



BANQUET

ORANGE HALL
WARWICK ONTARIO

THURSDAY, JANUARY THE TWENTY-SEVENTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT
COURSES IN
AGRICULTURE and
ECONOMICS EDUCATION

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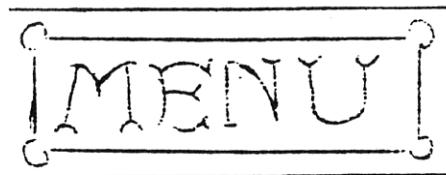
HOME ECONOMICS CLASS

Auld, Dorothy	McElroy, Margaret
Auld, Myrle	McKay, Isabell
Atwood, Frances	McKay, Thelma
Bailey, Ruby	McRorie , Florence
Barnes, Elva	Matthews, Noreen
Brandon, Marion	MinIELLY, Aileen
Bryson, Jean	MinIELLY, Doris
Cameron, Doris	MinIELLY, Margaret
Campbell, Janet	MinIELLY, Rena
Campbell, Florence	Morgan, Jean
Catt , Ruby	Redmond, Ella
Clark, Jean	Sheppard, Doris
Dann, Olive	Smith, Jean
Fenner, Marion	Stewart, Frieda
Fleming, Margaret	Stewart, Maxena
Grieve, Anna	Swartz, Ilene
Grieve, Isobel	Tanton, Ilene
Grieve, Sean	Tanton, Janet
Herbert, Agnes	Thompson, Mabel
Jewett, Jean	Vanderburg, Merle
King, Myrta	WILLER, Sadie
Kilmer, Hazel	Wilkinson, Janet
McCormick, Loraine	Williamson, Kathleen
	York, Bernice

AGRICULTURAL CLASS

Barnes, Wilfred	MinIELLY, Arnold
Brandon, Jim	MinIELLY, Donald
Blunt, William	Maw, Lloyd
Cundick, Lyle	McGILLCUDDY, Jack
Catt, Reg	McKAY, Harold
Dyke, Wray	McRorie, Bill
Fleming, Ivan	O'Neil, Bill
Grieve, Ronald	Perry, Blake
Goodhand, Wilfred	Perry, John
Herbert, Gerald	Ross, Donald
Lester, Bert	Shepherd, Roger
Lester, Chelsea	Smith, George
Mathews, Vaughn	Smith, John

"Teach us delight in simple things" Anon.



Fruit Cup
Chicken
Macedoine Vegetables
Creamed Potatoes
Cabbage and Apple Salad
Rolls
Pickles
Ice Cream and Cake
Coffee

"This night shall never from our memories fade" Anon.



"Speak on, but be not over tedious" Anon.

TOASTS

Toastmaster

Gerald Herbert

"The King"

God Save the King.

"Our Guests"

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kelly
Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkinson
Miss Annie Ross
Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Woods
Mr. and Mrs. John Cable
Mr. and Mrs. W. McKay
Rev. Mr. Jennings
Rev. Mr. Elsdon

Proposed by Agnes Herbert

Solo Isobel Grieve

"The Girls' Class"

Proposed by Arnold Minielly
Replied to by Doris Minielly

"The Boys' Class"

Proposed by Ilene Tanton
Replied to by Donald Ross

Musical Number

GUEST SPEAKER - Prof. J. C. Steckley, B.S.A. Ridgetown.

Introduced by Mr. W.P. Macdonald.

PRAYER of SERENITY

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know
the difference.



Women's Institutes In Ontario.

THE WARWICK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Warwick Branch of the Women's Institute was formed on February 11, 1909 by a Miss F.B. Rawlings of Forest. The special speaker was Miss Carter of Guelph who came to present an address on "Foods and Their Uses in the Human Body."

There were 33 Charter Members. The monthly meetings gave the women a chance to get out of the house to meet the neighbour women from the surrounding area and as well learn a lot of new things about food and fashions and activities going on in other localities besides their own.

The Motto for the Women's Institute was "For Home and Country." Perhaps the women never seemed to be at home, at least the husbands grumbled that was the case, the Motto might even be for country for all they knew, but it was quite obvious that it didn't include them. But regardless, they always hitched 'Old Dobbin' to the sleigh or buggy whichever the weather permitted so their ladies could attend the meetings

Mrs. David Auld	Miss Ellen Laws
Mrs. Robert Auld	Mrs. J. Maw
Mrs. George Brent [Sr]	Mrs. W.D. McKenzie
Mrs. George Brent [Jr]	Mrs. R.J. McCormick *
Miss Mary A. Bryce	Miss Alma McRorie
Mrs. J.S. Clark	Miss Mina McRorie
Mrs. Fred Cook	Mrs. T. McCausland
Mrs. Alfred Cox	Mrs. William Minielly
Mrs. David Falloon	Miss Grace Moore
Miss Rose Gavigan	Mrs. H. Morningstar
Miss Mary Gavigan	Mrs. John Robinson
Mrs. S.J. Harper	Mrs. David Ross [Jr]
Mrs. J. Humphries	Miss Lillian Ross
Miss Jeanne Laws	Miss Lena Waugh
Miss Margaret Laws [Mrs. Ed Cundick]	Mrs. R. Wilkinson
*R.J. McCormick M.L.A. for East Lambton [1908-1914]	

My Grandmother, Mrs. Stewart Smith, joined in 1912

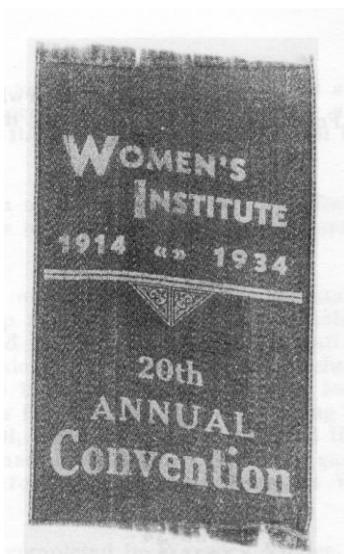
My Mother, Mrs. John Smith Sr., joined in 1914

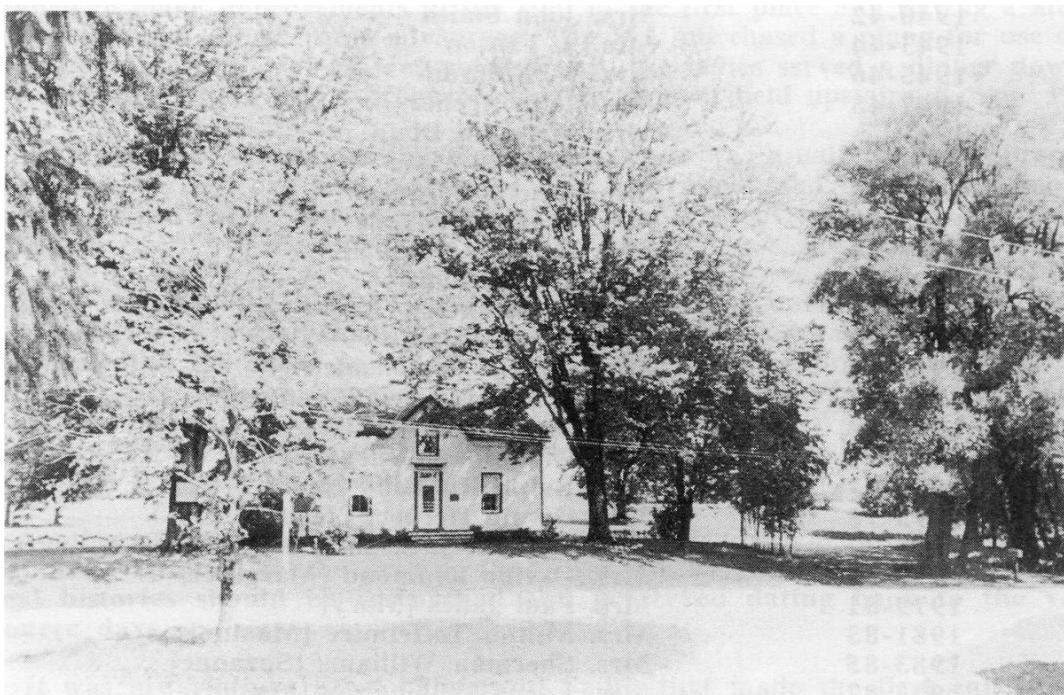
My Aunt, Mrs. Alfred Smith, joined in 1914

My Wife, Mrs. John Smith Jr., joined in 1951

My Mother, Ethel Smith, was the Delegate to the Annual W.I. Convention, the Thirtieth Anniversary held in London, Ontario in 1934. [1904-1934]

The Purple Satin and Gold Lettered Badge my Mother wore, pinned to her dress as delegate to the 20th Annual Women's Institute Convention held in London Ontario in 1934





THE ADELAIDE HUNTER HOODLESS HOMESTEAD

The birthplace of the founder of Women's Institutes St. George, Ontario, Brant County, Canada
The Homestead was purchased by the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, and is being
restored in the period when Adelaide Hunter Hoodless lived here. (1858-1910). This is a project of
all Women's Institutes.

