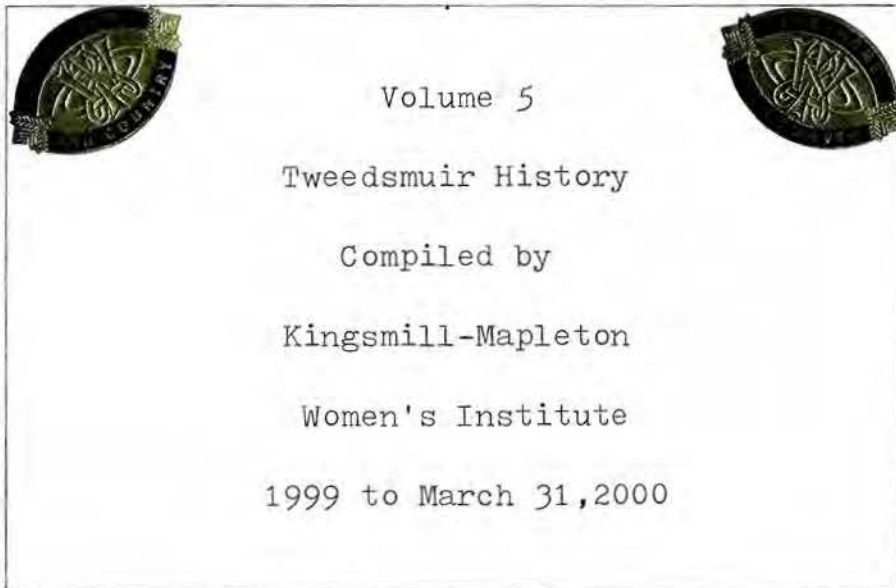




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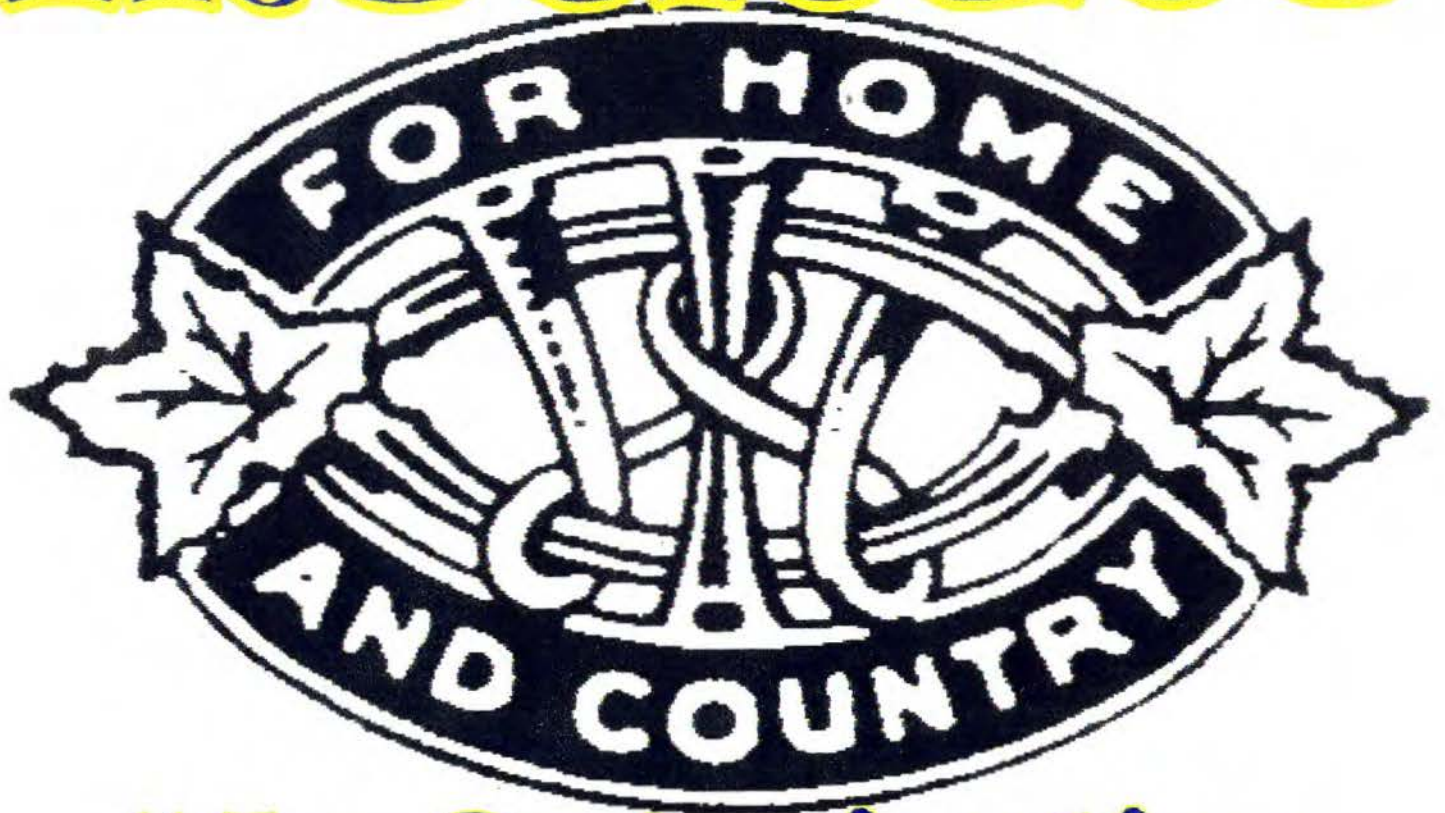
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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



