

NEWS ITEMS- 1972.-73

1. February 3, 1972 - Kingsmill-Mapleton celebrated their 65th Anniversary of the W.I. at Lyons Hall with Mrs. Bruce Rohrer as hostess. (Invited Aylmer and Lyons Institutes)
2. February 12, 1972- the 75th W.I. Anniversary was held at the Royal York Hotel, in the Canada Room. Mrs. Russell Lunn, our delegate attended.
3. February 23, 1972- Winter Picnic, Aylmer Baptist Church.
4. March 18th, 1972- Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Jenken celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, from 2-4 in the afternoon and from 7-9 in the evening which was "Open House"
5. April 4, 1972- Mrs. Russell Lunn, Mrs. Wm. H. Free (Jr) and Mrs. E. Jenkins, attended the Aylmer Baby Clinic.
6. April 20, 1972- Elgin Co. Rally marked the 75th Anniversary of the W.I. at Grace United Church, St. Thomas, Ontario at 7:30 P.M.
7. April 6, 1972- Mrs. Keith Hiepleh installed the 1972-73 Officers, she being our Elgin Co. President for the Kingsmill-Mapleton Branch from the new "Hand Book".
8. There were 4 Lions Club Suppers during 1972-73.
9. April and September- 5 ladies attended the Elgin Manor Auxiliary.
10. May 2,3,4, 1972. Mrs. Russell Lunn (President) was unable to attend Guelph Conference.
11. May 3, 1972- Elgin Manor Auxiliary Tea.
12. May 15, 1972- East Elgin "District Annual" at the Belmont United Church.
13. May 28, 1972- Miss Karen Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dugald Campbell won a Scholarship in music with an award to 8 days at Manitou-wabing Music Camp at Parry Sound.
14. May 29, 1972- With the assistance of St. James Church, ladies catered to the 50th Anniversary for the "Belmont Rebecca Lodge."
15. June 9, 1972- Dedicated Museum Implement Building.
16. July 6, 1972- Women's Institute Picnic at Mr. and Mrs. Grey Fuller's Cottage, Port Bruce, Ontario.
17. October 16, 1972- London Area Convention at the Banqueter, London, Ont. with Mrs. Russell Lunn, President attending.
18. December 7, 1972- Hostess, Mrs. Russell Lunn (Xmas. Meeting) ✓
Roll Call: "A Christmas Quote"
Program: Special speaker.

news items, (continued)

19. April 20, 1972- At the 75th Anniversary of Adelaide Hoodless and Mr. Erland Lee, Co-Founder of Women's Institutes held in: Grace United Church, St. Thomas, Ontario we, the Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute Branch exhibited our work throughout the years even the picture of our First President, Mrs. Denzil Finch in 1907.
20. September 12, 1972- While closing the books of the north group of the Kingsmill-Mapleton Institute we donated to the Necropolis and Mapleton Cemeteries, \$250.00 each, \$100.00 to the Kingsmill-Mapleton Branch for Tweedsmuir work, \$30.00 to Missionary, Harold Hide and \$172.33 to the Museum, besides donating \$50.00 each to Missionary Harold Hide and the two cemeteries from time to time throughout the years by Mrs. W.J. Free Sr., (Secretary-Treasurer for eighteen consecutive years.
21. October 5, 1972- Mrs. Grey Fuller- member of the K.M.W.I. and speaker for the October meeting was on "Mental Stress" as a community Hazard under 6 categories, Air Pollution, Water, Soil, Noise, Effluvia and Algae.
22. November 2, 1972- K.M.W.I. donated \$20.00 towards the Burnt-out-Fund to the Museum Elgin County Pioneer Curator's, Grant Karn's new home.
23. November 8, 1972- Mesdames Florence McGregor, Grace Free, Lenora Free, attended the "Complimentary dinner" for the working Auxiliary in lieu of K.M.W.I. in Elgin Manor, St. Thomas, Ontario.
24. December 7, 1972- To highlight the closing of the 75th Anniversary of the Women's Institutes of Ontario Mrs. W.J. Free Sr. held the Christmas meeting in an atmosphere in keeping with the Festive Season. In closing, the lunch committee, Mrs. Russ Lunn, Mrs. Grace Free, Mrs. Florence McGregor served a Christmas Meal.
25. December 8, 1972- Several ladies of the K.M.W.I. attended the "Xmas. Museum Coffee Break, at 8:30-12:30 with our Branch supplying half of Christmas decorations.
26. December 9, 1972- East Elgin Homemakers held "Achievement Day" at St. Paul's United Church, Aylmer, Ont. on "Cereal Shelf" expected to exhibit- Record Book, recipe and some bran muffins. Nancy Jenkins of the K.M.W.I. received her Provincial Honour Certificate and pin.
27. February 12, 1973- East Elgin District Tweedsmuir Work Shop will be held at St. Paul's United Church, Aylmer at 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. We are to bring a box lunch, beverage donated- President invited and any others interested.
28. Special, Wedding Anniversaries such as the 25th, and 50th are always remembered, also the sick and shut-ins.