The Presidents of the Warwick Branch of the Women's Institute organized on February 11, 1909
beginning in that year were:

1909	Mrs. John Humphries	1937-39	Miss A. Ross
1910	Mrs. D. Ross	1940-42	Mrs. John Smith
1911	Mrs. A. Cox	1943-44	Mrs. J. Tanton
1912	Mrs. D. Falloon	1945-46	Mrs. N. Morgan
1913	Mrs. H. Morningstar	1947-48	Mrs. John Archer
1914	Mrs. D. Auld	1949	Mrs. Meredith Blain
1915	Mrs. James Thomson	1950	Mrs. William Maw
1916	Mrs. William Minielly	1951-52	Mrs. Stacey Ferguson
1917-18	Mrs. J. Robinson	1953-54	Mrs. Franklin Adams
1919	Mrs. James Thomson	1955-56	Mrs. Berton Campbell
1920-21	Mrs. F. Auld	1957-58	Mrs. Harold Smith
1922-24	Mrs. D. Falloon	1959-60	Mrs. F. McIntosh
1925-26	Mrs. L.S. Cook	1961-62	Mrs. Ralph Runnalls
1927-29	Mrs. E. Morris	1963-64	Mrs. George McCormick
1930	Mrs. L.S. Cook	1965-67	Mrs. George O'Neil [Frances]
1931-32	Mrs. F. Auld	1967-69	Mrs. Ernie Faulds [Ella]
1933-34	Mrs. O. Lester	1969-71	Mrs. O. Dailey [Laura]
1935-36	Mrs. H. O'Neil	1971-73	Mrs. Ralph Runnalls [Jean]

1973-75	Mrs. Gerald Herbert [Jean]	[Suzanne]	
1975-77	Mrs. William Jackson [Jean]	1985-87	Mrs. Lorne Willoughby
1977-79	Mrs. Orville Redmond	[Marjorie]	
[Margaret]		1987-89	Mrs. Ralph Miner [Maxine]
1979-81	Mrs. Paul Janes [Mary]	1989-91	Mrs. Bert Bork [Debbie]
1981-83	Mrs. Milton Toffelmire	1991-93	Mrs. William Adams [Florence]
[Maxine]		1993-94	Mrs. John Koolen [Dina]
1983-85	Mrs. Sherman Williams		

Mrs. Ed Cundick gave a paper during the first year, laying out suggestions as to the means of "Making Our W.I. a Success." This paper was read every year for a while—unfortunately, no one kept a copy. Mrs. Cundick, the last Charter Member still living in 1982, passed away that year at age 95.

Another paper to be presented was in the form of this question "Will the Dairy Cow Lift the Mortgage?" The recipe of that mission as how to rescue the family farm seems not to have survived either.

The Institute helped Mr. W.P. McDonald, our Agricultural Representative for Lambton County, organize the Warwick Township School Fairs which were held yearly during the 1920's and 1930's. In 1938 they helped Mr. McDonald and his staff present a short course in "Agriculture and Home Economics." I well remember that during the banquet that was held at the conclusion how the ladies with their speeches, took dead aim at the Warwick Council who were their guests for the evening in requesting that the Council get with it and build a new Township Hall, the Ladies having in mind their own adjunct to just such a building. In his closing remarks, Mr. McDonald threw gas on the fire by warning Council that "You just don't refuse a request made by the Women's Institute."

In 1939, the newly rebuilt Township Hall was completed in Warwick Village. At that time, the Ladies of the Women's Institute were instrumental in persuading the Township Council to make improvements to the Hall in the first place and having a kitchen in the basement was a considerable advantage. The W.I. purchased a piano for use on the main floor. At the opening of the refurbished hall, the ladies served a dinner downstairs and following that, there was a program of entertainment held upstairs.

The Christmas Meeting of the Women's Institute was usually a dinner prepared by the ladies and the last one held before the hall renovations and the new kitchen was at the home of Elsie [Mrs. George] Janes when about seventy members and their families attended.

In 1939, when the Blue Water Bridge was officially opened between Sarnia, Ontario and Port Huron, Michigan, the W.I. District Branches purchased a Bronze Plaque which was dedicated the same day placed on the side of the approach to commemorate 100 years of peace between Canada and the United States. The Plaque is still there for all to see when crossing over the St. Clair River. One of the Women's Institute Honorary Members, Mrs. F. Cook attended this event and had the privilege of being one to walk across the Bridge at its opening.

Another of the many projects taken on by the Members of the Women's Institute, one that has continued to the present time, was the suggestion by Lady Tweedsmuir that local histories should be researched and preserved dating back to the very earliest pioneer days.

It was my Mother, Ethel [Thomson] Smith that made the first entries, histories of schools, churches and general records of notable events of both Warwick Village and Warwick Township.

In 1960, an annex was added to the east side of the existing Township Hall to accommodate a new kitchen upstairs on a level with the main room. Orval Clark with the help of Ken Blain did the carpentry at \$1.50 an hour for Mr. Clark and \$1.40 for Mr. Blain, wages differing somewhat from those of today. [1994]

It was during Elwood Jones term as Deputy Reeve that the work on the Township Hall took place and since Mrs. Jones was an active member of the Women's Institute, on wonders what form of arm twisting took place to have the project completed.

MINUTES OF SOME OF THE EARLY MEETINGS OF THE WARWICK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

I have in my possession a copy of the March 1909 meeting of the Warwick Women's Institute, held at the home of Mrs. A. Cox on March 4, 1909, the meeting opening with song and prayer.

It was moved by Mrs. W. Minielly that Mrs. R. Auld be one auditor and moved by Margaret Laws that Mina McRorie be a second auditor. It was seconded by Mrs. Robinson and the motion carried.

There was a motion made by Mrs. Minielly that the monthly meetings begin at 2:00 p.m. and was seconded by Mrs. Cox. The motion carried.

There was a motion to have the meetings in a private home each month. It was seconded by Mrs. D. Ross but there is no indication the motion passed.

The suggestion was made to have a lecturer early in June. A motion by Mrs. Minielly, seconded by Mrs. Robinson was that it be carried over until a year from the following June.

A motion was made to have a program committee and Miss Mary Gavigan, Mrs. G. Brent Jr. and Mrs. Robinson were appointed. The motion was seconded by Mrs. R Auld.

It was moved by Mrs. Minielly that the discussion for the next meeting be "Useful and Labour-Saving Devices for Women" and a motion put that Mrs. D. Auld and Mrs. D. Ross give papers on that topic. This motion was seconded by Mina McRorie.

Mrs. Cox made a motion that the next meeting be held at her home. The motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. A. Auld and seconded by Mrs. Falloon that the Institute meet next on the second Thursday in April.

It was moved and carried that Mrs. Minielly report the agenda of the meetings to the local papers.

Signed: Mrs. John Humphries
[President]

The Minutes of another Meeting I have are not dated as to the year:
The meeting on May 13, 19?? was held in the Forester's Hall [the Old Schoolhouse] and opened with song and prayer.

It was moved by Miss Laws and seconded by Mrs. Cox that former officers be retained and this motion carried.

A motion by Mrs. Ross that the speaker in July give a lecture on "The Home" and after being seconded by Miss Laws was carried by a show of hands.

A motion made by Mrs. Minielly and seconded by Mrs. Cox was a suggestion that the demonstration be on "Canning Fruits."

