

OLDCASTLE W.I. OFFICERS FOR 1976-77.

HONORARY PRESIDENT - MRS. WM. SALES  
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PRESIDENT - MRS. JAMES TOFFLEMIRE  
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AUDITORS	- MRS. GEO. PARR
	MRS. THOMAS CROFT
CARD CONVENER	- MRS. WILFRED GREAVES
DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING DELEGATES	- MRS. JAMES TOFFLEMIRE
	MRS. WILFRED GREAVES
	MRS. WILFRED LIBBY
AREA CONVENTION DELEGATES	- MRS. JAMES TOFFLEMIRE
ALTERNATE	- MRS. W.A. CROWDER



DISTRICT - Essex North  
BRANCH - Oldcastle W.I.  
MOTTO - Documentate to Authenticate  
ROLL CALL - Give your birthday and tell  
your birthstone.



## North Essex Women's Institute

Mar. 31, 1980  
R. R. 1, Oldcastle, Ont.  
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Mrs. Ray Joyce, District Curator,  
R.R. 1,  
Kingsville, Ont. N9Y 2E4

### OLDCASTLE BRANCH W.I. CURATOR'S REPORT 1979-80.

Dear District Curator:

Oldcastle branch is compiling a Tweedsmuir History Book, and as curator, I herewith submit my annual report for the year 1979-1980.

I held my curator's meeting in June, 1979 and had as an invited guest, Mrs. Maynard Cline, who had toured the British Isles the previous summer to show her educational and informative slides and commentate on them. These were lovely pictures taken of England, Wales and Scotland, places where she journeyed. As she described the beautiful countryside of each place, we felt we were right there travelling with her.

I have completed my "Church Volume" this year and have closed it off at the end of 1979. I am now working on the histories of each village, hamlet, Junction, Communities and Settlements in the township. Roseland was the only village in Sandwich South until its annexation in 1966 with the City of Windsor; two hamlets, Maidstone Cross, which is nearly always spoken of as a village but isn't; Oldcastle; Paquette Station; Pelton Junction; Fairplay Community or Bethel Settlement as it sometimes is called; and the Farough Settlement or Greaves Corners as it has been known by.

I attended a District Curator's meeting in February at the Ministry of Agr. & Food Board Room in Essex.

Sandwich South Council was about to launch "Phase 2" of its official plan in the Fall of 1979 and referred me to Mrs. Meredith DeGroat, whom they had hired to do some research work on "Phase 1" and follow through with "Phase 2". She spent most of a day at my home going over the Municipal History I have researched and inserted in our Tweedsmuir Book. She commended me on all the material I had and all the work in researching and compiling it and sent along an appreciative letter of thanks to me, which I have on file.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mrs. W. A. (Myrtle) Crowder*  
Curator of Oldcastle W.I.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- 1. Tweedsmuir Book Cover complete  
with sheets and tissues
- Curator's other supplies -- \$44.00

MARCH 31, 1982,

R. P. 1, Oldcastle, Ont., NOR 1L0

DISTRICT: Essex North

BRANCH: Oldcastle W.I.

CURATOR'S REPORT 1981-82.

NOTES: Let us be alert to things in our time and to timely things.

ROLL CALL: Bring a family picture or pictures and tell the history of the subject

Dear District Curator:

Oldcastle Branch is compiling a Tweedsmuir History Book. I have five Volumes covering W.I. History, Municipal, Churches, Community villages, hamlets, Corners, Stations and segregated communities; Agriculture and am working on the schools which had been and which still are in the township. The phasing out of all public schools in this township is significant, there were seven of them. I have considerable material not in books yet.

I held my curator's meeting in June, 1981 and invited Mrs. Adrian Koetsier of Kingsville to show slides of Holland and describe her trip to her homeland the previous summer. It was very interesting and we saw a lot of the lovely countryside there. Many questions were answered. We had as our guests members of Anderson, Maidstone and Roseland branches as well as many community ladies present, making 24 guests in all.

I brought all the volumes of our Tweedsmuir History up to date this year and in late August had our Women's Institute Volume photo-copied at the Essex County Library, of which they file a copy for safe-keeping.

During the summer and fall I gave time and efforts in supplying history of Maidstone Township, some taken out of our History Book, when the two townships did something together. Linda McLean, who along with two other college girls were hired by the government through unemployment grants, and Maidstone Township, to collect, research and compile a history of that township. I gave her a lot of pictures, clippings and history of the southern part of the township where I grew up. She had them copied and returned them to me.

In the fall, a lawyer from Windsor phoned to ask if I knew how the community and station at Pelton got it's name? He was tracing his family tree and his mother's name was "Pelton". It happened to be the only community I didn't have a history of, so I got busy and researched it, mostly from old residents and Pelton Tower Controllers of the past or their families and came up with the information that it was named after a place in Scotland and was not a community family name.

Our branch has only two charter members left. Respectfully submitted,

Sincerely,

(Mrs. W.A.) Myrtle Crowder  
Curator of Oldcastle W.I.



March 31, 1932  
P. R. 1, Oldcastle, Ont.  
NO. 12

DISTRICT: ESSEX NORTH  
BRANCH: OLDCASTLE W.I.

NOTICE: The Best Angle by Which to Approach any Problem is the TRY Angle.  
ROLL CALL: Name a Way the P.R.O. and Members can Promote the Image of the W.I. to the Public.

Mrs. Don MacKenzie,  
P. R. 2, Woodalse, Ont. NO. IVO

ANNUAL P.R.O. REPORT 1931-32.

Dear Mrs. MacKenzie;

In May at the District Annual two articles were contributed from Oldcastle W.I. towards the Southwestern Area bazaar.

June: A slide presentation was given by Mrs. Adrian Koetsier of Kingsville, on Holland, her homeland, where she and family visited the previous summer. We invited three branches to be our guests, Maidstone, Anderton, and Roseland.

Leonora Costa, an Oldcastle 4-H Homemaking Club girl won the Essex North District \$100 Bursary. We sent a delegate in May to the Officers' Training Conference and she gave her report in June.

We had a demonstration of a container of fire extinguisher powder and how to use it.

Several from our branch attended the picnic at Harrow on invitation of Essex South District.

Gifts were presented to two retiring officers after serving six years each.

September: A paper was given on Adelaide Woodless. Our group had two clubs in the sewing course for 4-H Homemaking girls, "PEASY - GET SET - SEW" course.

A paper on What is a Citizen and Citizenship?

A paper on "Pension Plans for Farm Women".

A paper on "Farm Safety".

One of our members had a 50th Wedding Anniversary, for which we had a party, cake and gift for the recipient.

October: Our group visited the new Firehall in our township and invited two branches, Maidstone and Anderton. The Deputy Chief took us on a tour and described on their blackboard the different types of fires and how to combat them. A demonstration on the different kinds of fire extinguishers for home or business as protection equipment and each present got a chance to try them out.

November: Report of 32nd Southwestern Area Convention of which several attended. This was our month on the "Disabled and Handicapped" and we had as guest speaker, Miss Helen Gentles, a nurse who had recently retired from F.O.D.E. Hospital in Windsor, who told of her experiences there with the handicapped. She also, previously spent three months in Haiti doing the same work, as a volunteer, and had several articles on display that she had brought from there. We invited three branches, Pige, Colchester North, and Roseland. A goodly number came.

