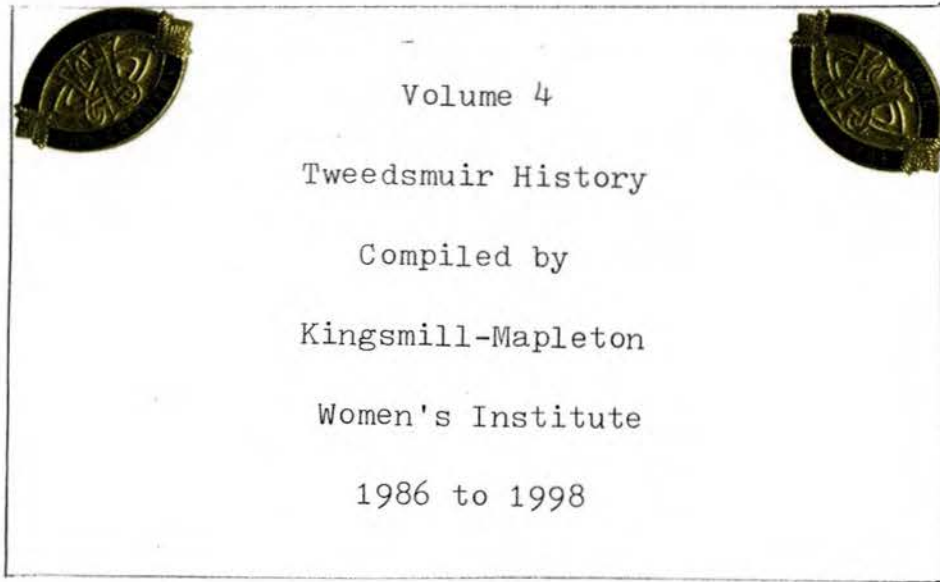




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Become
History of To-morrow



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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



**“An Organization
For Personal Growth
and Community
Action”**

Kingsmill-Mapleton W.I.

installs its new officers

April 1982

by Mrs. Max Zavitz

The Kingsmill Mapleton Women's Institute holds its April meeting at the home of Mrs. Ernest Jenkins. Mrs. Ostrander opened with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Roll Call was the payment of fees.

The planning meeting for 1982-83 programs will be held April 20, 9:30 a.m. at Mrs. David Stover's.

Mrs. Jack Widner reported on our turn at the Tuck Shop at Terrace Lodge in March.

Information concerning Aylmer fair to be given at next meeting.

Mrs. Fuller made the motion to purchase museum tickets.

Mrs. Hiram Jenkin reported on the quilting at achievement day. The new project will be food for four seasons. This is the senior club.

An invitation to Aylmer's Women Institute 80th birthday on May 18, 1982 was read. Afternoon tea is at Aylmer Baptist Church.

Betty VanPatter installed the following officers for 1982-83.

Past Pres. - Mrs. O. Ostrander, President - Mrs. David Stover, First vice-president - Mrs. H. Jenken, Second vice-president - Mrs. Ray Gardiner, Secretary - Mrs. O. Ostrander, Treasurer - Mrs. E. Jenkins, Public Relations - Mrs. Max Zavitz, District Director - Mrs. Russell Lunn, Alternates - Mrs. O. Ostrander, Mrs. Jack Widner, Branch Directors - Mrs. Roy Gardiner, Mrs. Grey Fuller, Mrs. L. Helka, Auditors - Mrs. Russell Lunn, Mrs. Wayne Genitner, Pianist - Mrs. Helen Widner, Mrs. S. Legg.

Committees
Agriculture & Canadian Industries - Mrs. Hazel VanHorne, Citizenship & World Affairs - Mrs. Jack Widner, Family & Consumer Affairs - Mrs. H. Davies, Education & Culture Ac-

tivities - Mrs. G. Fuller, Resolutions - Mrs. L. Helka, Tweedsmuir Curator - Mrs. W.J. Free, Assistant Curator - Mrs. H. Jenken, Scholarship Committee - Mrs. L. Helka, Mrs. Jack Widner, Mrs. O.

Ostrander, Nominating Committee - Mrs. Russell Lunn, Mrs. Edith Stover, Mrs. H. Davies.

Mrs. Van Horne thanked the hostess and lunch committee.

Kingsmill-Mapleton picnic-wiener roast

June 1982

by Mrs. Max Zavitz

Kingsmill Mapleton Women's Institute held its picnic and wiener roast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Helka.

Mrs. H. Jenken and Mrs. Hazel VanHorne were in charge of sports.

