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Dear Institute Members

Thinking of you
And wishing you happiness
at Christmas time
and all through the year

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Mrs. Geraldine Jenken, President of Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute and Mrs. Janet Hiepleh, Secretary of Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute view the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario Bicentennial Quilt at the Exeter Community Centre. Every County in Ontario contributed a quilt block representative of its County. A Women's Institute member in each County quilted its block.

April 6, 1991



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K.M.W.I. Members Honour Eleanor Stover & Madeleine Jenkins

Eleanor Stover and her husband David live at R.R.7, Aylmer. During her youth she became a 4-H club member. Interest in 4-H led her to become a dedicated 4-H leader for many years, with many meetings held in her large house. In April 1963 Eleanor joined Kingsmill-Mapleton W.I.

Positions held include:

Nominating	- 1967-68, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78.
Branch Director	- 1970-71, 1971-72, 1980-81.
Family & Consumer Affairs Covenor	- 1971-72, 1972-73, 1973-74, 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80.
2nd Vice-President	- 1972-73.
1st Vice-President	- 1973-74, 1979-80, 1980-81, 1981-82.
President	- 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85.
District Director	- 1977-78, 1978-79, 1985-86, 1986-87.
Alternate District Dir.	- 1979-80.
Bursary	- 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88.
Tweedsmuir H. Curator	- 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1991-92.
Program Auditor	- 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91.
Auditor	- 1989-90, 1990-91, 1991-92.
Elgin East District W.I. Convenor Ag. & Can. Ind.	- 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81.

Madeleine Jenkins and her husband Ernest live at R.R.1, Belmont on a farm. She is enthusiastic concerning W.I. and regularly holds meetings.

Positions held include:

Assistant PRO.	- 1965-66, 1966-67.
Sec-Treas.	- 1966-67, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78.
Alternate District Dir.	- 1968-69, 1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78, 1988-89.
Home Economics & Health Ag. & Can. Ind.	- 1968-69, 1969-70, 1970-71.
Branch Director	- 1971-72, 1972-73.
Citizenship & World Aff.	- 1972-73, 1974-75.
Nominating	- 1973-74, 1974-75.
1st Vice-President	- 1976-77, 1977-78, 1978-79.
President	- 1977-78.
District Director	- 1978-79, 1979-80, 1989-90, 1990-91.
Assistant Sec.-treas.	- 1980-81, 1981-82.
Treasurer	- 1981-82.
Secretary	- 1982-83, 1983-84.
Bursary	- 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88, 1988-89.
Elgin East District W.I. President	- 1989-90, 1990-91, 1991-92.

In August 1964 Madeleine joined Kingsmill-Mapleton W.I.

K.M.W.I. is proud to present Branch Life Membership to Eleanor Stover & Madeleine Jenkins. Congratulations Eleanor! Congratulations Madeleine!

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Mrs. Eleanor Stover receives her Women's Institute Life Membership Badge from Mrs. Geraldine Jenken, President, Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute. Photo taken in the sunporch of Janet Hiepleh's home.

September 5, 1991

(Left to right: Madeleine Jenkins, Eleanor Stover and Geraldine Jenken)

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Mrs. Madeleine Jenkins receives her Women's Institute Life Membership Badge from Mrs. Betty Van Patter, President, Elgin County Women's Institute Rally. Photo taken in the sunporch of Janet Hiepleh's home.

September 5, 1991

(Left to right: Madeleine Jenkins, Eleanor Stover and

Kingsmill-Mapleton W.I.

by Helen Widner

The fall meetings of the Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute have been very interesting.

September found us at the

home of Janet Hiepleh for a delicious pot luck supper.

There were 18 present including several guests.

Roll call was a "Thought on the Netherlands," and our motto was "Get in touch with the Dutch."

Agnes Van Rooijen and Nell Boothhoorn, former residents of the Netherlands, brought us some very interesting facts about their homeland.

Also during the meeting two of our members, Eleanor Stover and Madaliene Jenkins, were presented with their Life Memberships.

In October we met at the home of Agnes Van Rooijen. Donna Lunn was our guest speaker and spoke on the Agricultural Crisis.

There is much increased stress as the input is up and prices are down.

There is much discussion on the environment and it seems the quality of farm life is rapidly deteriorating.

Plans are underway for the 85th anniversary of the Kingsmill-Mapleton branch which will be held on Thursday, February 6 at the Mapleton Church.