December: A paper was given on the suggested elimination of Grade 13 in the High Schools. Several cards were sent for Holiday Greetings to the elderly, ill and shut-ins in our community. We did this all year too. Had pot-luck Christmas refreshments.

OLDCASTLE P.R.O. ANNUAL REPORT 1951-52 (CONT.)

January: A paper was read on changes contemplated by the Ministry of Education for educating students to prepare them for jobs of a technical nature instead of University training.

Our president who is also our District Director attended the Farm Safety Annual Meeting and banquet in Essex and brought back a report.

Guest speaker for January was Mrs. Jean Koring, wife of the rector of St. Stephen's and the Church of the Redeemer Churches, who spoke on "What it's Like to be a wife of a Rector in a Rectory". Very interesting.

February: Cancelled because of severe stormy weather.

March: A 100th Birthday card was sent to a long time pioneer resident of our township, now in Sunparlour Home, Leamington, Mrs. Jessie Holden.

An article on trees and how to obtain them from the Forestry Branch as wind-breakers.

We have two 4-H Homemaking Clubs on "The Staff of Life - Breadwinners".

Our W.I. ladies were entertained by the Leaders and 4-H Homemaking girls in the above course on March 17th, when they came to our hall. Refreshments consisted of the lovely yeast made breads, pastries, etc. they made during the course. Three of the girls were presented with gifts for getting honours at the course on sewing last Dec. The two County winners were Dawn Parr and Jacki VanVoorne, who received lovely silver bracelets each with her name engraved on them. Kelly Lebr won Advanced Honours with 18 clubs to her credit and received a silver chain necklace with a big "K" on it. Mrs. Geo. Parr, Home Economics and Health Convenor presented these and then spoke on the achievements through the years of 4-H work and past leaders were introduced. There were games, contests with prizes given for them and the party was in the St. Patrick's theme.

We were asked to make a quilt block for the "Erland Lee Home size 11x11" to be sent to the home before the W. I. Week in June. Mrs. Glen Webster, one of our Life Members offered to make it.

An article was given on "How the Oldcastle W.I. got started and pictures shown of that period. It was interesting to note that all the ladies wore hats. This was in October, 1950.

Respectfully submitted,

*(Mrs. W.A.) Myrtle Crowder*

P.R.O. Oldcastle Women's Institute.

P. S. - We made our finances through 9 card parties. Our meetings and projects were covered by publicity in the Essex Free Press and the card parties also in the Windsor Star. We used all the W. I. periodicals during the year.

March 31, 1981  
R. R. 1, Oldcastle, Ont.

DISTRICT: Essex North  
BRANCH: Oldcastle W.I.  
NOTE: Success is merely a matter of putting  
your knows to the grindstone.  
ROLL CALL: Name a former township reeve and  
tell how he made his livelihood.

Mrs. Wm. Wallace, District Curator,  
Box 17,  
Ruscom, NOR 1R0

Dear District Curator:

Oldcastle Branch is compiling a TWENTYSIXTH HISTORY BOOK and I now have five volumes and a lot that is not put in books yet. As curator I herewith submit my annual report for the year 1980-81:

"I held my curator's meeting in June, 1980, when I prepared and presented a paper on the history of Bethel United Church, a pioneer church of Sandwich South, the first one being built of logs in 1850, situated on No. 2 Highway, now County Road #42, between the 9th and 10th concessions. Then in 1865, a frame church, painted red, was built on the 9th concession across from Ray Ure's home. It remained until the year 1888 when the present church was built on the Baseline Road, also of frame construction.

The congregation of this church voted to suspend services and join with the Maidstone United Church congregation, in June, 1980, and the combined congregation would be known as Bethel-Maidstone. Following this the old Bethel Church was sold to two enterprising young women, Lynn Ure and Barbara Doucet who have repaired it and opened it as a DAY CARE CENTRE for children two to five years of age, starting in the fall of 1980. A timely topic at this point in history.

I completed a volume on the COMMUNITIES of Sandwich South this year and brought the other four volumes up to date until the end of 1980. Our suppliers Grand and Toy of Don Mills discontinued to supply the Women's Institute with the needed supplies for their books, and I couldn't locate another supplier for the same size sheets needed until last fall. These volumes contain "Oldcastle W.I. History", "Municipal History of Sandwich South", "Agriculture" and the "Churches of Sandwich South", up to the year ending 1980.

FINANCIAL EXPENSES:

2 books  
200 sheets  
Supplies such as Rubber Cement,  
thinner, corners, labels,  
reinforcements, Etc. - \$73.17

Respectfully submitted,

*Wm. W. A. Myrtle Crowder*  
Oldcastle W.I. Curator.

Branch - Oldcastle  
Dist - Essex North  
No motto or Roll Call

April 9, 1983  
R.R.1 Oldcastle, Ont  
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1983-4  
Mrs. Ray Joyce Curator's Report for  
R.R.1 Kingsville, Ont Oldcastle W.I. (disbanded)  
N9Y 2E4

Dear Dist Curator

I am continuing my curator's work and  
keeping up The Oldcastle Tweedsmuir History  
which comprises Sandwich South Township.

I have finished the school volume and  
am almost ready to do the "families"  
volume, which I have filed material.

I have been called upon twice this  
year for requests on material out of my book.  
A student from the Univ. of Windsor requested  
information on municipal affairs and history  
of the Oldcastle area. At the present time  
I have been locating a township family  
for a fellow from Royal Oak Michigan, whose  
son is making up a family tree. He gave me  
particulars as to location of the farm and  
name + address way back in 1909.

After 6 or 7 telephone calls to neighbors in  
that area I have come up with a history of  
the family of 3 children, parents who are all  
deceased. The farm has had several owners  
since the father died in the early 1940's.  
He was the first one to go and all are buried  
in Victoria Cemetery. I didn't have any info on  
this family as neighbors said they stayed by  
themselves and didn't reach out in the  
neighborhood much and had no church  
affiliation. They originally came from the  
States.



BUDGET 1984  
ESSEX & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ACTUAL 1983</u>	<u>SUGGESTED 1984</u>
Balance	\$ 2182.79	\$ 370.51
Ontario Grant	1000.00	1000.00
Town of Essex Grant	1200.00	1200.00
Memberships	101.00	200.00
Interest	24.55	
Flower Show	22.12	
	<u>\$4530.46</u>	<u>\$ 2770.51</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
<u>Membership Premiums</u>		
Flowers & Bedding Plants	\$ 307.04	200.00
Flowers (charitable Org.)		150.00
<u>Capital Expenses</u>		
Signs		150.00
Trees (31)	2100.00	
<u>MAINTENANCE</u>		
Grass Cutting	250.00	250.00
Care of Flower Beds	200.00	200.00
<u>Programme</u>		
Flower Show & Prizes	71.00	100.00
Judges (Garden Show)	25.00	
Garden Competition	400.00	
<u>General Expenses</u>		
Association Fees	107.70	110.00
Secretarial & Treas. Honorarium	80.00	100.00
Convention expenses (delegate)	242.70	500.00
Gifts	110.80	100.00
Paper (Ag. Office)	10.00	15.00
Postage & Telephone	44.56	50.00
Advertising	291.27	200.00
Bank Charges	.92	1.00
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Totals	\$ 4240.98	\$2126.00
Balance		\$ 644.51
Projects for 1984		<u>\$ 400.00</u>
Balance to begin 1985		\$ 244.51



April 16, 1986

R. R. 1, Oldcastle, Ont. M0R 1L0

Branch: Oldcastle  
District: Essex North  
No Motto or Roll Call.