Races - Amanda Zavitz, Brenda Kuiack, Trevor Zavitz.

Youngest in attendance - Mark Newell.

Ladies Kick The Slipper - Linda Zavitz, Marje Helka, Eleanor Stover.

Mens Kick The Slipper - David Stover, Roger Stover, Russ Lunn, Grey Fuller.

Blowing Bubbles - Amanda Zavitz.

Closest Birthday to July 8 - Trevor Zavitz, July 7.

Oldest Lady - Mrs. W.J. Free.

Oldest Gent - Grey Fuller. Lucky Spots - Mrs. G. Fuller, David Stover.

Captains Nancy Gardiner and Linda Zavitz headed relays with Linda's team being victorious in both events.

Tossing water balloons proved hilarious. Ella May Ostrander and Nancy Gardiner, Marje Helka and Mrs. W.J. Free were winners.

David Stover took charge of preparing hot dogs over an

open fire. Tea, coffee and cold drinks were served.

The next meeting of K.M.W.I. will be held Sept. 2, 1:30 p.m. at Mrs. Jack Widner's. Make and wear a vegetable hat. It should be very entertaining. Hope to see you there.

The president, Mrs. David Stover welcomed all and held a very short business meeting.

Plans for the reception and tea for Mrs. Ziny Westebring-

Muller, President of A.C.W.W. to be held Saturday, August 7 at Mapleton Church were made. She will be the guest speaker at the 85th anniversary of W.I. in Toronto on August 12. Plans will be finalized on July 20 when we know how many are coming.

Note the change of place for work day for Aylmer Fair to Mrs. Roy Gardiner's, Tuesday, July 20 at 9 a.m. This is for making pies, etc.

Mrs. Zavitz Hostess To K-M Institute

December 3, 1970

The Kingsmill - Mapleton Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Max Zavitz. A tasty turkey dinner was served at 12.30 noon, followed by the meeting at 2 p.m. The meeting opened with singing "Silent Night," followed by the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. The roll call was an exchange of Christmas Baking. The motto "Christmas is the Harvest Time of Love." Rev. Carlyle Husser of Belmont and Harrietsville United Churches was the guest speaker using love as the theme of his message. He used the quotation "Love is the Medicine for the Sickness of the World." Mrs. Keith Hiepleh thanked him with a gift.

Mrs. Hiram Jenken reported the banquet held on November 12 at Elgin Manor.

The supper lunch is served

to be held Friday, March 12 was discussed.

Mrs. Jack Widner, Mrs. Russell Lunn, Mrs. W. H. Free, Mrs. Hiram Jenken, Mrs. Lorne Orris were volunteers to help in the Child Welfare Clinic.

Mrs. Keith Hiepleh gave a report on the Thursday session of the Area Convention held on November 12 and 13 at Central United Church at Stratford, when Dr. Ethel Chapman gave a message on Friendship. Mrs. Jack Widner reported on the Friday session. Mrs. J. C. Jenkins moved a vote of thanks to the delegates for their reports.

Mrs. Russell Lunn thanked the hostess for opening her home for the meeting.

Owing to illness Mrs. Russell Lunn will have the meeting in January in place of Mrs. W. J. Free.

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Kingsmill Women's Institute 1984

by Marjorie Helka

On November 6 at 12 noon, Kingsmill Mapleton Women's Institute were pleased to greet their twin Institute, Shedden, for a dinner at Mapleton Church. The program was in charge of the Public Relations Committee and as each guest pinned on an ear or mouth name tag, they were invited to have a glass of punch and shake hands in a strange way with as many people as possible.

As a smorgasbord dinner was quickly put on the table, some members and visitors gathered around a poster, picturing many ways of communicating, to identify the method of communication.

A special guest, Mrs. Inez Smith, played background organ music until dinner time. The president invited everyone to sing grace and fill their plates for a super delicious meal.

Apples donated by Mrs. Bea Fuller marked each plate and as we ate and chatted we also worked on another contest of scrambled communication words. Everyone received an after dinner candy for their efforts at this contest.

The guests were then invited to go upstairs to listen to favourite songs again played by Mrs. Inez Smith while the dinner tables were cleared.

The meeting continued downstairs with the Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and the roll call-my favourite

method of communication.

The minutes were read and some business was dealt with; very good and interesting reports of the Area Convention at St. Marys were given by Mrs. Eleanor Stover and Mrs. Ella Mae Ostrander. Mrs. Gertrude Davies had prepared a short talk about the flag and the motto which was "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is program. Working together is success."

