 4 R Bentinck

Highly Esteemed Resident Recalls Early Days of Her Childhood—Family History Dates From Well Back in the Last Century, When Her Ancestors Came to Canada From Scotland.

(By Mrs. F. M. Harrison)

This story centres around one of the grand old ladies of Glenelg township. That old pioneer municipality, with its hills and dales, has a fund of early tales that can be told by these pioneer ladies, but this particular one has pioneered in both Glenelg and Bentinck townships. Mrs. Donald Charles McKechnie, (Annie Louche) as everyone knows her by was born on the old homestead, 2nd concession Bentinck, in the summer of 1855 and is in her 81st year, and still is enjoying splendid health and is a regular attendant at divine worship in Burn's Church, Rocky Saugeen.

Before writing more of her experiences, I must transgress back to the days in Scotland over a hundred years ago and gradually weave into her story, a few incidents of her forefathers, so that the story will emerge complete and interesting. Her late father, Lachlan MacDonald was born on the small island of Ulva, Mull Argyleshire, Scotland in the year 1821.

Her brother, John, married a Scotch lassie, of the same island, on a spring day in March 1842 and on the 21st of June 1842, he and the bride of three months, left their homeland for Canada, even at that faraway day, a land of promise, flowing with milk and honey, but how dearly bought, were these promises. The younger brother, accompanied them and to the day of his marriage eleven years later, these brothers were inseparable companions, sharing each other's burdens in the new land.

The trip across the ocean occupied seven weeks, proving a tiresome one, almost every passenger, "sick unto death" with sea sickness and some kind of epidemic that took the toll of numerous lives before isolation was resorted to. Of that trip, only one passenger is numbered among the living inhabitants of Canada today, and she lives at Durham, Ontario, and her picture adorns a page in Durham history compiled for "Old Home Week" of last August.

The new comers landed at Quebec instead of St. John, N. B., as intended, but an epidemic of Cholera was sweeping that port and no boat was allowed to anchor within five miles. The two brothers and bride of the one, set sail in a smaller steamer for Toronto (Muddy York) landing there some time later. They rented a log shanty near the Humber River in Vaughan township, York County and some four months later, Flora, the eldest child was born. The two brothers were industrious and by degrees were acquiring the knowledge of pioneering in the bush, learning the English language, for the Gaelic, the Scotch language, was the only one they knew on their arrival in the new land. The brother's wife in the half century she spent in Canada before her call to higher service, never spoke a word other than her native language, but the brothers could speak English quite fluently, though the "mother tongue" was just as easily spoken too. After spending almost three years in Vaughan township, they moved to the second concession of Bentinck, where the homesteads were taken, John, the married man, chose lot 23 and Lachlan the adjoining one, lot 24. Imagine the hardships and privations of these staunch pioneers, coming mostly on foot for the food and other belongings, along with the wife and little daughter, were arranged on a jumper drawn by a faithful team of oxen, Buck and Bright, to the new forest home. They reached Durham, a small hamlet just three years old. Hunter's hotel housed the tired travellers and the following day the land agent and the two brothers conferred on a possible homestead and before they left his office their lots were chosen, sealed and signed for, known then as "Crown Lands." Fifty acres belonging to lot 23 is still owned by Philip McDonald of Mulock, a member of the third generation, and continuously owned by a McDonald for 90 years. The summer of 1845 Margaret, the second child, came to gladden the parents, and this girl, after growing to womanhood, married Duncan McKenzie, a prominent homesteader of Bentinck township and later of Durham. The elder daughter purchased the pioneer orchard on the concession in the early sixties and up till the severe frost of the winter of 1934, it bore fruit for those who lived on the homestead, but last winter and this one, it is furnishing fuel for the home of a nephew of the lady who planted the trees.

Now we will take up the main theme of our story and return to Lachlan and his subsequent pion-

eer activities and later experiences. Both John and Lachlan McDonald worked together in the clearance of their homesteads, Lachlan keeping "bach" in a log cabin home, while John and his family lived in a log house on their chosen lot. In the summer of 1850, Katharine Brown, with her parents, emigrated to Canada, coming direct to Bentinck township, where previously relatives had come to reside. Two years later "she met her fate" at a social gathering, known as a "pulling bee," and a year later Lachlan McDonald and Katharine Brown were united in marriage and another proud man brought his bride to a new home, though a humble one indeed.

Her husband idolized her, but she was not permitted to spend many years as a partner and mother of his children. Almost two years following her marriage, she gave birth to a daughter, subject of this sketch. This was in the year 1855. In 1866 the mother passed away, leaving Annie, the eldest, not quite eleven years old, to care for four younger children, the youngest an infant of a few months. She had contracted that dreaded disease cancer and despite the expert advice of Toronto specialists and hospital care, she had to leave the husband and small family behind and answer the call to higher service above. The husband was heartbroken over her early death but shouldered his responsibility of caring for the children she had given him. Annie had to leave school shortly after to care for the home. She witnessed the passing away of her sisters and a brother with that dread malady, consumption. With the determination that she would not be a victim, the old log house was burnt and a new substantial brick replaced it and she is still living to the old age of eighty years, hale and hearty, with all her faculties.

She received her schooling at the school now known as Aberdeen school, but in 1862, when she started her school career, it was to the old log school house that stood about half way between Clark gate and where the brick school stands today. Her mother taught her to read the Psalms and paraphrases which she cherishes to the present day and when alone in her home they are a solace and comfort to her now.

Neighbors, she says, meant much to each other in the pioneer days and no matter what nationality or creed, co-operation was the key word and wherever aid of any kind was needed, it was sent by the neighbors and not just the nearest ones either. There were no telephones in those days, but messages were delivered by the sons of those neighbors and for miles around. Every homesteader, Scotch, with his thrift, German with their unusual home customs and the Irish of the happy-go-lucky kind, laughing alike at the language of the one and the industry of the other, but just as ready to help them as they were to help him, when fast ripening crops produced more work than one establishment could handle. Co-operation of a more practical nature was manifested in purchasing new farm equipment. No attempt was made to "keep up with the Joneses" with the men at least for rather than duplicate Joneses purchases Smith or whatever the name, planned to supplement the machinery already available in the neighborhood, with the idea of borrowing what he could from the neighbors and lending in turn what he had to the neighbors and by this method farm work progressed amazingly.

There was more rivalry indoors. Criticism may be taboo in the field or barn, but the same rule did not apply in the kitchen. The pioneer men did not expect any frills to the meals, but if well cooked food and in abundance, was not set before them the fact remained a morsel for gossip for many a day and that morsel of gossip spread with the telling.

Pride of her household arts was the heritage of every pioneer wife and mother and upon threshings, paring bees, pulling bees, etc., these wives and mothers would gather and "show off" their capabilities in the baking and cooking art while tongues wagged telling bits of news and their own experiences, possibly in the mother tongue. There were no newspapers, excepting the Globe, Toronto, and Family Herald, Montreal, and only a few could ever afford the luxuries of these, but those that did enjoy that privilege saw to it that these papers went far and wide to other pioneer homesteaders until the papers were beyond reading them at all, from so much handling.

This get together spirit did much to help those pioneers, prompting social evenings when the day's work was done. From the skin out every bit of clothing was made at home. First there was the "pulling bee,"

Aged Glenelg Lady



MRS. D. C. McKECHNIE

Pioneer resident of Glenelg and Bentinck townships, who still enjoys good health at 80 years of age.

when the cloth that would later be manufactured into these clothes was cleaned in a most unique way and many a romance that budded at these gatherings blossomed into a happy marriage. Carding of the wool, spinning of the yarn for this cloth was all part of the pioneer daughter's daily tasks. All socks, mitts and even underwear were knit by hand during any leisure time in the summer and evening hours of the winter months. Mrs. McKechnie clearly remembers logging, paring and pulling bees she attended and the fun and jollity there. She learned the art of tailoring at Durham in the late seventies, after a sister had grown up and was able to "keep house" for her father.