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



Janet Hiepleh presents Clarence Willsey, Reeve of Township South Dorchester, a framed coloured picture of Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute members on the occasion of their visit and conducted tour of the Township Office and buildings July 15, 1993. Admiring the photo is John Wilson, Deputy Reeve and Pat Unger, councilor. Presentation April 5, 1994.



8/5/94

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Elgin East District Women's Institute

by Marjorie Andrews
Spring Board Meeting

The president of Elgin East District Women's Institute welcomed the 17 representatives present to the Spring Board Meeting held at Terrace Lodge, and opened with a humorous reading "The Four Stages of Man."

With Eleanor McMillan, as pianist, the Women's Institute Ode was sung and the Mary Stewart collect was repeated in unison.

Correspondence included letter of thanks from Trudy Hickson, a graduate of Annandale H.S., now at Sir Wilfrid Laurier University studying English.

Trudy Hickson thanked the WI for gift of the Janet Hiepleh Scholarship, presented to her at the Annandale H.S. commencement in autumn of 1993 by Janet Hiepleh.

Janet Hiepleh wrote a letter of thanks for the scholarship given in honour of her and for being able to be there for the presentation.

A picture of Trudy Hickson, as requested for the Tweedsmuir History, was gratefully received.

There is disturbing news about the Agricultural Museum at Milton.

Price Waterhouse has been asked to make a study of the running of the museum. There is a feeling it may be closed so members are urged to send individual, handwritten, single-page letters to

protest its closing to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, attention Norris Hoag, Queens' Park.

The Elgin County Pioneer Museum Report prepared by Marion McKenzie, who was unable to attend, was read by Alma Penhale.

The mall display and December coffee break were very successful.

A desk made of local walnut, (circa 1840) and belonging to Colonel Talbot donated.

Two movie companies were provided historical information, one was from Japan, and the other required information about the Hendershott and Welter murder case.

The new branch co-ordinator, Eleanor McMillan, asked that branch members' phone numbers be included on branch programs.

Each branch please send program co-ordinator a program - as well as rally president, district president and officers, and board director.

August 21, 1994



seated left to right: Grace Manning, Shirley Lunn, Gerry Jenken & Madeleine Jenkins attend official opening of FWIO Office located in Township of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario.