CURATOR'S REPORT FOR 1985-86

Mrs. Ray Joyce,  
R. R. 1,  
Kingsville, Ont. M9Y 2K4

Dear District Curator:

I am continuing my curator work and keeping up the History of Sandwich South Township. So far I have four of my volumes photo-copied by the Essex County Library. Presently I am working on my "Families" Volume.

During the year information was requested further on the Wenzelberger Family that I had researched in 1984 for a man in Southfield, Mich., and thought that file was closed. This was to find heirs on a farm and family here in Sandwich South, then this last year I saw an article in the Windsor Star requesting information on this family by a Law Firm in Toronto, so I answered it. I received a reply requesting any information that I had would be welcomed, so I sent same to them. They were very happy and wrote such a nice letter back to me, saying they may have to get in touch with Germany for any heirs there, as there are none here now as my information to them had certified. I expect it may have been through the Public Trustee Office they were acting but they didn't say. They probably haven't it completed yet and likely will forward the outcome to me.

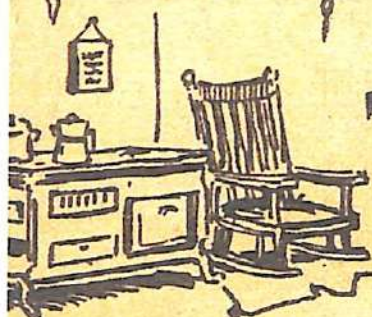
Our Council received a letter from a woman in Toronto, seeking information on a family by the name of "Henderson", and they sent it on to me to find out what I could come up with, but all the dates given were before Sandwich South Township became a separate Unit in 1893. I did some phoning to Hendersons, but of no accord, then I returned the letter to Council so they could reply to it. There are no people registered in our township by that name, and I volunteer my services, I felt I couldn't explore elsewhere without any clues, as no one I contacted knew anything about any Henderson family.

Sincerely yours,

*(Mrs. W.A.) Myrtle Crowder*

Continued Curator of the  
discontinued Oldcastle W.I. Branch.





# THE OLD TIME CORNER

Oldcastle Women's Institute Meeting About 1910



Back Row: Mrs. Chas. Holden, Mrs. Dave Robinson, Mara Battersby, Mrs. Chas. Allen, Mrs. John McCarthy, M. Rounding, Maggie Farough, Mrs. John Holden (Betsy), a visitor, Mrs. Frank Jessop, Harriet MacKenzie, Laura Holden, Mrs. Lepain, Mrs. Barrett, Annie Frith, Florence Libby. Middle Row: Lizzie Fairbairn, Edith and Helen Fairbairn, Mrs. Shuttleworth and Nelson, Mrs. Bulmer and Helen, Mary Wolfe, Mrs. Arthur Holden, Mrs. Wm. Frith, Mary Watson and Jean. Front Row: Flossie Battersby, Hazel Mahoney, Amy Frith, Gertie Cole, Miss Sullivan, Maude Battersby, Fanny Cole.

Formed in 1906, it moved in 1916 to Roseland (Jackson's Corners at that time)  
In 1950 another Oldcastle Women's Institute was formed. Disbanded Dec 13, 1982







## OUR FRONT COVER

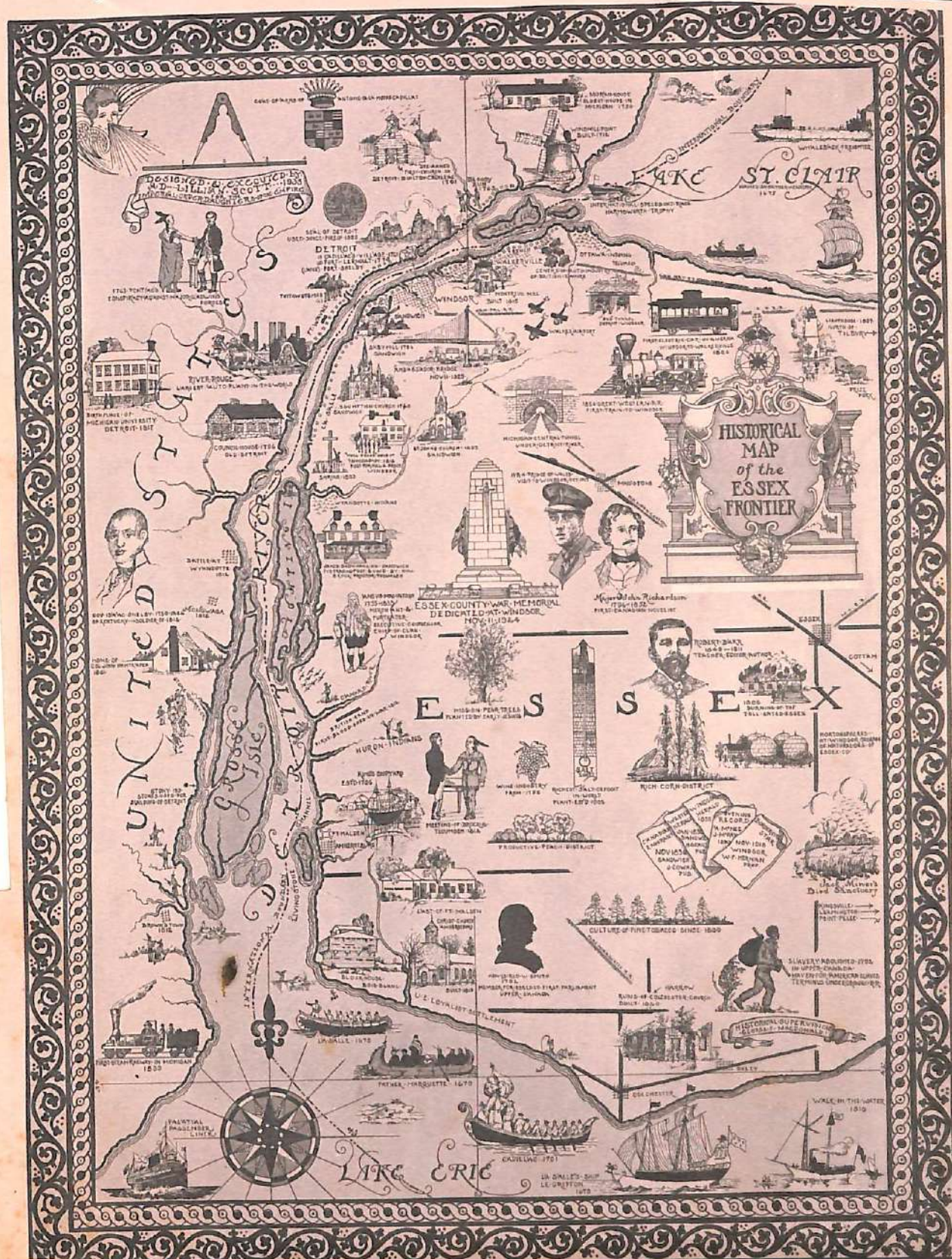


In cleaning out a long unused storage area in the renovation and expansion of our Windsor head office we found an old Historical

Map of the Essex Frontier and have reproduced it to form the front cover of this publication. Designed in 1933 by Lillian Scott under direction of the late historian George F. MacDonald, it was commissioned by the I.O.D.E. to mark a now long forgotten event.

