

Think of agriculture, think of tourism, think of the petro-chemical industry. You might be thinking of Lambton North District, the area east of Sarnia running north and east along Lake Huron for about 80 kilometres.

As one travels around the countryside one notes dairy herds, beef herds, swine operations and turkey production as well. The usual wheat, corn, hay and soybean crops may be seen. In addition, the Thedford bog area is noted for vegetable farming in its black muck soil. Extending from Reece's Corners through to the Arkona area is a gravel ridge on which thousands of fruit trees are cultivated. These include cherries, peaches, apples and plums.

Side by side with agriculture is the petro-chemical industry. Although oil was first discovered in Lambton Centre, the Chemical Valley of Sarnia employs directly, or indirectly, many of the people living in Lambton North. Articles such as milk bags, nylon yarn, paints, polystyrene cups and vinyl floor coverings are only a few of the products these people make at the Sarnia refineries.

Not the least important to the economy is the tourism industry. Lambton North boasts two provincial parks. Ipperwash, which is mainly a summer beach and camping area, is one of the best in Canada. The Pinery is a 6000 acre park which invites bird watchers, snowmobilers, tobogganers,



Lambton North is located in Southwestern Ontario.



Several members of Lambton North WI helped to prepare this district diary. Pictured above are Lambton North executives, from left to right, Beth Smith, PRO; Vera Williamson, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Norman Davidson, first vice-president; Mary Janes, president; and Mrs. Gary Bryce, past president. Mary, Vera and Beth worked on the article.

cross-country skiers, hikers and wild-life enthusiasts. Because of the contrasting scenery — from lush pine and oak forest to undulating sand dunes — its attractions are many and varied year round.

At the Pinery gates is the Lambton Heritage Museum which features special events such as quilt shows and antique car shows throughout the year. Close by is the Pineridge Zoo. To the north of the museum along the Lake Huron coast is the town of Grand Bend. Among its attractions it offers a broad, clean, sandy beach area, suitable for swimming, sailing, or boating, an amusement park and a summer theatre, the "Huron Country Playhouse".

As one goes west from Ipperwash along the lake one comes to the Kettle Point Indian Reservation which takes its name from the "kettle"-like formations found in the lake near the point of land.

The main shopping centre for this area is the town of Forest — a community of 2800 people. Forest has a museum run by a former Women's Institute member.

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Lambton North is Sarnia — a city of 60,000. The Bluewater Bridge across the St. Clair River provides direct access to Michigan and the U.S.A. Sarnia boasts several attractions including Canatara Park, river boat cruises, the Chemical Valley along Highway 40 south, and a great view from under the Bridge watching ocean liners and lakers go to and from the Lakehead with their loads.

In these surroundings the 166 Women's Institute members of Lambton North District in seven branches live and work. Maple Leaf and Lucasville are located close to Sarnia. In the centre of Lambton North are Bear Creek, Uttoxeter, and Aberarder. To the east are Ravenswood and Warwick. Their interests are varied, their activities wide-ranging.

The Lambton North District was formed in 1949. Previously there were two districts in Lambton — East and West. In May 1949 at a combined meeting of Lambton East and Lambton West, it was decided that Lambton should split three ways, South, North and Centre. Our Lambton North District was originally made up of 12 branches.