In 1863 she married Donald Charles McKechnie and went to Glenelg to pioneer there. Her husband and his aged father "bached" there and one can imagine the task confronting her. Besides the aged father-in-law, there was his sister almost a century old. The McKechnies had come from Scotland in the year 1835, Donald Charles being just a year old and in 1850 the father, sister and son moved from Proton to the homestead on the second concession of Glenelg. The father had never plowed a furrow in all his life and to the son of 16 years fell the gigantic task of clearing the land. The father was an adept in cutting down the forest trees, piling them into huge heaps where they were burnt. He would sow the grain seed after the land was ready, but he could never be persuaded to plow. After the son's marriage the duties of the home were left entirely to the new daughter-in-law and to her great credit she devoted her time in caring for the aged ones of the home. The aunt lived a few years, passing away suddenly without a day's illness at the age of 104. Her brother lived on till the late years of the century, when he answered the call at the age of 103 years. Donald Charles did not live to the century mark, but fracturing his hip twice had a great deal in shortening his life but he lived to see his 91st year.

Three sons gladdened the home of Donald Charles and Mrs. McKechnie, and how they did plan for these boys that would carry on the great tasks of the world after they were both laid away in the old Rocky Saugeen cemetery. Others around them were building new houses, while they just repaired the old log house that had stood the test of time for many many years, dear with memories to the both of this simple, quiet couple. Instead of building a new brick house they were satisfied to "bank" their accumulated savings, planning to purchase farms, when the boys were old enough to work them. The boys grew up to manhood but the plans of the parents did not interest the sons at all, at least two of them and "a call to the west" lured them to Saskatchewan, where both "made good," enjoying homesteading there and the free ways of the open plains and like the Prodigal Son, one returned to the bosom of his mother, having lost all his accumulated wealth in a wild cat scheme of getting rich quickly. He returned to the old home in Glenelg and for some years has assisted with tasks of operating the home farm and caring for his mother. The elder brother chose the better part, remaining on the one hundred acre farm, his parents helped him to purchase. He married some twenty-one years ago and Donald McKechnie and wife are still fulfilling the traditions of their forefathers in the hospitable home and the duties in the community, both socially and for the church.

Mrs. McKechnie lives today in the old home, built almost seventy years ago. Of course some minor improvements are noted. The old milk house in use when she came there in 1883 as a bride is still standing, a relic of the pioneer days. Her own father she cared for and in 1892 he passed away in his sleep, and she laid him beside her mother in Rocky Saugeen cemetery. (Continued on page nine)



# We Will Remember Them . . .

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Killed In Action  
1914 - 18

Thomas A. Allan  
Wm. R. Armstrong  
Percy R. Bryon  
Robert W. Burgess  
Roy G. Calder  
Campbell Clark  
James G. Coutts  
Arthur Gadd  
William Gadd  
George Halliday  
William J. Hopkins  
Jesse Hughes  
Reginald Kelly  
Allen Kelsey  
E. L. Knight  
William A. Lauder  
J. M. Ledingham  
Caldwell Marshall  
William T. McAlister  
Thomas W. MacDonald  
Percy McKechnie  
Robert W. McMeekin  
Stanley McNally  
Robert Putherbough  
James F. Saunders  
Earle Vollett  
Harry Vollett  
James W. Wallace  
James Warmington  
George Webber  
John Weir  
Alexander Wells  
William G. P. Willis  
Richard H. Wilson  
Edson M. Wolfe  
Harry S. Willis

1939 - 45

Arthur Allan  
Gerald Beileau  
Emerson J. Bennett  
Denis Collins  
William Davey  
Gordon Falkingham  
Victor Goodchild  
Alwyn Goldsmith  
Robert Hunter  
Starr Jamieson  
Ross Keller  
Fred Moses  
Harry McCaslin  
Kenneth MacDonald  
Gordon McGillivray  
Norman Steads  
James Tilt  
Howard Watson  
Robert Webster  
William Webb  
James R. Wilson  
Carson Whitmore

BILL GOVY PRES ST  
ARGONNE ZEE BRUGGE  
VERDUN JUTLAND THE  
SOMME ARRAS VIMY  
RIDGE HIL  
CAMBRAI  
HAVRINCOURT  
PAASCHENDAELE  
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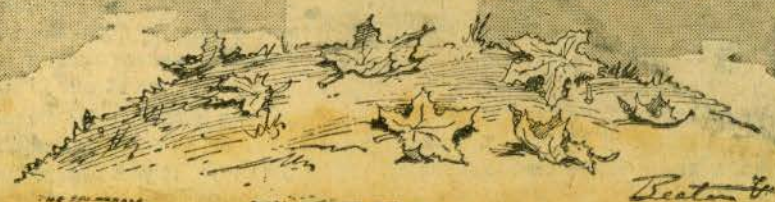
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LONG KONG  
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BRITAIN  
SICILY  
WIGLER LINE  
CAMPORASSA  
BOMBER COMM  
FALABE GAP  
ABBVILLE  
CALAIS  
ANTWERP  
ARNHEM  
NIMMAGEN  
INDIA  
KOREA

Died As Result  
of Service

A. Atkinson  
John Bolger  
J. C. Ryan  
Kenneth Caswell  
William C. Cornwall  
G. W. Campbell  
Art Connolly  
William Darby  
John Davis  
Bert Dickson  
Lachlan Dunbar  
Vernon Elvidge  
Harry Erwin  
Ronald Giles  
Robert Gray  
Thomas Gray  
Arthur Gun  
Cecil G. Gun  
Charles Haven  
Ed. Hunt  
Mrs. F. F. Hunter  
Col F. F. Hunter  
Eddie Hutton  
John D. Kennedy  
Martin Lauder  
Ernest MacDonald  
Walter McAlister  
N. J. McGillivray  
D. B. McFarlane  
William McGowan  
Frank McIlraith  
Malcolm McInnis  
Stanley McNally  
Wesley Morton  
William Munroe  
Alex Murdock  
Rees Padfield  
John Pinkerton  
James Pust  
James H. Renwick  
Vic Scheurermann  
Charles Stear  
C. M. Steinacher  
James P. Smith  
Andrew Smith  
A. S. Switzer  
Wilfred Thompson  
David Thompson  
S. W. Trafford  
Ferguson Watson  
Harold Watson  
James Weir  
Eldon Whitmore  
W. N. Whitmore  
B. H. Willis  
Cecil E. Wolfe  
Joe Young  
Lance Rumble  
George Bovington  
Eric Goldsmith  
Dave Sheach



Public Service at the Cenotaph, Saturday at 2:30 p.m.  
ALL VETERANS AND LEGION MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND





Robert Putterbaugh.  
Enlisted early in 1918 with the 1st Geny.  
Horse, went to France in May 1918.  
Was reported missing Aug 10th 1918.



# Bentinck Boy Won D. F. M. In Sicily

*August  
1943*

Sgt.-Pilot R. R. (Dick) Davey Has Seen Much Service Over Germany and in Sicily. — Stationed at North African Base.

Sgt.-Pilot Richard Royden (Dick) Davey of Bentinck, has won the coveted Distinguished Flying Medal. This was the information received from R.C.A.F. Headquarters in Ottawa this week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Davey of Bentinck Township.

This is welcome news to the young airman's many friends in this district, where he made his home until enlisting in March of 1940 in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Sgt. Pilot Davey received his training in Canada and went overseas in 1942. He was attached to a squadron of the Royal Air Force in England and all his service has been in the RAF.

For a time Sgt.-Pilot Davey was engaged in air action over France and Germany, but some months ago was sent to a base in Africa, where he took part in the Tunisian campaign and the action in North Africa. Since then he has engaged in many flights over the Mediterranean, and when the Sicilian campaign opened up he was a member of one of the squadrons which did such good work in protecting the Allied ground troops from the enemy air assaults.