It is an interesting reflection on the early history of the Essex County-Michigan border area, scanning a period from the founding of Detroit by Cadillac in 1701 to the official opening of the Ambassador Bridge on November 11, 1929.

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ver 100 years old to a  
a closing reflection of the  
32 years of service one  
cannot help but feel  
the community has been  
a better place for its  
having been organized  
and it is our hope  
that a younger generation  
will take up the challenge  
and perhaps organize  
a new W. I. to work  
for our township sometime  
soon.

Mrs. Crowder, our curator  
will continue on with history  
and will be available  
any time for resource  
material, family trees  
history, etc. Eventually  
all the material will be  
photo copied <sup>now in the process of</sup> ~~at the~~ housed  
in the Essex County Public Library

Oldcastle W.I. 1950 - 1982 - 32 yrs

Following organization, Oct. 3rd, 1950 we started right in to make funds so that equipment could be obtained by having monthly card parties. We held our meetings and parties in the old Sandwich South Sownhall located on No. 3 Hwy. next to the C. & O. Rwy. Tracks at Oldcastle. First of all a cleaning bee was held to thoroughly give the hall a good scrubbing and curtains were put up on the windows. There wasn't any water or stove to put a kettle on and instead of chairs benches were used. The township fathers didn't have a janitor as yet so the W.I. ladies set to work to make ~~the~~ the hall a little more presentable. A small room at the back was used to house a large metal safe which Council had removed, and it then was made into a kitchen, complete with new cupboards, a stove, and linoleum on the floor. We took our water from home for a few years for meetings and projects. Those old benches had to go and Council agreed they were not comfortable anyway. 50 heavy metal chairs were obtained from the old Windsor Ferry Depot when the ferries discontinued service to Detroit at 2.00 each. Council helped by paying for half the cost.

It wasn't long until we had kitchen supplied with dishes, cutlery and much needed kitchen utensils.

One of our first contributions was to answer an appeal from Provincial Board for funds to aid war-torn Greece. In 1952 all branches in Ontario raised \$7,297.67 out of which a tractor, a disc-harrow and a plow were sent to a small village where all the men of military age were killed off during the war, and only women, the very young and elderly were left to till the soil without equipment to do it with. Skilled men were also sent to set up the machinery and teach them how to use them. Also \$200 was turned over for food.

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The Oldcastle W.I. has presented many senior courses provided by the Home Economics branch of the Ministry of Agriculture & Food to Community ladies and have been youth oriented from the start sponsoring 4-14 Home Making Clubs for girls 12 to 26. Many of them won Provincial honours as well as County honours from Home Ec. Branch also awarded by our W.I. Three girls ~~won~~ were sponsored by our W.I. branch won The Essex North District Bursary fund \$100.00 each.



Women's Institute hand written notes transcribed.

Oldcastle W.I. 1950-1982 (32 years with 32 charter members)

Following organization on Jct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1950 we started right in to make funds so that equipment could be obtained by having monthly card parties. We held our meeting and parties in the old Sandwich South town hall located on Hwy #3 next to the C&O railway tracks at Oldcastle. First of all, a cleaning bee was held to thoroughly give the hall a good scrubbing and curtains were put up on the windows. There wasn't any water or stove to put a kettle on and instead of chairs benches were used. The township fathers didn't have a janitor as yet so the W.I. ladies set to work to make the hall a little more presentable. A small room at the back was used to house a large metal safe which council had removed. It was then made into a kitchen, complete with new cupboards, a stove, and linoleum on the floor. We took our water from home for a few years for meetings and projects. Those old benches had to go and council agreed they were not comfortable anyways. Fifty heavy metal chairs were obtained from the old Windsor Ferry depot when the ferries discontinued service to Detroit at \$2 each. Council helped by paying for half the cost.

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Mrs. Doris Parr + her mother present an over 100 yr. old framed work flower picture to the Island Lee Home when it was opened. Had a party and presented the proceeds of \$80 to the Burnham's Burnley. We staffed the T.B. Bay survey three different times when it was held in our Township Hall. We took part in the Burnham Improvement Convention with Burnham's Burnley. When Burns Burnley was a young boy for Burnham's Burnley.

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The gave Public speaking awards and music festival awards; \$100<sup>in 1957</sup> was voted to the Bee Wee Baseball League 1961 when they started and \$80 to a Jr. Hockey League<sup>Green Hornets</sup> and another \$25 for purchase of sweaters, and 38.30 for operational expenses. Assisted the Sandwich South Association for Retarded Children when they started in 1959 with 72.16 proceeds of a card party and many more contributions later. Our W.I. sponsored the 3 year fund raising drive 1960-61-62 with Mrs. Crowder as chairman for Sandwich South and raised over \$1600 each year. Contributed 50 to Essex<sup>memorial</sup> Arena building fund and purchased 40 blocks for same; one of the large contributions given was following our community loss of 8 children at Oldcastle in 1966 from a truck-bus accident. When our W.I. presented a large crib to the new pediatric ward of J.O.D. Hospital costing \$170.00 in memory of the children of J.O.D. Hospital. ~~Our business activities were with the 4-H Home Economics Courses for girls as leaders, sponsors and donors. One year we had two clubs with 65 girls from which 56 went to Achern and Day; many girls won trips to Calgary, Ohio, Kuelph and Toronto and London Fairs and Seminars.~~  
Oldcastle W.I. members had not neglected the Senior Citizens in the Township either, sending get well cards to the sick, sympathy cards, Christmas baskets and having birthday parties for those over 80 and 50th Anniversary parties for members, and ~~had longery for all phases of welfare and health~~ <sup>we</sup> packed used clothing, shoes, etc. which was sent to the strife torn country of Korea in 1954-60 period, along with knitted sweaters, layettes and girls uniforms were made and sent; in Aug. 1961 a monetary contribution to assist in sponsoring a 19 year old student from Essex County a graduate of Western Ont. Agr. School of Technology who was being sent to the village of Jherpal, Dist. of West Bengal, India for the Peace Corps.  
Families who lost their homes in fires were helped, the group rallied to this cause with showers and made many quilts as well as providing blankets and food. Contributed to the County Flood Relief Fund in 1973; and Hurricane Hazel Relief Fund.  
A Scholarship Fund was set up to the Univ. of Windsor in Honour of Mary O'Brien, a Kintess graduate and Honours student, ~~the daughter~~ following her untimely death. She was the daughter of the <sup>Lisji O'Briens</sup> ~~devoted~~ <sup>dedicated</sup> members of Oldcastle, the mother one of our W.I. members. She very first ~~and~~ <sup>was</sup> an Oldcastle student at the University in the 1973-74 year of a \$250.00 award. The interest on the fund is used for each year's scholarship. The University now presents two awards each year.

During the early 1970's we had 3 generations of one family in our W.I. branch. Mrs. Rosie Price with her daughter Doris Parr as members and Doris's daughter Beth in 4-H Home-making Clubs.



Women's Institute hand written notes transcribed.

In 1957 we gave public speaking awards and music festival awards. \$100 was voted to the Pee Wee baseball league when they started and \$80 to a junior hockey league (Essex Comets) and another \$25 for purchase of sweaters and \$38.30 for operational expenses.

We assisted the Sandwich South Association for retarded children when they started in 1959 with \$72.10 proceeds of a card party and many more contributions later.

