



# Shedden Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History



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### SHEDDEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY

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## HISTORY OF SIXTY YEARS OF SHEDDEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

No anniversary occasion is complete without a backward look at the "beginning". Sixty years has brought phenomenal changes in our country, our society and our way of life. It is difficult for us to picture in our minds a Women's Institute Meeting of , for example, the years 1913-1920 but we have at least three among us, who were there that first year, namely: Miss Eva Morrison , Mrs. Frank Trace, and Mrs. Leonard Moore. I feel that there are others much more knowledgeable, who could more capably present this brief history as I am a comparatively new member.

However 10 years ago my mother, Mrs. Arthur McIntyre, prepared a history for a similar occasion, it being the 50th Anniversary of the Shedden Women's Institute, of which she was a Life Member. The early part of this History is taken from her research and work at that time.

Mrs. Alex Turner  
R. R. 3, Shedden, Ont.  
May 31, 1973

### SHEDDEN W. I. 60th ANNIVERSARY HISTORY

On May 31st, Miss Margaret McKenzie, principal of Shedden Public School, invited all the ladies of the community to the school house to meet Mrs. Wray of Rodney, the District President of West Elgin and Dr. Annie Bachus of Aylmer, a speaker from the Department.

The Branch was organized as follows:

President .....	Mrs. W. Guest
Vice-President .....	Mrs. J. A. Orchard
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Mrs. Frank Trace
Directors .....	Mrs. Dan Hamilton
	Mrs. C. Pettit
	Miss M. McKenzie
Auditors .....	Mrs. D. Russell
	Mrs. M. White

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CHARTER MEMBERS

Joined May 31, 1913

Mrs. W. G. Eady	Mrs. F. Trace
Mrs. W. Guest	Mrs. M. White
Mrs. Mary McArthur	Mrs. G. T. Hopkins
Mrs. A. E. Orchard	Miss Clara Horton
Mrs. D. Russell	Miss Eva Morrison
Mrs. T. Tanner	Miss Edith McGibbon

SHEDDEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

PROGRAMME

1973-1974

OFFICERS

PAST PRESIDENT - Mrs. Alex Turner

PRESIDENT ----- Mrs. Ted Silcox

1ST. VICE-

PRESIDENT --- Mrs. Donald Vicary

2ND. VICE-

PRESIDENT ---- Mrs. Ralph Palmer

SEC. TREASURER-- Mrs. Herb. Parks

DIS. DIRECTOR -- Mrs. Alex Turner

BRANCH

DIRECTORS - Miss Eva Morrison

Mrs. Lynn Stafford

P.R.O. ----- Mrs. Herb. Parks

CLINIC CONVENOR -- Mrs. C. Oldham

ASST. C.C. --- Mrs. Lynn Stafford

Mrs. Leslie Wood

REMEMBRANCE

CONVENOR--Mrs. George Ross

ASST. REMEMBRANCE

CONVENOR-- Mrs. George Ayling

TWEEDSMUIR

CURATOR - Mrs. Alex Turner

PIANIST ----- Mrs. Donald Vicary

MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FOURTH  
WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH IN  
THE I.O.O.F. HALL AT THE HOUR  
OF 2 P.M.



HISTORY OF SIXTY YEARS OF SHEDDEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



At Shedden W. I. 60th Anniversary  
In I.O.O.F. Hall  
May 31, 1973.

From left to right:

Mrs. Herbert Parks -- Secretary- Treasurer

Miss Eva Morrison -- Charter Member

Mrs. Frank Trace -- Charter Member

Mrs. Leonard Moore -- Life & First Year Member

Mrs. Ted Silcox -- President



## HISTORY OF SIXTY YEARS OF SHEDDEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The first meetings were arranged month by month but later the programs were planned ahead for the year. There was a Question Box at each meeting, the questions answered by the President.

We sang O! Canada, The Maple Leaf Forever and I also noticed one meeting where Rule Britannia!..was sung for an opening.