Mrs. Davies was in the hospital but we were so glad that she had felt well enough to prepare a worthwhile reading before she became ill.

A mixer quiz was conducted at this time.

Each person was to get 15 signatures of others according to instructions on a sheet. As each signature was obtained, a handshake, a hug or other kind of communica-

tion was done.

Next Mrs. Nancy Gardner spoke to us and showed slides to promote the ploughing match.

Pamphlets and pins for the 1985 ploughing match were given out and placemats are available for use. Thank yous were said. A gift of food goodies were given to Mrs. Nancy Gardner and Mrs. Inez Smith.

A rose was presented to Mrs. Gardner, also. The lucky number winner and the November birthday person received plants.

Mrs. Nancy Gardner returned dressed as Elgie so we all got a close look at this great costume. Good-byes were said and I know all enjoyed having the Shedden Women's Institute visit us.

The next meeting is on December 6 at 1:30 at Caresant Care in St. Thomas. Bring your homemade gift.

1984 Annual Meeting

by Joyce Zavitz
The annual meeting of the Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Beatrice Fuller. The motto was: praise is like champagne, it should be served while it is still bubbly. President Eleanor Stover opened the meeting with a poem: Dreams come True.

Marjorie Helka gave the director's report.

The district annual meeting will be held at Yarmouth Centre on May 9.

Note the next meeting will

Our Carrot Dinner

Kingsmill WI 1984

At noon one day recently, 12 ladies of the Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute arrived at the home of Mrs. Ernest Jenkins carrying pots, bowls, and platters.

What was going on? Everyone lined up with plate in hand, and everything on the table was made of carrots, soup, meat pie, huspot, salads, pie, cake, muffins, pudding.

Since everyone was so stuffed, the meeting was held around the table. The president, Mrs. David Stover, read a bicentennial moment from The Times-Journal, which told about women getting the right to vote when Hurst was in power — a man who was a great supporter of women's rights at that time.

Gardening hints were given for the roll call, which turned into quite a chatty discussion of ideas. This was fortunate because it prepared members for a program of spring plant care presented by Mrs. Hazel Vanhorne and Mrs. Gerry Jenkins. Remedies for

lawns, potted plants, rock gardens and all sorts of ideas were given.

Reports were given from the planning of 1984 programs, the museum, and the rally. This Institute sponsored Mrs. David Stover in the Ride for Cancer and will also sponsor her in the upcoming Ride for Heart June 3.

The June meeting will be a cold potluck meal at noon, then a visit to Aylmer Library and Teepees.

be a dinner at Mrs. (Ernest) Madeleine Jenkins at 12:30 p.m. on May 3. Bring a dish made from carrots. Hazel Van Horne will be in charge of program. Roll call is a garden hint.

Mary Pressey, president of Elgin East, installed the officers for the coming year. One of the points she stressed was to bring your hand book to each meeting and also suggested reading a portion at each meeting. Each officer was presented with a blue carnation.

Officers for 1984-85 are as follows: past president - Mae Ostrander; president - Eleanor Stover; 1st vice-president - Geraldine Jenkins; secretary - Madeleine Jenkins; treasurer - Joyce Zavitz; public relations and district director - Marge Helka; alternate district director - Mrs. Ostrander and Helen Widner.

Branch directors - Nancy Gardiner and Bea Fuller; auditors - Mrs. Gardiner, Mrs. Widner; pianist - Mrs. Widner; agriculture and Canadian industries - Mrs. Van Horne; citizenship and world affairs - Mrs. Fuller; family and consumer affairs - Mrs. Gardiner; education and cultural activities - Mrs. Widner; resolutions - Mrs. Ostrander; Tweedsmuir curator - Lenora Free; assistant - Mrs. Jenkins; bursary committee - Mrs. Ostrander, Mrs. VanHorne, Janet Heipleh, Eleanor Stover and Mrs. Zavitz.

Entertaining our Twin WI

Twin Institutes hold smorgasbord 1984

Kingsmill Mapleton Women's Institute was pleased to greet their twin Institute, Shedden, for a dinner at Mapleton Church, Nov. 6 at noon.

The program was the charge of the public relations committee, as each guest pinned on an ear or mouth name tag, they were invited to have a glass of punch and shake hands in a unique way.

A smorgasbord dinner was served as members and visitors gathered around a poster to correctly identify the methods of communication.

A special guest, Mrs.

Inez Smith played background organ music until dinner time.

