

## Early History Of Community Is On Microfilm

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The Government of Ontario has recently provided excellent new facilities for the Provincial Archives at 77 Grenville Street, Toronto. The Provincial Archivist, D.F. McQuat and his staff look after a great many people every day from all parts of Ontario who come seeking information about the early settlement of their districts. Unfortunately, pioneers one hundred years ago paid little attention to the fact that they were making important history.

As we prepared for our 1967 Centenary, the Women's Institute and other community organizations undertook to compile a history of their respective districts. The Provincial Archives agreed to microfilm this material, have the film available for viewing at the Archives and to return the original to the community. It was hoped that each district would continue the records so that by 2067 there would be more complete records than in 1967.

The Tweedsmuir material that has been microfilmed is listed by Counties. From Bruce they have heard from Ripley, Whitechurch, Teeswater, Walkerton, Purple Grove, South Saugeen and Lucknow.

Huron County has not done as well as Bruce as Goderich is the

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only entry.

The story about Lucknow which was written in 1879 and was found in the Archives, lists the names of a few of the district pioneers who played an important role in building a better community more than a century ago. It is a pity there is so little known about them now. Some of their descendants are readers of the Sentinel. Old trunks are bound to contain early records which would be of special interest to the Ontario Archives. If you have any records dealing with the early settlement of Huron or Bruce, I am sure The Sentinel will be glad to hear from you, and pass along your information to the appropriate local committee.

## Turners

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Miss Nancy Simpson, Home Economist from Head Office in Toronto, pronounced Summary Night for the course "Knacks of sewing with Knits" the 'best yet'.

She was addressing a crowd of approximately 100 ladies from

## • BIRTHS •

**CARSWELL:** Kelly and Nancy are pleased to announce the birth of Candice Shelby born March 15th, weighing 9 lbs., 2 oz., at the Saugeen Memorial Hospital. A wee sister to Lindsay. Proud grandparents are Keith and Marg Snyder and Don Carswell, of Port Elgin, and Naideen Carswell, of Hanover. Proud great-grandparents are Dorothy and Mel Peariso and Ollie Snyder, of Port Elgin. A special thank you to Dr. Glass and the nursing staff of Obs.

**SNYDER:** Grant and Lois (nee Underwood) are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Dylan Keith, born on March 14, 1992, weighing 7 lbs., 15 oz. A little brother for Kayla and Jillian. Proud grandparents are Basil and Audrey Underwood of Arran Township, Keith and Marg Snyder of Saugeen Township. Great-grandparents are Ollie Snyder, Mel and Dorothy Peariso, all of Port Elgin. A special thank you to Dr. Potvin and Obs. staff at Saugeen Memorial Hospital.

**LAMONT:** Robert and Carrie (Bingham) are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of Luke Alexander born March 12, 1991, at 6:08 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 8-3/4 oz. Proud grandparents are Ken and Diane Bingham of Oshawa, and Alex and Wilda Lamont of Saugeen Township; also great-grandparents Alice and Stan Bidochka of Sudbury, Shirley Bingham of Manitoba, and William McAngus of Port Elgin. Special thanks to all the GBRHC, especially to Ruth Anne, Betty and Aunt Lanny. Also thanks to Dr. Daisley.

Bruce County assembled in the auditorium of the Chesley High School, at the conclusion of the programme, on Monday evening, April 2nd.

Mrs. Marion Teasdale was Chair-lady for the evening, as garments made during the winter course were modelled.

South Saugeen W. I. had 18 members in their club, and they can be justifiably proud of their accomplishments. The leaders were Mrs. J. W. Brunton and Mrs. Russell Eby.

Mrs. Don Sutherland was commentator as our ladies presented "Spring Fashions '73", in which they modelled Pant Suits and Dresses, with the help of junior girls, Leanne and Susan Sutherland.

## South Saugeen W. I. celebrate 25th anniversary



Members of the South Saugeen W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Arthur Schwass on the evening of June 13th, for their regular meeting and to celebrate their 25th Anniversary.

Twenty four members and nine guests, one from as far as Souris, Manitoba, answered the roll call, "What Institute membership has meant to me." Seventeen charter members were present.

After the usual opening and current business was dealt with, Mrs. Archie McCulloch, as convener took the chair and conducted a very fitting "In Memoriam" to the 22 charter members who have passed on in the 25 years since organization.

Mrs. John Sutherland read a synopsis History of the Branch, prepared by Mrs. A. Reoch,

These pictures show from left to right - Mrs. John Sutherland Secretary-Treasurer of the South Saugeen W. I., Mrs. Mel Black, 1st President of the Branch, Mrs. Chas. Thomas who assisted in organizing the Branch in 1947 and Mrs. George McCarrel, President, holding the Anniversary cake.

who was the first Secretary-Treasurer.

There have been 13 Presidents of whom 9 were present, including Mrs. Mel Black, our first President. There have also been 13 Secretary-Treasurers, 8 of whom were present. Also present was Mrs. Charles Thomas, who was District Secretary at the time South Saugeen was organized.

She spoke briefly, reminiscing on the founding of South Saugeen and 6 other Branches in the District - 6 of whom are still active.

Two songs, one by Mrs. Mel Black and one by Mrs. James McEwing, which have won honors in Provincial competitions were sung by Mrs. Chas. Kelly, Mrs. Arley Virtue, Mrs. Austin Cluley and Mrs. James Bell.

Mrs. Wes Howe brought the local news.

Certificates of Recognition were presented to those with continuous membership of 25 years.

The evening was brought to a close with a social time over tea and a beautifully decorated anniversary cake.



Sharon Gardner swears in the new 1990-91 Bruce Centre District Women's Institute executive at Tuesday's meeting held in Mount Hope. From left to right are Velma Thornburn, tartan committee; one Gingrich, resolutions convener; Margaret Playle, first vice president; Janet MacKenzie, president; Aileen Ribey, past president; Edna McCarrel, public relations officer; Helen Stewart, Tweedsmuir club treasurer; Anna Farrow, museum representative; Eleanor McLelland, secretary-treasurer.