

MISS CATHARINE MCDOWELL

President of Eden Women's Institute 1973-4
1974-5

SECRETARY

1957-58
1958-59
1963-64
1964-65

MRS. LLOYD RAYMOND

Mrs. Lloyd Raymond (Doris) held the following office in Eden W.I.:

Secretary: 1956-7

M R S . H A R O L D W I L T S H I R E + 1stPRESIDENT of Eden Branch



Mrs. Harold Wiltshire (Gladys) was the first President of the Eden Branch of the Women's Institute and as a result had a larger task than later presidents had.

PRESIDENT - 1952-1953 .

She worked for a number of years in the office of Bordens Ltd. in Tillsonburg, and married Harold Wiltshire who also worked there.

They had one son, George.



OLD EDEN ELM ON NORTH-WEST CORNER OF VILLAGE
PLANTED BY GEORGE HOWEY.

MUSIC COMPOSITION

The oldest preserved manuscript is a plainsong for church service in 1670's by a native of Quebec. Priests of New France wrote sacred chants to attract Indians to their faith. For many years, church music and folk song were the two types of music in Canada.

After 1850 there were songs to kindle patriotic spirit of French Canadians, dances and marches for piano and band. It was nearer the turn of the century that the English speaking part of the country began writing compositions ; songs, piano compositions, opera and orchestra.

Composers could not mature fully without the encouragement that comes from a large and cultivated musical public. European music dominated Canadian concert life. Until 1920 when folk-song collectors had Sir Ernest MacMillan, Healey Willan and Claude Champagne make harmonizations and arrangements, composers were not aware of more than a handful of folk songs. In 1930 many younger composers, dissatisfied with the work of their elders turned to a variety of trends and models.

John Weinzweig, who prefers to work along traditional lines, is a teacher of influence and is president of the Canadian League of Composers which was founded in 1951 and which in 1956 included 35 composers.

The only Canadian composers who make a living from their art are those writing incidental music for radio, T.V. and film, especially for the CBC and National Film Board.

The general impression of Style in Canadian composition is one of variety. It is scarcely possible to observe musical nationalism in Canada as a movement, but social and geographical environment, inspiration from Canadian literary and historical sources and Indian, Eskimo, or French-Canadian motifs have produced in some compositions unique characteristics and expression that are distinctly Canadian.

Dear Institute Members and friends of Elgin County:

Here again we have come to the end of another six months of broadcasting. Each talk bringing to you the listeners a glimpse of the work, aims and ideals of the Federated Womens' Institute of Ontario.

Our sincere thanks go to the Department of Agriculture and the C.H.L.O. radio station for this opportunity of bringing something of our programmes to you.

Many times we are asked to help with charitable works in our county and through our World-Wide affiliations we have even done so right round the world.

These we help with to the best of our resources, keeping in mind that we are primarily an organization for Adult Education, as indicated in the name chosen - Womens' Institute, rather than an association or club. I therefore recommend that each member and friend think over well all the convenership titles used in our programmes. I am sure each will come to the conclusion that our charter members chose wisely in plotting a path for future institutes.

May I invite all rural women of our county to participate with us in any project or programme we have in the various communities.

And may each grandmother, mother and sister realize that in unity there is strength and that together we grow.

My thanks again on behalf of Elgin CountyWI., to the participants in this year's programmes and to the Dept. of Agriculture and the staff of C.H.L.O. Thank you.