The President invited everyone to sing grace and fill their plates for a delicious meal. Apples, donated by Mrs. Bee Fuller, marked each place and as members ate they worked on another contest of scrambled communication words. Everyone received an after dinner candy for the efforts at the contest.

The guests were then invited to go upstairs to listen to favourite songs played by Mrs. Inez Smith while the dinner tables were cleared. The meeting continued downstairs with the Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and the roll call, my favourite method of communication.

The minutes were read and some business was dealt with; the area convention at St. Marys was given by Mrs. Eleanor Stover and Mrs. Ella Mae Ostrander.

Mrs. Gertrude Davies prepared a short talk about the flag and the motto which was Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is pro-

gress, working together is success.

Mrs. Davies was reported to be in the hospital but she had prepared a worthwhile reading before she became ill.

A mixer quiz was conducted and each person was to get 15 signatures of others, according to instructions, on a sheet. As each signature was obtained, a handshake, hug or other kind of communication was demonstrated.

Mrs. Nancy Gardner spoke and showed slides to promote the 1985 Flowering Match. Pamphlets and pins for the match were given out and place mats are available for use.

A gift of food goodies was given to Mrs. Nancy Gardner and Mrs. Inez Smith. A rose was also presented to Mrs. Gardner. The lucky number winner and the November birthday person received plants.

Mrs. Nancy Gardner returned dressed as Elgie to allow members a close look at the costume.

The next meeting is Dec. 6, 1:30 p.m. at Caresant Care, St. Thomas.

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NAMED: Mrs. Janet (Keith) Hiepleh of Springfield has been named to the Ontario Bicentennial Advisory Committee for the 1984 celebrations. Mrs. Hiepleh, who is a farmer's wife and president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, joins other prominent Ontarions but is the only member from this area.

1984 Annual Meeting
Meeting



December 5, 1985

Back row: Janet Hiepleh
Ella May Ostrander
Beatrice Fuller
Marj Helka
Nell Bouthoorn
Shirley Lunn
Helen Widner

Seated: Madeleine Jenkins
Geraldine Jenken
Joyce Zavitz

KMWI Meeting held at Madeleine Jenkins' home.

KMWI ANNUAL MEETING
April 2, 1987

Back row: Eleanor Stover
Madeleine Jenkins
Joyce Zavitz
Janet Hiepleh
Marj Helka
Nell Bouthoorn

Seated: Beatrice Fuller
Helen Widner
Geraldine Jenken

Meeting held at the home of Madeleine Jenkins.



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Receives life membership

Mrs. Lenora Free, formerly of RR 1, Belmont, now a resident at Caressant Care, St. Thomas receives her life membership pin from the Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute Vice President, Mrs. Gerry Jenkins and her certificate from Mrs. Janet Hiepleh, past

president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. Mrs. Free, who was curator of the Tweedsmuir book for more than 25 years has been a member of the Institute since 1941 and will celebrate her 93rd birthday in January.— (T-J Photo).



Mrs. Lenora Free at Caressant Care, St. Thomas.

December 1, 1985

She passed away 11 days later, on December 12, 1985.

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K.M.W.I. Members Honour Geraldine Jenken

Photo - Eleanor Stover President K.M.W.I. & Geraldine Jenken

Geraldine Jenken and her husband Hiram live on a farm at R.R.1, Belmont. She joined K.M.W.I. in 1958. She enjoyed having a monthly meeting for the Branch members whenever possible. 4-H Clubs benefitted from her leadership.

Positions held include:

Branch Director	- 1960-61, 1961-62.
2nd Vice-President	- 1962-63, 1963-64, 1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72.
1st Vice-President	- 1964-65, 1965-66, 1971-72, 1972-73, 1976-77, 1982-83, 1983-84.
President	- 1966-67, 1967-68, 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80
Alternate District Dir.	- 1964-65, 1965-66, 1972-73, 1974-75, 1975-76, 1978-79, 1980-81, 1981-82.
District Director	- 1968-69, 1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1976-77, 1979-80.
2nd Vice-President	- 1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76.
Historical Research &	- 1961-62, 1962-63, 1963-64.
Current events Convenor	
Home Economic & Health-	1965-66.
Membership	1974-75.
Tweedsmuir History Ass't	1979-80, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84.
Tweedsmuir History Curator	1978-79.

Congratulations Geraldine!

K.M.W.I. is proud to present you with a Branch Life Membership.

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Kingsmill W.I.

by M. Helka

On January 3, 1985, Kingsmill Mapleton Women's Institute ladies met at the home of Mrs. Grey Fuller. We were looking forward to seeing dresses (and clothes) of earlier days. Some arrived wearing early-day dresses.