FWIO Office

J. St.

COMMITTEES

NEGOTIATING

Maisie Lasby
Peggy Knapp

MOVING & FURNISHING

Glenna Smith (chair)
Millie Graham
Eve Martin

OPENING

Cindy Ashton
Ruth Halbert (chair)
Brenda Hallman
Peggy Knapp
Margaret Munro
Joan Playle
Donna Russett

VOLUNTEERS

Jo Hayden
Anna Jackson
Don Jackson
Wally Knapp
Bob Lasby
Wallace Lasby
Janine Rolens-Grant
Dale Smith
Doug Smith

FLOWERS

Erin Twp. J.W.I.
Jean Scott J.W.I.
Mosborough W.I.
Potseoby W.I.
Riverside W.I.
West End W.I.

PLATFORM FLOWERS

Betty Cubine



Federated Women's Institute of Ontario

OFFICIAL OPENING

of

PROVINCIAL OFFICE

Located in

Township of Guelph



Sunday, August 21st, 1994

Opening Ceremonies

1:00 P.M.

ABOUT THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

As the 16,000 members of the Women's Institutes of Ontario prepare to take their organization into the second century of service, the opening of this Provincial Office marks another milestone in their continuing evolution.

Founded in Stoney Creek in 1897, the W.I. is an educational organization based on the principles of sound nutrition, safe food, health and fitness, and the right of women to have access to up-to-date information on the issues that affect them and their families.

In addition to their monthly educational programs, the 800 local branches across Ontario work together for their own community development, while being members of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada and the Associated Country Women of the World.

Through Resolutions passed at the local level and backed up by authoritative data, concerns are passed onward to be debated at the District and Area levels on their way to ratification by the Provincial Board, where they are directed to those with the power to make changes:- a reasonable and well-informed Voice. If you drink pasteurized milk, are guided by the road markings on Ontario's highways, stop on a dark country road at sight of the warning phosphorescent strips on passing railway freight cars, use a blue recycling box, wish to make your wishes clear in a Living Will, can identify the ingredients in packaged food, or any one of a number of things we take for granted, it would be wise to remember they started with W.I.!

Through their valuable resource material stored in what are known as Tweedsmuir Histories, and at the beautifully maintained homes of their co-founders, the Erland Lee (Museum) Home at Stoney Creek and the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead at St. George, the Women's Institutes are able to provide a priceless insight into the progressive settlement and early family life of Ontario.

Always interested in education in all its forms, the W.I. supports a series of Scholarships. Each year monies are granted to 4-H members to assist with higher learning, to post-graduate students in food and/or family studies, and to their own members seeking to upgrade their skills to re-enter the work force.

Today's issues concern family violence, health problems specific to women, equal opportunity for all people to be considered for positions in the job market, acknowledgment of the proficiency of those who produce our food and are dedicated to an environmental sustainable agriculture, and child care during the peak farming periods of seeding and harvest.

For almost a hundred years the W.I. has had a mutually productive partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food which included, among other things, office space and services in Ministry buildings. In a changing partnership the W.I. will now co-ordinate its work from its new headquarters here, in Guelph Township.

Long may it continue to influence the decision-makers. Long may it continue to make a difference in the lives of its members, their families and their communities.

"For Home and Country"

Peggy Knapp

PROGRAM

M.C.	Margaret Munro
Invocation	Irene Richardson
Solo	Margaret McInroy

GREETINGS

Ontario Government Ministries

Ted Arnott, M.P.P.

Keith Dickson,
representing the Warden of Wellington County

Les Foote
Reeve of Guelph Township

Dr. Mordechai Rozanski
President of the University of Guelph

Charlotte Johnson
President - Women's Institutes of Canada

Peggy Knapp
*Associated Country Women of the World
Area President for Canada*

Susan Peavoy
President - Junior Women's Institutes of Ontario

Donna Russett
President - Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario

Passing of the Key	Reeve Foote, Maisie Lasby, Donna Russett
Ribbon Cutting	Reeve Foote, Donna Russett
Unveiling of Plaque	Reeve Foote, Marjory Dumford
Solo	Margaret McInroy
Music in the Park	Valerie Lodge, Vanessa Lindsay

Tour of Office

7.

October 1994



Barb McKenna speaking on her trip to Ethiopia at our WI meeting. at Helen Widner's in Oct 1994.