It was moved by Mrs. Ross and seconded by Mrs. Minielly that the arrangements for speakers and the agenda for music be the responsibility of the program committee, and a motion was put that Mrs. Humphries, Miss K. Ross and Miss Margaret Laws be the program committee for the coming meeting, seconded by Ellen Laws. Carried.

It was moved and the motion carried that the Secretary advertise in the local papers by July 6th.

It was moved by Mrs. Minielly that the President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer be representatives at the District Meeting. The motion was seconded by Miss Laws. Carried.

The Program consisted of:

A solo by Miss Ross.

A Paper on Gardening by Mrs. Falloon.

A Paper on Gardening by Mrs. Minielly.

Both papers were very helpful and pointed out very plainly the great value of vegetables for nutrition and how necessary flowers are to brighten the home.

An address was given by Miss Laws on "Gardening—How to Keep the Garden Enemies Out," and a suggestion by Mrs. W. McKenzie was a remedy for the control of White Grubs.

A Reading by Miss Ellen Laws on "Kiss Me Goodbye, Dear."

"Love is the Jewel of Life" and "It is Home Love that Makes Us Happy," read by Miss Gavigan.

It was decided that the topic for the next meeting would be "Women's Duty in the Home." It was moved by Mrs. Minielly that Miss Grace Moore and Miss M. Laws give papers on the subject. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Falloon.

A motion by Miss E. Laws for a vote of thanks to all who took part in the program was seconded by Miss M. Laws. Carried.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.



Some of the Warwick Ladies in front of the Falloon Home about 1916 or 1917
photo courtesy of Helen Ross/ Gerald Herbert

July 4, 1913

Warwick Women's Institute

The members of the Warwick Branch of the Women's Institute drove out to Rosedale, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gavigan, where they were received with a royal welcome by the kind hostess and her daughters, who had invited the Branch to spend the afternoon of Dominion Day. Friends and neighbors to the number of 63 participated in the good time.

A pleasing feature of the gathering was the presence of the aged mother of the host, one of the pioneers of the township, of whom, alas, there are few left. It was delightful to see the homage paid to her by the friends present.

The President, Mrs. Morningstar, called the meeting to order and the following program was presented, "Oh Canada" being sung with fervor, followed by a prayer by Miss Helen Laws. A paper prepared and read by Miss Mary Gavigan, entitled "Why we celebrate Dominion Day," gave a brief sketch of the founding of Confederation, showing the object, aim and advantages of the binding together of the Provinces in one grand Dominion. We are today reaping the benefits of that union, in the better modes of travelling, change in customs, schools, etc., and a type of character is being gradually developed which is distinctly national and loyal, and before us lies the promise of a great nation. Miss Mildred Archer gave a well rendered instrumental selection, followed by a recitation, "Playing Grandma," by Miss Verna Bryce. Miss Josephine Gavigan sang sweetly; an instrumental by Miss Beacom; a recitation by Miss Sadie Barnes followed. A duet by Miss Kimball and Miss K. Gavigan, "In old Ireland where the river Kenmare flows," was nicely rendered. Mr. Robinson followed with a few remarks, showing that the Women's Institute has at least one gentleman admirer. Miss Millie Barnes, who is a favorite reciter, gave "Caleb's Courtship and what became of it." Miss Margaret Laws gave a well prepared paper on "The Union Jack," after which the young ladies sang "Rally around the old flag." A genuine surprise here awaited the audience when the president introduced Mr. John Farrell, who, in his own inimitable style, assured the ladies that he had never seen such nice-looking women and beautiful girls; turning to the graver side of life showed that there is no place so full of health, happiness and plenty as the farm. An instrumental by Miss Irene Mally was followed by a cordial vote of thanks to the hostess and all who helped to make the afternoon the overwhelming success it was.

A dainty lunch was served, and after singing "God Save the King" the people dispersed, hoping all would be spared to enjoy many such gatherings on Dominion Day.

WARWICK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ACTIVITIES

During the War [1939-1945] the Women's Institute Ladies took over knitting socks, mitts, wristlets, wrapping bandages, packing parcels, anything that would help in promoting the comfort and well being of the boys at the front.

My Mother, Ethel Smith, was in charge of lining up the knitters, distributing the materials and collecting the finished work as well as packaging and shipping these goods to the Red Cross.

One particular lady, I remember, must have been some relation to a knitting machine—Lizzie McKay could turn out a pair of socks [hand knit] on any given day—complete—no going over for flaws or missed stitches—perfect!!

Some of the activities of the Women's Institute had their element of danger. About 1950, the W.I. had built a Refreshment Booth at the New Ball Park, west of the Village. The W.I. Members took turns at manning the booth [or is the proper term womanning ?] They provided soft drinks and one of their duties was the collection of ice cubes for cooling the Coke, Pepsi etc. and then serving the drinks to the thirsty crowd at the games.

I well remember my wife, Ruby, coming home after working one night at the Booth—with two black eyes and a nose that looked like a potato. She had not followed the advice of keeping one eye on the ball while tending to her duties in the Booth, and she had been hit in the face with a foul. She looked as though she had suffered at the hands of a cruel husband or at least that's the story my Barber in Forest had concerning the incident—making me out to be the culprit.

The Ladies of the Warwick Women's Institute helped cater at the Banquet held during the 1973 International Ploughing Match held at J.D. McGugan's farm just north of Alvington.

The Members of the W.I. have catered for many Service Clubs, Farm Groups and other Banquets that have taken place periodically and for which the Warwick Ladies are well equipped.

The Christmas Meeting usually results in a Christmas Dinner Party with some form of Entertainment.

The Warwick Women's Institute can boast of having as many as 90 members and this is the approximate membership at the present time.

News Item: *Miss A.M. Kingstone, sister of Charles J. Kingstone, Esq., Elarton, had her arm broken by a fall one day last week.*

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THE WARWICK DISTRICT LIONS CLUB

The Warwick Lions Club was organized in 1981 with Charter Night on Saturday, April 11, 1981.
The Charter Member Officers were:

Don McCann	President
Peter Ferwerda	1st Vice President
Don McKenzie	2nd Vice President
Pete O'Neil	Secretary
Robert Thompson	Treasurer
Edward Wouters	Tail Twister
Don Patterson	Lion Tamer

At Head Table were:

Allister Cameron	District Governor
Al Betterly	Deputy District Governor
Frank Allister	Zone Chairman
Don McCann	President of Warwick
Don Nelson	Chapter Sponsoring President
Doug Acton	Reeve of Warwick Township
Pat Howe	Chairman of Ext. Committee
Stew O'Brien	Master of Ceremonies

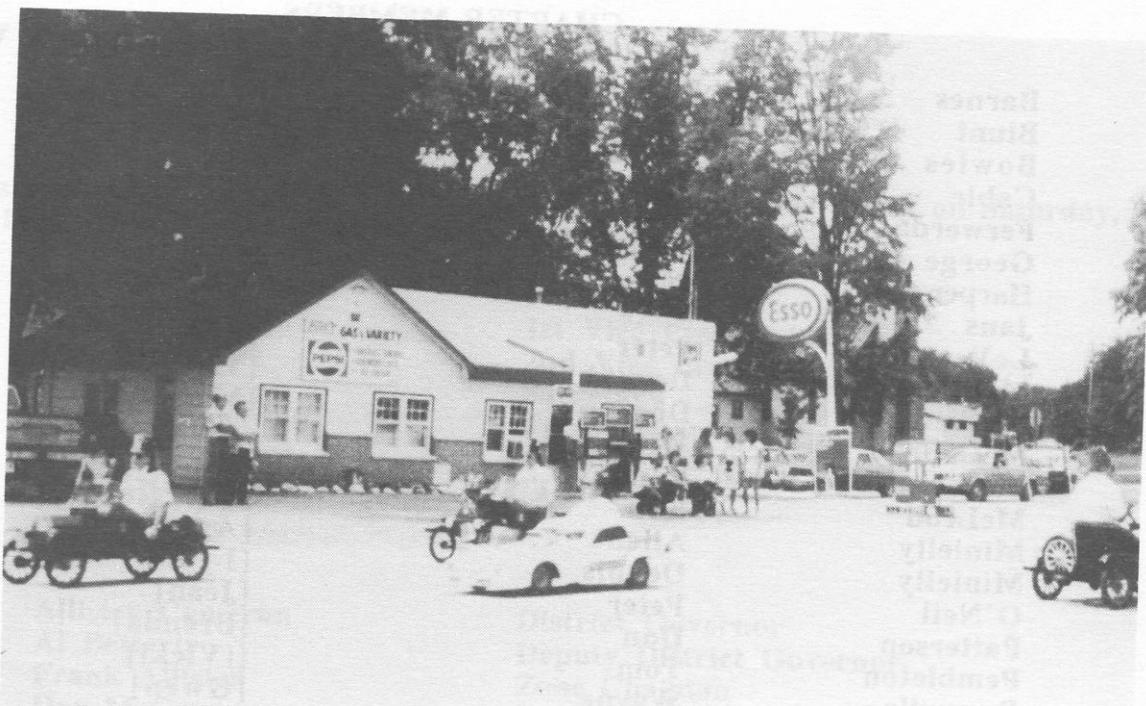
PROGRAMME

Call to Order
O Canada
Toasts
Invocation
Introduction of the Head Table
Welcome to the New Lions Club
Presentation of the Charter
Introduction of the Members
Presentation of Gifts
President's Remarks
Announcements
Adjournment
Dance



LIONS CODE

O Lord, Thy blessings now let fall
Upon Thy Lions as we call
May all our ties of Cubship be
Forever strengthened Lord by Thee.