Mrs. David Stover opened the meeting with the Institute Ode, the Mary Stewart Collect, and a very fitting poem, called The New Year. Nine members answered the roll call telling about bicentennial celebrations each had attended through the past year.

The minutes were read and approved. If anyone wishes to order an Ontario Institute scarf, it must be ordered by January 25. The craft for Erland Lee must be in by June 3.

This Institute will be helping at Terrace Lodge tuck shop again this year. The Valentine Tea at Terrace Lodge is on February 9.

Mrs. Grey Fuller was in charge of the meeting. The Tweedsmuir Books were on display.

Mrs. Fuller read a selection about a lady remembering

her Christmases through the year. Everyone enjoyed this immensely!

Various kinds of hats were on display. Some ladies wore or took fashions of early days and each told the history of what they had brought. Lunch was enjoyed; it too, had some early day aspects, for example, generous sized sandwiches.

A survey questionnaire for the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario was answered. Plans were made for the winter picnic program in February. The next meeting is on February 7 at the home of Mrs. Max Zavitz.

June 1984

Kingsmill-Mapleton WI

Kingsmill Mapleton Women's Institute was out for lunch again in June, this time a quick, cold, potluck lunch since two very interesting things were planned.

The program motto was "If you see a fellow without a smile, give him one of yours." The president, Mrs. Eleanor Stover, read Helen Steiner Rice's poem, "There's Sunshine In A Smile". For the roll call, some amusing episodes of early transportation were told. The report of the district meeting was read by Mrs. Marjorie Helka.

The remaining part of the afternoon was spent browsing through the Aylmer library, which is a bright and cheerful place to spend some time,

and a visit to Teeple's where many interesting and unusual gifts and crafts were on display.

Plans were made to sponsor a contestant for the Aylmer Fair Queen. Rosemary VanBommel will compete. Some of the members helped at the Bee Social at the museum and attended the scholarship meeting.

South Dorchester Council is planning a bicentennial celebration July 20. The Group has been asked to enter a display to illustrate institute work.

It hopes to have its Tweedsmuir History on display, besides 4-H reports, the fair queen contestant, and some of the people who have been recipients of the Kingsmill Mapleton W.I. bursaries.

by M. Helka

On April 4, 1985, the annual meeting of Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Lewis Helka.

This is the meeting when the activities of the whole year are reported and recorded and sent on to the District level of the Institute. Then officers and convenors, as prepared by the nominating committee, are installed.

Our guest, Mrs. Robert VanPatter, was present and had the honour of performing the installation ceremonies for the people for 1985 and 1986.

The regular meeting was begun with the Mary Stewart Collect, the Institute Ode, and a minute of silence for Mrs.

The meeting was then turned over to the former president Mrs. David Stover, to finish the regular April meeting. Business and Correspondence were completed: Museum tickets were purchased; a plant had been sent to the funeral of Mrs. Legg; a letter from the District Secretary gave details and programs for the District Annual Meeting in May.

The bus trip to Erland Lee on June 3 is \$10. Crafts must be taken that day.

The new president, Mrs. Hiram Jenkin decided on a day for planning next year's programmes. That is April 22 at 7 p.m.

The May meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Tom Bouthoorn on May 7 at 1:30 p.m.

Sam Legg who had passed way.

The roll call consisted of payment of membership fees and then the minutes were reported. Correspondence was dealt with and the report of the East Elgin District meeting will be given in full next meeting.

The annual meeting was begun with the reading of the minutes of the 1984 April meeting, treasurer's report, and the reports of each of the committee's 1984 activities.

All officers were declared vacant and Mrs. Robert VanPatter began the installation ceremonies with Mrs. Ernest Jenkins acting as secretary for this part of the meeting.

The officer's and committee convenors are as follows:

The officers are:
Past President, Mrs. David Stover; President, Mrs. Hiram Jenkin; First Vice-President, Mrs. Jack Widner; Secretary, Mrs. Ernest Jenkins; Treasurer, Mrs. Max Zavitz; Public Relations, Mrs. Lewis Helka; District Director, Mrs. David Stover; Alternate District Directors, Mrs. Jack Widner and Mrs. Lewis Helberg; Branch Directors, Mrs. Roy Gardner, Mrs. Greg Fuller and Mrs. Thomas Bouthoorn.