Dates to remember are October 22, Rally Social at

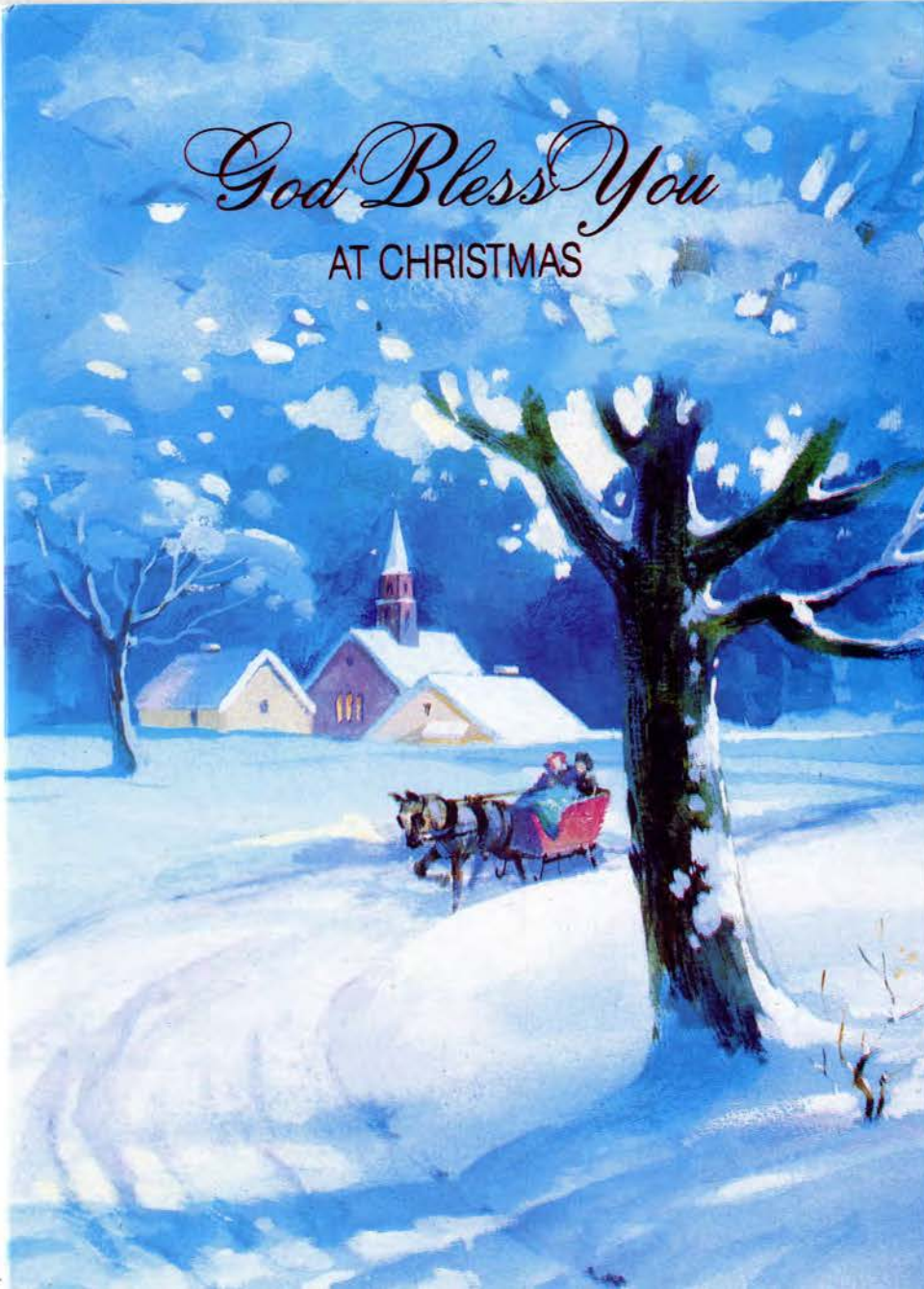
Fingal United Church at 7:30; November 2, Rally meeting at the Pioneer Musuem at 1:30, with safety awards presented at 2:30. Bread course for leaders on November 19 at Yarmouth Centre United Church, Coffee Break at the Museum December 6 from 9-11:30, with Sparta and North Yarmouth responsible for the kitchen.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Eleanor Stover on Tuesday, November 5 at 7:30.

Everyone is invited and your will be given a warm welcome.