Civic Holiday Activities Sponsored by The Lions Club August 1986

CHARTER MEMBERS
Members Wives

Barnes	Richard Gerald	
Blunt	Dave	
Bowles	Ronald Jr.	[Peg]
Cable	Douglas	[Sandra]
Ferwerda	Peter	[Margaret]
George	Robert C.	[Velda]
Harper	Terry	
Jans	Mike	
LeVecque	Peter	[Linda]
MacKenzie	Donald	[Vicki]
McCann	Don	[Marilyn]
McCann	Wayne	
McEwen	Randy	[Deanna]
McLeod	Ken	[Roberta]
MinIELLY	Allen	[Agnes]
MinIELLY	Dennis	[Lynn]
O'Neil	Peter	[Jean]
Patterson	Don	[Brenda]
Pembleton	Tom	[Vicki]
Runnalls	Wayne	[Gwen]
Thompson	Robert A.	[Carol]
White	James A.	[Cheryl]
Williams	Ivan H.	[Peggy]
Clark	Ronald S	[Sharon]
Greenwood	Henry	[Dorothy]
Morgan	Allan	
Williams	Albert R.	[Eva]
Wouters	Eddy	
McDermid	George	[Joan]
O'Quinn	Danny	[Kathy]
St. Denis	Lionel	[Karen]

ACTIVITIES

The Warwick Lions Club purchased a Visual Tech Machine for the Warwick Central School to aid students with really poor vision. The Lions Club had a new Road Fence [6 ft. high] of Chain Link and also a protective Chain Link Fence around the Ball Diamond and the Seating or Bleachers Area. They built a Refreshment Booth on the Pad that the Firemen had previously laid for the building of a Barbeque which never took place.

The Lions Club sponsored a Lions Club Jamboree for 3 or 4 years and a Minor League Ball Team for 4 or 5 years. They sponsored Floats for the Santa Claus Parade in Watford and Forest and Floats for the Forest Fair as well. The Lions Club folded in 1986 from the loss of members and a general lack of interest.

WARWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Warwick Township Fire Department was organized in 1953 with L.S. Cook Sr. being appointed Fire Chief. The members at that time included:

Wilfred Marriott as Engineer, Gordon Clark, Bernard "Tim" Barnes, Bruce Main, Ken Inman, George "Chap" Smith, Glen Pembleton, Robert "Bob" Turner, John Smith, Lloyd Smith, William "Bill" Goldhawk, Les Skillen, Robert "Bob" Jones, William "Bill" King and Eldon Minielly.

Fire Chiefs over the years:

1953	L.S. Cook Sr.
1954	Ray Frayne
1958	Ken Inman
1963	George "Chap" Smith
1976	Don MacKenzie
1977	John Van Diepen
1978	Tom Kelly
1979	Pete Ferwerda

Pete Ferwerda is still Chief [1994]

WARWICK FIRE HALL

The Fire Hall was built in 1953. The building was constructed of cement blocks on a cement pad as a floor, with a steel roof, two large lift-up type doors to the front, one small door to the east side for manual entrance, and heated by an oil furnace. In 1978, an addition was added to the east side since increased space for equipment was required.

Again in 1983, an extension to the front was needed to accommodate the length of the new truck. Additions and refurbishing of the Fire Hall to accommodate a most recent purchase, the acquisition of a Fire Truck capable of handling fires with foam and dry chemical have taken place in 1994 and an Open House on June 12, 1994 was held to show the public the present facilities that will serve the township.

Equipment in 1953 included:

1953 G M C Truck with the Bean Pumper installed that would put out 600 P.S.I.

Hi Pressure Fog 1600 Gal Water Tank

6 Coats

6 Helmets

6 pair of boots.

Equipment in 1971 included: 1971 Ford Truck: the Bean Pumper and Water Tank 11600 Gal] being transferred from the G.M. Chassis to the new Ford Chassis.

1976 Dodge Equipment Van.

1983 Ford King Seagrave Pumper with a Water Tank of 1400 Gal Capacity.

1988 Ford Hub Pumper c/w Water Tank of 1600 Gal Capacity.

1963 2 Scott Air Paks purchased.

In 1994, 2 new Automatic Air Paks.

1979 Additional Scott Air Paks purchased.

1979 Air Compressor for refilling Air Pak Units.

1989 Basic Auto Extrication Unit.

In 1994, a new "Quicki" Saw.

Members of the Warwick Fire Department September 1992 are as follows:

Pete Ferwerda	Chief
Brad Goodhill	Deputy Chief
Bill Turner	Secretary Treasurer
Eldon Minielly	Roger Sitlington
Laverne Goodhill	Mark Hillier
Don MacKenzie	Ken McRae
Fred Coates	Bruce Smith
Glen Ferguson	Lyle Bryce
Philip Main	Jack Hughes
Pete O'Neil	Brad McCann
Randy McEwen	Bob Van Diepen
Jim White	Duane Ferguson
Al Vansteenkiste	Tracy Lester

New Members of Warwick Fire Department in 1994 are as follows: Mike Lowrie, Mike Clark and Lawrence Zavitz.

Donations of monies and equipment have added considerably to Warwick Fire Department's capabilities in a variety of emergencies. A project for 1994 has been the purchase of 3 air inflatable bags for use where heavy objects such as cars or tractors have pinned an accident victim and by inflating the bags underneath, the obstruction can be lifted gently and securely so that no further damage is done. In 1994, the Arkona Lioness Club donated two Haz-Met Suits to protect firemen where chemical spills might pose a danger; equipment for use on the most recently acquired International Haz Mat Pumper Fire Truck [1981] [looks like new] fully equipped with foam and dry chemical.

An Open House was held June 12, 1994 when the public could inspect the now extended Fire Hall [100"x351 Added facilities have included an office, washrooms, a radio room and a small all purpose room. Donations of a trophy case by the Pembleton Family and a plaque listing all the participating fireman since the inception of the department in 1953, a memorial to Ken Inman by Dorothy Inman, were on display. Other donations were Interprovincial Pipeline, Gordon Brooks, Mrs. Coristine, Warwick Lawn Ornaments, McDermaid Pallet, Paula Jansen, [winner of the 1994 50-50 Warwick Fireman's Draw] V&B Sand and Gravel, Inland Aggregates, Van Bree Drainage, Township of Warwick, Outcast Ball Team, Warwick Ball League, Pro Drainage, Co-operators Insurance, Lambton Mutual Insurance, George MacDermaid, Mike Lowrie and as mentioned previously, the Arkona Lioness Club.

In 1994, Warwick Fire Department personnel distributed free Smoke Alarms to every household in the township.

When the former Inman home was moved off the lot west of the Fire Hall, access to the Fire Hall was much improved, making an entrance and exit for the fire trucks from both ends of the building possible. A parking lot to serve the Warwick Township Hall was an added bonus.

Below are three pictures taken at the time of the Open House June 12, 1994.

