

Kingsmill-Mapleton Womens' Institute

by Helen Widner

It was a beautiful winter day on February 6 that the Kingsmill-Mapleton branch of the Womens' Institute celebrated its 85th anniversary. Members of the other branches of Elgin East came to celebrate with us.

Janet Hiepleh had researched the minute books from 1907 and found many interesting facts and figures.

She wrote a script from those facts and the members acted out various things such as the canning of fruits and jams, knitting and packing

boxes of comforts for the soldiers during the war years.

Readings about the Great Depression of the 1930s were read, and facts about our work with 4H and Aylmer Fair were also given.

Throughout the afternoon Aletha Bradt, accompanied by Jean Hunt on the piano, entertained us with beautiful music which was much enjoyed.

Don't forget about the Elgin East winter picnic which will be held at Mapleton Church of Christ Disciples on February 26 with a pot luck dinner at noon. See you there.

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KINGSMILL-MAPLETON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEMBERS

	1981	1982	1983	1984
	1982	1983	1984	1985
1. Mrs. Wilfred Herbert	L.M. May 5/66	✓	✓	✓
2. Mrs. Ivan Warren	L.M. May 5/66	✓	✓	✓
3. Mrs. Fred Brown	L.M. Dec. 6/73	✓	✓	✓
4. Mrs. Orrie Ostrander	L.M. May 5/70	✓	✓	✓
5. Mrs. Marjorie Carter	L.M. June 7/73	✓	✓	✓
6. Mrs. Sam Legg	L.M. April 7/68	✓	✓	* March 29, 1985
7. Mrs. Keith Hiepleh	L.M. July 11/73	✓	✓	✓
8. Mrs. Harold Davies	L.M. Sept. 4/75	✓	✓	* Dec. 01, 1984
9. Mrs. Max Zavitz	✓	✓	✓	✓
10. Mrs. Emily Faw	✓	no	no	no
11. Mrs. Grey Fuller	✓	✓	✓	✓
12. Mrs. W.H. Free	✓	✓	✓	L.M. Dec. 6, 1984
13. Mrs. Ernest Jenkins	✓	✓	✓	✓
14. Mrs. Hiram Jenken	✓	✓	✓	L.M. Oct. 04, 1983
15. Mrs. Lewis Helka	✓	✓	✓	✓
16. Mrs. Hazel VanHorne	✓	✓	✓	✓
17. Mrs. W. Free (Grace)	✓	no	no	no
18. Mrs. Jack Widner	✓	✓	✓	✓
19. Mrs. A. Roy Gardner	✓	✓	✓	✓
20. Mrs. Phil Zavitz	✓	no	no	no
21. Mrs. David Stover	✓	✓	✓	✓
22. Mrs. Ralph Stover	✓	✓	✓	✓
23. Mrs. Russell Lunn	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mrs. Tom Bouthoorn				✓
Total	23	20	20	21

* records date of death

L.M. Life Member K.M.W.I.

May 11, 1981 Mrs. Keith Hiepleh (Janet) received District Life Membership from Elgin East District Women's Institute.

✓ check mark records membership for specified year.

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	1986	1987	1988	1989
1. Mrs. Wilfred Herbert	L.M. May 5/66	✓	✓	✓
2. Mrs. Ivan Warren	L.M. May 5/66	✓	✓	✓
3. Mrs. Fred Brown	L.M. Dec. 6/73	✓	✓	✓
4. Mrs. Orrie Ostrander	L.M. May 5/70	✓	✓	✓
5. Mrs. Marjorie Carter	L.M. June 7/73	✓	✓	✓
6. Mrs. Keith Hiepleh	L.M. July 11/73	✓	✓	✓
7. Mrs. Hiram Jenken	L.M. Oct. 6/83	✓	✓	✓
8. Mrs. W.H. Free	L.M. Dec. 6/84	*Dec. 12, 1985		
9. Mrs. Max Zavitz	✓	L.M. March 5, 1987		
10. Mrs. Grey Fuller	✓	✓	✓	✓
11. Mrs. Ernest Jenkins	✓	✓	✓	✓
12. Mrs. Lewis Helka	✓	✓	✓	✓
13. Mrs. Jack Widner	✓	✓	✓	✓
14. Mrs. A. Roy Gardner	✓	✓	✓	✓
15. Mrs. David Stover	✓	✓	✓	✓
16. Mrs. Ralph Stover	✓	no	no	no
17. Mrs. Russell Lunn	✓	✓	✓	L.M. March 4, 1989
18. Mrs. Tom Bouthoorn	✓	✓	✓	✓
19. Mrs. Agnes VanRooijen	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mrs. Frank Moore		✓	no	✓
Mrs. Norma Dance				✓
Mrs. Bruce McLellan		✓	✓	no
Total	19	20	18	20