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God Bless You
AT CHRISTMAS



Dear Ladies of F. M. W. S.

May this special holy season
Re-ignite and re-new
God's loving Christmas message
Deep within the heart of you
That the reason we have Christmas
And the reason for Christ's birth
Was to send God's love to restore
A hurting, needful earth . . .

Wishing You Peace, Love, Joy

Seasons Greetings And
Best Wishes for All, for
Good Health and Happiness
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Left to right: Mrs. Grace Manning and Mrs. Marjorie Carter
preside at the registration desk for the 85th Anniversary
celebration of Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute at
Mapleton Church of Christ Disciples. At bottom: the tea
room awaits the arrival of guests.

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Left to right: Mrs. Bea Fuller and Mrs. Geraldine Jenken cut the Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute 85th Anniversary cake at Mapleton Church of Christ Disciples.

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85th Anniversary of Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute

Front row: Helen Widner, P.R.O.; Geraldine Jenken, Pres.;
Bea Fuller, Director; Nell Bouthoorn, 1st Vice-President;
Robina Finch, helper.

Middle row: Aletha Bradt, song leader; Joyce Zavitz,
Program co-ordinator; Marjorie Carter, registrar;
Madeleine Jenkins, Past Pres.; Janet Hiepleh, Sec.;
Margaret McNeil, helper.

Back row: Florence Stover, helper; Eleanor Stover,
Tweedsmuir History Curator; Agnes VanRooijen, Treas.;
Grace Manning, Director; Jean Hunt, pianist.

Photo taken in Mapleton Church of Christ Disciples.

February 6, 1992

MAPLETON CHURCH OF CHRIST DISCIPLESThursday, February 6, 1992, 1:30 p.m.THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ODE
(Auld Lang Syne)

A goodly thing it is to meet
 In Friendship's circle bright,
 Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet
 Nor dims the radiant light.
 No unkind word our lips shall pass,
 No envy sour the mind,
 But each shall seek the common weal,
 The good of all mankind.

THE MARY STEWART COLLECT

Keep us O Lord from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word and deed.
 Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self-seeking.
 May we put away all pretence and meet each other face to face, without self
 pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous.
 Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle.
 Teach us to put into action our better impulses straight forward and unafraid.
 Grant that we may realize that it is the the little things that create
 differences; that in the big things of life we are one.
 And may we strive to touch and know the great human heart common to us all,
 And O Lord God let us not forget to be kind.

THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE GRACE
(Praise God)

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.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CAROL
(Auld Lang Syne)

A golden chain of kindred minds extends from sea to sea,
And links the thousands, each to each, in Canada the free.
In union there is strength, 'tis said- divided we are weak;
So wife and mother, daughter, maid, each other's welfare seek.
From household worries, cares and toils as sisters now we meet
To strengthen, hearten and assist with mutual counsel sweet;
For common weal our hands are joined, we work with might and main.
Let each for all, and all for each our watchword still remain.

THE FLEA SONG
(Battle Hymn)

As one flea fly flew up the flue, the other flea fly flew down.
As one flea fly flew up the flue, the other flea fly flew down.
As one flea fly flew up the flue, the other flea fly flew down.
As one flea fly flew up the flue, the other flea fly flew down.
Glory, glory how peculiar, glory glory how peculiar,
As one flea fly flew up the flue, the other flea fly flew down.

ADVERTISE
(Auld Lang Syne)

On mules we find two legs behind and two we find before,
We stand behind before we find what the two behind are for,
When we're behind the two behind we find what these be for,
So stand before the two behind, behind the two before.

THANK YOU LORD
(Edelweiss)

Thank you, Lord, on this day, for our many good blessings.
Thank you, Lord, on this day, for our many close friendships.
Glory to God, may we hear our prayer, guide us on forever.
Thank you, Lord, on this day, for our blessings and friendships.

HAPPY 85th ANNIVERSARY KINGSMILL-MAPLETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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85th ANNIVERSARY OF KINGSMILL-MAPLETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTEMAPLETON CHURCH OF CHRIST DISCIPLESThursday, February 6, 1992, 1:30 p.m.

Welcome to the 85th Anniversary celebration of Kingsmill-Mapleton W.I. This branch was organized just 10 years after the first formal organization of a W.I. was made possible by Mr. Erland Lee and his wife Janet, along with the encouragement of Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, February 19, 1897, at Stoney Creek, Ontario. The first branch was originally known as Stoney Creek W.I.; and later on May 9, 1978, by Ontario Regulation 352/78, the branch was renamed Stoney Creek Charter Women's Institute.