Our Women's Institute sponsored the 3 year fund raising drive (1960,61,62) with Mrs. Crowder as chariman for Sandwich South and raised over \$1600 each year. Contributed \$50 to Essex memorial arena building fund and purchased 40 blocks for same. One of the largest contributions was given following our community loss of 8 children at Oldcastle in 1966 from a bus accident. Our W.I. presented a large crib to the new pediatrics ward of I.O.D.E hospital cost \$170 in memory of the children.

Our busiest activities were with the 4-H home economics courses for girls as lead sponsors and donors. One year we had two clubs with 65 girls from which 56 went to achievement day. Many girls won trips to Calgary, Ohio, Guelph, London, and Toronto fairs and seminars.

Oldcastle W.I. members had not neglected the senior citizens in the township either. We sent out get well cards to the sick, sympathy cards, Christmas baskets and having birthday parties for those over 80 and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary parties. We had concern for all phases of welfare and health and packed used clothing, shoes, etc. which was sent to the strife torn country of Korea in 1954 – 1960 period. We also sent knitted sweaters and girl uniforms we made and sent.

In August 1961 a monetary contribution to assist in sponsoring a 19 year old student from Essex county, a graduate of Western Ontario Agricultural school of technology who was being sent to the village of Khirpal, district of West Bengal, India for the Peace Corps.

Families who lost their homes in fires were helped. The group rallied to this cause with showers and made many quilts as well as providing blankets and food.

Contributed to the county flood relief fund in 1973 as well as the hurricane Hazel relief fund.

A scholarship fund was set up to the University of Windsor in honour of Mary O'Brien, a kinetics graduate and Honours student, following her untimely death. She was the daughter of Leslie O'Brien of Oldcastle, one of our W.I. members. The very first winner was an Oldcastle student at the University of Windsor in the 1973-1974 year of a \$250 award. The interest in the fund is used for each year's scholarship. The University now presents two awards each year.

During the early 1970's we had 3 generations of one family in our W.I. branch. Mrs. Rosie Price with her daughter Doris Parr and Doris's daughter Beth in 4-H home making clubs.

Mrs. Doris Parr and her mother present a 100 year old framed wool flower picture to the Euland Lee home when it was opened. Had a party and presented the proceeds of \$80 to the Fireman's burn unit.

We staffed the T.B. X-Ray survey three different times when it was held in our township hall.

We took part in the farm improvement in conjunction Essex County Tourist Association when Elmer Renaud of our township was a winner of showers for lions home.

municipal

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1955-

Result - Cedar Springs  
Hospital

Bus Trip

Sept 2nd - Essex  
51 Ridge

thoughtful express  
sympathy

your kind and

sincere thanks

acknowledging

Expiry Date  
Date - July 31

6.75 U.S.  
Funds

U.S.A. Day Sept 5th

103 Home ~~Salon~~ 48823 Zip Code

Michael O'Neil's Family

Thank you

## Municipal

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## Women's Institute

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Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Crowder

P. O. No. 1

Oldcastle, Ontario

Canada

In ~~Jan. 26~~ Jan. 26, 1968, our Institute voted a Centennial Fund (which we had set aside monies for five years to further education or health) towards a large Club, ~~(a memorial gift)~~. To J.O.D.E. Hospitals, Pediatric wing which was being built. This was a memorial gift <sup>to eight children in our township who lost their lives in a bus - truck accident</sup> and presented <sup>to the hospital with our plaque attached to help</sup> ever since the early 1960s Oldcastle Branch has held 4-H girls home-making courses. Two leaders take the courses given by home economists through the Home Economics Branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. These leaders in turn come back to our branch and teach girls, ages 12 to 26. We have been having two classes out of each training session involving from 25 to 50 girls. This summer a Garden Club was presented, making three training programs.



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Sweaters - Pee Wee Baseball Club - 100 in 1957  
seven teams boys 9 to 13 and four teams 13 to 16.

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Layette were sent in 1958 - knitted sweaters for ages 3-15.

1958 - Nov. Proceeds of two branch party to Assoc.  
for Retarded Children to be used for equipment  
and supplies for the school being readied here.  
1959 Instead of exchange of gifts we contributed to Sun  
Parlour School to assist with Christmas treats

1960 - Awards for Public Speaking - Two awards - school  
of Sand. South - both public & separate. - David Libby

June 1959 - Card party proceeds to Pee Wee Baseball Club  
\$73.60

1960 - Members purchased equivalent of 24 Cement blocks  
towards building of Essex Memorial arena.

1960 - Canvas for Essex Town & Dist Assoc. for  
Retarded Children \$610 was raised through the  
Chairmanship of Mrs. W. A. Crowder and W. J.  
Members at large - \$1616.55 - 1961.

Dec. 1961 - Proceeds of Film night to Green Hornets - Juvenile  
Hockey Team in Sand. S.

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Western Ont. Ag. School Ridgelytown to India to the  
village of Kherpai in the District of West Bengal  
They would live with the Indian people & give  
them technical assistance in farming method.  
\$2000 was raised by agricultural groups in the County.



by  
Mrs. W. A. Crowder, R. R. 1, Roseland, Ont.  
Historian for Oldcastle Women's Institute.

Back in the early days, when families travelled in <sup>carriages</sup> democrats to visit their relatives or friends or to church and church activities, they had to dress much differently than they do now. This was a two seated vehicle drawn by two horses. In the winter sleighs were used and cutters for small families; the ~~surrey~~ or buggy in summer. Most of the clothes were made right at home out of the wool which was home carded, spun and woven into cloth for suits and dresses. When the first cotton dresses for ladies began to appear and were bought from stores, they were called "wrappers" and were mostly dark in colour, perhaps so they wouldn't show soil too rapidly. Country women were diversified in their vocation as farmer's wives and did most everything around the farm, often replacing the man of the homestead if he were ill or away to town to do the families' business and procure the few things which had to be purchased in those days.

At the turn of the century, they didn't have refrigerators as we do today, but had a smoke house to smoke their meat, and some cured theirs by salting down in barrels or crocks. Sometimes a cold room in the house or adjoining building was used to just freeze it in the winters. Those were the days of farm bees when neighbors would gather to complete some project like threshing grain, buzz-sawing wood, barn raising, etc. If a man was hired it was most likely he would get \$1.00 a day with his board thrown in. All the family would gather for the threshings, the men to help harvest the grain and the womenfolk to do the cooking to feed the whole gathering, children and all. Necessity was the mother of invention many times as was the case when the writer was a small girl of two years and we were at one of my grandmother's to thresh. They had a bee house not far from the home in the back yard and a cousin and I were playing when we decided to explore this building more thoroughly. My cousin ran to the house screaming that I was inside the bee-house all covered with bees. It was just as the men were coming in for dinner and they had several large zinc washing tubs lined up full of water for the men to wash with near the kitchen entrance. My mother ran out and grabbed me and without a moment's hesitation emerged me completely in one of these huge tubs of water and all the bees came off and were drowned, but not before I was badly stung. The doctor explained that it was the only thing that saved my life. They washed the stings with soda water and my eyes were swollen shut for nearly six months, till they thought I would never see again.

In those farm kitchens were prepared many goodies as I remember over a wood stove. All the butter was churned by hand and cottage cheese made. Apple cider and apple butter as well as pumpkin butter was made each Fall, along with crocks of preserves and pickles set to brine either in crocks or wooden barrels. Sauer Kraut also was made from cabbage grown and weighted down with a round board and a huge stone to keep under the brine while curing.