J. B. McKenna

January 5, 1995

W.I. Members Gather for a Winter Meeting



Meeting at the home of Barb Drabick for the January 5th, 1995, Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute monthly meeting was Lily Willsey, Geraldine Jenken standing, Janet Hiepleh, Shirley Lunn, Madeleine Jenkins, Nell Bouthoorn, Leola Sadler, Grace Manning. A Tweedsmuir History workshop was led by Janet Hiepleh, Curator, KMWI.

ELGIN COUNTY PIONEER MUSEUM

Acknowledges with sincere appreciation

KINGMILLS-MAPLETON W.I.

for their continued support and
volunteer endeavours.

June 21, 1995

AYLMER EXPRESS—Wed., May 24, 1995

Kingsmill- Mapleton WI meets

by Shirley Lunn

Kingsmill-Mapleton WI installed a new executive for 1995-96 at the home of Mrs. Jack Widner.

The executive includes: Past President, Mrs. Ernest Jenkins (Madeliene); President, Mrs. Hiram Jenken (Geraldine); 1st Vice President, Mrs. Leala Sadler; Secretary, Mrs. Madeliene Jenkins; Treasurer, Mrs. Agnes Van Rooijen; PRO, Mrs. Shirley Lunn; Program Coordinator, Mrs. Grace Manning; Assistant Co-ordinator, Mrs. Janet Hiepleh; District Director, Mrs. Shirley Lunn; Alternate District Director, Mrs. Nell Bouthoorn and Mrs. Madeliene Jenkins; Branch Directors, Mrs. Joyce Zavitz, Mrs. Janet Hiepleh and Mrs. Helen Widner; Tweedsmuir Curator, Mrs. Janet Hiepleh.

The executive was installed by Mrs. Betty Van-Patter, District President, and held its first meeting on May 4 at the home of Mrs. Max Zavitz.

We invited family and friends to join us on a tour of the Ford plant at Talbotville, which everyone enjoyed very much, then returned to the Zavitz home for a wiener roast and dessert.

Our next meeting will be June 1 at 1:30 p.m. beginning with a tour of the Ashford Lamp Industry on County 11 of South Dorchester, then returning to the home of Mrs. Russell Lunn for the June meeting.

Wed., October 4, 1995—AYLMER EXPRESS—

Kingsmill-Mapleton WI

by Shirley Lunn

Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute on September 7, beginning with a tour of "Patchwork Pleasures" on the Avon road, seeing many lovely quilts, crafts and materials.

We were given a demonstration on putting material together for a perfect match, which would be made into a log cabin quilt, plus a few other pointers which were very interesting.

Then we went to Avon Tearoom and Crafts, which is in the basement of the church.

Still touring, we went to the home of Brenda Danials for a "Herb Demonstration."

Everyone thought we would see "herbs" like thyme, dill and sage, but no, Brenda took us for a walk down the lane to a field at the edge of the woods.

She started picking weeds and telling what each one was good for.

Stinging nettle makes a good foot bath by simmering in water for 20 minutes, for

example.

As we walked, there was a sugar shanty in the trees, and we could smell wood burning.

Brenda had gone back earlier, lit a fire and put a kettle of water on, which was ready.

As she was talking, she dropped the weeds in and made us a cup of tea. Everyone enjoyed, some had seconds.

Our president, Jerry Jenken, thanked Brenda and we returned to Mrs. Nell Bouthoorn's to finish our meeting.

On September 14, we had a tour of Coyle and Grier factory on the Avon-Putnam Road, formerly an old school house.

We thought it was just trophies, but found out they make just about everything including crests, medallions, logos, ribbons and pins.

Everyone found it was very interesting. Our president thanked our tour guide, and we went to the tea room in Avon for a social time.

J. L.

Elgin East W.I. 83rd District

by Marjorie Andrews

The 83rd Elgin East Women's Institute District annual, with the theme "Communicate" was hosted by the Corinth Women's Institute at Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints, Corinth, on May 9.

The 45 W.I. members assembled were welcomed by the District President, Betty Van Patter, and by the president of the Corinth W.I., Mary Pressey.