Regardless of race, creed or political beliefs all women are welcome to our meetings. Upon payment of a small yearly fee, a huge network opens up for that person, connecting her to District, County, Area, Provincial, National and world levels in 76 countries with more than 9 million women.

Since the Women's Institute is an organization for community action and personal growth, it encourages women to expand their outlook and learn to extend their influence as a motivating force in today's world.

- at our monthly meetings we collect Pennies for Friendship for the purpose of financing the operation of our ACWW. A major project for ACWW has been Clean Water For All. Did you know that 9 children out of 10 born will be born in 3rd world countries? The 1 child will consume 6 times the food of the 9 children in the 3rd world countries. We need to rethink and reshape society today or there will be no tomorrow.

- at National level, one recent project was to bring from Malaysia, to the Coady Institute in Nova Scotia, a candidate to study Community Development, and upon return to her country assist her people.

- in Ontario, FWIO has encouraged our members and the public to become involved in the 3R's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Did you know that the Recycling Council of Ontario in 1991, granted their coveted award to FWIO as exemplifying the organization which has done the most to influence public action with regard to waste management and recycling? Congratulations!

- at Area, County, District and local levels many various Scholarships are awarded to students who are going to further their education.

- Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute members are pleased to present for you a glimpse at some of our activities and achievements to make this a better community in which to live.

**** Sing: Women's Institute Carol

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It was on February 9th, 1907, a branch of the Women's Institute was organized south of Mapleton at the home of Mr. & Mrs. John Brodie. It was first known as the Mapleton W.I. The government speaker was Mrs. Isaac Pritchard of Aylmer, who demonstrated the proper way of changing a patient's bed. In the early years the sick were cared for in the homes and this special feature for the program was most appropriate. Just down the road at the school house the men folk were enjoying the Farmer's Institute.

(2 members seated at the table with cards- The Brodie home, sign Mapleton W.I.)

Between 1907 and 1914 good meetings were held in the homes and good works were carried out in the community. Flowers and food were sent to the sick; quilts, clothing and fuel provided for the needy. Rapid growth and extension of the territory resulted in a name change to Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute in 1912.

(change sign to show Kingsmill-Mapleton W.I.) Madeleine Jenkins

Early minutes were recorded in a proper Minute book. Listen now as the minutes of November 3, 1914 are read. Helen Widner

During the war years 1914-1918, our women were ready and willing 'to do their bit'. The stirring patriotism and valiant courage of these women never lagged through all these trying years. They arose to the occasion then as women of all countries and ages have done in times of war. Our motto "For Home and Country" inspired the members to raise funds for war work through concerts, food sales and contributions. The Red Cross gave them an avenue to function systemically. By 1915 they were giving recipes for eggless, milkless & butterless cakes; special meetings were held to make up boxes of clothing for overseas, and other needed articles.

(members begin to pack a box, towels, sheets, socks, handkerchiefs, pillow slips, wash cloths, etc. A member asks how many articles have been packed? The reply to-day June 3, 1915 - we have 96 towels, 18 sheets, 4 pair socks, 35 handkerchiefs, 1 pair pillow slips; the wash cloths will go in the August shipment, along with the soldier's outfit - be sure to put in the sleeping cap) Joyce Zavitz, Madeleine Jenkins & Agnes VanRooijen

In 1918 the Institute decided to accept the condition of the Red Cross Society in establishing a canning centre for the preservation of surplus fruit and vegetables, chicken, etc. This huge task was carried out in Mr. Brodie's butter room.

(a member brings in a kettle, several jars of preserves and begins talking to another member. I am grateful for the contributions from Sparta, Luton,

(a member comes in with a kettle, several jars of preserves and begins speaking to another member, stating how grateful she is to the branches for their contributions, Sparta, Luton, Middlemarch, Salem, Lyons, Rodney, Belmont and Harrietsville. Together with the untiring efforts of the committee and helpers the contribution of the Mapleton Canning Centre for overseas was: 6313 cans or 18,939 pounds of canned fruit, vegetables, chicken, etc. which was valued at \$4,081.60). Nell Bouthoorn & Grace Manning

Garden parties helped to increase the funds for the war effort. The first garden party was held in Kingsmill at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Ashton, in 1916, August 11, and raised \$53.26.