The attendance rose from 15 to 30 and 40 and more. One of the first money-making activities was a "Hard-Time" social.

1913

# HARD TIMES SOCIABLE

Women's Institute, Shedden

TO BE HELD IN

ODDFELLOWS' HALL

Tuesday, Dec. 2

### RULZ & REGLASHUNS

1 Every woman that kums is requested to ware a kelaker dress and spern or something ekarly appropriate.

2 All men must ware their old cloze, flannell shurts, and air axed to leive their biled shurts and stanup collars at hom unless thare durty.

Prize given for the Wurst Costume, prize for the most Elaborate Costume and consolation prize for one that pays most fines

Any violashuns in these heir rulz will be find as follers:

Kid gloves 1c, biled shurts 2c, other fancy shurts 1c, patent lither boots 2c, ladies' hats with fethers 2c, silk dresses 3c, woolen dresses 2c, emprodry wastes 2c, elaborate koeffeur 1c, silk tys 2c, no tys 3c, imitation silk tys 1c, diamond rings 5c, other rings 2c, typins 1c, kuff lynx 1c, watch chain or fob 2c.

All kickin on these here finds forfefts 2c extra

Singin, Speakin and such like by the  
Members of the Institute

### WITTLES

Coffee, Sandwiches and cake will be served. For extras a small fee will be charged at buths.

ADMISSION, - 10 CENTS

Phun kummenses at 8 o'clock, sharp. Everybody kum.

MRS. GUEST, President

MRS. TRACE, Secretary



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## HISTORY OF SIXTY YEARS OF SHEDDEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Some of the subjects for the topics given are interesting.

"Bread - making" ----- Mrs. Mary McArthur, also

"Southwold Township"

"When and How to Rest" -----Mrs. Dan Russell

"Canning Fresh Meats" -----Mrs. Eady (Comment\* They kept  
what is now Palmer's store)

"Why Are Women Today So Busy --- Mrs. J. A. Orchard

"The Kingship of Self Control" --- Mrs. Hopkins

"Children of past and Present" ----Mrs. Jas. Orchard

"Vacation for the Busy Homemaker ----Mrs. Thos. Wride

"The Influence of a Good Character" ---Mrs. N. Bawtenheimer

"Tempting Invalid Appetites" ----Mrs. Manson Horton (For a  
child she suggested a picture  
or flowers on bottom of dish)

"How to Keep the Boy or Girl on the Farm - Mrs. Arthur McIntyre

On November 22nd 1922, A Grandmothers' Meeting was held, Mrs. Martha Sells, then the oldest W. I. Member, presiding. Dorothy Wride (now Mrs. Geoffrey O'Hara, West Lorne) read the "Runaway Grandmother", by Nellie L. McClung. Grandmothers took part in the meeting.

Miss Annie Brown (now well over 90 years, and a resident of Thamesview Lodge, Chatham) contributed readings, often comic, as did Mrs. Charles Hamilton. At an early cookie contest, Mrs. C. E. Moore won the prize. Miss Annabel Sells (Mrs. Dan Munro) gave a talk on pie making. I remember that they chose her because they said she made more pies than anyone in the community.

My mother, Mrs. Arthur McIntyre, states that she was astonished to see in the early minutes that she and Mrs. Charlie Holborn sang a duet at a meeting, accompanied by Mrs. M. B. Stafford.

Debates were popular sixty years ago and more recently we have had Panel Discussions, one in particular, where Municipal Council members took part, and also one on Public Relations. One of these was a Buttonhole Contest, judged by Miss Annie Brown, who demonstrated how to make a proper buttonhole. Now we do it on our electric sewing machines.

We still have Demonstrations and Displays though, some by our own talented members. Mrs. Clayton Silcox demonstrated at a meeting how to put a collar on a dress, and Mrs. Ed Down on using dried and pressed flowers and foliage to decorate note paper. We have had Antique Displays, Old Glass, and a demonstration on making petal dip flowers.



