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Couple honored

Photo by Thelma Hiuser

Willard and Mary MacKay of RR 5 Embro were presented by the Embro and Zorra Agricultural Society with the organization's agricultural service award at the dinner theatre in Embro community centre recently. Between them, the couple have served on 12 organizations. The award is given in recognition of leadership and volunteer work in the community.

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Anniversary celebration

Florence Ross, president of the Oxford North District Women's Institute in 1950, cuts cake with current president Sharryn Sharples at the institute's 90th anniversary celebration Thursday in Embro.



ELEANOR GARDHOUSE holds a East Zorra daily school registry from the 1944-45 school year. The Oxford County School Board is microfilming this and other registry books dating back more than 100 years.

Newly-found book goes back to school

By JOHN CINEZAN
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While digging through some old school registers at the Oxford County Board of Education on Graham Street, retired school teacher Eleanor Gardhouse found one that was most unusual.

She found a book from 1945 decorated with many tiny pictures drawn on it by school teacher Cora McKay Roth.

"The register is in excellent condition," said Gardhouse who is taking part in the slow process of microfilming all the registers from the 1800s onward.

"One picture that caught my eye was one drawn on V-E Day of three flags," said Gardhouse.

"She was very artistically inclined," said McKay's niece Marion Wilks. "She was talented in calligraphy but never became a serious artist," said Wilks.

Roth was a twin and had seven siblings, said Wilks. She was born on July 11, 1915 and lived on Lot 9

Concession 8 in the former Township of West Zorra near the community of Golspie.

The colorful register will be donated to the Museum School in Burgessville.

She attended school in London before beginning her teaching career in 1935. Over the years Roth taught in many one-room classrooms in the Zorra area. She began in Holiday, a small community not far from Embro, and then moved on to the Dyers 10th Line School, Braemar, Embro Centennial School and finally at Victory Memorial School in Ingersoll.

She taught for more than 30 years and died on Jan. 12, 1968. Roth had one son who was killed in an car accident in the early 1970s, said Wilks.

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