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	1990	1991	1992	1993
1. Mrs. Wilfred Herbert L.M. ✓ May 5/66	✓	✓	✓	✓
2. Mrs. Iven Warren L.M. ✓ May 5/66	✓	* ✓ January 11/91	✓	✓
3. Mrs. Fred Brown L.M. ✓ Dec. 6/73	✓	* ✓ May 20/90	✓	✓
4. Mrs. Orrie Ostrander L.M. ✓ May 5/70	✓	✓	✓	✓
5. Mrs. Marjorie Carter L.M. ✓ Jun. 7/73	✓	✓	✓	✓
6. Mrs. Keith Hiepleh L.M. ✓ Jul. 11/73	✓	✓	✓	✓
7. Mrs. Hiram Jenken L.M. ✓ Oct. 6/83	✓	✓	✓	✓
8. Mrs. Max Zavitz L.M. ✓ Mar. 5/87	✓	✓	✓	✓
9. Mrs. Russell Lunn L.M. ✓ Mar. 4/89	✓	✓	✓	✓
10. Mrs. Grey Fuller	✓	L.M. Jun. ✓ 6/90	✓	✓
11. Mrs. Jack Widner	✓	L.M. Jun. ✓ 6/90	✓	✓
12. Mrs. David Stover	✓	✓	✓ L.M. Sept 5/91	✓
13. Mrs. Ernest Jenkins	✓	✓	✓ L.M. Sept 5/91	✓
14. Mrs. Lewis Helka	✓	no	no	no
15. Mrs. Bruce McLellan	✓	✓	✓	no
16. Mrs. Tom Bouthoorn	✓	✓	✓	✓
17. Mrs. Agnes VanRooijen	✓	✓	✓	✓
18. Mrs. Frank Moore	✓	✓	✓	✓
19. Mrs. Harold Manning	✓	✓	✓	✓
<u>Total</u>	19	18	16	15

* records date of death

L.M. Life Member K.M.W.I.

May 11, 1981 Mrs. Keith Hiepleh (Janet) received District Life Membership from Elgin East District Women's Institute.

October 11, 1990 Janet Hiepleh received Provincial Life Membership (FWIO)

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1. Mrs. Wilfred Herbert, 108-91 Spruce St., Aylmer W., N5H 1B4 L.M.
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3. Mrs. Ella May Ostrander, 227 Highview Dr., St. Thomas, N5R 5H6 L.M.
4. Mrs. Marjorie Carter, 301-130 Talbot St., St. Thomas, N5P 1A6 L.M.
5. Mrs. Janet Hiepleh, R.R.2, Springfield, NOL 2J0 L.M.
6. Mrs. Fred Brown, St. Marys Hospital, London, N6A 1Y6 L.M.*
7. Mrs. Hiram Jenken, R.R.1, Belmont, NOL 1B0 L.M.
8. Mrs. Max Zavitz, R.R.1, Belmont, NOL 1B0 L.M.
9. Mrs. Russell Lunn, R.R.1, Belmont, NOL 1B0 L.M.
10. Mrs. Beatrice Fuller, R.R.4, Aylmer W., N5H 2R3 L.M.
11. Mrs. Helen Widner, R.R.4, Aylmer W., N5H 2R3 L.M.
12. Mrs. Madeleine Jenkins, R.R.1, Belmont, NOL 1B0
13. Mrs. Agnes Van Rooijen, R.R.2, Springfield, NOL 2J0
14. Mrs. Nell Bouthoorn, R.R.1, Belmont, NOL 1B0
15. Mrs. Evelyn Moore, R.R.2, Belmont, NOL 1B0
16. Mrs. Evelyn McLellan, R.R.2, Belmont, NOL 1B0
17. Mrs. Grace Manning, R.R.1, Belmont, NOL 1B0
18. Mrs. Eleanor Stover, R.R.7, Aylmer W., N5H 2R6

L.M. denotes Life Member.