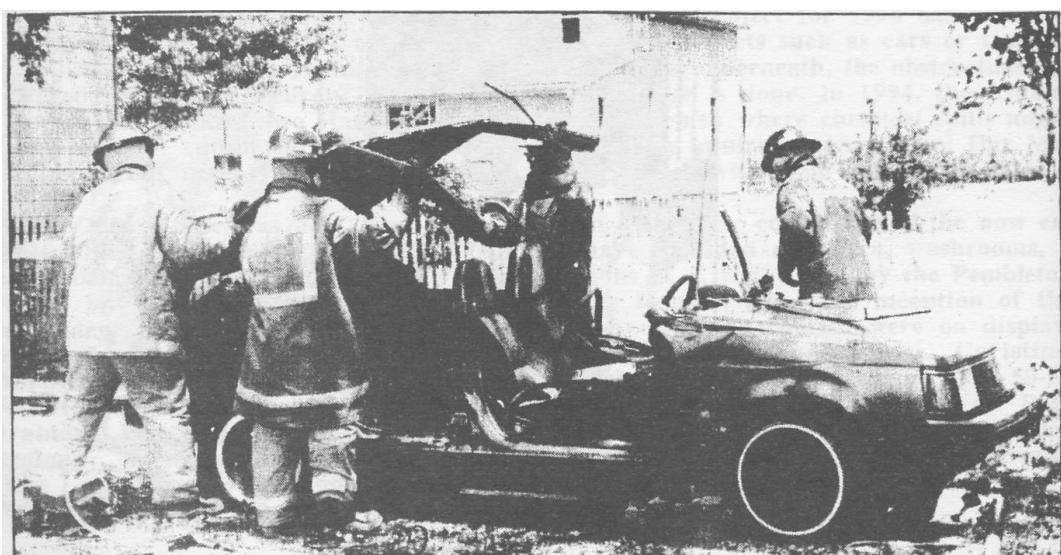


The newly
renovated
garage



Warwick Fire Chief Peter Ferwerda and Deputy Chief Brad Goodhill display the plaque donated to the department by the family of the late Ken Inman, who served many years with the volunteers. The plaque records all the people who have served in the department since 1953.

The Warwick Volunteers show how an injured passenger would be safely extricated from a damaged vehicle.



THE WARWICK CONSERVATION AREA THE ST. CLAIR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

I would assume the land was purchased in 1972, an area that included all the Bear Creek Flats south of Warwick Village and a considerable amount of the Town of Warwick Survey, all but one block east of Digby Street and west of Camden Street, south of Charles Street and north of Manchester Street, the remaining four blocks left intact from the Conservation Area. The block to the west, facing 9 sideroad [Park Street] is the United Church Cemetery Land, the other three blocks between Manchester Street and William Street and the most easterly block between Charles Street and Manchester Street are owned presently by Glen Ferguson and all the Bear Creek Flats on Lot 11 S.E.R. were owned by Howard Woods at that time.

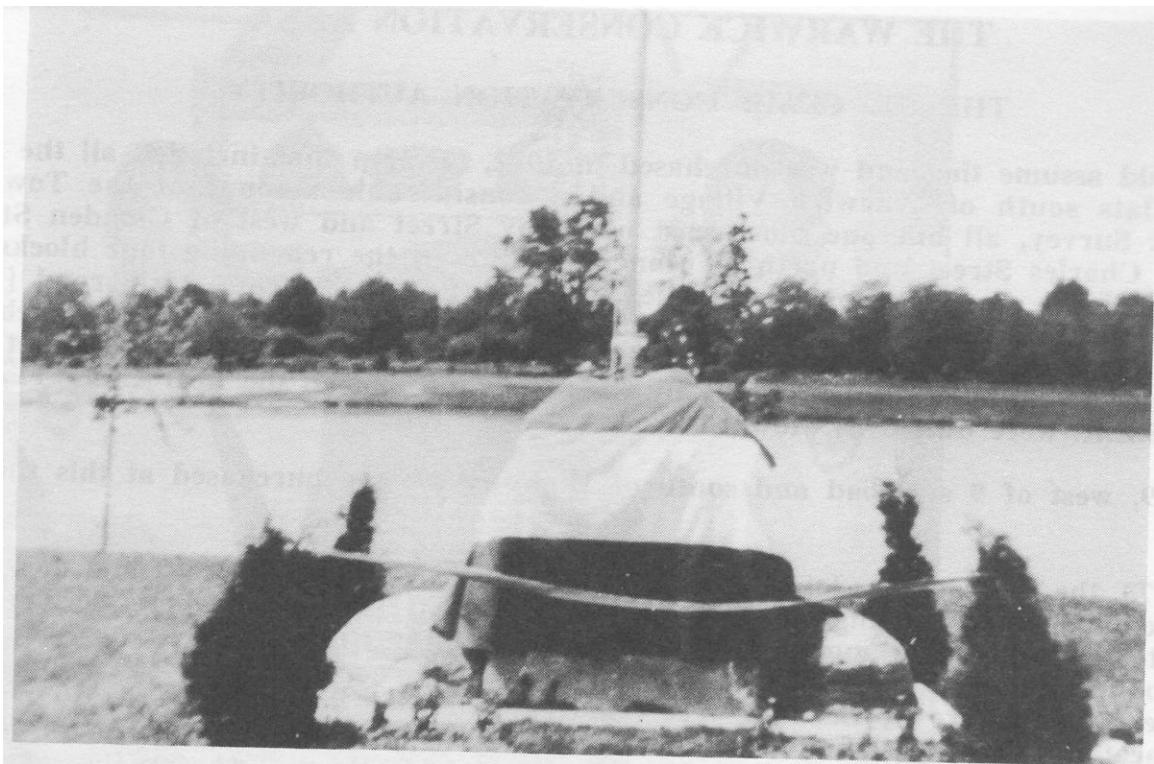
Lot 9, west of 9 sideroad and south of Highway #7 was purchased at this time as well.

In 1973, the contract was let to Dean Construction to construct the lake and dam. This was accomplished by digging out a channel on the westerly edge of where the lake was to be. It is amazing, the amount of water flowing in Bear Creek when it was channeled down to approximately 3 feet. The shrubbery, hawthorns, elderberry etc. as well as some trees which were in the way, were removed. Then the dredging out and bulldozing took place; the dam construction commenced by driving sheet steel piling into the lake bed; the fill behind the dam consisted of gravel and rock, the spillway on the south side of the dam was constructed of rock. A large valve was constructed to the west end of the dam, this to allow draining of the lake if necessary. This valve has never been opened to do any draining that I am aware of. The Conservation Area was officially opened in 1974 with the officials of the St. Clair Region Area --