The Institute Ode was sung with Jean Phoenix at the piano, and the Mary Stewart Collect was repeated in unison.

A memorial service for W.I. members lost in the last year was conducted by Sylvia Cerna of Calton W.I.

Mrs. Cerna paid tribute to those departed members who gave so generously of their time, and read the poem "Please don't sing sad songs for us."

The service was closed with the hymn "Abide With Me".

The president, Betty Van Patter, in her address on the theme "Communicate", urged all W.I. members to resolve to improve communication at all levels of the W.I. and in the community.

A smile has no language barrier and is a great way to communicate.

Another Elgin Farm Tour is being arranged for October 1. Mrs. Van Patter and Ruth Bosma are the two W.I. members on this committee.

Mrs. Van Patter urged each one to communicate with someone other than a W.I. member about something learned at this district annual meeting, and concluded with words of appreciation to her executive.

Margaret Armstrong, F.W.I.O. Board Director for Subdivision 22, reported the recent meeting at Crieff Hills.

Peggy Knaap has been re-elected Canadian vice-president.

A "Let's Sing" break with Jean Phoenix at piano was enjoyed.

Madeline Jenkins spoke on resolutions, mentioning in particular her opposition to new court-ruling allowing intoxication as an excuse for serious crime, and new laws for seniors' health care.

Brief reports were given by Alma Penhale, District Program co-ordinator, on the year's programs for each branch.

Shirley Bechard spoke of her second love - farm safety.

There will be another farm safety camp on July 5 at Lyons Fire Hall for children.

The cost, \$5.00, includes lunch, instruction and T-shirt.

In 1994 in Ontario, there were 24 farm-accident fatalities, six under 16-years-old - too many!

P.R.O. Marjorie Andrews paid tribute to each branch and regretted the disbanding of Eden Branch, members of which have given so generously their volunteer hours.

By 1994 Eden had made a total of 800 children's quilts and over 500 finger puppets.

Each W.I. member is asked to record volunteer hours for 4-H, agricultural projects, nursing homes and health, history and museums, leadership courses, local fairs, education and schools.

Are W.I. members too modest? Let us not forget that every W.I. member is a P.R.O.

A welcome tea break hosted by the Corinth W.I. was thoroughly enjoyed.

Valerie Clark, OMAFRA, urged strengthening and reaching out in our rural communities. "The well-being of rural Ontario benefits all of Ontario and the future hinges on rural people," said Ms. Clark. "Commitment to our communities, the rural way of life, and the land is important."

Examples of W.I.'s strong history of working with others "for home & country" are pasteurization of milk, 4-H, wrapped bread, white lines on highways, flashing lights on school buses, listing ingredients.

Tweedsmuir histories current issues facing our communities are vandalism, violence, street kids, battered women, farm safety, discarded tires, gun control and the protection of the environment.

The convenor of the nominating committee, Isabel Martin, read the list of officers for district for the coming year.

The election and installation of the following officers was directed by Margaret

Armstrong.

Past President - Madeleine Jenkins; President - Betty Van Patter; Vice-President - Pauline Lindsay; Secretary - Grace Blewett; Treasurer - Bernice Taylor; Public Relations Officer - Marjorie Andrews; Program Co-ordinator - Alma Penhale; Resolutions - Madeline Jenkins;

Tweedsmuir History Curator - Evelyn Hoshal; Representative to Pioneer Museum - Marion McKenzie; Elgin Farm Safety Representative - Shirley Bechard; Auditors - Joanne Ericson and Donna Penhale; Nominating Committee - Isabel Martin and Sylvia Cerna; Scholarship Committee - Betty Van Patter, Madeleine Jenkins and Grace Blewett.

Courtesies for the afternoon were given by Faith McLorn of Sparta Sorosis.

Mrs. McLorn also invited the district to hold its annual at Sparta in 1996.

The meeting closed with the singing of the "Hymn of All Nations" and "O Canada".

Fall Board Meeting will be held on September 25 at 1:30 p.m. Terrace Lodge.



g. H

Kingsmill-Mapleton WI

by Shirley Lunn

Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Robert Sadler for their October meeting.

