



Heritage Corner



Corunna Child Study Group disbands after six decades of fellowship



Ten members were on hand at the Moore Museum on May 21 for the final meeting of the St. Clair Child Study Group. They are, right to left, front row: Margaret Werden, Jean Shaw, and June George. Second row: Eva Dalrymple, Hazel Blythe, Ethel Davidson, and Shirley DuChene. Standing: Jeanne Rounthwaite, Pat Parker, and Sally Townsend. *Photo submitted*

The Corunna Child Study Group, first formed in the 1950s, held its final meeting on May 21 at the Moore Museum.

This devoted group of young moms first came together to learn about and encourage the best methods of child-rearing and development for their young families. They met in each other's homes once each month to enjoy an informational program and social time.

The group became popular that a waiting list had to be formed after membership bloomed to about 30. The list grew so long that a second, then third group had to be started.

These groups, as well as groups in Sarnia, were part of a larger organization: the Western Ontario Child Study Association. All area groups would meet annually in Sarnia for a special program which included a guest speaker, and each group presented an informative skit.

Although these annual gatherings were discon-

tinued a few decades ago, and Corunna groups two and three were disbanded, the original group continued to meet until this year.

When the women became grandmothers, they felt that child study was no longer their focus, but they continued to meet and eventually changed the group's name to the St. Clair Child Study Group.

They continued to learn about topics that interested them. The group's objective was to create interest, with each member contributing something of herself. They heard presentations about subjects like travel, health, and relationships, and each fall, a fashion show was held.

Over the years, these women contributed the benefits of their desire to learn not only to their families, but to their community as well. The St. Clair Child Study Group leaves behind a legacy that will endure well into the future.

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