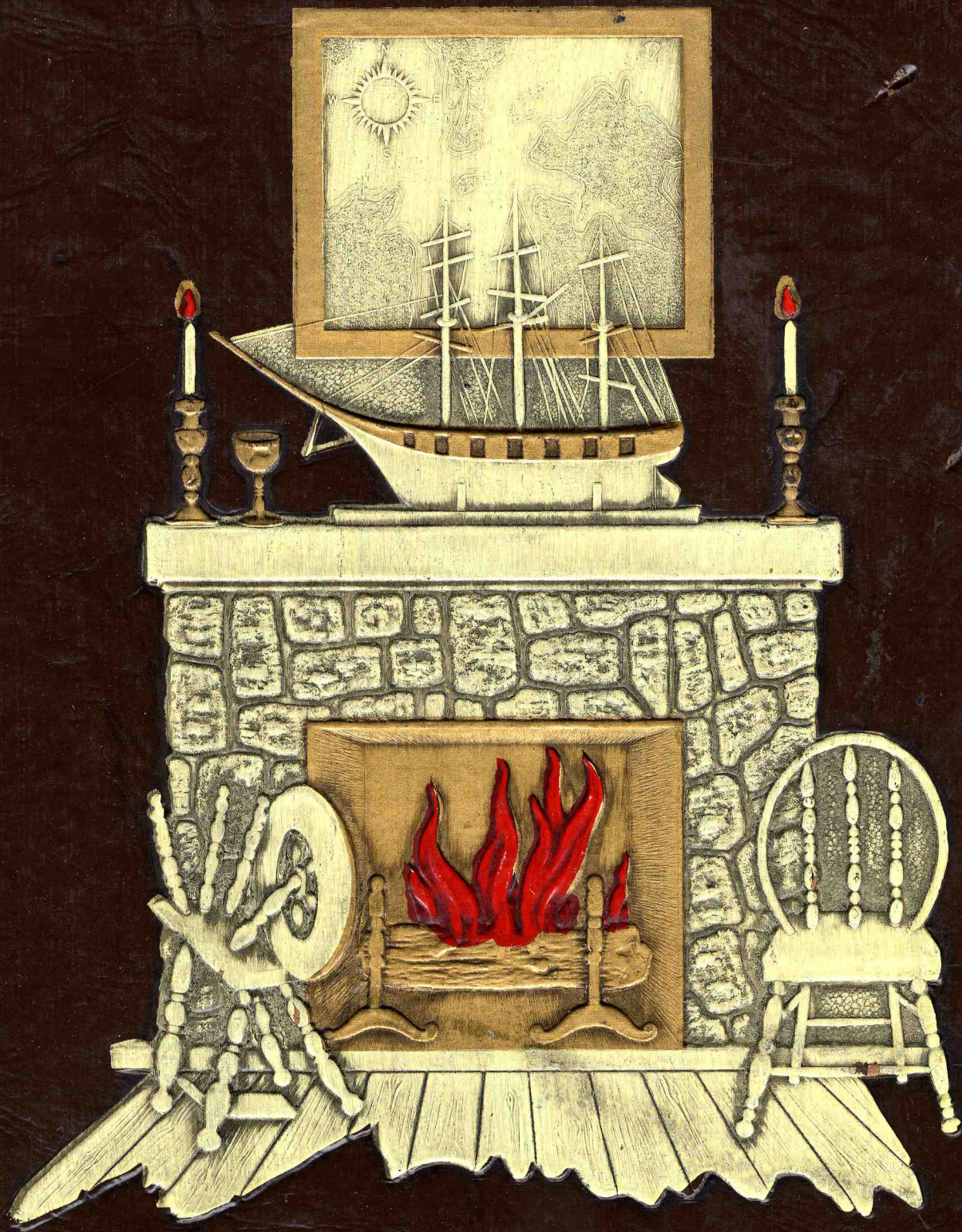


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THE BAYHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE was organized in the home of Mrs. (Dr.) A.B. Riddell, in the Village of Richmond, in the summer of 1907 by the East Elgin District Officers, Mrs. Dr. Anna Backus, Aylmer, the President; and Mrs. D. D. Finch, Mapleton, 1st Vice President . My Mother, Mrs. Finch, drove her horse and buggy from Mapleton to Aylmer and picked up Mrs. (Dr.) Backus and arrived in time for dinner with Mrs. Riddell; and I, well remember how she told of the beauty around these Richmond Hills .

The Officers elected were Mrs. (Dr.) A.B. Riddell, President, and Miss Addie Cook, Secretary . We do not know the exact date of this Meeting but the first Meeting reported in the District Books was held on November 13th, 1907, with an attendance of 15 . An address was given by Miss Cook on "Womanhood" , and Mrs. (Dr.) A.B. Riddell demonstrated the making of a Carrot Pudding and at the next meeting, Mrs. Alex Grant and Miss Bertha Knott gave good addresses .