We didn't have electricity as most farms do today, and used coal oil lamps in the house and lanterns for the barns. Later these were replaced by Alladin lamps before Hydro came our way. That was one of the many daily chores, cleaning the lighting equipment, and separating the milk each day; also washing the milking equipment. Most farm wives made their butter from the cream and this was taken to the city market for sale or taken to the village grocery store and traded for other merchandise. This was done with the eggs too. Most farmers didn't rely on the hens for eggs in the winter time and stored up their eggs by means of water-glass. They would pack their ice in a shed under saw-dust too. Root cellars were the common thing; a hole dug in the ground where it was well drained and filled with straw and leaves and the vegetables stored there until Spring. It was covered with earth like a mound and then straw and manure put on top. It had a hole on one side for an opening, so they could get the vegetables, like cabbage and turnips, potatoes out. Most apples were stored in barrels in cellars or other cool place. Everything was canned for winter consumption in the fruit line. We used to make hominy out of our corn, also we used to roast the corn in the coals of the stove and powder this and make a sort of coffee out of it. We also dried corn in the sun and this would be soaked before cooking. We didn't have Cold Storage Lockers as we have today. Mince meat was made for pies.

Christmas was a very happy and glorious time, especially for the children. Most families gathered at one of the grandmothers home.



## RAMBLINGS (2) Cont.

Considering the large families of those days, often anywhere from twenty five to forty members of a family would be present on this gala day. The festive meals were something to behold, and on these occasions after the meals began to settle the men for diversion would have a target shoot and the womenfolk would just visit or do some crocheting, or other needlework. In the evening, games would be played and singing before we left all bundled up against the cold for the long ride home.

Diversions and pastimes in the winter were sleigh rides and skating parties in the moonlight on outdoor ponds. Square dancing was popular in each others homes too. Card parties were prevalent among neighbors. Today in this district, bowling is so popular. Most of the young folks go to an arena to skate and to a ballroom to dance. Sports too have taken on a new glamor with league teams competing, like football, soccer, baseball and hockey; also horse shows have become very popular both for the competitors and the spectators alike. Swimming too is popular both in winter and summer. In summer to the lake, especially on weekends and to heated swimming pools in the winter. We children were lucky if we got to the lake once in a summer and that would be at the annual church picnic where sports would be the highlight along with the swimming, and of course the sumptuous picnic lunch.

No bath tubs were in use those days, every Saturday night being bath night in the family wash tub beside the kitchen stove. No inside plumbing was available either, and our water had to be carried from a well and heated on a wood stove, and the soap was most likely home made.

Around our farm home there were many large Maple trees, these were lovely as shade trees but we made double use of them. Early in March we would tap them and put pails up to catch the sap; gather it each morning and boil it down on top of the kitchen range into Maple syrup. Sometimes we made Maple candy out of some of the syrup.

A popular pastime was when the neighbors would chivaree a newly married pair. Sometimes they would gather at the home of the groom before the wedding and play all sorts of musical instruments and generally make a lot of noise. The groom was supposed to reciprocate with payment of a \$10.00 bill and the group would use this to purchase oysters for a supper at one their homes. Here is something I recall quite vividly that happened on one of these occasions down our road. The \$10.00 was collected after chivareeing a batchelor whom no one thought would ever be getting married and the night and place set for the oyster supper. The oysters were cooked and set out in a summer kitchen to cool, this being wintertime, and some time between when they were put there and when the guests began to arrive for the evening, the kettles of oysters were purloined, possibly during chore time. To my knowledge, neither the oysters or the kettles ever were accounted for.



## HISTORY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SANDWICH SOUTH

SANDWICH SOUTH, originally was part of the Township of Sandwich, formed as part of the District of Hesse, being laid out under General Simcoe's administration, 1791. In 1854, when Windsor was set off as an independent municipality under a village charter, municipal divisions continued until 1861 when said Township of Sandwich became from a single municipality, the Town of Sandwich, City of Windsor, Town of Walkerville, and the Townships of Sandwich West and Sandwich East. In the year 1893, Sandwich East was divided and out of it came Sandwich South. They held their Council meetings in the home of Mr. Michael McCarthy until the Township Hall was erected in 1896. There is a picture hanging in this hall of the first Council formed. These are reading from left to right:

Mr. James McAuliffe	-- Treasurer	<i>died July 1929 at 65.</i>
Mr. Edward Mooney	-- Councillor	
Mr. Chas. McGuigan	-- Councillor	
Mr. Abraham Cole	-- Reeve	<i>born April 11/1845 and died Jan. 1928 age 83 yrs.</i>
Mr. John Greaves	-- Councillor	
Mr. Edward J. O'Neil	-- Councillor	
Mr. John Moynahan	-- Clerk	<i>died June 1913. married Mary Broderick, May 1898.</i>

*John Wortley was awarded the contract to build new S. South Township Hall at Oldcastle at \$640.00*

Situated in the County of Essex with Maidstone Township on its Eastern boundary, Colchester North on the South, Sandwich West on the South and West, Sandwich East on West and North. When the 1951 Census was taken, our population was 3,070 as compared to 2,482 in the previous census taken in 1941. The Tax objectives for 1951 were: General Expenses - \$1,193.57, Road Expenses: \$4,714.65 and total expenses: \$13,908.32.

The present Council consists of the following members:

Mr. Percy McKee	-- Reeve
Mr. Edward J. Dumouchelle	-- Deputy Reeve
Mr. Clyde O'Neil	-- Councillor
Mr. Frank Jobin	-- Councillor
Mr. Llewellyn Gerard	-- Councillor
Mr. Jos. McCarthy	-- Treasurer
Mr. Harvey Washbrook	-- Road Superintendant
Mr. Arnold Axcell	-- Clerk

Mr. Joseph Hennin, reeve of Sandwich South for over 25 years, resides in Roseland and on his retirement in January, 1948, our present Reeve, Mr. Percy McKee took office.

*present* The Township Hall built in 1926, *opened Aug. 5th 1927* is situated on No. 3 Highway, at Oldcastle on a portion of land donated by the Sylvestre family, off their farm property.

30% of the working men of the township work in industrial work in Windsor. They are living in all corners of the municipality. The majority of them come from the more densely populated areas, such as Roseland, Meryland, Oldcastle, Maidstone and in the North East corner of the township South of Tecumseh. There are somewhere in the neighborhood of 380 farms and about 10 percent of these farmers work in industrial plants. Some of them farm what land they have after work in factories, others rent to other farmers. Very few farms are occupied by renters, not over 3%, leaving 97% as owners. There are fewer farms occupied by renters than there were 20 years ago. Due to increased population, two school sections had to erect cottages or make extra rooms for their schools, these being No. 1 and No. 6.

Bert R. Bedford is the present Assessor for the Township and has held this office for 10 years. He lives on Cabana Road in Roseland, where his parents carried on farming before him in the pioneer days of this community. His parent's home and farm buildings were moved on the present site from off Howard Avenue and are from 70 to 80 years old, had previously been owned by Henry and Napoleon Dumouchelle and likely built by them. Bert Bedford owns and operates "Old Orchard Rabbitry". These rabbits are dressed for food consumption as well as being used by many of Windsor's doctors for scientific purposes.