1. February 8, 1973- Summary Day, "The Knack of Sewing with Knits"
2. " 12, " - District Tweedsmuir workshop at St. Pauls United Church Aylmer, Ontario. Box lunch, beverage supplied- 9:30-4:00 P.M. President invited & anyone interested.
3. February 28, 1973- Winter Picnic, Baptist Church, Aylmer, Ont. Pot Luck Dinner at 12:30.
4. March 7, 1973- New Kitchen Ideas, South Yarmouth W.I. Hall, Union, Ont. 10:00-4:00 P.M. Bring Lunch, beverage provided.
5. April 6, 1973- Food Forum, Central United Church. "Round the Clock Dining"
6. April 20, 1973- W. I. catered at Elgin Manor.
7. May 1, 1973- Officers Conference, Waterloo University.
8. May 2, 1973- Elgin Manor Tea & Bake Sale
9. May 9, 1973- Elgin General Hospital Tea & Bake Sale- 2:00-5:00 P.M.
10. May 15, 1973- District Annual at Union, Ontario.
11. May 26, 1973- Mrs. C. Aleta Sweet, passed away suddenly in her 81st Year.
12. June 6, 1973- Elgin Co. Pioneer Museum Spring Tea- 2:00-5:00 P.M.
13. June 29, 1973- Tweedsmuir Books taken to Toronto for microfilming and returned August 9, 1973.
14. July 5, 1973- W.I. Picnic- Hostess Mrs. Grey Fuller, Port Bruce Cottage.
15. July 19, 1973- East Elgin Bus Trip, Black Creek Pioneer Village and Ontario Place.
16. August 15, 1973- 4-H Dress display at Aylmer Fair.
17. " 23, " - Achievement Day, Pinafore Park, St. Thomas, Ont.
18. October 4, 1973- County Rally, Grace United Church, 8:00 P.M.
19. " 19, " - Kingsmill-Mapleton Branch catered to Elgin Manor Aux.
20. " 23, " - K. M. Harvest Tea and Bazaar in S. Dorchester Com. Hall.
21. November 1, 1973- Mrs. Lunn's meeting held at Mrs. W.J. Free's Sr. home.
22. " 7 & 8, 1973- London Area Convention, Banqueter (London, Ontario)
23. " 30, 1973- Coffee Party at Elgin Co. Pioneer Museum, St. Thomas, Ont.
24. December 6, 1973- Christmas meeting held at Mrs. Max Zavitz home.

MRS. ALETA SWEET

Mrs. C. Aleta Sweet of R.R.1, Springfield, passed away suddenly, Sat. at the home of her son, John Sweet, R.R.#1, Springfield, in her 81st. year. Born near Kingsmill, dau. of the late J.C. and Martha Dance, she was a life-long resident of S. Dorchester Twp., spending part of each year near Lakeland Florida for the last 15 years. An active member of Crossley-Hunter United Church and more recently St. John's United Church, Springfield, she taught Sunday School for 50 years and served on the Elgin Presbyterial Executive of the W.M.S. including a term as president. She prepared Tweedsmuir Local History for K. M. Women's Institute.

Mrs. Sweet is survived by her husband, Eugene L. Sweet, a son John Sweet, 2 daughters, Mrs. Rodger (Jean) Bishop of Oshawa, Mrs. Lloyd (Dorothy) Beck of Chapel Hill, North Carolina: and seven grandchildren. Funeral at Keibel Funeral Home, Aylmer, Ont. Interment in Aylmer Cemetery.

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4-H Leaders Mrs. Russel Lunn, Mrs. Harold Jenkins June-Sept.