As the Institute Books from 1907 - 1917 are missing I had to rely on the District books for the work of the Institute during these 10 years . The Meetings were held in the Church and the homes with an average attendance of 20 . There was one social evening held each year, with either a Debate or Spelling Match . On December 8th, 1908, the Debate was "Resolved that Thrifty House Wives were and are of more benefit to the Country than Politicians" . There is no record of which side won . Another time the Debate was "Resolved that the Influence of Heridity is greater than Invirment" . The affirmative was taken by Dr. A.B. Riddell and Mrs. George Procunier and the Negative by Mrs. Neil McConkey and Miss Louise Mitchell . The Judges, Mr. Henry Godwin, Ebert Kinsey and Granville Mills, decided in favor of the Negative . The Chairman for the evening was Mr. Henry Godwin and Home made Candy was served .

Some of the addresses of those early years were :

- "Trip to Texas" - Miss May Procunier .
- "Tuberculosis" - Miss Bessie Yeandle .
- "Effects of Co-operation on a Community" - Miss Gates, Toronto,
- "Institute Work" - Mrs. M. Lyons, Aylmer .
- "English Methods of Cooking Meats" - Mrs. Guy Davis .
- "Ethics of the Home" - Mrs. Dr. Anna Backus, Aylmer .
- "Home Influence" - Mrs. D. D. Finch, Mapleton .
- "Home and Its Influence" - Miss Mabel Ingram .
- "Music" - Mrs. Hemmingway, Aylmer .
- "Mental Influence" - Dr. McAlpine, Toronto .
- "Care of Babies" - Mrs. Harry Godwin .
- "Girls Duties in the Home" - Mrs. Will Dunn, Luton .
- "Inexpensive Christmas Gifts" - Miss Louise Mitchell .
- "Lessons on Cooking" - Mrs. (Dr.) Riddell .
- "Women's Influence on the Empire" - Mrs. (Dr.) Riddell .
- "A General Education" - Miss Clara Procunier .
- "Mothers Influence" - Mrs. McTurk, Lucan .
- "How can the Parent help the Teacher" - Mrs. Emma Ford Firby .
- "Poison & Death by Headache Root" - Miss Louise Mitchell .
- "Poultry Raising & Egg Production" - Miss Louise Hatch .
- "Physical Culture" - Miss Horton, Emerson College, Boston .
- "Home Influences on the Young" - Mrs. (Dr.) Riddell .
- "Women of the Twentieth Century" - Mrs. Allen Hatch .
- "The Home Library" - Mrs. Norman Stansell .
- "Optomism" - Mrs. D.O. White, Mapleton .
- "Why We Should belong to the W. I. " - Mrs. Dr. Brown, Aylmer .
- "The Little Things of Life" - Mrs. Pritchard, Aylmer .
- "Fine Needlework" - Mrs. T. G. Winder, Lyons .
- "What we owe the World" - Mrs. Lavea Rose Stephens, Toronto .
- "Trip to Edmonton" - Miss Louise Mitchell .
- "How to make our Institute simple and Entertaining" - Mrs.
J.C. Haggan, Luton .

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- "Cheerfulness and its Value in the Home" - Mrs. Murray Mathews .
- "The School and Its Relation to the Community" - Mrs. Elgin Hatch .
- "How the Twig Is Bent" - Mrs. Harry Godwin .
- "Home Ventilation" - Mrs. Lorne Laing .
- "The Function of the Farm Home" - Miss E. McConkey .
- "Laws Relating To Women and Children" - Miss Louise Mitchell .
- "Dishpan Science" - Mrs. (Dr.) Riddell .
- "Our Dominion" - Miss Edna McConnell .
- "The Mother and Her Child" - Mrs. C. McConkey .
- "Ten Books I wish I had Read when I was a Child, and the reason Why" - Miss Louise Hatch .
- "Home Decorations" - Miss May Procunier .
- "How to Make Farm Life Attractive For the Boys - Mrs. Geo. Orton .
- "Odds and Ends of Life" - Mrs. Geo. Orton .
- "Effects of Home Influence in Political & National Life -
Miss Edna McConnell .
- "The Business of Parenthood" - Mrs. Lorne Laing .
- "Lifes Responsibilities" - Mrs. E. Mathews .
- "Children's Private Rooms" - Mrs. Elgin Hatch .
- "Economy" - Mrs. Geo. Orton .
- "To have and To Hold Our Home" - Mrs. Lorne Laing .
- "Far Fields are Green" - Miss May Procunier .
- "Generosity" - Miss Bertie Atkinson .

The Members gave demonstrations on the Making of Cakes, Puddings and Bread and Canning Fruits and Relishes .

Everyone was interested and attended the Meetings, altho they had to travel by horse and buggy .

And when the District Annuals were held they would hire a team and Carry All from the Livery Stable at Aylmer to take them to the place of Meeting .