## HISTORY OF SIXTY YEARS OF SHEDDEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

All relief work during World War I in Shedden was under the auspices of the Shedden W. I. Money was raised in various ways, one being an ice-cream parlor in the village. Hundreds of knitted articles and clothing were made. During World War II a Patriotic Association was organized under the Red Cross, which took charge of all work, the W. I. contributing money. I hope we will not have to help World War III. Surely the lesson has been learned.

In 1922 the W. I. gave \$100 toward improving the cemetery and building a new fence. Later they planted shrubs and a flower bed. They always supported the Library by donating money to help buy books. Now of course this is all done through the County Library. They used to have a social evening, with the proceeds going to the library. More recently the W. I. tried beautifying the Library surroundings by putting up window boxes and benches. These have gradually been destroyed by accident or design, I'm sorry to say, but we tried.

In 1928 the W. I. presented a Play, "Cranberry Corners," directed by Mrs. A. E. Orchard, the proceeds going to pay for having a small child treated at Sick Children's Hospital for defective bones.



Mrs. Jack Keith and Mrs. Kenneth Fillmore of Iona W.I. visitors at the 60th, studying our display board.



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## HISTORY OF SIXTY YEARS OF SHEDDEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In 1916 the first Demonstration Lecture Course was given on Home Nursing and First Aid. In 1924 a goodly number of ladies attended a four-week course on Sewing and Domestic Science, ending up with a banquet. A Refinishing Furniture Course was popular with ambitious members, who produced lovely old pieces looking like new.



*date ?*  
A group of ladies who took the course in Copper Tooling sponsored by Shedden Women's Institute.

Picture is taken in front of Oddfellows' Hall, where the Course was given.

Back Row, left to right : Mrs. Jack Schra (in doorway) ? and Mrs. Les. Wood), Mrs. Frank Trace, Mrs. Leonard Moore, Mrs. Frank Henry,

Mrs. George Silcox, Mrs. Basil Daugherty, Mrs. Herb Parks, Mrs. Cliff Ballam. Front Row (left to right) Mrs. C. E. Moore. Mrs. Clayton Silcox, Mrs. Harold Harris, Mrs. Stewart Brown, Mrs. Kenneth McLaughlin.

Other courses over the years in Crafts and Homemaking included Glovemaking, Personality and Dress, Your Food and Your Figure, Millinery, Rug-making, Moccasin-making, and more recently, Fashion Cues for you, Baking with Yeast, The Main Dish Makes the Meal, and lastly, The Knack of Sewing with Knits.

Our W. I. has participated in the Women's Institute projects along with all the other branches in our District, now known as Elgin West. We have attended the Winter Picnic, District Annual and Area Convention. Many of our members have enjoyed attending the Officers' Conference at Guelph over the years.

In 1947 a large number attended the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of the founding of the W. I. In 1972 many of us attended 75th Anniversary celebrations of the founding of our organization in our branches, District and at the County Rally.

Today we are gathered here for our own 60th. We are proud to have had a small part in the preservation, as museums of the Adelaide Hoodless homestead and also the Erland Lee homestead, which will be open to the public in July. We also supported the Macdonald College Fund as well as the Student Scholarship. One of our local girls, Miss Isabel Campbell, received the Elgin County W. I. Scholarship. We have also enjoyed our association with our neighbouring Institutes.



Over the years we have had a wide variety of programs which have brought much pleasure, as well as knowledge to members and visitors. We hve had talks and papers on a wide range of subjects and often special speakers such as a lawyer, doctor, a nurse from the Cardiac Unit, a teacher on New Trends in Education, a speaker on Farm and Home Safety, on Auction Sales, The ElginCounty Dairy Princess, our Home Economists and Assistant Ag. Rep., and of course our own members, who show a wealth of talent.



A group who took a MILLINERY COURSE sponsored by Shedden W.I.