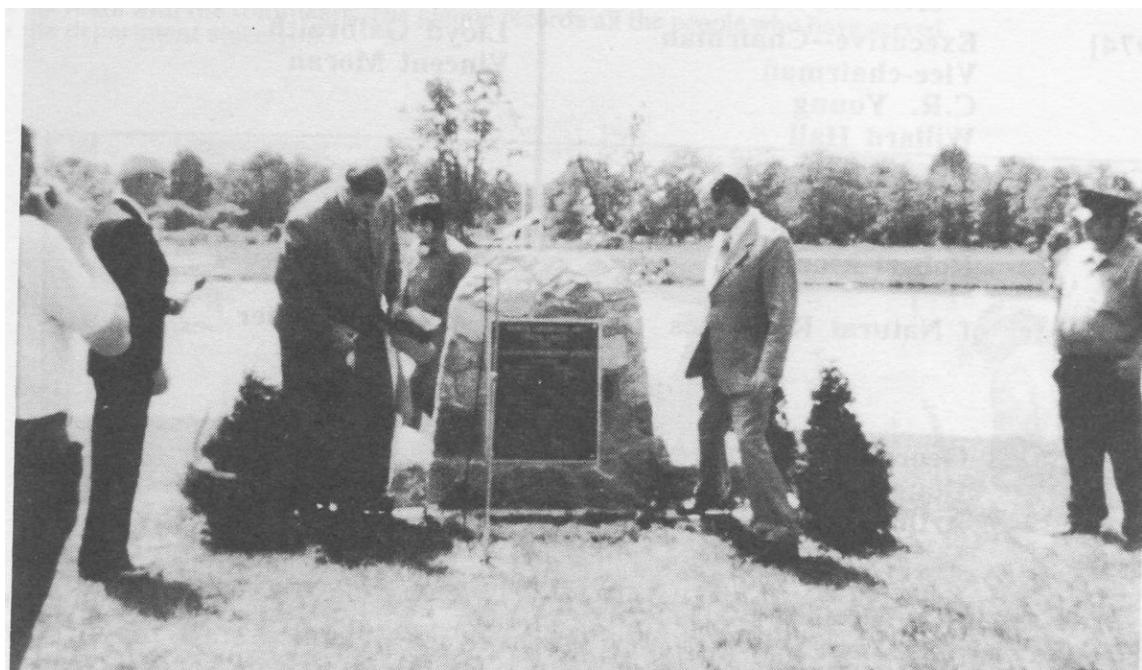
[1974] Executive—

Chairman	Lloyd Galbraith
Vice-chairman	Vincent Moran
Resource Manager	C.R. Young
Secretary Treasurer	Willard Hall
Minister of Natural Resources	J.D. McGugan
	C. Langstaff
	John F. King
	Robert Monk
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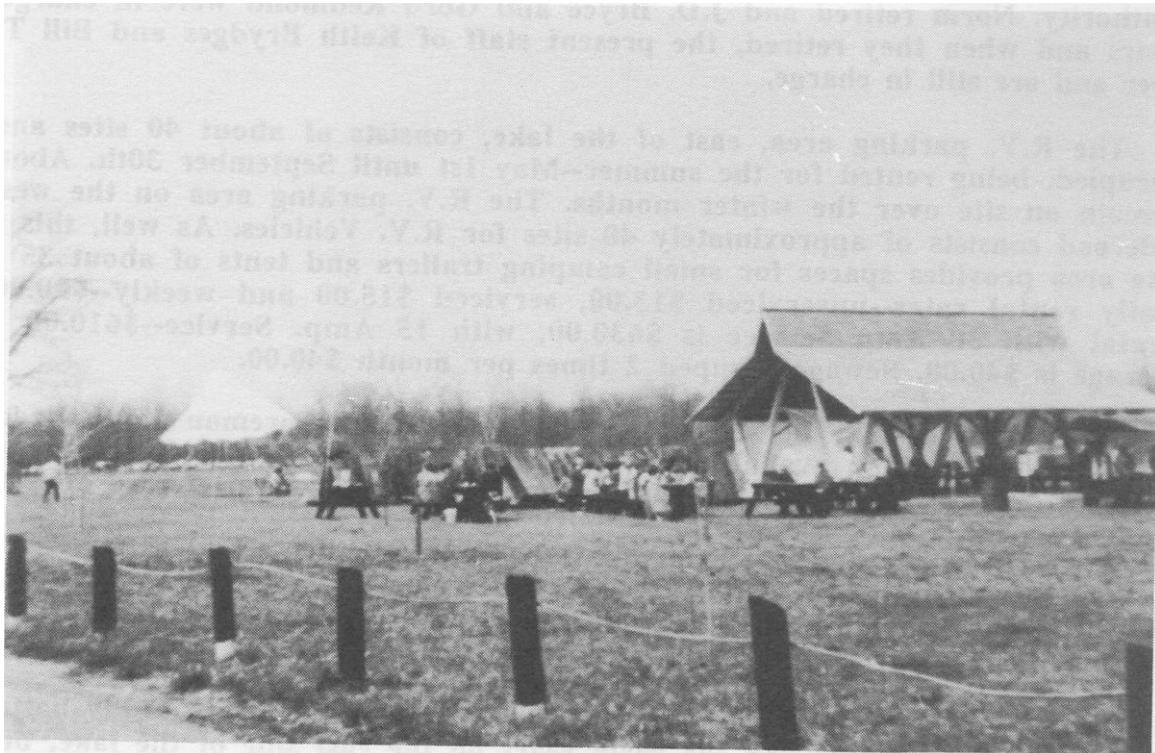
I have in my possession several pictures of the construction of the lake and the official opening. Lloyd Quick was in charge of the maintenance staff the first year it was open to the public. Then Norman Mansfield was in charge for several years. Many trees were planted during Norm's time. George "Chap" Smith [Fire Chief] was a helper using the auxiliary water pump from the Fire Department to water the seedling trees. The Boy Scouts from Sarnia planted hundreds of trees on high lands owned by the



With the man-made lake in the background, the plaque before the unveiling.



The Unveiling of the Plaque, Commemorating the Official Opening of the Warwick Conservation Area



A view of the Pavilion and some of the visitors at the Official Opening.



Boy Scouts from Sarnia planting trees in the field between No. 7 Highway and May Smith's Home, seen here behind the activities.

Authority. Norm retired and J.D. Bryce and Gord Redmond were in charge for a few years and when they retired, the present staff of Keith Brydges and Bill Turner took over and are still in charge.

The R.V. parking area, east of the lake, consists of about 40 sites and most are occupied, being rented for the summer--May 1st until September 30th. About 20 R.V.s remain on site over the winter months. The R.V. parking area on the west side of 9 sideroad consists of approximately 40 sites for R.V. Vehicles. As well, this part of the site area provides spaces for small camping trailers and tents of about 35 in number. Daily rental rates--unserviced \$13.00, serviced \$15.00 and weekly--\$90.00. Seasonal rental with 30 Amp Service is \$630.00, with 15 Amp. Service--\$610.00 and winter storage is \$40.00. Sewage pumped 2 times per month \$40.00.

These services may be secured by contacting Park Foreman Keith Brydges or Bill Turner. The Pavilion, available for picnics etc., may be secured by contacting S.C.C.A. Office in Strathroy 1-245-3710. The rental of the Pavilion is preferred done that way.

When the water line was extended into Warwick Village and as far as the Warwick Central School at 12 sideroad, in 1990, a line was run to the conservation park area and in 1994, an in-ground swimming pool 25 x 50 ft. was installed on the east side near the pavilion for the use of the conservation campers.*

Swimming in the lake was possible when a sandy beach and sandy bottom near the shoreline was put in during the early years on the east side of the lake, but swimming became risky because of run-off from farm lands into the streams above the lake, so the addition of a swimming pool to the conservation park facilities is a real boon.

In-camp social activities throughout the summer months are planned for by a residents committee and a fireworks display is often part of the Civic Holiday.

* See following page for London Free Press News Item "Limited Pool Access Sparks Row."



CAMPING

Limited pool access sparks row

Protesters want the Warwick Conservation Area's pool open to the public, not just campers.

By Julie Carl Sarnia
Bureau

WARWICK — About 50 people protested at the gates of the Warwick Conservation Area Monday over use of a new pool there, saying it should be open to the public.

The pool, which opened in late June, is for the use of campers at the park only, not people there on day passes.

Warwick Township Mayor Mac Parker said he was surprised when he learned at the pool's opening that purchasing a day pass did not include swimming.

He said he believes local residents should be allowed to use the pool because their tax dollars support the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority, which runs the Warwick park. Parker said Warwick's Township's levy to the authority is about \$6,000 a year.

He said the township made a proposal Thursday to the authority to allow local residents to purchase season passes which would allow them to use the pool Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The township would pay the authority \$4,000 and then sell the passes for \$100 a family, Parker said.

Before the protest, authority officials turned down the proposal.

They offered instead to monitor pool use and decide by Labor Day weekend whether to allow day-pass swimmers.

Ted Butler, chairperson of the authority, said he was surprised by the protest. He says the pool is not big and he is concerned it will become overcrowded.

ATTRACTION: Ralph Coe, the authority's director of operations, said the pool is 7.6 metres by 15.2 metres (25 feet by 50 feet). He said the authority is trying to make the campground more attractive to campers by installing the pool. Last year the Warwick park lost \$1,700 and in 1992 it lost \$12,000, he said.