Sgt. Pilot Davey is well known and well liked in Durham, where he attended High school, and his friends here are delighted that he has won this coveted honor, the hope of every fighting airman.

Receipt of this news by his parents this week, makes one think there is really a silver lining to every cloud, as it is only two weeks ago that Mr. and Mrs. Davey received word that a younger son, Sgt.-Pilot W. H. (Bill) Davey was reported missing after an action on August 11 last, only to receive a second message that it was now believed their son had been killed. This information came from Ottawa, also and was received from the International Red Cross, who had received the information through the German information service. A third son, Leonard, is also with the RCAF and is now in training at Fingal.

*Concordia High school, 7000 Flying Officer R R Davey*

## Bentinck Township Lads Serving in R.C.A.F.



"DICK" DAVEY



"BILL" DAVEY

On the left above is Sgt. Air Gunner Richard Roydon "Dick" Davey, born in 1916 in Goderich, attended Aberdeen S.S. No. 10, Bentinck township, also Kincardine High School. Enlisted in R.C.A.F. in March, 1941, trained at Manning Pool, Toronto, Camp Borden, No. 1 Wireless School, Montreal, I.T.S., Trenton, and Bombing and Gunnery School, Mountain View. Obtained his wings in June, 1942, and posted overseas in July, 1942. On the right is Sgt. William Harold "Bill" Davey, born at Kincardine in 1924, attended Aberdeen S.S. No. 10, in Bentinck township and Durham High School. Enlisted in R.C.A.F. in June, 1941, trained at Toronto, Trenton, Aylmer, Mount Joli, where he obtained his wings in November, 1942, and posted overseas in December, 1942. Both are sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Davey, Bentinck Township, near Aberdeen.

## Durham Winner of D.F.M. Coolly Held His Fire Until Hun Attacker In Close Range

### Sgt. R. R. Davy Was Rear Gunner in Halifax Bomber

Durham Airman

Winner of the D.F.M., the citation for Sgt. R. R. Davey, Durham, said:

"In July, 1943, this airman was the rear gunner of a Halifax aircraft detailed to attack Reggio de Calabria. Shortly before reaching the target the bomber was attacked by a Junkers 88 and sustained much damage. The intercommunication system was put out of action and the left tail elevator was forced down. The enemy aircraft made one continuous attack and finally closed to within 50 yards.

"Sgt. Davey, who had coolly withheld his fire, then delivered one long burst which caused the attacker to explode and fall into the sea in flames. Sgt. Davey's coolness and skill when under fire contributed much to the safe return of his aircraft."

The awards:

—Bar to D.F.C.

- FO. M. B. Jowsely, Ottawa.
- PO E. A. Ker, Fonthill, Ont.
- PO. A. McDonald, Angus, Ont.
- PO B. A. Quinlan, algary.
- PO W. J. White, Winnipeg.
- F. O. E. T. Batchelor, Vanvouver.
- FO E. T. Batchelor, Vancouver.
- PO. R. H. Robert, Moose Jaw, Sask.
- FO. C. E. Robin, South Hazelton, B.C.

D. F. M.

- Sgt. B. M. Berven, Qu'Apelle, Sask.
- Sgt. R. R. Davey, Durham, Ont.



### In the Navy



**JOHN CHAPMAN**

Son of Geo. Chapman and the late Mrs. Chapman, who is stationed at an eastern Canadian port. He enlisted in the R.C.N.V.R. about a year ago. He has a brother, Bert Chapman, in the Army.

### Serving Overseas



**PTE. O. J. J. GOLDSMITH**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Goldsmith, of Durham, who is serving overseas. He enlisted in June, 1944 and received his training at Toronto, Brantford and Camp Borden. He was born in Bentinck township in -925, and was educated in Durham schools. A brother, Alwyn G. Goldsmith, died of wounds on Oct. 29, 1944. His father is a veteran of the last war. *attendant 88 no 10*

### Veteran at Home



**W O. 2 DONALD CAMPBELL**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Campbell, R.R. 2, Durham, is spending leave at his home before reporting to Rockcliffe where he will receive his discharge. Recently friends presented him with a wallet and money at the welcome-home party in the Aberdeen school house. He made 26 operational flights with the R.A.F. in the Far East theatre of war.

### Dies of Wounds



**PTE. A. G. GOLDSMITH**

Eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Goldsmith of Durham, who died of wounds in Belgium on Oct. 29, according to word received by his parents. Pte. Goldsmith had resided at Massie for three years prior to his enlistment on Sept. 22, 1942, and was well known and highly esteemed in the Massie district, as well as in his native Bentinck Township and the remainder of the Durham district. *attendant 88 no 10*

### PTE. A. GOLDSMITH DIES FROM WOUNDS IN BELGIUM OCT. 29

DURHAM, Nov. 6—Mr. and Mrs. Eric Goldsmith of this town received the tragic news on Saturday that their eldest son, Pte. Alwyn Garnet Goldsmith, had died on Oct. 29 of wounds received the same day. A letter received by his family, written in Belgium on Oct. 28, the day before his death, intimated that he was assisting in operating flame-throwers in the fighting in this section.

Pte. Goldsmith, whose father is a veteran of the First Great War, was born at Welbeck in Bentinck Township on June 28, 1922. For three years prior to his enlistment he had made his home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Goldsmith, at Massie. He had sung in the United Church at Massie and was president of the Young People's Society there. News of his death will occasion deep sorrow in the Massie district, as well as in Durham and vicinity.

Pte. Goldsmith enlisted on Sept. 22, 1942, and trained at Ipperwash and Kitchener. He then took a mechanic's course at Hamilton and Woodstock. He went overseas in December of 1943.

Pte. Goldsmith was unmarried. Besides his sorrowing parents he leaves to mourn his passing nine brothers and sisters. Pte. Oliver Goldsmith, of Camp Borden and Velma, Melville, Florence, Roger, Sidney, Beverly, Leroy and Clifford, all at home.



## Reported Missing



**FLT. SGT. W. H. DAVEY**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Davey, of Bentinck Township, who has been reported missing as the result of operations over enemy territory on August 11. An official message from R.C.A.F. authorities to this effect was received on Friday.

He is one of three brothers all in the R.C.A.F. One brother, Sergt.-Pilot Richard "Dick" Davey, is serving at the present time with the R.C.A.F. in the Sicily campaign, with his squadron being based somewhere in North Africa, and another brother is in training at the present time at Fingal.

Flt.-Sgt. "Bill" Davey, who is reported missing, was born on the farm in Bentinck township, attended the Public School at No. 10, Bentinck, and the Durham High School. He was a quiet young fellow, immensely popular with all who knew him, and they are hopeful that the next news of him will be favorable.

## BENTINCK BOY MISSING AFTER OPERATIONS

Flight Sgt. William H. Davey, R.C.A.F. Missing on August 11

IN 20TH YEAR

Another Brother Serving  
in Africa and One Is  
Training at Fingal

DURHAM, Aug. 14—Flight Sergeant William Harold Davey, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Davey of the 2nd concession of Bentinck township, is missing as a result of operations over enemy territory on Wednesday, August 11. A message to this effect was received by his parents on Friday morning, with the added statement that further particulars would be forwarded later.

Flt.-Sgt. Davey, who is in his 20th year, went overseas in December of 1942, after having received his training at Manning Depot, Toronto, Trenton, Aylmer, and Montreal, Que. Following his arrival in Britain he continued his training, and later was engaged in operational flights against the enemy. His parents are hopeful that he will be reported as safe or a prisoner of war.

## 1914 Killed in Action



**PTE. K. H. MacDONALD,**

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MacDonald, of Durham, who has been officially reported as killed in action in Belgium on Oct. 18. He was 24 years of age and was serving with the Nova Scotia Highlanders.