June 16-1958 Catered to Belmont Lions Suppers. Prices as follows

June 16/58 to Nov. 7/66	Served per plate \$1.10
Nov. 7/66 to Sept. 21/70	Served per plate \$ 1.35
Sept. 21/70 to Sept. 16/72	\$ 1.60
Sept. 16/72 to Oct. 1/73	\$ 1.75
Oct. 1/73 To Mar. 1/74	\$2.00
Mar. 1/74 To Sept. 16/74	\$ 2.25

Supper Balances from June 16, 1958 to Sept. 16, 1974* \$ 2005.82

We received a \$ 10000 Bonus every year since 1963 except the year 1966. Instead of sending the usual Dec. cheque they commenced sending ~~their~~ cheques the following Jan. 1967. Therefore, 9 Bonus cheques = \$ 90.00

2nd Act Fast Progr's, \$85.00 + \$80.00 = \$165.00 of ~~which~~ the Crossley-Hunter Group turned over \$50.00 from the first cheque Balance = \$ 115.00.

Feb. 27/74 Winter Picnic at Aylmer United Church

Mar. 11/74 Death of Eardley Finch

Mar. 25/74 Death of Mrs. Anna Mary Moore in her 95th yr.

April, 19, Oct. 18, Catered to Elgin Manor

April 29, May 1 Officers Conference, Waterloo, Ont.

May 22/74 District Annual at Yarmouth Centre Church.

June Museum Tea 2.00=400 P. M.

July 4 Picnic, Port Bruce with Mrs. Grey Fuller, hostess.

July 17 Bus trip to Stratford, Doon Village & Woodside National Park.

July Sept. 16 Catered to Belmont Lions Super for last time.

Oct. 3 Elgin Co. Rally, Grace church St. Thomas, 8:00 P. M.

Oct. 29 K. M. Hollowe'en Tea Lyons Community Hall

Nov. 21 Elgin Manor Dinner for 1 W. I. member.

Nov 22 Pioneer Museum Tea 9.30 to 12.00 A. M.

Nov. 27, 28. Area Convention, Stratford, Ont. Mrs. Keith

Hiepleh elected to London Area Executive as 2nd Vic. Pres.

Dec. 5. Turkey Pot Luck dinner with hostess, Mrs. W. H. Free

June 2/75 Curator Mrs. W. W. Free's meeting with Mrs. Joe.

Becharad District Pres. pouring Tea.

Feb. 26/75 Winter Picnic Church of Christs Disciples,

K. M. W. I. as hostess

July 1/75 Mr. & Mrs. W. W. Free sold farm to Mr. & Mrs.
Carl Stover.

News Items

Dec. 17/75--Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Free & Family spent a holiday vacation in Florida visiting Disney World, Cypress Gardens, Busch Gardens, Silver Springs, Cape Kennedy & friends in Orlando.

Jan. 5/76--Jim Free returned to Ridgetown Agriculture Colledge of Technology & Graduated May 21/76 in different Sciences & presently is employed in the Co-Op office, St. Thomas, Ont.

Feb. 25/76--Winter picnic, St Andrews Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas.

Mar. 15/76--Tweedsmuir Curator's Workshop at W. I. Hall, Springfield, Ont.

May 1-3/76--The Federal W. I. Officers Conference, University of Waterloo, Ontario.

May /76--District Annual, St. James Church

May 4-6/76--Officers Conference, Waterloo, Ontario

June 20-25/76--F. W. I. C. National Convention, Charlottetown University, P.E.I. with Janet Hiepley as delegate.

June 5/76--Mrs. Leda Jenkins a Charter Life Member of 50 yrs. & over attended the Monta Rebekah Lodge celebrations.

June 30/76--The County W. I. Picnic, main pavilinn, Pinafore Park, St. Thomas, Ontario.

July 8/76--K. M. W. I. picnic, Mrs Grey Fuller's, Port Bruce, Ont.

Oct. 4-6/76--Bus Trip to Huntsville, Algonquin Park (overnight Chateau Laurier, Ottawa) & tour of Upper Canada.

Nov. 9-10/76--Area Convention, Tillsonburg, Ontario

1976--David Jenkins, R. R. 1 Belmont, Ont. placed second in the senior division of the 4-H Judging & Evaluation Competition, First in Belmont Club Senior Holsteins & third in Showmanship

Feb. 12/76--Harold Jenkins re-elected Charman for Catfish Creek Conservation.

Sept. 76 Miss Betty Jenkins, R. 1 Belmont. won the Ontario Dairy Princess competition at the Canadian National Exhibition Toronto, 49 other contestants from Ontario.