Back Row (left to right)

Mrs. Angus Lunn, Mrs. Bill Brown, Mrs. Bill Bogart, Mrs. John Searay, Mrs. R. McKellar, Mrs. Lorne Spicer, Mrs. Cliff Ballam, Mrs. Murray Stafford. Mrs. Jim Lunn.

Front Row (left to right)

Mrs. Sydney Orchard, Mrs. Ralph Palmer, Mrs. Clayton Silcox, Mrs. George Ross, Mrs. Les Wood.

Many fine musical numbers have been enjoyed, often performed by families of our members. Contests were always popular as well, and a Quiz on Elgin County was of interest. During Centennial Year we studied a different Canadian Province at each meeting. Some of our Roll Calls were amusing as well as educational, e.g. "How a farmer and his wife can find more leisure", "Say something in French", "Read a verse from your old Autograph Album".

In this age of the Jet Plane, travel has been one of our favourite subjects. On looking over the books I find that we have nearly covered the globe with the beautiful slides shown to us. Another favourite of all is a local tour and meal out together. Just to mention a few: Vio-Bin, St. Thomas; Eldon House, London; Hollandia Bakery, Mount Brydges; Lyons Shoe Factory, Glencoe.

OTHER APPEALS

I was amazed as I went over the books, at the number of projects that we support in one way or another, and nearly all to help the unfortunate. It made me, as I am sure you, proud to be a W. I. member. Some of these projects are or were: Canadian Mental Health, War Memorial Children's Hospital, Retarded Children's Association, Daffodil Auxiliary, and Canadian Cancer Society, Save the Children's Eyes Fund, the C.N.I.B.,



Other projects I would like to briefly mention are:  
When the new St. Thomas - Elgin General was built we pledged \$1000 and got it paid too. We also gave \$500 to the building on the Fair Grounds where we serve meals, along with the church group at the Fair.

The Child and Adult Immunization Centre, which, particularly in the early years was one of our best projects. Several ladies worked faithfully at this, with their assistants. Mrs. Lola Baker, who was in charge, also Mrs. E. H. Silcox, who is no longer with us, and now Mrs. Lynn Stafford and Mrs. Currie Oldham.

Another of our pet projects is our adopted child in Hong Kong. Lee Fung Lan has grown up, so for the past year we have sponsored a boy, 12 years of age.

For many years we have sponsored the 4-H Clubs for girls and given leadership.

As all the Institutes in the County, we feel we have a share in the Elgin County Pioneer Museum, of which we are all proud.

In 1942 the Blue Cross Hospitalization was sponsored, and several joined to receive benefits. Then there are the cards and in some cases flowers for the sick and shut-ins, which for many years has been looked after by Mrs. George Ross.

A Book of Quilt Blocks was entered in the Competition a number of years ago. It came first at the District Annual and was on display at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, where a number of ladies went down to see the display. A Tweedsmuir History was also compiled to preserve the history of the school section and community. For a number of years the W. I. exhibited in the W. I. Display at London Fair, which added to our funds.

## Our anniversary

Shedden W.I.

Sixty years to ponder over  
Thinking what we have achieved,  
More than in our small beginnings  
We could really have believed.

And I know we can be pardoned  
If a tribute we will pay,  
To all those, whose deep devotion  
Brought us where we are today.

In the past these people labored  
Now the torch dropped by their  
hands,  
Carried on by those who follow  
Casts its glow on many lands

We now reap what they were  
sowing  
And it gladdens every heart,  
To take part in all this effort  
In however small a part.

And the members work together  
So that those who are in sorrow,  
Or the needy who need helping  
May not fear to meet tomorrow.

In the Ode upon our program  
This we try to live up to,  
No unkind word to be spoken  
Praise to give where it is due.

And the slogans which are printed  
Clever phrases here we find,  
For a lesson they could teach you  
And are good to have in mind.

At our meetings we have speakers  
Who give talks on education,  
And on culture, which believe me  
Is a real inspiration.