The convenors of Standing Committees are:

Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. Keith Heipleh; Citizenship and World Affairs, Mrs. Greg Fuller; Family and Consumer Affairs, Mrs. Russell Lunn; Education and Cultural Activities, Mrs. Jack Widner; Resolutions, Mrs. Orrie Ostrander.

Tweedsmuir Curator and assistant, Mrs. David Stover and Mrs. Tom Bouthoorn; Nominating Committee, Mrs. Ray Gardner and Bursary Committee, Mrs. Hazel Van Horne, Mrs. Max Zavitz, Mrs. David Stover, Mrs. Hiram Jenkin and Mrs. Keith Heipleh; Delegates to Area Convention, Mrs. Hiram Jenkin, Alternate, Mrs. Ernest Jenkins; Delegates to District Conventions, Mrs. David Stover, Mrs. Hiram Jenkin and Mrs. Ernest Jenkins; Auditors, Mrs. Ray Gardner and Mrs. Tom Bouthoorn.

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by M. Helkaa

The Kingsmill Mapleton Women's Institute have made a strong beginning for 1986. The January meeting at Mrs. Ralph Stover's home emphasized the need to record events and changes for history which this Institute does diligently.

There was a work meeting at the home of Mrs. Max Zavitz to prepare for the Winter Picnic. This meeting on February 6 is important for all kinds of "heart" information. Mrs. Grey Fuller opened her home for this meeting of Family and Consumer Affairs.

The meeting opened with Mrs. Hiram Jenken presiding and reading a poem "Come Walk With Me." The Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect were read in unison. Members and several visitors answered the roll call naming health rules for the human heart. The minutes were approved and from the business here are some things to remember:

Smocking Display, March 25, 7:00-9:00 at the Labour Centre.

Membership fees for 1986 will be \$4.00.

Winter Picnic at noon February 26 at Yarmouth Centre Church.

March 3, Board Meeting at 1:30 at Terrace Lodge.

March 22, Farm Safety for

Women at Ellis Farm Equipment 9:30-3:30.

May 7, District Annual at Aylmer Baptist Church.

The Twesdsmuir (History) Books are being checked and copies will be placed in the Township Office, Western University, Belmont Library, Aylmer Library and the Elgin County Library.

Mrs. Russell Lunn, convener for this meeting, had to leave for work at the tobacco factory so Mrs. Grey Fuller introduced the guest speakers in her usual friendly and personable manner. Mrs. Stuart Phoenix was the speaker and she spoke about Hearts. I think she touched on every aspect of hearts: valentines, love, history, medical, sayings, Biblical usages, modern medical advances.

This was most interesting to hear and realize how the heart has been the centre of our lives in many ways. Stout hearts, broken heart, take heart, spoken from the heart, loving hearts, artificial heart, heart attack and more. Everyone thought this was a very special February topic.

Mr. Grey Fuller had had eye surgery and was presented with an amaryllis plant.

A poem about the Plaint of Rural Correspondent was read by me, who must always "go home from a meeting and write it down." True!

As lunch was served more talk went on about the winter picnic, maps of our area, collecting obituary notices for family history, plans to teach some simple crafts at a school. More community work and history is hoped to be done.

There are many places where human help is needed and change is needed. More members and interested women are needed. Come and help us. The next meeting is on March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Hiram Jenken.

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Kingsmill-Mapleton 1986

by M. Helkaa

On the windy evening of May 1, the Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Agnes Vanrooijen.

Mrs. Helen Widner, vice president, was presiding. The first part of the meeting started with the Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and a roll call of recipes of our Mothers. The minutes, financial report, and standing committee reports were given.

The Rally meeting report showed the results of the International Plowing Match projects, safety poster plans, Agriculture in the Schools plans, car caravan plans, and plans to donate money to help finance the school kits.

An invitation to attend Corinth's sixtieth anniversary on June 25 was read.

The program part of the meeting was opened with a poem read by Mrs. Helen Widner. The meeting was the Public Relations meeting and since Mother's Day was in May, women as people and mothers were featured. Poems were read.

The theme was "You are tremendously significant-Women and Mothers". The motto-Teach us to put forward our better impulses straightforward and unafraid.

Our culture seems to emphasize action-oriented people and put down the ones who are quietly creative and aware, helping to make the action happen. The Women's Institute is an excellent example of power that women can possess. Women can use their own personal power rightly and creatively and it will work.

Everyone lit a candle. This signified that like candles, men and women accomplish great things easily if first time is taken to let the ideas come, think, and just "be". Then the action part is easy.

