

Brown's School closed due to diphtheria

100 Years Ago — 1907

The school at Brown's Corners has been closed for the past two weeks owing to the epidemic of diphtheria (East Nissouri).

Brown's WI June 7 euchre winners were: Ladies High - Jean Sims; Ladies Low - Audrey McLellan; Ladies Lone Hands - Lita Miandro; Men's High - John MacDonald; Mens Low - Ken Judge; Men Lone Hands - Earnest Oliver. Lucky Draw - Irene Felkar.

Brown's Women's Institute held their May meeting on May 29, a bit later than usual. There was a plant

exchange. Roll Call was name a flower starting with an initial in your name. Pennies for Friendship was five cents for every letter in the name of a plant you brought for the plant exchange.

The special speaker was John Nardachioni who had a heart transplant at the University Hospital in London. He is the spokesperson for the Organ and Tissue Transplant Foundation. He told the ladies about his time waiting for a donor and then his experiences after the transplant; a very interesting presentation and very emotional time in his life as he waited for a donor and would it come in time.

A donation was made to the "Go, Go, Grannies." In June they will be visiting the St Marys Museum.

Lakeside Women's Institute will hold

Tribute

Audrey Armour's friendship spanned the corners of the world

Helen Audrey Armour, 82, of Thamesford, passed away Tuesday, June 12 at her residence. She was born January 26, 1925 in Medina (near St. Marys), daughter of late Hazel Ryder (1934) and Guy Earl Swope (1944) and stepdaughter of late Alma (1984) and John (1977) Watson.

In 1930, Audrey started public school, which included musical training in vocal and chorus; in 1937 attended St. Marys Collegiate Institute. In 1940, she attended Stratford Business College. During the school week,

she lived with her grandparents and on weekends went home to the farm. One of her chores was to separate the cream from the milk which involved churning at least 60 revolutions per minute. The cream was sold and the skim milk was used to feed the calves and pigs.

In June 1941, she started work as a steno at the St. Marys Creamery. As this was wartime, she also helped by wrapping one-pound blocks of butter. In November 1943, she worked for six years at Canada Trust head office until her marriage in 1950 to late Archie William Armour (2000) of West Nissouri.

In the early years of marriage while raising her children, she was involved in church activities -- Board of Stewards, Elder, Mission Education, UCW, leading Explorers; Women's Institute and 4-H projects as parent/leader. She also enjoyed the responsibilities and personal growth gained with the various positions she held in the Oxford Presbyterial UCW and London Conference. She was active in Women's Institute, involved in researching WI around the world, served at both the local and district levels, public relations including bus trips to various destinations, and enjoyed working on the WI archives.

Her interests included writing letters and corresponding with people from all over the world. As well, she created many scrapbook keepsakes of poems and pictures for family and friends to celebrate a special occa-

sion. Entertaining was one of her favourite specialties. She treasured her many collections including cookbooks, stuffed animals, bells, spoons, angels. She also valued the opportunity to research and update the family histories.

Survived by children James Armour (Thamesford), Nancy (Don) Moulton (Ingersoll), Sharon Armour (Dave O'Connor)(Ingersoll), Paul (Sue) Armour (Thamesford). Grandchildren Rebecca (Lior) Samfiru, Elizabeth (Jim) Burnett, Donald (Melissa) House, Patrick (Tina) Savage, Melissa (Brian) Holden, Amanda Armour (Ron Purdy), Angela (Trevor) Royles. Great grandchildren Natalie Samfiru, Mina Burnett, William and Aurora House, Reid and Deagan Purdy, Victoria and Karlee Savage, Andrew, Jessica and Brittny Holden. Dear Aunt of Connie Boutilier, Michelle Roemer (Campbell River, BC), Don Cameron (Brantford), Vickie Miller, Brad Cameron, Keith Cameron (Paris), Corinne Kukor (Kitchener), Stephen Hepburn (Woodstock) and their families; brother Bill (Erna) Hepburn (Woodstock); sister-in-laws Verna Hepburn (Woodstock), Agnes Worthy (London), Grace Armour (St. Thomas) and Lillian Armour (Ingersoll). Predeceased by sister Ilene Cameron (1982) and brother Bob Hepburn (1975).

Good friend to many cousins and penpals from around the world in Australia, England, Scotland, Wales, New Zealand, Finland, Denmark, South Africa and across USA and Canada. Loyal member and friend of many at UCW, London Conference and Women's Institute subdivision 23 of Ontario. Also good friend to Tovin, Skank and Mishyu (2006).

Celebration of Audrey's life took place at Westminster United Church in Thamesford. Interment at Robin Hill Cemetery.