To all those who came to join us  
In our celebration here,  
We appreciate you coming  
And our thanks are most sincere.

So to make a happy ending  
Though your day be bright or  
shady,  
Please accept the best of wishes  
From a little Irish lady.

- L. Ahara

This poem was  
composed by  
Miss Lily Ahara,  
a little Irish  
lady, over 80  
years of age.



A few years ago we sponsored a cooking school by the Ontario Hydro. We also were on the popular T. V. program of C. F. P L, London, "Take Your Choice". Once we had a rummage sale on the market in St. Thomas, a first and last time might I add.

We have given 8 Life Memberships and pins to those of long standing.

We are very grateful to the I. O. O. F. trustees for the use of their hall, where we hold most of our meetings, and also to the United church.

Several from Shedden have served as District Officers:

As President - Miss Lettie Sells  
Mrs. John Sells  
Mrs. George Silcox  
Mrs. E. S. Down

As Secretary - Miss Eva Morrison  
Miss Grace McCormick  
Mrs. Herb Parks

This is our story. With the combined efforts and talents of many women over the years we are now celebrating our 60th Anniversary. I hope I have not omitted any highlight and while only a few names have been mentioned every member is important and has helped to bring us to this day. In this fast-changing world none of us can foresee the future. Like all organizations we have had our ups and downs, but let's hope that some here today will be helping to celebrate our 75th in 1988.



From left to right:  
Mrs. Herb Parks - Secretary  
Miss Eva Morrison - Charter  
Member  
Mrs. Frank Trace - Charter  
Member  
Mrs. Leonard Moore - Life  
Member  
Mrs. Ted Silcox - President



# Shedden WI Branch marks 60th anniversary

**SHEDDEN** — Members, former members and friends as well as members of neighboring branches gathered at the IOOF Hall, Shedden, Thursday afternoon, May 31 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Shedden Branch of the Women's Institute.

Receiving the many guests were Mrs. Ted Wilcox and Mrs. H. Parks. Mrs. F. Trace, Miss Eva Morrison and Mrs. Leonard Moore presided over the register. These three are life members of the branch and all have belonged to the branch for 60 years. Mrs. Trace and Miss Morrison are charter members and Mrs. Moore is a first-year member. Mrs. Wilbert Atkinson, who is the oldest active member was unable to attend. They were each presented with a corsage in the colors of the WI, blue and gold.

Greetings were given by Mrs. Gordon Gow, Dutton who is the FWIO Board member for this zone and also the president of Elgin County WI Rally: Mrs. Ivan MacAdam, president of Elgin West District WI and by Miss Lois Ferguson, the County Home Economist.

Mrs. Parks read messages expressing good wishes to the organization from former members who could not attend.

Mrs. George Ayling conducted a memorial service for those members who have passed away during the past 10 years and was assisted by Mrs. George Ross and Mrs. Ralph Palmer.

Mrs. Donald Vicary sang a lovely solo accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Carl Chamberlain.

The flowers used were given to the special care wing of Elgin Manor.

Mrs. Alex Turner read a history of the branch relating many highlights of projects accomplished during its life time. Mrs. Turner used a

history prepared by her mother, the late Mrs. Arthur McIntyre for the 50th anniversary of the branch as a background for her interesting history. She also had old pictures and programs on display. Miss Lilly A'Hara read a poem which she had composed especially for this occasion. Miss A'Hara is a comparatively new member, having come from Ireland only a few years ago but she frequently delights the members with her poems.

Mrs. Palmer took charge of the recreation and refreshments were served by Mrs. Vicary, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Leslie Wood, Mrs. Edna Sells, Mrs. Wallace Hepburn, Mrs. Cliff Ballam and Mrs. Currie Oldham.

The tea table was centred with a beautifully decorated anniversary cake, the work of Mrs. Ayling with silver candelabra holding blue and gold tapers on either side. Mrs. George Silcox and Miss Morrison poured tea during the

social hour. Martha duties were done by Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Ayling, Mrs. Silcox and Mrs. Jack Schram.