Turning to articles in the Home and Country magazine, it was noted that women have already been involved in the thinking and creative talking to look to the future of Women's Institutes and to streamline the structure and assess their beliefs. This organization is in a creative suspension and now is ready to begin putting their ideas for the future into action and be known as an educational organization for personal growth and community action. Uncertainty is present but that is necessary in any challenge to the future.

The meeting ended with collection and a delicious lunch.

Next month the meeting is at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Janet Hiepleh.

J. H.

Kingsmill-Mapleton WI

by M. Helka

On April 3, 1986, at 1:30 p.m., the Kingsmill Mapleton Woman's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Max Zavitz for its annual and monthly meeting.

The President, Mrs. Hiram Jenken, opened the meeting with a reading that reminded us all that none of us is independent, even Robinson Crusoe had a wrecked ship to help him. The roll call was answered by payment of dues. Two ladies were added to the roll. Reports were given of the board meeting and the smocking course.

From the annual meeting the officers for 1986-87 are as follows:

Past president Mrs. David Stover; president Mrs. Hiram Jenken; first vice president Mrs. Jack Widner; secretary Mrs. Ernest Jenkins; treasurer Mrs. Max Zavitz; public relations Mrs. Lewis Helka; district director Mrs. David Stover; alternate district director Mrs. Lewis Helka and Mrs. Jack Widner; branch directors Mrs. Roy Gardner, Mrs. Grey Filler, Mrs. Tom Bouthoorn.

Committees are: agriculture and Canadian industries Mrs. Keith Hiepleh; citizen and world affairs Mrs. Grey Fuller; family and consumer affairs Mrs. Russell Lunn; education and cultural activities Mrs. Jack Widner;

resolutions Mrs. Orrie Ostrander; Tweedsmuir curator Mrs. David Stover; assistant curator Mrs. Tom Bouthoorn; nominating committee Mrs. Ralph Stover, Mrs. Tom Bouthoorn and Mrs. Agnes Vanrooijen;

Bursary committee: Mrs. Max Zavitz, Mrs. David Stover, Mrs. Nancy Gardner, Mrs. Hiram Jenken and Mrs. Keith Hiepleh; auditors Mrs. Roy Gardener and Mrs. Tom Bouthoorn; delegate to area Mrs. Hiram Jenken; alternate delegate Mrs. Ernest Jenkins; delegates to district Mrs. David Stover, Mrs. Hiram Jenken and Mrs. Ernest Jenkins.

The installation ceremony with the presentation of a flower and the taking of pictures ended the annual meeting.

Reminders from the new business: microwave courses are offered in May; the District Annual is on May 7 in Aylmer Baptist Church; the agriculture museum at Milton has special tours and displays; this is the year of peace; London area convention is October 16 and 17.

A planning meeting is scheduled for April 17 at 9:00 a.m. The May meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Agnes Vanrooijen at 7:30 pm on May 1.

Kingsmill-Mapleton WI 1986

by M. Helka

On the afternoon of September 4 at the home of Mrs. Ernest Jenkins, a large group of Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute met.

The motto was suitable for a Resolutions meeting, "Action in our community begins with you." The Resolutions convener, Mrs. Orrie Ostrander, chose Mrs. Keith Hiepleh, the Provincial Resolutions convener, as speaker.

Mrs. Hiepleh gave the group first hand information as she told of her work in handling, researching and editing resolutions; how records and information were being improved, updated and sped up; about the communication, correspondence and co-operation that takes place between the Government Ministers and Provincial Institute Conveners.

To illustrate part of the procedure, she gave everyone a resolution to edit. Very effective work is done at this level. This is where the resolution starts to work and show results immediately if it is passed.

Reminders for this fall: October 5, Car Caravan Tour from Elgin Mall; October 7, Rally Night at Southwold School at 7:30 pm; October 25

Rally Meeting at the Museum—Safety Awards; October 16, 17 Area Convention—London.

1986 Bursary Winners have been chosen.

Upcoming events are in the planning stage including this Institute's 80th birthday in 1987.

The next meeting is at Mrs. Jack Widner's home on October 2.

Kingsmill - 1986 Mapleton WI

by M. Helkaa

At 7:30 on October 2 at the home of Mrs. Helen Widner, the educational and cultural activities meeting of the Kingsmill Mapleton Women's Institute was held.

The 4-H organization is an educational club for young people and in the summer there is a special trip for some of them. Michael Stover showed slides of his 1985 trip to Alberta and spent time telling of many interesting events and his experiences living with an Albertan family. These trips are great experiences for young people. Thanks, Michael, for telling about your fun and experiences with the student exchange.