# Veterans of Aberdeen

## World War 1

Robt Puthrough 43 Battalion missing Aug 10 1918.  
John Clark Smith 43 Battalion  
John F Mac Lean 253 Queen Highlanders  
William Haslett  
William Edge  
Harvey Caswell  
Reuel Boyce 248 Bat.  
Victor Scherman 147 Bat.  
Anthony Pust 147 Bat.  
Philip Mc Donald 147 Bat.

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## 2nd world war

Richard Davey.  
Oliver Monk  
Howard Giverson  
Leonard Davey.  
Donald C Campbell  
John Chapman  
Bet Chapman  
Clifford Rowbottom  
Victor Scherman  
Williams Davey missing Aug 11, 1943  
Ken Mc Donald, killed in action Oct 18 1944  
Grace Dave R. N.

Gordon Mac Lean trained with the 48 Highlanders.  
John Mac Lean for home base.





*Kitchener Waterloo record.*

Veterans of the fighting in Italy and the Western Front, a large group of wounded men arrived here on a hospital train late yesterday afternoon. The men had crossed to Canada on the hospital ship Letitia arriving in Halifax on Wednesday. These pictures, taken at the station here and on the train, show. TOP—Lieut. Bill Bennett, son of Harry Bennett, city assessment commissioner, with his father, his wife, and his two sons, Bill (left), and Michael, after he left the train. CENTRE—Pte. J. L. Shanks, in bed, doesn't know which place he is more anxious to visit, Chatham or Chicago, Ill. He came from the latter city to enlist in the Essex Scottish at Windsor but made so many friends in Chatham that he is eager to get back there. With him here are Pte. H. C. Shiell, of Listowel, and Tpr. J. R. Caswell, of Durham. BOTTOM—A trio of soldiers from Southwestern Ontario get together for a chat aboard the hospital ship. Left to right: Pte. M. F. Henderson, Iona, Pte. Norman Streit, Kitchener, Pte. F. G. Powell, Kitchener.



# The Caswell Triplets Will Have Their Christmas Turkey at Durham Hospital

Isabel, Christine and Allen Are Now in Their Ninth Year and Are Making Steady Progress

(By Christine MacGillivray Campbell)

Poaching on the preserves of one of the Sun-Times' very best correspondents we found that lady gracious and forgiving on the score of the Caswell triplets, of Durham, being our old friends. At least they are our old friends in so far as young persons of eight and a half years can be classed as old at all. So far as we know these three are the only triplets living in Grey County. If there should happen to be several scores of such, by all means let them be challenged into the limelight but please don't all speak at once. They do tell us that there are quintuplets in Callander but for us in Grey, triplets at hand in Durham are more interesting than five in the northern bush, to make hash of a proverb. Besides three is more than half of five, and it would seem rational that any set of triplets ought to have a fraction over half the attention the Dionnes have had!

## Children Among Children

Seriously, however, undue attention is the last thing the Caswell parents would wish for these three of their seven children. From the first as far as possible they have definitely discouraged that, they told us the other day when we dropped in at their home on the Durham Road just off Garafraxa Street. It was about four o'clock and while we waited for the triplets to arrive from school we met Bob, the eldest son who at fifteen is driving a baker's waggon with a live interest in doing his job well. One side of that interest is that he hopes to be taken on as an apprentice and learn the baker's trade thoroughly. Not so bad in an age when so many lads' ambition is to hitch-hike through life. The other side of Bob's pleasure in his work is that his earnings provide some extras for the juniors. At the moment he is counting his change to provide a grow-suit for his baby brother Alvin Maurice who regarded us with serious brown eyes in a round rosy face. Naturally Maurice loves to tumble in the snow as does any three-year-old. Bob had bought a trim, too, to have the children photographed in a group.

## Against Exploitation

No, Mr. Caswell stated, they had had no wish to exploit the triplets. In the trio's infancy a commercial firm had offered a little bait for the honour of having their names on his books but the offer was turned down. With the kindest possible intentions too, a good friend had offered to take one of the babies giving her the most delight-

ful opportunities and advantages. That generous offer was appreciated but could hardly have been other than refused. The highest modern authorities on child welfare, e. g. Charlotte Whitton, now declare that the finest institution or even foster-home is not to be compared with a child's own parents' house, be circumstances ever so difficult. But the Caswells did not need to consult any authority under the sun to know that they wanted all their children to grow up together enjoying the comradeship of their own brothers and sisters, and that without puzzled comparisons of the why and wherefore of better raiment or other provision for three while four had less.

## Girls Helpful

"Oh, the little girls, Christine and Isabel, like to set the table and help around the house," their father explained in answer to a question as to what the youngsters like best to do, "Allen of course wants small tools for boys, and like all the other little fellows in town, he likes a hockey stick . . . They all have a great time cutting out pictures from magazines and catalogues and making scrap-books. Yes, I suppose it is one of the new ways of teaching a child without mental strain." While speaking Mr. Caswell went on pegging heels on a pair of boots. We would not have been surprised if he had been quietly twisting an old Chevrolet into a multiple cake-mixer with a pair of pliers. He is usually busy and small wonder because he does decorating, repairs machinery both in town and far in the country, has worked in lumber camps and on boats, dehorned cattle and runs a threshing-machine, builds frame structures and sets concrete, can construct as well as run a wood-sawing outfit, and can coax a gasoline engine out of a fit of sulks. Around our own particular diggings we have heard this song till we know it by heart: "Now if we only had Alvie Caswell here to rig up this machine!"

## School Development

Presently the little girls came in from school (where they are making steady progress in Miss Dorothy Pickering's room.) Isabel and Christine with sweet serious oval faces bright from the wintry weather and pretty in their brown fur collars. No, they are not dressed exactly alike. Their coats of similar design are not the same colour nor are their berets, though their dresses are. While she likes the idea of dressing the small sisters alike, their mother has not made it a hard and fast rule. Then while dressing Allen, the little lad of the three, somewhat like his sisters is

possible, it is not in the least desirable from Allen's standpoint!

That young gentleman came sauntering in afterwards. He is certainly fond of his sisters and quite naturally on the first day of school for them he gallantly took a hand of each in his own and ran off down the hill. Now he became aware that folk notice and say "Oh, the dear little triplets, how cute!" Allen is no more anxious to look "cute" than his parents are to make their children conspicuous, and so the children are not only growing up as normal members of the usual family, but they are each granted their individuality as human beings. Allen is a manly little boy, not merely the third part of an equilateral triangle.

## Play No Favorites

Nor are the three a triumvirate to rule the family because of their triplicate arrival. If anybody does that it is Maurice, the baby, as babies have a right to do. Everybody in the house wants to please Maurice and he invents amusements for himself when the others are at school. Like all other children's fun his play is modelled on the doings of grown-ups. He has a cat with an idiosyncrasy of eating raw potatoes. Mrs. Caswell told us, and with the cat as a passenger on a cushion in a basket for a taxi-cab and with sliced raw potatoes for confectionery, Maurice himself supplied the power by pulling the basket, and the motor-noises by chugging and tooting around the hair-pin turns of his reckless driving through the kitchen. During the summer all the children played tirelessly with antiquated car-tires. Now when evenings are dark and cold these gentle little people who, after greeting us sat or stood gravely in respectful silence while their elders talked, have their innings immediately after supper. Then they all break loose together and while their run is at its height, their mother keeps occasional watch at window because it would be impossible to hear a knock! As we have inferred they are delightfully normal youngsters. . . .