Mrs. Silcox announced that she will be calling a meeting soon to plan the programs for the coming year.



Foreground : Mrs. Ralph Palmer.

Tea : Miss Eva Morrison,

Mrs. Herb Parks.





Mrs. Annie Atkinson,  
our oldest active  
member.

May 31st 1973  
60th Anniversary  
SHEDDEN W.I

**ENJOYING HER FLOWERS** — One of several 'leaves' on life for 92-year-old Mrs. Wilbert Atkinson is her garden behind her home on William Street in Shedden, just a mile south of where she was born 92 years ago on May 17. A member of Shedden United Church Women since 1913 and Wabuna Rebekah Lodge since 1914, Mrs. Atkinson also has 17 grandchildren and great-grandchildren to keep her busy. She is the oldest active member of Shedden Women's Institute, which celebrated its 60th anniversary on Thursday. Mrs. Atkinson is the former Annie Plain, and her husband passed away in 1959. Her birthday was celebrated in happy fashion in Burlington, with her granddaughter, Mrs. David Waddell, Mr. Waddell and their small son, George. Mrs. Atkinson's daughter, Mrs. George Ross of Shedden, was also present for the memorable occasion. — (T.J. Photo)



1.  
On May 26, 1993, Shedden Women's Institute celebrated it's 80th year of existence. This celebration was held in The Old School House Tea Room, where the first meeting took place on May 31, 1913.

All available past minute books had recently been read by Madeline Parks, Ina Ross, Jean Palmer and Dora McArthur. The programme for this anniversary meeting was a summation of the High Points taken from the original minutes. Minute books were not available for the years 1926-1928, 1934-1942. All existing minute books are held in safekeeping in the vault at The Southwold Township Office, Fingal, Ontario.

Shedden W. I. 1913-1934 by Madeline Parks

Women of the Village of Shedden and surrounding area were invited to a meeting at the Shedden (S.S.#9) School with the formation of a Women's Institute branch in mind. At 3 P.M. on May 31, 1913, the meeting convened and was opened with singing "The Maple Leaf". Miss McKenzie, teacher, was hostess. The president of West Elgin District Mrs. Wray, West Lorne, presided - Speakers Dr. Annie Bachus, Aylmer, and Miss Hughes from the W.I. branch of the Ont. Dept. of Agriculture talked of benefits of W.I. Work. There were 47 women who became members, paying an annual fee of .25 cents and they chose the 4th Wednesday of each month at 3 P.M. sharp as the meeting date.

#### OFFICERS

Mrs. Wm. (Emily) Guest - President

Mrs. J.A. (Anna) Orchard - Vice President

Mrs. F. (Stella) Trace - Sec. Treasurer

Directors - Mrs. C. Petit, Mrs. Dan Hamilton, and Miss McKenzie

#### WAR WORK (1914-1918)

Donated money to Red Cross

Donated 200 lbs of sugar to neighbouring W.I. who were making Jam for overseas.

Donated 100 lbs of Honey for overseas.

Knitted socks for those soldiers from our area but sent most to Red Cross. In one month 195 Pr of socks were knit.

Donated to the Patriotic Society.

Donated to the Navy League.

Made a quilt for Red Cross.

Christmas Boxes for area soldiers.

Honour roll purchased.

#### WAYS OF RAISING MONEY

10 cent teas at the meetings.

Hard-Time Social.

Valentine Party.

Plays.

Served dinner at Shedden Fair.

Booth at Shedden Fair.

Served Warden's Banquet.

Served supper for community.

Sold Ice Cream in 1917 from the Library with Lettie Sells Pres. and Mrs. W. Atkinson and daughter Ina assisting.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hired Man to cut weeds and grass on Village Streets. \$2.25.

Assisted CEMETERY BOARD in paying for fence, gate and cement posts.