Mr. John McAuliffe, one of our grand old men of the township, resides in Maidstone, taught in township schools and later was clerk of the township for many years, is 80 years old.

Due to our geographical location, adjacent to Windsor, and the fact all Highways leading into the city pass through our township, we have been an attraction to Motel Operators to build and operate cabins and motels in this area.



In our township there are many "firsts". It was here that the first radio receiving towers were erected on the farm of Charles O'Brien in the early 1930's. The transmitter station was built there too, to be first used by the station with call numbers CKOK, February, 1932. It went on the air June 1st, of the same year under those call numbers. It was changed to CKLW soon after and two towers were erected in 1933. It became outlet for the Columbia Broadcasting Company and some Canadian Broadcasting Corporation affiliations. The transmitter station and towers are off No. 3 Highway, on the O'Brien farm. They are still there, the towers being used as a lighting guide for Walker Airport, in plane landing. Although CKLW moved their equipment to a 90 acre farmland tract on No. 18 Highway, five miles west of Harrow in the year 1948. A new transmitter station was erected and new towers there and the Radio Station CKLW is owned and operated by Western Ontario Broadcasting Company, Ltd., Toronto. Their Windsor offices are on the 10th floor of The Guarantee Trust Bldg., Windsor, where also their studios are located.

It was in Sandwich South that the first Drive-In Theatre was erected and operated on Fred Ures Farm, No. 2 Highway a half mile from Walker Airport. This is named SKYWAY DRIVE-IN, and is operated by Famous Players.

The first tourist cabins in this area were built and operated by Albert Kavanaugh way back in 1923 at Oldcastle.

The first Harvest Combine was owned by Mr. Chas. O'Brien - the first in Western Ontario.

When women were granted the privilege of sitting on Juries in Jan., 1933, one of our housewives, Mrs. Alice Rounding became one of the first women called. *Mrs. Bruce Banwell also served a year or two later*

*Charles L. McCloskey of Maidstone Cross purchased the first automobile to be owned in Sand. South.*

#### OTHER INDUSTRIES NOT LISTED HERETOFORE

Mrs. Etta Bennett - Beauty Operator - operates at her residence on No. 3 Highway at Oldcastle.

Fine Foods of Canada - Vinery - Walker Road South at South Talbot Rd.  
St. Louis Vinery - Base Line & 12th Concession  
McKee Vinery - Farough Settlement.

D. & W. Auto Parts - No. 98 Highway

Fisher's Flowers - Arthur Fisher, Florist, No. 3 Highway

H. J. Heinz - Weighing & Loading Station - Walker Rd. at South Talbot.

Highway Furniture Sales Ltd., Highway No. 3 at Howard.

Lobsinger Kennels - Highway 98

Miklossy (Mike) Motel - Highway No. 3 at Howard

Mills Service Station - Walker Road.

Vern Neilson Garage - No. 3 Highway

John R. O'Neill - Butcher - Walker Road.

Pere Marquette Railway Junction Tower - Off 98 Highway

Pestic (Paul) Store - Walker Road at Prieur's Corners.

Six Corners Garage - Six Corners-Maidstone.

Marion Smorang Motel - No 2. Highway - Between No.98 and Walker Rd.

Alex Tripanski - Store - Base Line

I. L. Whipple - Store - Roseland, Corner Cabana & Howard Ave.

Zam's Motel - No. 2 Highway - Between Walker & No. 98.

Jessop's Motel - Corner No.3B Highway & Howard.

Gorski's Lunch - Howard Ave. near North Talbot Rd.

*The first motor vehicle registered in the township was a car owned by Mr. J. H. Smith in 1914. The first truck was owned by Mr. J. H. Smith in 1915. The first bus was owned by Mr. J. H. Smith in 1916. The first garage was opened in the township in 1917. The first hotel was opened in the township in 1918. The first school was opened in the township in 1919. The first church was opened in the township in 1920. The first hospital was opened in the township in 1921. The first library was opened in the township in 1922. The first newspaper was opened in the township in 1923. The first radio station was opened in the township in 1924. The first telephone exchange was opened in the township in 1925. The first electric power plant was opened in the township in 1926. The first water supply system was opened in the township in 1927. The first sewerage system was opened in the township in 1928. The first fire department was opened in the township in 1929. 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Redeemer Church (Continued)

Woman's Auxiliary

The first Girl's Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was instituted on Nov. 21st, 1932 by Mrs. A. Tuckey. Mrs. Jos. Tully, wife of the rector at the time was elected advisor and Mrs. Leslie O'Brien (Lottie Reynier) was elected the president. The first treasurer of the W.A. was Mrs. Harri Volland. In 1946, the Girl's Branch became a combined organization of Senior W. A. and Chancel Guild. The W. A. carries on the work with the Missionaries for the parish both abroad and at home.

The present officers are: Past President: Mrs. Gerald O'Neil  
President: Mrs. Hubert Shuel  
Vice President: Mrs. Nelson Bloomfield  
Secretary: Mrs. Douglas Pettypiece  
Treasurer: Mrs. Henry Hartley

Sunday School in this parish is ably managed by Mrs. Russel Pettypiece who is its present superintendant.

Present Janitor is Mr. Arch. Hartley; Organist is Mrs. Glenn Webster

TULLY HALL

Rev. G. C. Dickin who became rector at Redeemer in October, 1947, became an enthusiastic worker for a Parish Hall. The first meeting to discuss the building of a new hall was held at the Orange Hall, on Oct. 5th, 1947. The following committee ably assisted Mr. Dickin in this work: Walter O'Neil, chairman; Henry Hartley, treasurer; Frank Lyonsbrough, Clarence White, Archie Hartley, Gerald O'Neil and Harry Pettypiece, chairman of the building committee.

A canvas of the parish was made with success, and Mr. Fred Berl drew architectural plans for the hall and was very generous in his assistance to the building committee. The hall was started in October of 1949 and completed in the Spring of 1950. All the work of construction was done by the men of the parish except the plastering.

On May 26th, 1950 the cornerstone of the hall was laid by Rev. Jos. Tully and the building was dedicated by Venerable Archdeacon Westgate of St. John's Church, Sandwich. The new hall was named "Tully Hall" in memory of Rev. Jos. and Mrs. Tully, who had so ably and devotedly served the parish for so many years. The new hall adjoins the church.

The present officers of the church are: Rector's Warden - Vern McKim  
Peoples's Warden: John Hartley  
Vestry Clerk and Treasurer: John Shuel

The community surrounding Redeemer Church, S. S. No. 10, Sandwich South, The Orange Hall and S. S. No. 4, Sandwich South is known as ~~Paquette~~ "Paquette". There is no post office there at present and the residents receive their mail through rural delivery from Oldcastle. The post office being removed to Oldcastle from Paquette on Mar. 1st, 1947, after being there for many years, operated at Paquette Corners which is located at the crossroads of Walker Road and Colchester North-Anderdon Townline. Paquette is a French name and was named after the early French settlers by that name in the vicinity and whose ancestors still live in the surrounding community. Dan Paquette owned the first gasoline station, which is now operated by a Mr. Pistik.

Early History of the Community of Paquette

Hydro Electric Power was first turned on in the community in Dec., 1925, when many of the residents had their farm buildings wired for Electricity.