Mrs. Fred Brown passed away May 20, 1990.*

Mrs. Iven Warren passed away January 11, 1991.*

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*Curators: (continued from Volume 3 page 82)

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Receives surprise presentation

Mrs. Marguerite Young, foreground, was given a District Life Membership award at the annual meeting of the Elgin East District Women's Institute, at St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yar-

mouth. The other district directors pictured are, second row, from the left, Mrs. Ethel Wheatley, Mrs. Jessie Wardle, Mrs. Bessie Bagnall, and Mrs. Grace King; third row, Mrs. Jerry Jenken, Mrs. Florence

Parker, Mrs. Mae Van Patter, and Miss Helen Martyn; fourth row, Mrs. Jessie Ferguson, Mrs. Joan Mansell, Mrs. Muriel Carrel, and Mrs. Donna Baldwin. (T.-J. Photo).

May 1976

Mrs. Florence Diamond, the President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario addresses the 64th London Area Convention

November 1978

Women's Institute leader calls for family strength

by Yvonne Stumpf

A message came through loud and clear at the 64th annual convention of the London Area Women's Institute last week. And that message called for the strengthening of the family and the maintenance of traditional values.

On the forefront was Florence Diamond, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario who told W.I. members that "the home still stands as the main prop of our society, and institute members must strive to keep it that way."

Mrs. Diamond, a 37 year veteran of Women's Institute, said she remains "extremely optimistic" about the future of the organization. But she stressed the need to interest more young women in Women's Institute.

"We have to talk to young people to be sure we represent their interests. I know our membership is down some but this is my 12th convention and I'm thrilled with the number of younger people here."

The New Hamburg woman said the Women's Institute is not as purely functional today as when it was first organized in 1897 at Stoney Creek. The woman responsible for the group's formation had lost a child after it drank impure milk. She decided that such tragedies could be averted if women had the opportunity to study household science to become more aware of safe nutritional habits.

Today the institute serves many varied needs, and has expanded world-wide, she explained. It provides 75 per cent of Ontario 4-H leaders and acts as a medium for arranging home economics courses. It represents consumer concerns as well and serves the special needs of individual communities.

Mrs. Diamond's three-year presidential term began last December. She was a board director for three years previously. Her role as president includes attending annual and semi-annual board meetings in November



Mrs. Florence Diamond

and April. She is also involved in establishing policy, considering resolutions and initiating new projects.

The president's job takes her all over Ontario attending 14 area conventions along with the director of the Home Economics Branch at the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. In addition to her work in Ontario, Mrs. Diamond has worked as a director-at-large on the national board where she participated in the by-laws committee.

Mrs. Diamond said Women's Institute is beginning to expand into urban areas, a move that is keeping membership up.

"We have to program a different way — program for consumers. We have to bridge the gap between rural and urban women because, after all, we're all consumers. Too often we seem to be interested only in the price of food but we need to focus more on quality and nutrition."

She also believes the Women's Institute can retain "its place in the world, if we respond to change."

"We can't go on in the same old ruts," she said.

The Women's Institute has a very special personal significance for Mrs. Diamond. Her strong involvement sustained her throughout the year following her husband's untimely death in an automobile accident. She kept the farm alone for a year, before selling it nine years ago and moving closer to New Hamburg.

"If it had not been for the institute, I would have given up that year," she said.

The London Area Women's Institutes elected their new officers on the final day of the convention. Mrs. Keith Hiepleh, Springfield, is the new president, while Mrs. Gordon Papple, Seaforth, and Mrs. G.D. Maclean, Melbourne, were elected first and second vice president respectively. The new secretary-treasurer is Mrs. Ray Cross, R 2, Thorndale and public-relations officer is Mrs. Eleanor Bradnock, Auburn.

The provincial board members are Mrs. Vern Towers, Glencoe, subdivision 21, Mrs. Owen Hawkins, Brownsville, subdivision 22, and Mrs. Alice Porter, Goderich, subdivision 23.

Handwritten initials and a signature in the bottom right corner.

1982 London Area
Convention
St. Mary's, Oct. 27 & 28

The 68th annual convention of London Area Women's Institute was held at St. Mary's Arena and Community Centre Oct. 27 and 28, hosted by Huron West District W.I.

The president, Mrs. Gordon Papple commented on the theme of the Convention, The Therapy of Kindness.

In her address, Mrs. Keith Hiepleh, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, noted that next year Canada will host the Associated Country Women of the World Conference in Vancouver.

Mrs. Jane Muegge, reporting for the Home Economists, stated that there are two new 4-H courses - "Looking great, feeling great", and "Heritage Foods - (ethnic recipes)."

Miss Mollie McGhee, former director of Home Economics Branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, is now consultant and advisor to the Rural Organizations and Services Branch, of which Ken Knox is the director. This new ministry offers financial counselling.