There were three children already in the Caswell family, Bob, already mentioned, Jack now fourteen and Lloyd now twelve, when on a May morning eight years ago all of a sudden there were three more. The number of dependents was doubled in a day. Durham Red Cross hospital went on the map in heavy type just as if it were gravely expected that its maternity ward would henceforth deliver progeny in groups of three as desired. Reporters rushed in for photographs and were as promptly rushed out again without them. Miss Fettes, hospital superintendent and general guardian angel, allowed the babies to be photographed only when she judged them to be strong enough for the ordeal, and even then she saw that the profits dropped into a pocket for the babies' haberdashery. Excited ladies who yearned to kiss their pink toes were firmly side-tracked. . . . Down through their little span of years Miss Fettes has remained their friend and fairy godmother. Each Christmas they have been her very special guests of honour, and already, early in November this



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 As the Caswell Triplets Look Today, In Their Ninth Year *Grand*  
*Dec 19 1936* *Richard*  
*A. Bell Grierson*



This picture of the Caswell Triplets, Isabel, Christine and Allen, was taken by The Sun-Times photographer at their home this week. They are growing up as normal and unspoiled members of a happy family at Durham, where they were born, and have accepted an invitation to enjoy their Christmas dinner this year as the guests of the Durham hospital, and are looking forward to the day with pleasurable anticipation.

*born lived in Aberdeen Community*

year, Mrs. Caswell told us, they have their invitation for Christmas turkey and "stuffing" at the hospital.

**When Christmas Comes**

Other kindnesses too, come to the triplets just by themselves, at Christmas time, and motherly organizations in Durham show their friendly neighbourliness in practical ways. Such thoughtfulness is much appreciated at the Caswell's house inasmuch as it has helped to keep the family unbroken through times of stress. In the home, however, the triplets are loved and cared for just as any of the seven children and not as curiosities eligible for sale to a circus.

**Triplet's Grandfather**

Before leaving we remarked to Mrs. Caswell that it would be difficult for us to talk about the children without mention of their grandfather, Robert Grierson, who died about two years ago. We regretted the picture we never had managed to take of one of the

most remarkable men we ever knew and his daughter kindly presented us with this snapshot which she slipped from a corner of the framed picture in which, as a younger Mr. Grierson, he stood among the members of Grey County Council as Deputy-Reeve. Only in his last months of serious illness is the lovely setting of this snapshot appropriate. For all his working years sitting in the garden was out of his line.

Losing an arm in a threshing-machine in his teens, Robert Grierson was urged to study for a great profession and was considering the matter when his luckless adviser foolishly added "It would be an easier life for you!" The youth spurned the suggestion with the contempt it deserved. Through many a long year with only one arm he farmed, ran a threshing-machine, took the big grader up and down the concessions and side-roads, drove a horse and buggy all over a wide territory for which he was insurance agent, acted with virile decisiveness on the school board of his section at Aberdeen, and in

municipal politics his forthright honesty occasioned admiration and occasional exasperation! His own money was hard-earned and he once remarked to us "I have never felt that I had a right to spend the people's money with less care than I would my own." Again we recall his tribute to Mrs. Grierson, who has also gone to her rest; "I owe a lot to my wife for standing by me through everything."

With a background of pluck like that, and with kind aunts, uncles, and cousins on both sides of the house as well as a sheltering roof with their own folk, the Caswell triplets have no quarrel with the world.

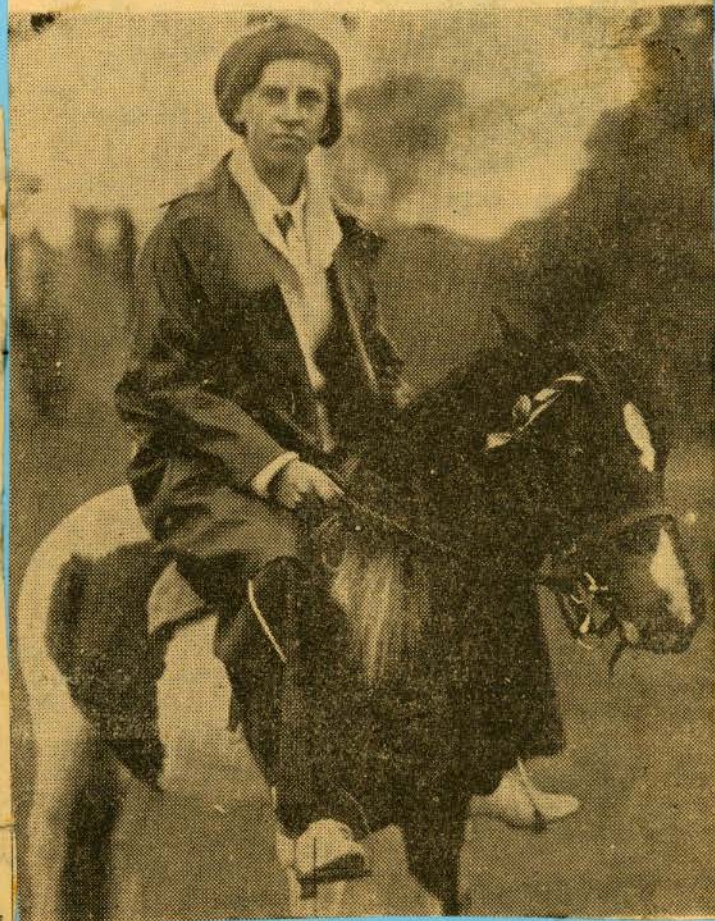


**"WHEN WE WERE VERY YOUNG"**



Above is a picture of the Caswell Triplets, of Durham, taken when they were quite young, perhaps a year and a half old. Contrast this picture with the other one on this page, taken when they were in their ninth year. They were also healthy children.

**Came Second in Pony Race**



**He's a Real Pacer**



Jesse McDonald of Durham owns the pony, and Jackle Daniels of Durham is the youthful rider. The two were entered in the pony race, but did not place because pony took it into his head to do a bit of acting on his own and refused to concentrate on the race. However he had calmed down by the time he had his picture taken and is the image of docility.—Sun-Times Staff Photo.

Margaret Lynn  
Durham Fall Fair 1936



# Young Bentinck Farmer Loses Life In Farm Tractor Accident

1969

July 23/69

A tragic farm accident last Wednesday evening claimed the life of a prominent young farmer and former Councillor of the Township of Bentinck.

Ronald Johnston, aged 30, of RR 2, Durham, was hauling a wagon load of baled hay down a short rough hill near his farm in Bentinck Township, when the tractor, which was equipped with a front end loader, went out of control and into the ditch, tipping over on the driver.

A ten-year-old boy, Bruce Bailey, son of Mr and Mrs Donald Bailey of RR 4, Elmwood, who was riding with him, was not injured. Bruce said that when it became apparent that the equipment was getting out of control, Mr Johnston ordered him to jump off.

The accident occurred when Mr Johnston was hauling the load of hay to his home farm from a second farm he owned on the second concession, N.D.R., of the Township of Bentinck.

Dr. George Stewart of Mount Forest said that no inquest would be held.

Mr Johnston was a member of the Durham Intermediate Softball



RONALD JOHNSTON

team and a member of Mulock Baptist Church. He had recently sold his trucking business which he had operated for several years and besides his farming operation he also carried on a spraying and whitewashing service.

A son of Mr and Mrs Gorman Johnston of Varney, who survive, Mr Johnston is also survived by his wife, the former Sharon Rier, and two small daughters, Teresa and Rhonda; two sisters, Eileen, Mrs Edward Bryans of Varney, and Grace, Mrs Horst Woit of Toronto; and a brother, Percy of Varney.

The funeral, held from the McTavish Funeral Chapel on Sunday afternoon, was the largest in Durham in many years. His minister, Rev Adolf Hahn, conducted the service and Mrs Wilfred Thompson presided at the organ.

The chapel was banked with flowers, and these together with many in memoriams to Mulock Baptist Church, the Durham Hospital, and Gideon Bibles bore silent testimony to the love and esteem in which Mr Johnston was held by his many friends. The flowers were carried by relatives and friends.

The pallbearers were Orval Brown, Don Reay, Pat Dwyer, Tom Johnston, Bob Corbett and Orville Reay. Interment was in the Durham Cemetery.