Activities & News Items for 1975-76

- m May 12 District Annual at Lakeview, Baptist Church.
- June 11 Museum Tea & Craft Sale 2:00-4:00 P. M.
- June 24 The W/I Elgin Rally, Picnic at 12:00 noon
Pinafore Park, St. Thomas, Ont.
- July 11 Death of a K.M. W. I. member, Mrs. Roy McGregor
our, last surviving Charter member,
- July 1 Death of a K. M. W. I. member Mrs. Roy Legg R. 2,
Springfield.
- July 3 K. M. W. I. take out dinner.
- July 16 Bus Trip to Science Centre, Toronto, Ont.
- July 20 Death of Earl McKenzie, R. 8. St. Thomas, Ont.
- July 26 Death of Lloyd McVicar, R. R. 1. Belmont, Ont.
- Aug. 7, Picnic at Port Bruce, Hostess Mrs. Grey Fuller
- Aug. 13,14,15, Aylmer Fair display of Antique Tea pot and
cream and sugar.
- Oct. 15,16 Area Convention, Grace United Church St. Thomas. Ont.
- Sept. 10. Started the Belmont Water suage Lagoon on the home of
Mr. & Mrs. Hiram Jenken 14, Con. 35 acres. 2 Lagoons.
- Feb. 24/76
Winter Picnic St. Andrews United Church West Ave.
St. Thomas. Ont.

(1) 1976-77 News Items

- 1936 Earliest records for 4 H Homemaking clubs when 33 members completed the project, Being Well Dressed & Well Groomed while 14 members completed the project Dressing up Home grown Vegetables.
- Dec. 16, 1977
Jim Jenkins was appointed among others to represent Malahide Township for the Elgin Co. Plowman's Association for 1977.
- Feb. 23, Winter Picnic at Eden.
- Mar. 23, 77 Lady Tweedsmuir, Lord Tweedsmuir Widow died at her Oxfordshire home, London, England at the age of 94.
- April 5 at 1.30 P. M. Elgin Co. Rally at Elgin Pioneer Museum.
- April 15 4 members of the north group of K. M. W. I. catered to Elgin Manor Auxiliary realizing over \$32.00.
- April 23 Achivement day The Third Meal in Aylmer, Ont.
- April 26 Poultry Please, at Tillsonburg, Ont. Sr. Project.
- May 3 Mrs. Grey Fuller was a delegate for K. M. W. I. Officers conference at Waterloo, Ont. University.
- May 4 Elgin Manor Spring Tea 2 to 4 P. M.
- May 6 In place of our May meeting 8, K. M. W. I. members, 2 neighbours and Mr. Fuller attended the opening cerimonies of the new Aylmer Police College and made tours of same immediately afterwards. At the closing, weall enjoyed a delightfull lunch & Lemonade.
- May 7 4 H Achivement Day The Third Meal
- May 11 5 members attended the Aylmer W. I. 75th Anniversary We were entertained by a varied Programme wath Mrs. L. Free included while Mrs. K. Hiepleh brought greetings from F. W. I. O. Lunch followed including the delicious 75th Anniversary cake.

- May 11 ✓ Mrs. L. Free was congratulated at the Aylmer W. I., 1976
75th An. by E. Elgin Curator Mrs. Mashall Field for
sending in the best, yearly reports from any W. I. Branch.
- May 16 District Annual at Calton Baptist Church.
- ~~May~~
June 2 Mrs. Keith Hiepleh installed the Officers at Elgin Rally.
- June 7 Bus trip to Erland Lee, Home.
- June 13-20
- Aug. 17-20 Aylmer Fair W. I. collections requested, 6 Antique
Dolls & Toys.
- Aug. 17 At aylmer fair, Harold & James Jenkins won 2 firsts
3 Third prizes on their Holstein cattle, while Don Jenkins
1 first, 2 seconds, 1 third prizes. Chas. Jenkins received
1 first, 1 second.
- Sept. 9 Opening of Aylmer Terrace Lodge. Senior Citizens Home.
- Sept 1 K.M.W.I. held their September meeting at Aylmer. Terrace
Lodge, the touring of same, commenced at 1.30, 14
members and friends attended.
- Sept. 28-29 London Area Convention at Venestra, Huron County.
- Oct. 11-21 World Conference, Nairobi, Kenya, Africa, with
Mrs. Keith Hiepleh, Vice-Pres. of London Area W. I.
& Board Director of F. W. I. O. as delgate.
- Nov. 3. K. M. W. I. celebrated its 70th Ann. at the home of
Mrs. L. Free, we entertained the 4 H. club girls and
memorial service, for past members, with a special cake.
- Dec. 2 Held a family super and christmas party with Elaine
Davies showing her pictures to South America.
- Dec. 16 Messrs H. Jenken, L. Free, E. Jenkins catered to the
Tuck Shop at Terrace Lodge.
- Mrs. H. Jenken is a Director on the Auxilary of Terrace Lodge



SCENE OF CRASH—Ronald Norman Stover, 19, of RR 7, Aylmer, was killed instantly when the car he was driving was struck by an eastbound Canadian National freight train Wednesday afternoon. The car was southbound on County Road 35 when the mishap occurred at 1 p.m.—(T.J. Photo).