SCHOOL BOARD - purchased water pail, wash basins, paper towels, pencil sharpener, sport equipment and had outside toilets cleaned. Lobbied



for stove for hot lunches.

LIBRARY - Donated money to buy books. "Cattle in the Stall" by Mrs. Moore Johnson purchased

HOSPITAL - Shower of pillow cases and magazines. Shower of Jam and Jelly for Byron Sanatorium - also donated money.

CHILDREN'S SHELTER - donated money and 6 crib quilts.

ONEIDA INDIANS - Sent good used clothing and also to a family in Northern Ont. burned out of their home.

AGRICULTURE - Met with Farmer's Institute on 2 occasions to hear speakers. Assisted Charlie Buchanan, Dept. of Agriculture, Representative (who rode a motorcycle) in organizing short courses.

OPERATION FOR GIRL - Paid for surgery on a member's niece's leg \$175.00 to Victoria Hospital, London.

MUSIC FESTIVAL - Donated to it.

#### MEETINGS

Paid Methodist Church \$3.00 for use of building and heat, whenever used for a meeting.

- - - Entertained other branches & Kensington Club. Guests provided program.

- used Institute Ode for first time in June 1915. Paid Secretary \$5.00 in April 1916.

- Apron parade - prizes.

- Had the young ladies participate in the summer meetings. They were Misses Raynham, McCormick, McIntyre, Atkinson, Fulton, Sells & Horton.

#### SHORT COURSES

Nutrition - 3 days in Library.

Dress Making - 2 weeks in 1924 or 1925.

Demonstrated Table Setting at District Annual 1921

#### PROGRAMS

Traffic Officer Robert Witts Nov. 1933 spoke on Safety.

Usually had 2 or 3 papers at a meeting. There was not so much mail from W.I. Headquarters.

#### TOPICS FOR MEETINGS

The evil of gossip and jealousy,

Why are women so busy.

Co-operation of parents and teachers.

Duties of a daughter in the home.

Making the most of ourselves.

Making a successful W.I.

The value of a good laugh.

Loyalty to our home town.

Minute books missing 1934 - 1941

The years 1942 - 1950 were reviewed by Ina Ross

MAY 27, 1942 - Mrs. Stevenson, President

Members decided to do away with lunch at the meetings during the duration of the war.

An Invitation to all past members of the Institute to meet at home of Mrs. C.E. Moore to celebrate 45th anniversary of the Institute.

Mr. W.E. Roe of St. Thomas spoke to the ladies about the hospital plan.

JUNE 14, 1942

Hospital plan was accepted by the Institute. Mrs. Mary McArthur, one of the oldest charter members was present with us. A bag of sugar was bought by the Institute and given to Talbotville Institute for overseas' Jam. Cost \$7.50

JULY 22, 1942



All those wishing to join the Hospital plan were asked to leave their cards with the secretary and fees were to be paid quarterly.  
AUGUST 26, 1942

We decided to serve meals at Shedden Fair. Price .40 cents. Mrs. C.E. Moore to be convenor and choose her own committee. Proceeds from Shedden Fair dinner \$27.85.

Institute was divided into 4 groups, each group to raise money for the Institute.

OCTOBER 1942

2 frames for Honor Rolls were bought.

NOVEMBER 1942

Remembrance Day Program. Rev. Bright and Rev. Buchner were each presented with an honor roll and they were to be placed in the two respective churches in Shedden. Mrs. Hilda Stevenson made the Presentations.

Rev. Bright - Minister of United Church.

Rev. Buchner - Minister of Baptist Church.

DECEMBER 1942

5 Quilt batts and lining for five quilts were purchased and quilts are to be quilted and given to Salvation Army. Batts and Lining cost \$8.63. Cash on hand \$11.10.

MARCH 1943

41 articles donated by members for civilian women in England.