# Receives Award For Long Service As Mail Carrier

22 July 1971

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The first merit awarded for 45 years' service as a mail carrier in Durham was presented to Harold Morton on Friday of last week. Mr Morton was surprised when the manager of the northern area of the Ontario Postal Region, Mr R. B. Kuenenan arrived at the Durham Post Office and made the presentation. Mr Morton delivers mail for routes two and four out of Durham. He started delivering mail at 16 years of age and was really a mail carrier for a number of years before he was given the contract in his own name. Mr Morton has seen many changes in the years gone by, from the horse and buggy days to the present day automobile. On many occasions over the years, Harold's duties have gone much further than just those of a mail carrier. Many a farm home has benefit from his deliveries of food during the winter months. Our congratulations are extended to Harold Morton on this special occasion, and may we say, on behalf of the many who have benefited over the years, thank you Harold for a job well done. Left to right in the photo, Mr Kuenenan, Mr Morton and Durham Postmaster, Robert Braithwaite.





Harold Morton, mailman for 50 years on RR 2, Durham and his wife, Colina, were honoured recently by past and present box holders. Since Harold is so proficient at delivering mail to rural mail boxes, especially RR 2, Durham, his friends decided he needed one himself. They also presented him with many other tokens of their appreciation for his faithful service.



When 17-year-old Harold Morton started as a rural mailman on RR 2, Durham, he couldn't afford to drive a car. Now after 50 years he says he can't afford to drive a horse. "Cars are bad enough" declared the veteran courier who travels over 70 miles a day on the route.

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"I wore out a lot of horses — don't worry," said the mailman who used "only horses - for years".

Even if the youth had owned a car "in 1924 there were no roads ploughed in winter and with the rains in summer — a car couldn't get through".

Harold began delivering mail because he "needed a job at that time". In 1924 he hired out to a farmer, the late James Finnegan, who drove the mail route. One day Finnegan took young Harold with him and from then on Harold drove it himself. In October 1925 Harold bought out Finnegan and has held the contract for RR 2, Durham since then.

In 1924 the route was "24 7/10" miles and took five to six hours to complete on a good day — with many days taking longer. Harold isn't sure how many customers he had. "I can name them — but I can't count them". Fifty years later he says there are only about seven or eight of the original names left although there are at least three places where he is delivering to the fourth generation.

Rural Route 2 has increased to 34 1/4 miles now, although with the number of summer residents he doesn't have as many stops. The route now can be completed in a couple of hours.

In 1948 Harold took over RR 4 of Durham and in 1969 added the old Varney rural route.

Now he begins sorting in the mid-morning and is back from delivering about 4:30 — somewhat earlier than the 7 p.m. in the old days.

"Harold delivered everything but a baby," according to Bob Braithwaite, the local postmaster. Hardware, groceries, medicine, messages — they were all in the day's work. Harold recalls the time he delivered a large wooden washing machine for a lady on his route. He tied in on the back of the buggy and delivered it to the lady's door.

The courier who is a familiar sight pulling up to the mail boxes in Bentinck Township, says there isn't much difference in the mail he handles now from that in 1924. "Now-a-days," he said, "there's hydro, telephone bills, stock cheques, old age pensions, baby bonus..." In the old days there were more papers — the Mail and Empire, Ontario Farmer, Farmer's Advocate, Family Herald...many of which have now ceased publication. He even delivered the Durham Chronicle and the Durham Review which have since been joined.

Harold is a prime rural example of the old saying "neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night, stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds". "As far as snow goes, I can always shovel my way out — or try to," he said. Sometimes it's necessary to get one of the local farmers to pull him out.

"It's a challenge — to get out and see what you can do. We've left some days when we should never have been out on the road at all."

Before the early fifties, snow plowing was far from regular. One February day a mild spell caused flooding in the swamp south of the Welbeck Saw Mill. When Harold's horse went through the ice, he led the mare out and tied her to a tree — then went in and pulled out the cutter. The local folk chuckle as they recall that the only time Harold was really late returning from the mail was the time he helped Fletcher Riddell put up Mac Campbell's stove pipes.

Although Harold made mail delivery a lifetime career, in the first years he supplemented his monthly income of \$86 by using his horses to plow the town gardens or help farmers with the haying. He also worked for some years at the Buttermilk Plant in Durham.

And nothing seemed more natural for the young mailman than to hitch up his horses again after he returned from his route and go to call off for square dances. Now Harold rides a bicycle in his spare time — sometimes up to ten miles a day.

Harold still carries out his old habit of delivering more than his designated mail.

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Although the residents of the Senior Citizen's Twin Pines apartments are not on a delivery route he takes the mail each day to those who are unable to pick up their own.

Over two hundred former and present boxholders of RR 2, Durham gathered at the Dornoch Community Hall last Thursday to say thank you to their mailman of 50 years.

Herb Miller, chairman for the evening, read an article, written by Mrs Wilma Coutts on the daily chore of the rural mailman. He was presented with a scroll making him a country boy since he spent over half his life among the rural people. He was also presented with two wall plaques by Post Master Bob Braithwaite on behalf of the office staff. *1974*

An address of appreciation was read by Mrs Cam MacDonald and he was presented with a reclining chair, swag lamp, smoker, rural mail box, guest book and money, by George and Marie Miller, Vic and Elizabeth Scheurman, Gladys Miller and Cam MacDonald. Harold thanked everyone for their help over the years and sang two songs.

Two highlights of the evening were the presents of Mrs J.S. Davey, a boxholder for forty years on the route, and Ken and Keith MacDonald, sons of Mr and Mrs Cam MacDonald, who represented four generations to receive mail delivered by Mr Morton.

Dancing to the Lamplighters and lunch followed.

Harold and his wife, Corlina, live on Queen Street in Durham. They have two sons, Murray in Burlington and Donald in Beaverton.

But Harold — and the many friends he has in the town and surrounding area — makes it clear that the party was only to celebrate his 50th anniversary as mail carrier on RR 2, not to mark his retirement. The dedicated courier, who has delivered the mail through snow and rain for 50 years, intends to keep on doing it "for as long as I can".



## OLD Hospital Becomes NEW Nursing Home



Mrs Pamela MacLean, a registered nurse and wife of a Toronto lawyer, Hugh MacLean, has purchased the old Durham Memorial Hospital from the Durham Hospital Board. The purchase price was \$25,000 which will go into the new hospital extension fund.

Mrs MacLean announced this week that the old hospital build-

ing will be opened in about two weeks as a nursing home. It will be called St Raphael's Nursing Home.

Mrs MacLean hails from Toronto where she operates St Raphael's Nursing Home in that city. The new nursing home will have a fully qualified staff with 24-hour nursing care. Upwards of thirty beds for either conval-

escent or bed-ridden patients will be available.

Its location is ideal, situated on the top of Durham Hill, overlooking the town below. The large lawn to the south of the main building provides ample sunning area with a view surpassed by none in this area. The homey atmosphere enhanced in this property should attract

many patients from the larger centres.