CAR-TRAIN CRASH, YOUNG MAN DIES-

Ronald Norman Stover, 19, of R.R.#7, Aylmer, Ontario, was killed instantly when the car he was driving was struck by an eastbound Cdn. National freight train about one-half mile north of Orwell on Wednesday December, 29th, 1971 at 1 P.M. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stover of R.R. #7, Aylmer, the young man was pronounced dead at the scene. The mishap occurred on Elgin Co. Road 35 at a level crossing. The car was thrown into the south-east ditch and parts were strewn in a 25 foot diameter. The rear bumper of the car came to rest against a fence some 30 feet away from the wreckage.

Born in St.Thomas, Mr. Stover lived most of his life in the Aylmer district and was a member of the Church of Christ Disciples, Mapleton. He was a graduate of East Elgin Secondary School in Aylmer and a student at Sir Sanford Fleming College in Lindsay.



Aug. 1927

At this meeting plans were discussed by which the Institute treasury might be strengthened and it was decided on motion of Mrs. Wm. Legg and Mrs. L. Mc Kenney to make an Autograph Quilt and each member was asked to collect as many names as possible at 10¢ each before the next meeting, when other details regarding the project will be discussed. Mrs. William Orris- President.

Sept. 1, 1927 - Progress was reported in the collection of names for the Autograph Quilt, but was decided to extend the time another month.

October 6, 1927 - The Autograph quilt work was laid over for a time and members were asked to collect all the names possible in the meantime.

November 3, 1927 - Satisfactory progress was reported by those collecting names for the Autograph Quilt and it was decided to continue with the collection till after Christmas.

December 1, 1927- A discussion was held regarding the advisability of finishing the Autograph Quilt at once. It was moved by Mrs. Evert, seconded by Mrs. Garton that the names for the quilt be all brought in at the January meeting. Carried.

January 5, 1928 - Names were submitted for the Autograph Quilt and some discussion followed regarding materials etc. but owing to the absence of Mrs. Legg who has taken a particularly keen interest in the work, it was decided on motion of Mrs. Neil Curtis and Mrs. J. Bray to lay the matter over for another month and meanwhile Mrs. Legg was to be consulted as to choice of colour etc.

February 2, 1928- A discussion of the Autograph Quilt project followed. Mrs. Wm. Legg, having been asked to choose colour and material submitted samples and asked for opinions of members. However, no definite conclusion was reached and on motion of Mrs. Arthur Moore and Mrs. Skene Smith, it was decided to leave the purchase of material to Mrs. Wm. Legg and Myrtle Paddon. Later, it was moved by Mrs. Claude

Hoover and Mrs. S. Parkes that all arrangements for the quilt, colour, material, pattern, arrangement of names etc. be left to the Committee to decide. Carried.

March 23, 1928 - The Autograph Quilt was the next topic of discussion and Mrs. Legg showed the material which had been purchased, pink and white broadcloth. It was moved by Mrs. Ormand Derrough, seconded by Mrs. S. Parkes that the bottom and top of the Quilt be made with the same material. Carried. Moved by Mrs. Derrough, seconded by Mrs. Geo. Simpson that the top be embroidered and the names written with ink on the bottom. Carried.

Several volunteered to work the blocks and on motion of Mrs. D.R. McTaggart and Mrs. Jno. Evert a committee composed of Mrs. Wm. Legg, Mrs. Arthur Moore and Mrs. Roy McGregor was named to prepare the work for distribution.

April 5, 1928 - The Autograph Quilt project was discussed at some length and it was decided to leave choice of arrangement of names to the committee in charge of general arrangements. Nine blocks were handed in, finished and it was hoped that the rest might be completed so the quilt could be finished by the May meeting.