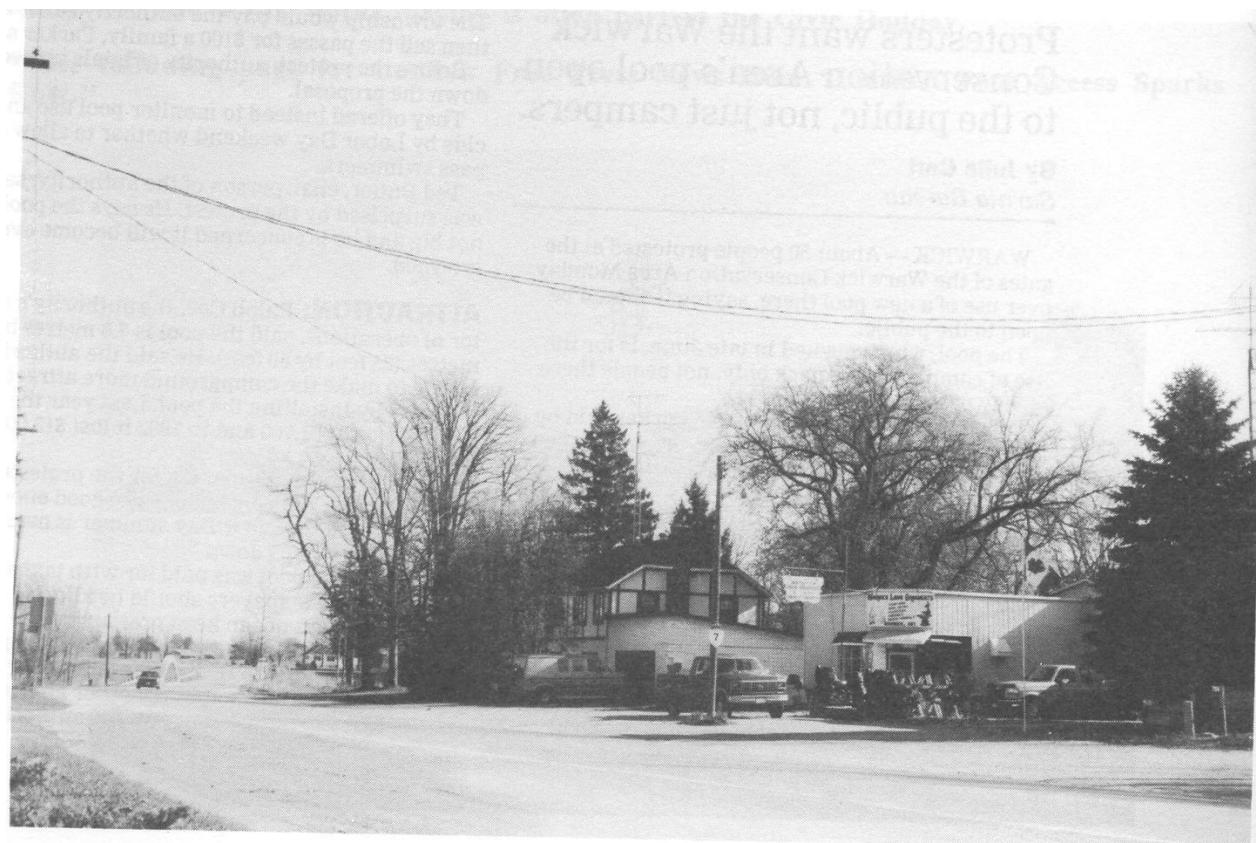
Debbie Bork, spokesperson for the protesters, said the authority's decision is not good enough. "That's awful. By Labor Day summer is over. The authority has let us down."

Bork said the pool was paid for with taxpayers' money and the taxpayers should be allowed to use it. Her group intends to keep pressuring the authority with a letter-writing and phone campaign.

Warwick Township Councillor John Boer said the municipality may approach other area municipalities to try to put pressure on the authority.



Present day views of the Village Looking east towards the Beat Creek Bridge



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WARWICK VILLAGE HOTELS AND TAVERNS

The first Tavern to be built in Warwick Village [1833-34] was owned by William Burwell, one of the first settlers at Warwick Village. Mr. Burwell built a home for himself and his family beside the Tavern, located on part of Lot 10, Concession 1, N.E.R. The Rogers Survey of the north side of the Egremont Road, which came later in 1855 would show the Tavern to be located on Lot 21, N.E.R., Warwick Village.

Burwell's Tavern changed hands after a few years when Cornelius O'Dell became the new owner and at the time of the first Election of Warwick Township Officials under the present County System, it was known as O'Dell's Tavern and the Elections were held there in 1850 with Jesse Kenward as the Returning Officer.

The Results of the Election were as follows:

Elected Reeve	Robert Campbell
Councillors	George Harrower
	Robert A. Hall
	William McAlpine
Clerk	Charles Nixon
Treasurer	John Williamson
Collector	Enoch Thomas

The O'Dell Tavern was destroyed by fire and when replaced, became the Rogers Hotel, built in 1856 and known as the Red Brick Hotel. This establishment served the public for many years until it too, in March of 1890, was destroyed by fire. Burned as well in this fire was the Warwick Weigh Scales needed by drovers and farmers for use in weighing cattle and loads of all kinds. At the time this Hotel burned, it was operated by Henry and "Maime" Bearss, and was never replaced.

THE MAPLE GROVE HOTEL

The Maple Grove Hotel and Livery Stable were built in 1835 on the front half of Lots #5 and #6, S.E.R., Town of Warwick Survey by Charles Janes who operated the hotel for several years.* The need for accommodation after the construction of the Egremont Road, when the regular coach routes passed through the Village, made hotels an important stopping place for both men and horses. The coach passengers could, at their own discretion, partake of food and drink of which there were no restrictions of either.

Charles Janes sold the property to J. Charlton who lost his life by drowning while dipping water from the nearby creek. His son Abe Charlton operated the business for a few years when it changed hands several times from J. McDonald to R. Freele to W. Brent to Frank Restorick Jr., son of one of Lambton County's Pioneer Drovers. Frank Restorick transacted in more than livestock. He seemed to have money for mortgages and over a number of years owned other Village properties, buying and selling them as time went on.

* An old Assessment Roll of 1851 shows Charles Janes as a Tavern Owner. He was Paul Janes' Great-Grandfather. Paul lives close to the Village on the Egremont Road at the present time. [19941

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF PROFESSIONS, TRADES, &c.

- CARROLL, HAMILTON M., general merchant, dealer in dry goods, groceries, hardware, crockery, &c., and postmaster.
Auld, John, blacksmith.
Burwell, Charles, carpenter
Duncan, P., inspector of licenses.
Elliot, F., clerk of division court.
Evans, Richard, inspector of licenses.
Frazer, Rev. John, United Presbyterian.
Hay, Thomas, blacksmith.
Janes, Charles, hotelkeeper.
J Johnson, John, waggonmaker.
Mackenzie, Rey. Mr., Church of England.
McDonald, John, teacher of common school.
McLay, John, inspector of licenses.
Mallin, W., general merchant.
Mannely, James, boot and shoemaker.
Odel, C., innkeeper.
Read, Peter, tailor.
Tanner, John, land agent.
Turner, George, general merchant.

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This is a large two-story brick building kept in first-class style. Travellers will here find the best of accommodations in Board, Lodging and Stabling.



The Maple Grove Hotel. The Horse-drawn Wagon in front was a Craftsman from Wyoming who made Small Wooden Artifacts such as Ironing Boards and Drying Racks.



A View Taken Sometime in the Late Thirties. By now there is an Imperial Sign over the Gas Station

The Maple Grove Hotel was Headquarters for the First Orange Celebration held in Lambton County. The public rooms were used as a Bank, the drovers doing their business by cash or barter, a meeting place where practically any business of any importance was discussed and implemented.

The Maple Grove Hotel became the property of Hank and "Maime" Bearss, the onetime operators of the Rogers Hotel. Hank was a character and since he liked the product he was selling, he was generally ushered to the other side of the Bar with the paying customers by his wife "Maime" who was able to manhandle Hank if the need arose. She was a large person, possibly weighing more than 300 maybe even closer to 400 pounds. Since they were both such large people, they had to have two ponies and two buggies when they travelled, even if it was to the same place.

Warwick Township, with the passing of the Scott Act, voted dry in 1905, which closed the Bar in the Hotel, eliminating a large portion of their income, so Henry and Mrs. Bearss went out of business and moved to Watford. Henry Bearss was killed when hit by a train while walking on the railroad, Saturday March 27, 1915, walking home from work with his partner, Thomas Glen from Charles Kelly's farm, sixth line of Warwick. After the Bearsses gave up, the hotel was leased to Thomas Newell for a few years. My Grandfather and Grandmother, Stewart and Ellen Smith, purchased the hotel from the Bearss Estate in 1917.