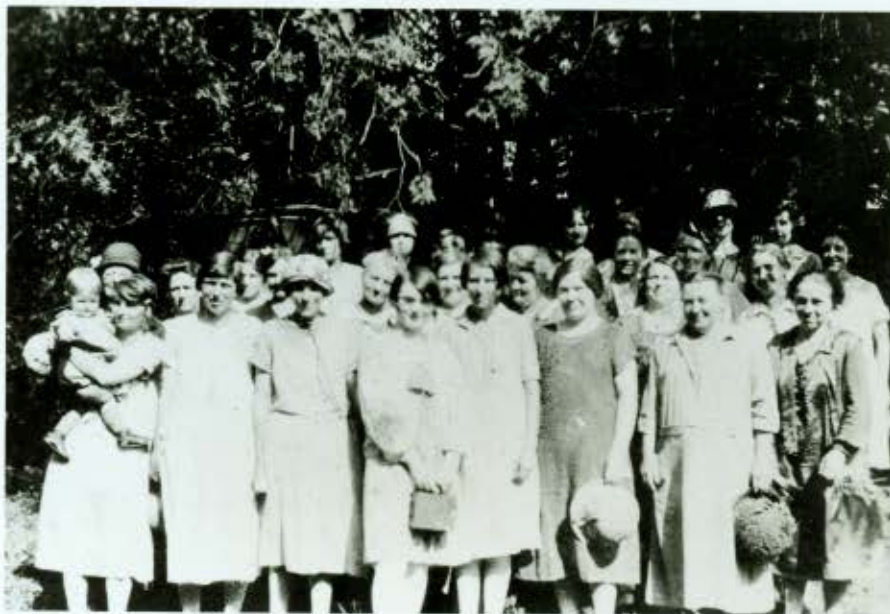
On behalf of this community, we would like to extend a sincere welcome to Mrs MacLean and her staff and wish them every success in their new venture here in Durham. The sale of the property was completed through J. J. Coumts Real Estate, Durham.

*Abundant D. J. established and maintained a new  
for our thank you*





Duncan MacLean and Jas Ewen washing  
sheep East of the Aberdeen Bridge



Taken at a school picnic at John  
Lynns at Aberdeen July 1927.





Robert Grierson Horse power  
 Threshing at Lot 41 con 3. (Hugh McDonald.)  
 This barn was burnt about 1925 and rebuilt



Jack Mc Donald and gas engine  
 Darning bee at Archie MacLean  
 Dan MacLean John Guison Bill Haslet  
 Spurgeon MacLean Jack Mc Donald Archie MacLean  
 Donald Stewart Jas Haslet. (John MacLean)  
 standing on engine





Laying Corner Stone Saugeen Valley Public School  
 Fred Obert, Art Aclum Miss Mary Morton



Cutting Ribbon Durham Memorial Hosp,  
 Mrs. Marie Boober Miss Mary Morton  
 Mr. H. Kress.





## Ten Aljoes Taught By Mary Morton

Among the 600 former pupils who gathered at Saugeen Valley Public School in Durham last Friday night to honor Miss Morton, who is retiring after 40½ years, were 10 of the 12 children of Mr and Mrs Lorne Aljoe of Durham. Seated, left to right, Mrs Charles (Doreen) Fryer, Durham; Miss Morton; Mrs William (Lorna) Zaduk, Toronto; standing: Beatrice Ann Aljoe and Mrs Harold (Helen) Smith of Durham; Arthur Aljoe, Hanover; Vernon, Kapuskasing; Mrs Harry (Ada) Styles, Murray and Sharon, and Mrs Edgar (Evelyn) Patterson, of Durham.

—Kitchener Record Engraving.

## Durham Teacher Honored by Former Pupils

Mary Morton Night at the Saugeen Valley Public School in Durham was attended by 450 former pupils and friends on Friday night. Miss Morton is retiring from the school staff after teaching at the Durham School for over forty years. She is a sister of Miss Marion Morton who retired from the Mount Forest Public School staff in 1956 after 35 years.

Tribute to the retiring teacher was paid by Inspector W. G. Rae, Bowman Jamieson, chairman of the school board, and George Noble of Willowdale, North York public school inspector. Mr. Noble was a pupil in Miss Morton's class 40 years ago and went on to become principal of the school while Miss Morton was teaching.

Ten members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Aljoe, all pupils of Miss Morton, attended, one coming from Pembroke and another from Kapuskasing. The others are from points closer to home or live in Durham.

Edward (Ned) Burnett of Stratford and Norman Dunsmoor of Kincardine, on behalf of the former pupils of Miss Morton presented her with a television set and Mrs. Russell McTavish, a former pupil, and her daughter, Louise, a present pupil, presented a leather purse and bouquet of

roses. Miss Morton's fellow teachers gave her a corsage of roses.

Miss Morton was also guest of honor at a dinner given by the school board.





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**MARRIED AT ROCKY SAUGEEN** — Edith Isabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Clifford Rowbotham of R.R. 2, Durham, was united in marriage to Mr Richard Lloyd Lorenz, son of Mr and Mrs Lloyd Lorenz of Durham, on Saturday, May 25th at 2 p.m. at Burns, Presbyterian Church, Rocky Saugeen. Rev J. M. Laurenson officiated at the ceremony. —Photo by Photocraft.

**Plan January Wedding Ceremony**



**Madeline Elizabeth Hoath** 1946

**Leonard Harvey Davey, R.C.A.F.**

whose engagement is announced by Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hoath of Owen Sound, parents of the bride. The groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Davey of Durham. The marriage is to take place during the latter part of January.—Photo of Miss Hoath by Meyers, Ottawa, Photo of Leonard H. Davey by Botwood Studio, Nfld.



# Mr. and Mrs. James Ewen Celebrate Golden Wedding

March 23, 1961.



MR AND MRS JAMES EWEN  
—Engraving courtesy K-W Record.

Mr and Mrs James Ewen, Bruce street, Durham, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, entertained friends and relatives at their home Wednesday night.

Both have been lifelong residents of the Durham district. Mr Ewen is the last surviving member of a family of five children of the late Mr and Mrs John Ewen. He was born in Bentinck Township where he lived until moving to Durham 16 years ago.

## LIVED IN GLENELG

Mrs Ewen is the former Sarah Catherine Vaughan, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Charles Vaughan. She lived in the adjoining township of Glenelg. Four brothers and two sisters are living in Saskatchewan. One sister, Mrs Thomas Timmins, of Glenelg, predeceased her.

After their marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs Ewen farmed in Bentinck Township.

Mr and Mrs Ewen have two sons Charles at home and John in Toronto, and four daughters, Mrs Frank (Merron) Hopkins, Durham, and Mrs Allie (Agnes) Hopkins, RR 2, Durham, Mrs Nelson (Florence) Hunt, RR 1, Markdale, and Mrs Donald (Elsie) Ray of Markdale. They have 28 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mr and Mrs Ewen are members of Durham Presbyterian Church, and Mrs Ewen belongs to the Ladies' Aid.

## DAUGHTERS SERVE

The four daughters served the guests together with Mrs Thomas Henderson, and Mrs Andrew Schenk.

The family presented Mrs Ewen with a gold wrist watch and their father with an electric dining room clock and electric heating pad.

Cut flowers and potted plants and over 60 cards of congratulations were received.



*Mr & Mrs J Putterbough  
60 wedding*





**Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Barfoot**

## **Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Barfoot celebrate 50th anniversary**

Mr and Mrs Gordon Barfoot were guests at a come and go tea held in the Durham Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 1st. The occasion was to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

The tea table held their anniversary cake with gold candles at each side and a table arrangement of yellow and white mums. Pouring tea in the afternoon were Mrs Ina Colquette, Miss Bessie Drimmie, Mrs Allan Koehler and Mrs Huber Alles. Handling the same duties in the evening were Mrs Winnie Petty, Mrs Iva Noble, Mrs Russel McVicar and Miss Janet McDonald.

Serving the guests where the granddaughters while the grandson had charge of the guest book. The family were all present for the happy occasion. The following day the family took their parents for dinner in Kitchener. The bride and groom of fifty years were married December 10, 1927 at the Kilsyth United Church Manse by the late Rev. W.H. Bartlett. Mrs Jim Sinclair and the late Mr Sinclair were their attendants. Mrs Sinclair is a sister of the bride.

Mrs Barfoot was the former Dorothy Marshall, a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs W.H. Marshall of Jackson. Gordon was the eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs Joseph Barfoot. Each have several sisters and brothers in the Owen Sound and Tara areas. They have two sons, Melville of Cambridge and Clayton of St. John., N.B. Also six grandchildren.

Following their marriage they lived in

Shallow Lake for five years and then moved to the Durham area, where they farmed on the 2nd Concession of Bentinck until returning to their Bruce Street home in Durham six years ago.