The first telephone line was a private line owned by Doctor Jenner of Essex, so that people might call the doctor. It was built about 1897 or 1897 and ran from Essex to Paquette Corners. There were two phones on the line, one at Dan Kennedy's farm house which is now occupied by Bill Takac, the other phone being at Cyril Paquette's residence at Paquette. Anyone wanting the doctor would go to either of those houses to call. This private line was in existence about six years. In 1910 the Municipal Telephone lines were put in and covered all of Sandwich South with the Central at Maidstone.



### Early History of Paquette (Continued)

The last steam threshing machine in the district was owned and operated by the Paquette Threshing Company. It was replaced by the gasoline tractor and the combine about 1927.

Pioneers depended on surface wells entirely until about 1885 when drilled wells came into being. In dry seasons some farmers had to haul water from River Canard. One, James D. O'Neil made a trip to the Canard River for a tank of water. The tank was a hollow buttonwood log call a Gum. It was mounted on a wagon. While he was at the river it started to rain. He started home with the tank full of water, and as it was raining quite heavy, he decided it was no use to haul this load of water home, so he pulled out the plug and let all the water out. When he got to his home on Snake Lane there had been no rain. Windmills, old wooden ones were used for a time on wells, then the huge steel mills, then the small gasoline engine was put to use pumping water for the farmer's use, and today most farm wells are equipped with electrically operated pumps which are supplying both hot and cold water automatically in the homes and farm buildings. Tanks for hot water being installed right along with the water system and is heated either by electricity or gas. Most homes today have modern bathroom and plumbing facilities.

The first threshing machines in the district were run by horse power; as many as eight horses going around in a circle were used. This method took two or three days to do a farmer's threshing with twenty five to thirty men to help with the work and to be fed. This often times became sort of a family re-union as all the womenfolk kin would gather on threshing days to help provide the meals required to feed such a hungry crew. They did about as much work at that time as a modern combine with two or three men now do in a few hours. On the old machines a straw carrier took the straw away from the machine and carried it to build a stack. Ten or twelve men could often be seen on the straw stack. Nowadays, most farmers combine, bale their straw and haul their grain away to the grain elevators, all in one operation, the same day. There is not much storing of threshed grain except for seed in bins in the farm barn. One of these early threshing machines was owned by Alwyn Shuel and operated by the Shuel brothers.

Football and baseball were the main sports. The old Shuel team first started sometime in the 1870's and gave a good account of themselves, they were followed by the Shamrocks and the I.O.F. team, between whom there was a great deal of rivalry. These teams were followed later by Oldcastle Titans.

### Lodges and Orange Hall

The first Orange ~~Lodge~~ Lodge No. 552 was started at Colchester in 1854. This Lodge will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 1954, the Essex County Centennial year. The first Master of the Lodge was Robert Martin. The Lodge transferred its meeting place to Anderdon Township to the Alex. Shuel residence in 1869. In 1894 L.O.L. 552 built the Orange Hall on the 6th concession just off the Anderdon-Sandwich South Townline, more commonly known as the Holden Road. It was on the Richard Shuel farm where it still stands and where the meetings are still held. The present officers are: Worshipful Master - Wm. Hartley Deputy Master: Harry Pettypiece; Recording Secretary: Russell Pettypiece; Chaplain: Rev. G. O. Dickin; Financial Secretary: Douglas Pettypiece.

The Independent Order of Foresters was started in 1893 and met in the Orange Hall until they disbanded.

Some of the early doctors to serve this community were Drs. Lambie, Samson, and Casgrain from Windsor, who drove over rough muddy roads with horse and buggy, previous to 1880. Prior to 1900, Doctors James Brian, J. W. Brian, Dr. Jenner and Dr. McKenzie lived in Essex and took care of the surrounding territory. Now one of our local boys, a recent graduate of Western Medical School, Murray O'Neil, (Dr. Murray O'Neil) serves the community, in practice with Dr. Clare at Essex, lives in Essex and serves his home community where he was born the son of Mr. & Mrs. Roy V. O'Neil, formerly of here and who have recently retired at the beginning of this year (1953) and taken up residence in Roseland. A son EJay is on the old homestead farm.

The first permanent saw mill was started by Robert Shuel about 1890. It was brought from Gesto and operated until 1902. It stood on the Shuel farm, now occupied by Russell Pettypiece.



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Saw Mill

The building still stands a short distance from where it stood when used as a saw mill and is now used as a barn. The machinery was sold and removed to Duck Island in Georgian Bay.

Snake Lane was one of the first roads in the district and was an offshoot of Talbot Road. The first settlers lived on this road about 1830. There is one log house still standing on East Half of Lot 4, Concession 6. It has been boarded over and is at present occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Henry Thrasher. It was built years ago by Mose Dufaut.

The community surrounding Paquette is served by two School Sections S. S. No. 4 and S. S. No. 10., both situated on the Essex Townline, divided by Walker Road. S. S. No. 4 is half mile to the west of Walker Road and S. S. No. 10 is a mile East of Walker Road.

S. S. No. 4

The first school to be erected in this section was a frame building on the Anderdon-Sandwich South end of the Essex Townline. It was built between 1865-1870. In 1894 it was replaced by a brick school. The old frame school was moved to a location near Paquette Station and was used as a Blacksmith Shop by Joseph Harshaw until 1906. At present it is still standing and is being used as a grainery on the farm of Frank Lounsbrough in this district. In 1914 the old brick school was replaced by the present brick structure.

The first teacher at S.S. No. 4 was a Miss Ouellette, who later married Frank Mero, father of Adrian, who resides about a mile and a half from Oldcastle at the intersection of No. 3B Highway and Howard Ave. Mr. John Holden was one of the first trustees. Hydro was installed in the school around ~~1938~~ 1944-45. A piano was purchased around 1943. Music supervision is by Miss Agnes Hartley and Art by Mrs. Edith Shearer.

S. S. No. 10

S. S. No. 10 is a Union School located on the corner of the Sand. South-Colchester North Townline and the ninth concession. The two townships contribute to its maintenance and running expenses. The school was built in 1923, with Miss Marie Cairie as its first teacher. Messrs. Richard Hartley, Curtis Tofflemire, and Gilbert O'Neil were the first trustees.

Hydro was installed in this school only a few years ago, but the first piano was bought about 1943. Miss Agnes Hartley gives music supervision and Mrs. Edith Shearer, art supervision, having been instituted at the time of the coming of the Township School Area System in 1945-46. This school receives reading books from the travelling Book-Mobile since 1946.

The Soap Box Derby Trophy was won by this school in 1949, 1950 and 1952. This is a silver cup with the names of the winners for each year inscribed on the cup and presented by the Kinsman Club of Essex. The derby is held at Essex also, with county pupils participating. Tommy Pettypiece winning in 1950, along with Nelson Hartley as partner. In 1952, our winners were Donald Pettypiece and Jimmy Carrell.

OLDCASTLE (Continued)

The area around Oldcastle is served by two school sections; S. S. No. 6 and Separate School Section No. 7, (St. Mary's) or known in earlier days as Ragtown School. Both these schools are located on No. 3 Highway, about one mile each way from Oldcastle.

S. S. No. 6 School

This school located on No. 3 Highway and Herdman Sideroad was built in 1916 at an estimated cost of \$4000.00 with Mr. David Croft as Contractor. He bought the debentures which drew 6% interest.

An earlier school had been built in this district. In the year 1909, a Mr. W. Weir was teacher at a salary of \$455.00.