THE ABOVE IS A SPEECH GIVEN OVER CHLO RADIO

BY MRS. C.D. KENNEDY

of the EDEN BRANCH OF THE WOMENS' INSTITUTE

- AND EAST ELGIN DISTRICT

ADMISSION CARD

THE FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF CANADA

Honouring the Triennial Conference of

THE ASSOCIATED COUNTRYWOMEN OF THE WORLD

Presents

CANADA DAY

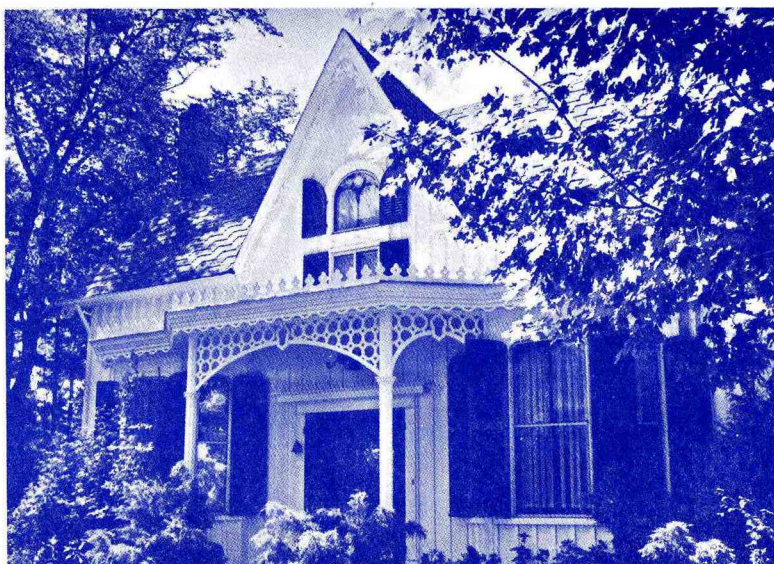
MAPLE LEAF GARDENS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21st, 1953

DOORS OPEN AT 12 NOON

PROGRAMME 1.30 - 4.30 and 7.00 to 9.30

IN 1953 - ATTENDED - MRS C.D. KENNEDY



The Erland Lee Museum Home

85th ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON



in honour of the founding of
the Women's Institute in Ontario

GALAXY BALLROOM
Thursday, August 12, 1982
12:00 noon

CONSTELLATION HOTEL
Rexdale

Mr. C. Diamond
 entered
 5th annual conf.
 energy
 communication
 water
 women's lib
 rd. w UN. + UNESCO.

build bridges of knowledge
 + friendships

1/4 million members | France | July chaired int. conf. | Aberdeen W. Mrs Watt as chairman
 1923
 seed-idea of adult education.

UCA 71 water supply + sanitation project

1/3 hunger
 450 n in 75
 700 n by 2000.

70-79
 270 inc. dec. 5%
 per capita
 Africa 9% dec.
 some 20% "

1981 - 129 n tons
 1/4 crop lost in some countries
 ever, int. for food
 decreasing

climate
 armed conf.
 disturbance of financial balance

doubled 105 n tons
 1 n to poorest


18 million tons need com.

Let us combine our efforts.
 When women join in united effort
 Power such as the world
 has never known.

Agriculture 842 W. I. + ACWU
 Home
 Family + community life
 + adult education for women.

40 years ago exported
 today - import

some W.I. achievements
 scholarships
 war work
 UNESCO
 refugee assistance
 1972 Ireland has home
 Mrs. Delaide Hoodless home
 first aid kits
 hot lunch
 music
 medical inspection
 travelling libraries
 soldiers - sewing kits called "housewives"
 resolutions of all sorts
 at one meeting each carried a hen to replace loss
 of one member's hen in early days.


 Margaret Craven
 EDEN W.I.

ATTENDING FROM EDEN W.I. - MRS. C.D. KENNEDY
 MISS M. M. CRAVEN

1897



1982

PROGRAMME

CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Keith Hiepleh

President, Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE GRACE

We thank Thee, Father for Thy care
 Food, friends and kindness we share;
 May we forever mindful be
 Of "Home and Country" and of Thee

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

GREETINGS

GUEST SPEAKER

Mrs. Ziny Westebring-Muller,
 President, Associated Country Women of the World

THEME

"From a flicker to a flame"

85th Anniversary marked by Ontario Institutes

Hon. Dennis Timbrell, minister of agriculture and food, congratulated members for continued leadership in their communities, for preserving history, promotion of homemaking skills and meeting the challenges of the many changes in rural life.

Greetings were received from members of parliament, Premier William Davis; Prime Minister Trudeau; Queen Elizabeth; Manitoba and Northern Ireland W.I.'s and others.

Senator Martha Beilish of Alberta, vice-president for Canada to A.C.W.W., BROUGHT GREETINGS FROM THE Senate, Hon. Joe Clark and the member societies of ACWW.

"The women of the world have and still look to Ontario for inspiration and leadership. We must be prepared to meet the challenges of society, changing and adapting when necessary and keep the flame burning;" said Mrs. Bernice Noblitt of Ottawa, newly elected president of the Federated Women's Institute of Canada.

Among the special guests were Miss Molly McGhee, honorary president of FWIO; past presidents; Miss Helen McKercher, former director of home economics branch, two life members of FWIO; representative from the Stoney Creek branch; and guests from other provinces, England and the Netherlands.