As rural people, we should try to tell the urban dweller the problems of the rural producer - such as the increasing cost of tractor fuel, and farm machinery. Each Institute should have program on Farm Safety, it was pointed out.

Mrs. Margaret Zoeller, former editor of Home and Country was the guest speaker at the banquet Wednesday evening. She stated that Women's Institutes do many things in

the community that others fail to do. She challenged us to ask ourselves, not "what am I getting out of the WI meeting?" but "what am I contributing." She said "our pioneer members gave us much, but we should not walk in their steps forever but make our own paths; make changes to suit the needs of the community, and help to raise the standard of living in rural areas."

The 1983 Convention will be Oct. 27 and 28, beginning the afternoon of the first day.



MRS. KEITH HIEPLEH

"It's still unbelievable", Mrs. Keith Hiepleh said after hearing last week she has been elected the president of the Federation of Women's Institutes of Ontario.

Mrs. Hiepleh, who was one of three women nominated, will takeover from Mrs. Clarence Diamond who just completed her three year term.

"It's a huge step with a great many responsibilities. I hesitated before I accepted the nomination and let my name stand for election. But I am looking forward to the challenge.

Mrs. Hiepleh said the position is a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity.

"You may only be nominated from among the 32 members of the Provincial Board and you many only be a board member

Mrs. Keith Hiepleh was elected
the President of FWIO in
November 1980

1,166 WIs in Ontario

January 13, 1984

Women's Institutes
now 25,628 strong

A meeting of the executive officers of Sub-division 22 (Districts of Elgin East, Elgin West and Oxford South) of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (F.W.I.O.), was held at the home of the board director, Mrs. Russell

Campbell, RR 1, Iona Station.

Mrs. Campbell gave a report of the fall board meeting of F.W.I.O. The new president of F.W.I.O. is Mrs. R. B. Johnson, of Cochrane, who succeeds Mrs. Keith Hiepleh of East Elgin.

There are now 1166 Women's Institute Branches in Ontario, with 25,628 members of whom 3749 are life members.

A report was given on the Eriand Lee (Museum) Home. Institutes are welcome to hold a meeting there, but should notify Mrs. Beecham, the home hostess-curator. Donations may be made to the Eriand Lee Memorial Fund, for which a receipt for Income Tax purposes would be given. For further information contact the District Secretary.

The officers' conference this year is May 1, 2, and 3 and is open to branch secretary-treasurers, or members at large.

Members are urged to enter one of the F.W.I.C. competitions. Details are in the Spring 1983 Home and Country Magazine.

Branches are urged to support the ACWW water and sanitation project.



MRS. KEITH HIEPLEH



MRS. RUSSELL CAMPBELL

Donations should be sent to the F.W.I.O. office.

At noon those in attendance enjoyed a buffet luncheon prepared by Mrs. Campbell, and her daughters, Laura Campbell and Beth Peternel.

At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Ralph Palmer expressed thanks to Mrs. Campbell for her hospitality.

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Mrs. Hiepleh has been a board member for the last three years. She is a life member of Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute in Elgin East and she has served as president of that group and has held several convenerships.

She was then president of the District of Elgin East for two years and then London area president for another two years.

MOVING UP

"It has been one stepping stone after another. When I first joined the Women's Institute I never dreamed I would ever become provincial president. It just seemed to happen."

Mrs. Hiepleh has also been a Sunday School teacher for 25 consecutive years. For the past two years she has also been District 8 A secretary-treasurer for fairs in Elgin, Middlesex and Lambton counties. Mrs. Hiepleh has already initiated plans for her three years in office.

In 1982 Women's Institutes will be celebrating the 85th anniversary of the founding of the organization.

A national conference is also being held in New Brunswick in 1982.

In 1983 Canada will host a world meeting - the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) - in Vancouver B.C. for the first time in 30 years.

Mrs. Hiepleh said that she was working on a new constitution for the Women's Institute and making some changes in the Women's Institute Handbook.

"Some of the bylaws have become outdated and every ten years some changes need to be made."

YEAR OF THE DISABLED

For 1981, Mrs. Hiepleh has chosen the theme, "The Year of the Disabled."

"Women's Institute groups across the province will be asked to take a close look at their community to see if it is geared to the needs of the disabled - the deaf, the blind and those confined to wheelchairs," Mrs. Hiepleh said.

One of Mrs. Hiepleh's main goals during her term in office is the creation of more Women's Institute branches.