Our president Mrs. Geraldine Jenken, opened with a poem, then the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect.

Eight members answered the roll call of a Hallowe'en prank. They remembered many interesting and comic ideas.

Correspondence was read with an invitation to attend the Rally to be held October 17 at the Fingal United Church with a pot luck supper, which everyone enjoyed.

The Rally president, Mrs. Pauline Lindsay, held a short business meeting followed by a program of each institute taking part in a fashion show representing the coun-

tries their family came from including Canada, Scotland, Austria, China and more.

Our president, Geraldine Jenken, and secretary, Madeliene Jenkins, attended the Area Convention at Kirkton on October 20.

They found it very interesting and enjoyed the program presented by two different counties.

Elgin has extended an invitation to hold the 1996 Area Convention.

Our November 1 meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Janet Hiepleh, our Tweedsmuir Curator.

Each member is to bring their books in and have them updated. The meeting will start at 1:30 p.m.

— St. Thomas Times-Journal, Monday, March 18, 1996

Elgin East winter picnic a hit with WI members

■ Spring board meeting on April 1

BY MARJORIE ANDREWS

The Elgin East District Women's Institute winter picnic was hosted by the Yarmouth Glen Branch of the WI in the Yarmouth Centre United Church at noon on Feb. 28.

Following the Women's Institute grace, a bountiful pot-luck luncheon was enjoyed.

Elgin East District WI president Betty VanPatter chaired the well-attended event, welcoming all present and introducing the invited guests.

Rev. Roger Landell, minister of the St. Thomas Suburban Charge, brought greetings and best wishes, saying that women are the most powerful force for social change in the world.

Margaret Armstrong, FWIO board director for Subdivision 22, brought greetings and best wishes from FWIO. Special guests also included the president of Oxford SWI, Irene Chesterman, and Sherrill Bobbey whose musical greetings, People who know how to willingly share, were truly enjoyed.

Willa Cathers, president of Elgin West WI, Grace Campbell and Anne McLean, all brought greetings. Each honored guest received a pot of spring flowers from the table

decorations supplied by Family Flowers at Yarmouth Centre.

Coming events to remember include:

- Elgin East District spring board meeting on April 1, 1:30 p.m., at Terrace Lodge, Aylmer. Important for each branch to be represented.

- Euchre and Bridge on April 1, 1:30 p.m. at Elgin Manor.

- Sparta Sorosis May Day Bazaar on May 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Forge and Anvil. Tables available to be rented for crafts.

- Elgin E. District WI annual on May 8 at Sparta.

Two hundred, fifty environmentally friendly books have been sold and 50 more are ordered for sale.

Madeline Jenkins reported a fun time at the recent silk scarf tie-dying course and three ladies modeled their beautiful scarves.

Grace Blewett spoke about the knitted squares project for Zambia and reminded members to send squares in special envelopes with metered rather than stamped postage.

Branches contributed the afternoon's program with Calton leading off with Audrey James (composer), Jean Phoenix and Sylvia Cerna,

suitably hatted, singing a WI parody of Side by Side, with Esther Humphrey at the piano.

Kingsmill-Mapleton WI added to the fun with a skit, Diary of an Institute Meeting, with Madeline Jenkins as narrator. Actresses were Elaine Robinson, Grace Manning, Shirley Lunn, Nell Bouthorn and Leola Saddler.

For Sparta Sorosis, Verlyn McQuiggan read the very timely meditations. This day and age, O Canada, our native land, for North Yarmouth, Marjorie Andrews read a humorous reading of I Believe by Edgar Guest from Mason Fletcher's book Country-A Breath of Fresh Air.

To conclude the program the audience was treated to beautiful and interesting slides, chiefly of local views, by Marion Facey.

Shirley Bechard, for Elgin Farm Safety, distributed Bernie & the Cat stickers. The luncheon place mats also supplied by farm safety organization depicting farm hazards were taken home for family members to think about. Courtesies for the day were given by WI District president Betty VanPatter and the meeting closed with O Canada.

J. [Signature]