After the war the people had to adjust themselves to peace and looked to the W.I. for self-improvement and inspiration. Thus it was in 1930 that the first Sunday Outdoor Service was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Moore. This service continued to be a yearly event at various locations, including one here in this church in 1950. The minutes record that in 1933 there was an attendance of 325 at the Service. Collection \$13.06; expenses included \$5.30 for programs, \$2.00 for the speaker and \$1.00 for trucking, leaving a balance of \$4.76. This particular time in history was during the Great Depression. Let us now hear what was happening in various parts of Canada:

- "Our Only Claim To Fame" page 78 Helen Widner
- "Bags of Bread and Crumbs" page 87 Ella May Ostrander *ABSENT*
- "We Ate Not Too Bad" page 217 ← Eleanor Stover

From 1934-1939, Miss Bessie McDermand was appointed Superintendent of Ontario Women's Institutes. She devoted her energies to raise the standards of home-making to the highest level. She looked upon home-making as a science and the Women's Institute as a means of furthering adult education in all that would assist women in the noble field of home-making. Local leaders training schools for members appointed as leaders were established, and the leaders in turn were to conduct study groups at the local level. Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute always ready to improve in knowledge took advantage of this opportunity and sent leaders to the training school. The courses created a new joy in home-making and a desire for further knowledge. The girls were also provided with a Junior Home Makers Club.

- ****Aletha Bradt sings
- ****Sing: The Flea Song
- ****Sing: Advertise *J.A.*

Then followed the 2nd World War. From the beginning of this terrible war, the Women's Institute arose to the occasion and never lagged for 6 long trying years. Gerry Jenken (a member speaks about the sewing, knitting, sending food and comforts to the boys overseas. The Red Cross set up a branch in Aylmer and from there supplies could be picked up. To the credit of Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute by the end of the war, the women had made 331 large quilts, 64 crib quilts, 314 articles of sewing, 1237 articles of knitting, 520 lbs of jam, marmalade.& jelly, along with 1000 lbs. of honey)

The tie to overseas remains to-day in our branch. In 1948, the Blackdown Women's Institute at Broad-Windsor, Dorset, England, was adopted and since then we have maintained a yearly contact with our English Women's Institute. A yearly calendar arrives just before Christmas and this calendar is brought to the meetings. On the back of each month a recipe can be found. To read for you the February recipe "Candied Oranges Grand Marnier" is

It is time now to go for a drive in the country with Martha and Mary and contemplatethe changing countryside. (a member reads The Clothesline) page 187 - Humanities in Homespun). Madeleine Jenkins

Let us now turn our attention to recent activities undertaken by our members from the '60's forward. Leadership skills have been developed by many women and here are two active members who will inform you about their involvement with youth and adults. Gerry Jenken & Eleanor Stover

Besides local work accomplished, our Branch has been active in Aylmer Fair activities. (2 members relate happy times preparing the meals for Aylmer Fair...making pies ahead of time...planting tomatoes in a garden to be used at Fair time....money raised bursary established.. entering Queen contest.....working with W.I. display at the Fair.... benefits derived from working together).Elgin Manor & Terrace Lodge work.
Helen Widner & Agnes VanRooijen

Another activity of our branch has been the Tweedsmuir History. Here is our curator to relate a bit about this part of our work in preserving the community history. Relate the happy events of hosting the world President in 1982 here in the Mapleton Church. Eleanor Stover

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Yes, the members here in the Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute have certainly given of their time and talents to the community, and at the same time have developed their own leadership skills by serving others. We enjoy having fun and being entertained. The District Winter picnic held annually since 1934 (the first picnic was held at the Aylmer Baptist Church) has provided an avenue for members to meet for fellowship, fun and a day out as the winter season draws to a close and we know that spring will soon be here once again.

Our 85th Anniversary celebration has given us an opportunity to pause briefly and take a look at the past endeavours of our various members. From this glimpse we have been given assurance that our branch has been built on a strong foundation. Although each Women's Institute generation has been raised in a different environment, the common thread running throughout, has been of women with deep concerns and compassion for the needy, women interested in their neighbours and believing the best of them, taking time to encourage the young people and always reaching out and giving to the community. Country life may be different now but the Women's Institute member is proud to stand up FOR HOME AND COUNTRY.

**** Sing: Thank You Lord.

**** Aletha Bradt will sing the last song of her choice.

**** Madeleine Jenkins has a few words to say.

Prepared by Janet Hiepleh,
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January 1992

J.H.