"Several Junior Women's Institute branches have recently been organized and these have really put new life in everyone. I am hoping that at the next executive meeting we will be able to report the formation of several new branches."

GOOD ATTENDANCE

But interest in Women's Institute projects seems high if the recent attendance at a conference in St. Marys is any indication.

Mrs. Hiepleh, who presided at the two-day event in October, said 519 Women's Institute members attended.

"Everyone said the conference was both fun and educational. I think learning is much easier if it is mixed with a little pleasure."

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EAST ELGIN WI'S BEAT FEBRUARY BLUES AT ANNUAL WINTER PICNIC
held at the Sparta United Church in February 1982



WINTER PICNIC — The weather took a cold turn but that didn't deter the members of the Elgin East District Women's Institutes from holding their annual winter picnic. While the wind howled outdoors, the women enjoyed their potluck lunch in the cosy warmth of the Sparta United Church basement. The event involved all 12 Elgin East branches of the organization as well as several guests from elsewhere in the province. Unpacking their

picnic basket, from left, are Mrs. Sylvia Cerna, president of the Elgin East division, Mrs. Janet Hiepleh, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, (FWIO) Mrs. Mary Reilly, first vice-president of the London area WI, Mrs. Betty Van Patter, secretary of the Elgin East WI, and Mrs. Grace Campbell, Provincial Board Director for subdivision 22 and Elgin County Rally chairman. — (T-J Photo).

Mr. Len Norman and Mr. Lorne MacLeod entertained the ladies at the Winter Picnic. February 1982

The annual winter picnic of Elgin East District Women's Institutes was held at Sparta United Church. About 65 women sat down to a potluck dinner with Central Yarmouth and Sparta branches as hostesses.

Mrs. Nicholas Cerna, president, welcomed everyone. The head table guests, introduced by Mrs. Leo Pressey, first vice president of Elgin East, included Rev. Eric Le Drew, minister

of the church; Mrs. Le Drew; Mrs. Bruce Mac Millan, secretary-treasurer of Elgin West; Mrs. Garnet Cowel, president of Elgin West; Miss Bonnie Wilson, Home Economist for Elgin; Mrs. Keith Hiepleh, president of Federated Women's Institute of Ontario; Mrs. Nicholas Cerna, president of Elgin East; Mrs. Robert Van Patter, Secretary of Elgin East; Mrs. James Harknett, Public

Relations Officer, Oxford South; Mrs. Arthur Dale, First Vice President of Oxford South; Mrs. Mac Dennis, secretary-treasurer of Oxford South; Mrs. Joe Reily, First Vice President of London Area; Mrs. Robert Ferguson, Treasurer of Elgin East and Mrs. Morris Taylor, Public Relations Officer, Elgin East.

Mrs. Hiepleh brought greetings from the Federated

Women's Institutes of Ontario. She said the officers conference is to be held May 4, 5, 6, 1982 at the University of Waterloo for Public Relations Officers at all levels. The FWIO is celebrating its 85th anniversary at the Constellation Hotel, Toronto, Aug. 12, 1982 with Mrs. Z. Westebring — Muller, President of the Associated Country Women of the World as guest speaker.

Women's Institute members

are encouraged to discuss the topic Producer Consumer Relations, she said.

Mrs. Russell Campbell, Board Director for Subdivision 22, reminded each District to have a prepriced article valued from \$3 to \$20 to her, to be sold at the FWIC Convention in New Brunswick from June 13, 17, 1982; also the quilt blocks 11" x 11" from each Branch to be sent to Erland Lee Home by April 1.

Mrs. Joe Reily reminded the members of the London Area Convention to be held Oct 27 and 28, at St. Marys. She asked that anyone who has pieces of wool to send them to her at RR No. 5, Mount Brydges to be used to make finger puppets for the War Memorial Childrens Hospital.

Miss Wilson told of the Summary Day for the Quilting Course, March 30, at the Memorial Arena from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. also leaders training school for the 4H course "More Outdoor Living" coming up.

For the afternoon program Leonard Norman and Lorne McLeod, from Valleyview Silvertones, were invited by Central Yarmouth to play several musical numbers.



MUSIC FUN — Two local musicians played at the Elgin East District Women's Institutes annual winter picnic in Sparta Wednesday. Len Norman, left and Lorne MacLeod of the St.

Thomas Valleyview Silvertones performed old-time favorites on accordion and banjo. About 65 members from the East Elgin District Women's Institutes attended the annual event. — (T-J Photo).