They operated the business renting rooms with meals and having boarders. They had a bar where 1% beer, soft drinks, chocolate bars, cigars and tobacco were sold. In 1924, the Smiths sold the hotel to their son and daughter-in-law, John J. and Ethel Smith, and they carried on with the business as it had been run previously by Stewart and Ellen.

The approval of the 4.4% Beer [actually 2% alcohol content] was favoured by the American tourists. They really guzzled the beer up and the sale of 20 to 25 cases on an American holiday was not unusual. The sale of this product faded when the 5% Beer became available at the Liquor Stores in 1927, so the sale of 4.4% Beer dropped to a trickle of about two cases a week.

Ethel [my Mother] carried on, serving meals and renting rooms. They built a Gas Station and Refreshment Booth in 1929 where the Old Livery Stable had stood. This venture was operated by son John Jr., while Ethel carried on catering to boarders. She boarded part of the Hydro Crew in 1930 and part of the bridge Crew in 1931. Then, there was the Jackson Oil Drilling Crew in 1939. In the 1930's, they started a Cabin Court, the demand by tourists for this kind of accommodation rather than hotel rooms, made this venture a necessary and successful one. The Hotel continued to serve with a pool table installed in the front room [Bar Room]: the operation of the hotel continuing until March 26, 1947, when the Maple Grove Hotel went the way of all Hotels in Warwick Village--being burned to the ground, contents, everything, destroyed by fire.

After the fire, a Lunch Room was built in 1947, carrying on with the serving of lunches and meals, this in connection with the Gas Station that continued to operate as Smith's Gas Station, Cabins and Restaurant.

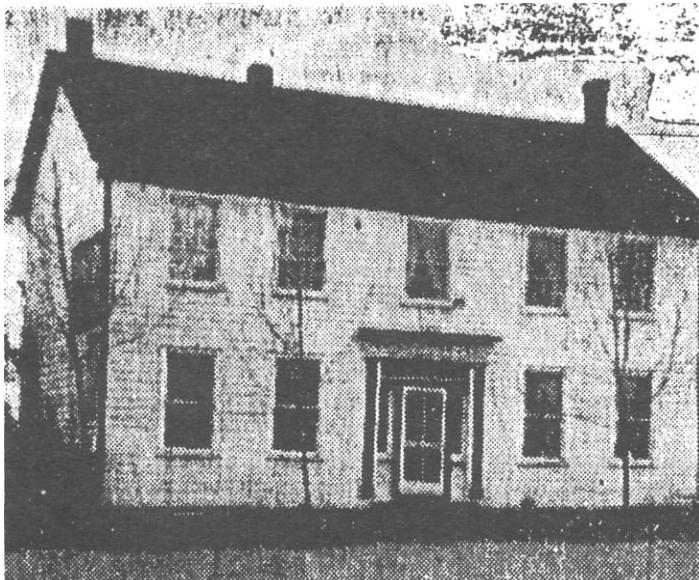
Warwick Hotel Still Stands as Built in 1835

By L.M. Stapleford

On No.7 highway, the old London and Sarnia coach road at Warwick Village, is situated the Maple Grove Hotel, one of the oldest hotels in the province. The hostel dates back to 1835.

In the early pioneer days, Warwick Village was on its way to becoming a large town, but the building of the railroad to the south changed its future. The stage coach, between London and Sarnia, made its daily stops at the Maple Grove and travelers were given a chance to have a stretch and something to eat. The stage horses were placed in the hotel barns, for they too, needed a rest after negotiating the treacherous roads of the day.

A Mr. Janes, who originally built the Maple Grove, ran it for some years and then sold to J. Charlton, who lost his life by drowning while dipping water from a nearby creek. His son, Abe, continued the business for a few years, and then it changed hands several times from J. McDonald, to R. Freele, to W. Brent, to be followed by F. Restorick Jr., the son of one of Lambton's pioneer drovers.



The Maple Grove Hotel was used as a bank and a meeting place where nearly everything of importance in the district was discussed. Drovers did all their business at that time with cash and barter. At the outset, the hotel was "wet" but later came under the Scott Act and was voted dry. It is still in the dry Column.

The first Orange celebration held in Lambton County took place at Warwick Village and the Maple Grove was head-quarters for the affair.

The early Militia did all their county training in a government drill hall in the village. The drill hall was torn down and rebuilt in Watford and, until it burned, acted as the crystal palace for the annual fall fair.

The menu at the hotel in pioneer days would make this generation feel that earlier times were not too bad. Frog legs were constantly on hand as they were available in abundance in the near-by creek and flats. Deer, wild ducks and geese were plentiful and the game regulations were not as rigid as at present. Mineral water of the best flowed freely from many local springs and the first salt produced in Lambton came from this area. These salt wells are still producing.

Horse and foot races were common sports. One of these pioneer foot races was between T. Roche, owner of the Roche Hotel at Watford, and F. Restorick Jr., owner of the Maple Grove. Mr. Restorick won but was later disqualified as it was found that he had received assistance by the use of a whip extended from the rear of a buggy.

Another pioneer farmer won a very substantial bet by carrying a bag of wheat from the hotel to Sarnia without taking It off his back, a distance of 18 miles. Henry Bearss, one of the hotel owners, was famous for his hospitality and Mrs. Bearss was a woman of ample proportions, weighing over 400 pounds.

After Mr. Bearss retired, the hotel was taken over by John Smith, a son of one of Warwick's pioneer farmers. The building has not changed much over 100 years. Only general routine repairs have been made.

Warwick Fire Loss \$50,000

100-Year-Old Hotel,
Service Station, New Home Burn

Garage Man Badly Burned

Sarnia, March 26, 1947—

Harold Cossens was seriously burned in a \$50,000 fire at Warwick Village today which destroyed a 100-year-old hotel owned and operated by John Smith, Cossens service station and his recently completed residence.

Stove Explodes

Flames, originating from a coal oil stove explosion in the garage cleaned out the interior of the building, spread to the hotel and residence. With Warwick completely isolated as a result of yesterday's blizzard, help was unobtainable and, fanned by raging winds, the fire soon destroyed the three structures.

Reached by Phone

Cossens, who suffered second degree burns to the face and hands, is unable to receive medical attention first hand owing to road conditions. Workmen were busy tonight attempting to clear a route to the village. Meanwhile Dr. Charles W. Sawers, of Watford, is prescribing treatment of the injured man by telephone.

Save Furniture

Volunteer firemen were able to save only a portion of the furniture from the ground floor of the hotel, long a landmark on No. 7 highway. The hotel property is stated to have been partially covered by insurance. It is reported that Cossens had no insurance on either his garage or residence.

SMITH'S GAS STATION, CABINS AND RESTAURANT



Originally built in 1929 by John J. Smith, it opened for business selling Gasoline, Motor Oil, Kerosene [Erie Oil Products], Soft Drinks, Ice Cream and Confectionery, Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes. In February 1933, it became an outlet for Imperial Oil Limited with John J.'s son John T. Smith operating the business. The Imperial Brand names were Premier Gas Regular, Ethyl Gas Hi-Test, Polarine Motor Oil, Marvelube Motor Oil with Mobil Oil as a premium grade. 3-Star Gasoline came later, the Esso trade name, much later. The Cabin Court, established in the 1930's, continued to be popular with the American tourists, a sort of pre-motel era, when putting up at hotels was becoming less popular.

The business, Lunch Room, Cabin Rentals and Gasoline Sales were amply rewarding and in 1953, John and Ethel Smith's daughter Jean and her husband Ray Frayne took over the business much as it had been.

With the advent of the motels in the Golden Mile at Sarnia on #7 Highway, the tourist trade used the more sophisticated motels as a stop over and the cabin rental to tourists declined. For a time, the cabins were rented on a semi-permanent basis to workers employed in the area, but were eventually closed and sold off to neighbours who used them for storage.

The Lunch Room was closed eventually. Ray passed away in 1974. Jean carried on the business with the help of her brother Stewart Smith until it was sold to Bill and Joyce Hollands [1975] and operated by them until 1977. Problems developed within the Hollands family and the property was returned to Jean. By this time, the Hollands had renamed the shop "The Grist Mill" and made a few alterations in the set up.

Jean Frayne resold the property to Donald and Marilyn McCann in 1977. Don built a woodworking shop on the Old Hotel Property. The McCanns carried on with "The Grist Mill" until 1983, when the property was split, Don keeping the Woodworking Shop with the Gasoline