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Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Craig

## Gold and silver celebrations

EMBRO — Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Craig, of RR 1 Lakeside, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the community centre here last week.

The couple married June 26, 1931 in Swift Current, Saskatchewan.

Later, the couple moved to the Lakeside area where they owned and operated a farm.

Mrs. Craig is the former Helen Cowan, daughter of the late Wilbert and Elizabeth Cowan. She was one of a family of eight, and the only one to live in Ontario.

Mr. Craig is the son of the late Norman and Margaret Craig.

He is the last surviving member of a family of seven.

The Craigs have four children: Mrs. Jim (Jean) Caddy, of Embro; Mrs. Allan (Grace) Schnurr, of St. Marys; Rand, of RR 1 Lakeside, and Leslie, of Iroquois. The Craigs also have eight grandchildren.

While Mrs. Craig enjoys flowers, reading and fishing, Mr. Craig likes to spend his spare time fishing and going to the racetrack to watch his son-in-law race horses.

The occasion was extra special for the Craigs because their daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Jim Caddy, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on the same day!

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Browns WI

# Donate To Lift

Brown's W.I. met Thursday June 16 at Browns Corners. Mrs. David Arthur, president presided. A further \$100 was design-

ated to go to the North Oxford District Chair Lift project. The chair lift is to go in the therapeutic pool at Woodingford Lodge.

It was agreed that the W.I. give financial support to Browns United Church for the installation of a new washroom.

A bottle drive is to be conducted by the Junior Farmer July 18; Pick up is at about 8:00 a.m. at Browns School.

A newspaper drive is to be conducted by the Union Church Youth Group in early September.

Mrs. Marion Mainprize spoke on progress made in the treatment of arthritic patients and the need for financial support to continue such treatment. One person in eight is known to suffer from arthritis.

The Browns Cackling Chicks, the 4-H group volunteered to canvas for the Arthritis Society in the Browns area.

The Cackling Chicks made a presentation on their recent Unit "Which Came First."

Mrs. Dorothy McKay, leader outlined the topics. Mrs. Joyce Tate, also a leader, introduced the girls as they took part in the program.

Jodi McKay demonstrated the proper method of sharpening a knife with a steel.

Lisa McKay and Heather McKay demonstrated cutting up a chicken while Terri McKay gave a commentary.

Cherylanne West and Jodi McKay entertained by telling fortunes - personality traits being observed in eggs and in the way people handled them.

Chris Craig read an informative report of the 4-H tour of the Van Heeswyk Chicken Farm.

A contest which included facts about eggs and facts about chickens, conducted by Cherylanne and Jodi proved to all present that there was a lot to know about both.

The Cackling Chicks prepared Nice and Spicy Niagara Chicken and Chicken with a Chinese Accent which they served later with rice as a delicious lunch.

Mrs. Margaret Arthur convener of the Family and Consumer Affairs group thanked the 4-H girls for their interesting presentation.

The roll call "What I Learned from 4-H?" was answered.

Mrs. Evelyn Arthur presented Joyce and Dorothy with gifts and expressed thanks for their work in leading this 4-H unit.

The meeting was closed with the singing of O Canada.



ALICE HAWKESWORTH shows one of the flower arrangements which won her the Becker's prize for design at last week's horticultural show in St. Marys. The annual show was put on by the St. Marys Horticultural Society.

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(Staff Photo)

## Oxford board approves junior curriculum

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After for and a half years of discussion and debate a new junior curriculum was presented by the junior English curriculum committee to the board for approval, recently.

The board gave its unanimous approval and support to the document, recognizing the many hours of work spent writing, rewriting, revising and testing the new curriculum designed for Grades 4 to 6.

The new document replaces the present curriculum, which was the first produced by the Oxford County board for Kindergarten through Grade 13. The new curriculum breaks the guidelines into the areas

of primary, junior intermediate and senior.

The committee "is just thrilled" with the curriculum ready now for implementation in Oxford County public schools, said committee chairman Robert Burnett, principal of Norwich Public School.

The junior curriculum approved by the board, ties in very closely with the primary and intermediate levels, said Mr. Burnett. In keeping with the ministry of education's philosophy, the document stresses listening and speaking skills which in the past were never dealt with in any precise way.

Mr. Burnett said five types of listening will be stressed: attentive, informal, appreciative, critical and marginal.

Another important aspect of the curriculum is the teaching of language structure. Grammar is stressed very heavily at the junior level but the curriculum deals with only those concepts the students are able to perceive at that level.

There is attention to mastering what they at their age level can conceive while still offering to them the basics, said Mr. Burnett. Teachers will be working from the child's present level of ability to improve his grammatical structure

by correcting the student's errors and helping him to understand the concepts.

The document is divided into sections focusing on the four modes of language: speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Mr. Burnett said it will be implemented this fall and is already in the hands of the teachers. Some are probably already trying out some of the techniques in it, he said.

Workshops are planned for the 1982 school year to aid in its implementation.

"We think we've got a document here that is really going to assist youngsters in the county", said Mr. Burnett.