Mr and Mrs Barfoot are members of the Durham Presbyterian Church where Mrs Barfoot works with the various church groups. She is also a member of the Sunnyview W.I. and Lady Grey Rebecca Lodge. Mr Barfoot was a member of the Federation of Agriculture for 14 years and is a former trustee of the Aberdeen school section.

Both are enjoying their retirement in Durham.





### Celebrating 95 years

Mary Morton celebrated her 95th birthday with a big party last Wednesday. Approximately 50 people gathered to honour her at the house of Charlie and Maude

Robson. She was born in Bentinck Township at Aberdeen and spent her life there until moving to Durham where she taught school at the old public school and then Saugeen Valley Elementary School. She retired in 1960. Currently Mary Morton resides at St. Raphael's Nursing Home in Durham.



### MRS. JAMES HESLETT

An esteemed resident of Bentinck township, and well known in Durham and vicinity, passed away in Durham Hospital on Friday of last week in the person of Mrs. James Heslett, after a very short illness. Mrs. Heslett was 66 years of age and was born on the second concession of Bentinck on the present Dan. McLean farm. She was a daughter of the late John and Agnes Davis. Her maiden name was Agnes Davis. When a child, the family moved to the Davis home at the Darkies' Corners, where the deceased lived until her marriage 45 years ago to Mr. James Heslett, the ceremony being performed by the late Rev. Mr. Connor.

Mr. and Mrs. Heslett lived in Durham and vicinity for 16 years, and 29 years ago they moved to their present farm on the third concession of Bentinck.

The late Mrs. Heslett, while not in robust health for some time, had not been ill until a few days before her decease. Her condition was not thought serious, and she remained in her home, later coming to the home of her daughter, Mrs. David Burns, in Durham, where she remained for a week. Her condition not improving, but still not considered serious, it was thought advisable to have her removed to Durham Hospital, where she passed away three hours later, the news of her death being a severe shock to her family and numerous friends, who had no inkling the illness would terminate in her death.

Surviving, besides Mr. Heslett, are two daughters and one son, Mrs. George Gray (Marie), and Mrs. David Burns (Ruby) in Durham, and William, at home. Surviving also are three grandchildren, and five brothers, William and Thomas Davis, in Durham; David, in Egremont; John, on Manitoulin Island; and Albert in the West. Four sisters and one brother are deceased.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon from her late residence in Bentinck, the service being conducted by Rev. M.H.H. Farr of Trinity Anglican church, of which the deceased was a devoted member. Interment was in Trinity cemetery.

The pall bearers were W. R. Edge, J. A. McLachlan, Hugh McDonald, Donald Stewart, Hugh McCormack and Roy Lamb. The flower bearers were James Bell, Robert Davis, Earl Vessie, Lorne Clark, Kenneth McDonald and John McLean.

Amongst the floral tokens of respect and esteem were those from the Family, Jesse Knisley, and Ruby, James Heslip and Mary, Mr. and Mrs. D. Davis and family, Aberdeen Women's Institute, and Burns Church Ladies' Aid.

### FUNERAL OF S. McCracken

The funeral of the late Mr. Samuel McCracken, whose passing we reported in our last issue, was held from the residence of Mr. W. H. Kress on Thursday afternoon. Rev. J. M. Ward had charge of the service and was assisted by Rev. Mr. Crickington of Mullock. Interment was in Durham Cemetery.

The pall bearers were Hugh McDonald, Elias Edge, Roy Lamb, George Morton, John Grierson and James McLachlan.

The floral tributes were from Sister and Brother, Mrs. W. F. Edwards and J. R. McCracken; Burns Church Ladies Aid; Aberdeen Women's Institute; Mr. and Mrs. John Grierson; The Morton family; Jhn E. Lind, St. Marys; Mr. and Mrs. George Twamley; Mae McCracken and Mrs. Margaret Adams. These were carried by George Ashley, George Twamley, Will Edge, Hugh McCormick, Peter McQuarrie and Herb Hopkins.

### MRS. DUNCAN McQUARRIE

Peacefully, fully conscious of her final hour and unafraid, firm in her faith and hope, able to converse with members of her family to the last, Mrs. Duncan McQuarrie passed to her rest in the first hour of October 24th, 1950, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Smith at Dornoch.

Born in Bentinck Township on May 24, 1863, Elizabeth McCormick grew up on the farm of her parents, Alexander and Isabella (McLean) McCormick, Scottish pioneers. She attended Aberdeen public school and later spent some years in Toronto. Returning, she was married to Duncan McQuarrie, also of the Aberdeen school section and there lived out her worthy and industrious life. Taking a keen and kindly interest in the welfare of all her wide acquaintance in the district, Mrs. McQuarrie was a life member of the W.M.S. of Burns' Presbyterian Church at Rocky Saugeen and entertained the group in her own home in the past summer, though then in failing health. She was also a life member of Aberdeen Women's Institute. In her declining years she was cared for by a most devoted family, Isabel, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Dornoch; Mary, Mrs. Bert Chapman and Peter near Aberdeen. One grandchild, Mary Elizabeth Smith, also survives.

Mrs. McQuarrie was predeceased by her husband and also by her brothers Alex, Angus, Hugh, Donald, Charles and Archibald, and by her only sister, Katherine, Mrs. Neil Sinclair, whose funeral took place only two months ago, also from the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith.

The funeral service on Thursday was conducted by her pastor, Rev. G. L. Hamill, Durham, and by Rev. R. Duncanson, Chatsworth. Pall bearers were L. A. McLean, J. S. Davey, H. Rowbotham, A. MacLean, H. McCormick and A. Campbell. Those who carried the beautiful autumn flowers were M. McLean, R. Davey, G. Barfoot, C. Thompson, J. Crutchley, F. Murdock, L. Livingston, D. Morrison, L. McKechnie, G. Twamley.

Among the very large number of friends in attendance at the funeral were the following from a distance: Mrs. A. H. Read and Mr. Gordon Read of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Sinclair, Mr. Ronald Gilchrist, Chatsworth; Mr. and Mrs. H. Stephan, Miss Mary Stephan, Miss E. McCormick, Walkerton; Mrs. Arthur MacIntosh, Ingersoll; Mr. and Mrs. Coll Oldfield and Gordon, Dundalk; Miss Margaret Clark, Port Elgin; Mrs. C. Buschlen and Mrs. Kernahan, Brussels; Mr. and Mrs. James Buchanan, Paisley. Interment was made in the Rocky Saugeen cemetery.

### Pte. K.H. MacDonald Killed in Action

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh N. MacDonald of Aberdeen, Bentinck Township, received word on Tuesday that their only son, Pte. Kenneth Hugh MacDonald, had made the supreme sacrifice in Belgium on October 18. He was 24 years of age, and was born and spent his whole life, until enlisting, on the farm at Aberdeen.

Pte. MacDonald enlisted in December, 1942, with the Prince Edward Island Highlanders. He later transferred to the Rocky Mountain Rangers, and when killed in action was serving with a Maritime regiment. He received his training at Camp Borden, Brantford, St. John, New Brunswick, and at St. George British Columbia. Pte. MacDonald went overseas in May of this year.

Besides his parents, Pte. MacDonald is survived by his sister, Miss Jessie MacDonald, in Toronto.



STROLL DOWN COUNTRY LANES

Whenever I'm feeling unsettled  
and others I cannot please  
I go for a walk in the country  
to set my soul at ease  
Out past the concrete city  
I slip away to retire  
from the noisy din behind me  
and follow my heart's desire  
I welcome the bliss of solitude  
and the smell of rich brown sod  
for there in the heart of the country  
I am alone with God  
There the quiet hours ebb  
like waves upon an endless shore  
There all cares are washed away  
And springs of hope restored  
Even tho' I return to the city  
there my heart remains  
and often in my daily thoughts  
I stroll down country lanes



George Twamley