March 8, 1929 - Mrs. Wm. Legg, convenor of the quilt committee was welcomed to the meeting after her long and serious illness and reported that she was still securing some names for the quilt, but owing to the state of her health would be unable to assume the work of directing the completion of the work. It was moved by Myrtle Paddon, seconded by Mrs. Neil Curtis that Mrs. James Bluemstein assume the convenorship of the work and choose a committee to assist her. Carried.

February 6, 1930 - A report was received re the progress of the Autograph Quilt. More material is needed and it was moved by Mrs. Sam Garton, seconded by Marian Charlton that the convenor be given power to buy the necessary amount to complete the work. Carried. It was decided to write the names on the back of the quilt and it was moved by Myrtle Paddon, seconded by Mrs. Arthur Moore that Mrs. Ralph Heyden be convenor of a committee to write the names and having power to select any help desired. Carried.

April 9, 1930 - The committee in charge of writing the names on the Autograph Quilt with Mrs. Heyden convenor, reported that 26 of the blocks of the 30 were complete but there were no more names. A discussion arose as to plans to finish. It was moved by Mrs. Wm. Legg, seconded by Mrs. S. Herbert that the branch make a real effort to collect the 128 names needed to fill the other four blocks. Carried.

November 12, 1930 - The number of quilt names is finished. Mrs. Legg handing in 7.00, Mrs. Clayton Franklin .90 and Mrs. S. Herbert .20 Miss Paddon said the names were written to date and the rest would soon be finished. Mrs. Bleumstein had the top finished and she is to finish the binding.

December 4, 1930 - Mrs. Jas. Bleumstein asked as to how we would like the quilt quilted. Moved by Miss Myrtle Paddon, seconded by Mrs. Sam Garton that she use her best judgement and we would stand any extra expenses. It was decided to give Mrs. Wm. Legg a chance of obtaining the quilt if she desired it, because of her untiring efforts in seeing it finished.

May 7, 1931 - The Autograph Quilt is not finished owing to the lack of material. Mrs. H. Greenwood offered to send a sample to England so the quilt was laid over until next meeting.

September -no date- 1931 - The Autograph Quilt still lacks material and it was left over.

December -no date- 1931 - The Autograph Quilt is finished and Mrs. James Moore moved and Mrs. Jas. Bleumstein seconded that we display the quilt in St. Thomas and the price to be not less than \$15.00. Carried. Miss Myrtle Paddon to look after the displaying.

January -no date- 1932 - The Qutograph Quilt was displayed and admired. An offer of \$12.00 was made but not accepted. Moved by Mrs. G. Simpson, seconded by Mrs. Jas. Bleumstein that we accept this offer if still good. Carried.

March -no date- 1932 - Considerable time was spent discussing the method of disposing of our Autograph Quilt. Mrs. Jas. Bleumstein and Mrs. Ormand Derrough moved a motion rescinding the motion not to sell tickets. Carried. Mrs. Roy McGregor suggested we sell 100 tickets, at 10¢ each in our own community and Mrs. Bleumstein added 3 tickets for 25¢. Finally Mrs. O. Derrough moved we put tickets on sale to-day and at the next meeting at the above price, seconded by Mrs. Arthur Moore. Carried.

April 7, 1932 - The drawing of the quilt ticket caused some excitement. Mrs. D.O. White drew the ticket making Mrs. John Smith, the owner of the Autograph Quilt. Tickets sold \$6.10. Mrs. John Smith was President.

In the meantime, Mrs. John Smith whose maiden name was Mable Bray has re-married to Mr. Orlando Charlton, so in February, 1960 Mrs. Charlton, big hearted and through friendship and Kinship gave the "Autograph Quilt", to Mrs. Claude Hoover, R.R.#1, Kingsmill, Ontario.

This version has been prepared and translated from August 4, 1927 to February 1960 from the minute books of the Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute, Branch by-

Mrs. W.J. Free,
R.R.#3, Belmont, Ontario.
Secty. Treas. of K.M.W.I.

and written up June 26, 1963 for Mrs. Claude Hoover to attach to the quilt.

Consequently, in the meantime Mrs. Hoover has decided to turn her Autograph Quilt over to the Elgin County Pioneer Museum, St. Thomas, Ont. in November, 1968. Thus, this quilt has been forty-one years reaching its final destination.



Mrs. Claude Hoover

March 5, 1970

During the year many branches of the Women's Institutes in Elgin take advantage of the beautiful surroundings at the Elgin County Pioneer Museum and hold their meetings there.

This is a typical scene showing Mrs. Claude Hoover president of the Kingsmill-Mapleton W. I. at the organ, during a meeting of that branch.