

Choir's Historic House Tour part of Stonetown Festival

St. Marys Children's Choir is excited to again host the Historic House Tour as part of the Stonetown Heritage Festival.

The tour features four houses of historical interest, and ends at the St. Marys Museum, 177 Church Street South, where lemonade will be served.

This year the houses include the home of Dr. Martin and Irene Wheeler, located at 67 Peel Street, the one-time 'James Carter House.' This house is famous for its glorious brick work and slate roof on the exterior, and beautiful Victorian interior. This house has been designated as a property of architectural value or interest.

Also on the tour is John and Marie Stevens' home at 96 Robinson Street. Not only is this house famous for being the birthplace of the famous violinist, Nora Clench, it also commands a spectacular view of the Thames. Visitors on the house tour may be lucky enough to see Nora

Clench herself playing her violin.

Visitors will also have an opportunity to tour St. James Anglican Church Rectory, located at 199 Elgin Street East. Built in 1889, contemporary accounts of the rectory describe it as being "one of the best appointed, best built and finished houses for the money invested."

One of the oldest homes on the tour is that of Bruce and Sue Kittmer, located at 480 Queen Street West. This unique frame home has been in family of Sue Kittmer (Graham) since 1954, and is believed to have been built in the mid nineteenth century.

The House Tour runs from 12 noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 13. Tickets are available in advance from Stonetown Books in St. Marys and Just Accents in Stratford. Tickets are also available for sale Saturday at St. Marys Town Hall. Tickets are \$10 per person, adults only.

Proceeds support the Children's Choir.

Oxford Women's Institute

By Ruth Skillings

LAKESIDE CORRESPONDENT

The Oxford District Women's Institute met at Browns School on Wednesday, May 22.

President Sheila Greason welcomed everyone and thanked them for the cards, phone calls and visits while she was in the hospital for such a long time. She said it was great to be back in circulation again.

Sue Day presented the flag at the beginning of the meeting, while Ilene Chesterman played the piano for the Institute Ode and O Canada. Ladies were welcomed by members of the Springford and Browns W. I. Branches. The Memorial Service was given by three members of the Anna P. Lewis Branch.

Sheila Greason addressed the Theme of 'Nutrition Today' and the Roll Call was answered with a healthy eating tip, lots of good ideas. Mary Nicklas gave the financial report and Ruth Skillings the Examiner's Report. Wilma DeBruin and Helen Holden were presented with a large planter of geraniums each in appreciation of the work they did to make a new Oxford District Banner.

It was decided to buy a new display board that is lightweight and profes-

sional looking to be used when displays are put up at fairs or malls.

Thank you notes were received from the scholarship winners of last year, Jasmine Jackson and Alison Paton.

There were 291 new W. I. members in Ontario this past year.

Ilene Chesterman and a number of other members will be going to S.S. Marie in June.

Salford members took up the collection while Ilene Chesterman and Sherrill Babbey led a singsong. Vivian McDonald gave the PAC report and Sheila the Education Workshop report and a run down on what will be happening in the spring.

Greetings were received from London Area president Fran Hyatt; Perth South president, Marlene Coulthard; Middlesex East President, Marilyn Howey; WSA president, Hanny Haanstra. The WSA is going to 'My Fair Lady' October 23 at Stratford.

Fay Telfer, registered Dietician from St. Marys Hospital, was the special speaker for the evening, she was introduced by Janet Uren. Fay had a handout 'Safe and Healthy Eating,' in a very interesting and enthusiastic manner she covered the information in the handout.

Reports were given by the different officers. Plans are well along for celebrating the 100 years of Institute in Oxford. The party will be at the Elmhurst, entertainment the 'Raging Grannies', on June 9 at 5:30 p.m. There will be a cookbook and wall hanging. There is a need for seed money. Janet Uren challenged all the Branches to hold a Euchre party and give the proceeds for the Branches' share of the seed money.

The District will give the Farm Safety Association

\$200 to erect two slow moving signs along the roads in Oxford.

The Fall Board meeting will be Sept 24 at Huntingford and members are asked to bring in their favourite recipes for the cookbook.



Longtime St. Marys Children's Choir members Matthew West (four years), Heather West (10 years) and Alex West (five years) posed in front of Martin and Irene Wheeler's Peel Street home to help promote the Choir's Heritage House Tour this Saturday, July 13. The tour is part of the Stonetown Heritage Festival.

BROWNS WI

Dessert euchre

Browns W.I. held a successful Dessert Euchre on Thursday May 30 at 7 p.m.

The winners of the Euchre were as follows: high - Rose Whaling and Alex Jeffrey; lone hands - Jean Blair and Roely Horst; low - Betty Ralph and Evelyn Douglas.

The lucky draw winners were Anna McCullough and Bob Jeffrey. Door prize winners were Lillian Knight, Verna Switzer and Rose Jacques.

The members of Browns W.I. would like to thank each and everyone who supports our Euchres, our luncheons and dessert euchre. If it wasn't for you, we couldn't have them.

See you in the fall.