The motto for the meeting was "Spend time learning and yearning."

An adult course about short order meals is coming up and anyone can sign up for this.

At the Rally meeting on October 25 at the Museum in St. Thomas, Safety Poster awards will be given.

The museum meeting will be on November 7. The burseries from this institute are to be presented on October 24 at East Elgin Secondary School.

The next meeting of the Kingsmill Mapleton Institute will be on November 6 at 1:30 in the Belmont Public Library.

Kingsmill-Mapleton WI 1986

by M. Helkaa

On November 6, Kingsmill Mapleton Women's Institute met for their monthly meeting at the Belmont Public Library.

This organization is looking forward to: seeing their history books displayed in Belmont Library; having their big 80th birthday celebration next February; encouraging women from this area to join their group, Women Involved in Women's Concerns and Societies Concerns is the way to get action and needed improvements. It's great to have new members helping; sorry some of our members have been hospitalized; we need them all the time.

It was with pleasure this institute presented Roger Kipp and Deb Vanlingen with burseries. The 4-H members are still active. The Food Fare Achievement Day was November 25 at East Elgin Secondary School. The Course coming up is Surviving in Style. Two reports were given,

the Rally report and the convention. A workshop is planned for February.

This meeting was the history meeting and Mrs. David Stover was the convenor. People brought antique home equipment and told of interesting ways it was put to use. This was most interesting for a roll call.

Old newspaper found in hidden away places provide much interest and fun reading. People love to discuss these and I'm sure many people have clippings, papers, scrapbooks, etc. that should be preserved in local regional history storage places like the University of Western Ontario.

It was great to have visitors at the meeting. Anyone is welcome any time. This meeting was special as it was held in the basement of Belmont Public Library - a beautiful spot in Belmont. Lunch was enjoyed by all.

The December meeting is a potluck dinner at 12:30 at the home of Mrs. Max Zavitz.

Kingsmill and Mapleton WI

In the afternoon of January 5 at the home of Mrs. Ralph Stover, the Kingsmill Mapleton Women's Institute began 1987 with much planning for the next three months. The very capable president, Mrs. Hiram Jenkins presided. Minutes, reports and correspondence were dealt with.

The ninetieth anniversary of Ontario Women's Institute is being celebrated at North Bay on July 6, 7, 8, 9. This is interesting because this Institute celebrates its eightieth birthday of February

5 of this year from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Mapleton Church of Christ Disciples. Members will be setting up preparations for this special day on the previous afternoon. It is hoped the weather cooperates and there are many guests.

Also this Institute made plans to help with the program of the Winter Picnic on February 25 at Sparta United Church.

The next meeting is the birthday of Kingsmill Mapleton Women's Institute - February 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Kingsmill-Mapleton WI celebrates 80th birthday

1987

by M. Helkaa

Greetings poured in and people streamed into the basement of the church at Mapleton's Church of Christ's Disciple's on the afternoon of February 5 to help celebrate the eightieth birthday of the Kingsmill Mapleton Women's Institute.

The basement was decorated with flowers, balloons, blue and gold table decorations and streamers. Guests were greeted by the president, Mrs. Geraldine Jenken and the secretary, Mrs. Madeline Jenkins.

Members of surrounding

Institutes were there as well as representatives from East Elgin, London Area, the Rally, also the Provincial Board Director, Mrs. Betty Van Patter. Reverend and Mrs. Knutson welcomed everyone to the church. Beautiful quilts for the London Children's Hospital were on display.

In the midst of all this festive atmosphere was a lady from Ireland - at least she had been to Ireland and had come back bringing a "wee bit o' Ireland wi' her." Mrs. Isobel Lamb had attended the World Convention (ACWW). She told us of some of her special memories and we saw many photographs, souvenirs and little tokens of friendship that the Irish women shared with their visitors.

Mrs. Louise Smith sang two beautiful solos, one of which was an Irish favourite. Mrs. Inez Smith played for the solos and also provided background music during the afternoon. These three ladies, Isobel, Louise and Inez made the afternoon very special.

Since this day was an historic event, Mrs. Helen Widner read a short report of highlights of this Institute over the years.

Lunch was served-fancy sandwiches and birthday cake with dessert and tea.

So Happy Birthday, Kingsmill Mapleton Women's Institute, just ten years behind the provincial one!

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Wish to invite our friends
of St. Andrews

80th Anniversary Tea

February 5, 1987

Mapleton Church

2 o'clock