In closing Mrs. Hiepleh said, "You should be proud to be a member of an organization that has stood the test of time, of 85 years of working for home and country; and now look forward eagerly to the challenges of the future and what it holds for each of us."

"From a Flicker to a Flame" was the theme of the 85th anniversary celebration of the Women's Institutes of Ontario when over 1700 members met at the Constellation Hotel, Toronto, on August 12, with provincial president Mrs. Janet Hiepleh presiding.

"The Flicker" began in 1897 when Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless saw the need for women to learn how to better care for their families. With the help of Erland Lee, the first Women's Institute was founded at Stoney Creek, Ontario. The flicker became a flame during the years as dedicated members with their volunteer efforts improved the life of rural women and their families. The movement spread and today there 27,000 members in Ontario; 48000 in Canada; and over nine million in the world.

Guestspeaker, Mrs. Ziny Weste-bring Muller of the Netherlands, world president, said, "Ontario can be proud of its women and their accomplishments. When Mrs. Alfred Watt took the W.I. to England it was said, the greatest idea that had come out of the colonies to England. Canada's gift to the Motherland soon became Canada's gift to all nations and known as the Associated Countrywomen of the World". Mrs. Muller spoke of the projects in the under-developed countries, training leaders and helping people. She asked women to be concerned with the project for the 80's, Fresh water and Sanitation for all". She sees the hunger problem when she travels to many countries for ACWW. "The members must be a mighty force as your influence can know no bounds, we must pull together for world peace," she said.

London Free Press

Women's leader stops in area

Being president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario is an honour in itself but Ontario president Janet Hiepleh of R.R. # 2, Springfield had the added privilege of hosting Ziny Westebring-Muller of the Netherlands, president of the Associated Country Women of the World.

Ms. Westebring-Muller is staying in Canada for eight days as part of an international tour.

While in the area, she spoke in St. Marys to Women's Institute members from across South-western Ontario. She asked the women to continue to support the organization she heads.

Westebring-Muller discussed some of the projects the Associated Country Women of the World has undertaken in developing nations. They include training courses in child care, nutrition, hygiene and home economics for young women in African villages and also providing sewing machines to help women earn income.

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Westebring-Muller, who speaks Dutch, English, French, German and Italian as well as understanding Afrikaans, Spanish and Swedish, is leaving Springfield for Toronto.

She will speak there Thursday during ceremonies marking the 85th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute movement. She will then attend a national convention of women's groups in Columbus, Ohio, August 14 to 19.

'You are such a generous lot'

London Free Press

Women's Institute members told to use influence

St. Marys - Canadian members of women's institutes were thanked Sunday for their love and donations to people in developing nations.

Ziny Westebring-Muller of the Netherlands, president of the Associated Country Women of the World, thanked Canadian women "from the bottom of my heart" during a reception and tea in her honour.

The silver-haired leader of the nine-million-member association reported on the worldwide work of associated member groups. "You have no idea how much influence and power you have, but you have to use it", she told more than 300 members of women's institutes in the London and Southwestern Ontario area

"We owe so much to Canada. You are such a generous lot of people"

Westebring-muller appealed to the women for their continued support of the world organization. She discussed some of the projects it has undertaken in developing nations, including training courses in child care, nutrition, hygiene and home economics for young women in African villages, providing sewing machines to help native women earn income and sponsoring home management courses for wives of blind farmers who are given plots of land by the women's organization.

"It's no use sending complicated combines to South Africa because the plots are so small," she said. "It's better to send small tools for the women."

Women, who comprise 70 percent of the world's population, do the hard work in the fields in developing countries, such as those in Africa. Westebring-Muller noted that men in African countries may plough fields with cattle but leave the rest of the work to women.

African husbands may have four or five wives who often have to earn their own income because they aren't provided with money from their husbands, she said.

In an interview, Westebring-Muller said development aid sent by governments to needy nations, often "gets stuck at the government level and doesn't reach the poor. "

For this reason, she said, financial and other aid provided by women's groups worldwide is channelled through member groups of Associated Country Women of the World to make certain it reaches the needy.

She said she didn't know the total dollar value of aid provided by her association's member groups, although it is in "the hundreds of thousands of dollars". At least 30 developing countries are provided with funds and help, she said.

Since arriving on the weekend for an eight-day Canadian visit, Westebring-Muller has been staying with Mrs. Janet Kiepleh of R.R. # 2, Springfield, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.