Proceeds - Mrs. O'Hara's Group - \$7.50: Mrs. Hamilton's Group \$3.00. Cash on Hand \$25.15

JULY 1943

W.I. and Patriotic Auxillary - chair committee reported that there was a possibility of purchasing a dozen chairs from Mr. Prevett (Funeral Director) price to be \$1.35 per chair.

AUGUST 1943

Institute to send a remembrance for Lorne Beer. (Local serviceman killed in accident. He is buried in Shedden Cemetery.)

SEPTEMBER 1943

Roll Call responded to for gifts for overseas boxes. Moved by Mrs. Braddon, seconded by Mrs. Gosnell that Institute and Patriotic Auxillary discontinue meeting together.

NOVEMBER 1943

Meeting held in church in form of a family night and Remembrance meeting. Honor rolls read by Rev. Buchner (Baptist) and Rev. Bright (United). Mrs. C. Orchard and Mrs. G. Ross placed gold seals beside the three boys' names that had made the Supreme Sacrifice: Lorne Beer, George Moore, Anson Moore.

DECEMBER 1943

Group Leaders to make money for Institute.

JANUARY 1944

Gave 2 Quilt Batts and 2 linings to Red Cross. Decided to have a soap shower for overseas boxes.

FEBRUARY 1944

\$10.00 was sent to Township Red Cross to be used for prisoner's boxes. Group leaders had their parties' returns. G. McCormick \$30.15: Mrs. Vi. Silcox \$27.00: Mrs. Baker \$1.75.

MARCH 1944

A Committee was formed and were to ask the Council about a dumping ground for tin cans etc.

APRIL 1944

A \$100.00 victory bond bought. Town Council said they would look after a dumping ground for cans and bottles.

Report of Nominating Committee: Hon. Pres. Mrs. Stevenson: President - Mrs. C.E. Moore: 1st Vice Pres. Grace McCormick: 2nd Vice Pres. Mrs. Lynn Stafford.

MAY 1944



200 lbs sugar for Jams and Jelly sent to Mrs. Lyle, Red Cross Convenor to be distributed to other Institutes. A Committee was formed to look after gifts to Newly-Weds and people leaving the Community.

JULY 1944

Institute decided to serve meals at Shedden Fair - Adults .50 cents and children .25 cents.

SEPTEMBER 1944

Oatmeal cookie contest - filled cookies Mrs. Beer: Plain cookies-Miss F. Campbell.

Proceeds from Shedden Fair meals \$31.42. Another Victory Bond for \$50.00 was bought.

FEBRUARY 1945

\$25.00 was donated to Central Fund to be used for Prisoners of War, War parcels and Red Cross.

Nominating Report- President - Grace McCormick: 1st Vice Pres- Mrs. Lynn Stafford: 2nd Vice Pres - Mrs. Morley Stafford: Sec. Treas. Miss Morrison.

JULY 1945

Shedden Fair Dinner prices to be Adults .60 cents, Children .30 cents.

OCTOBER 1945

Plans had been made to have a business man's banquet. Two Committees formed - one to make enquiries regarding building a Community Hall with Mrs. Ed. Down as convenor & Mr. Palmer was named convenor of a committee for sports.

FEBRUARY 1946

Plans for making money: Mrs. D. Brown, Mrs. G. Silcox, Mrs. A.E. Orchard, Miss Grace McCormick was the committee to plan some activity.

Mrs. Arthur McIntyre gave a talk on Historical Research and led in a discussion of "The Tweedsmuir History Book"

Moved by Mrs. A.E. Orchard, seconded by Mrs. Baker that Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. C.E. Moore, Miss McCormick, Miss Morrison, Mrs. C.J. Orchard, Mrs. G. O'Hara, Mrs. Turner, with power to add, be a Committee to gather material for the book.

Nominations 1946 - 1947:

Hon. Pres - Mrs. C.E. Moore

Pres. - Grace McCormick

1st V.P. - Mrs. Morley Stafford

2nd V.P. - Mrs. Lynn Stafford

Sec. Treas- Mrs. E.S. Down

MAY 1946

\$25.00 was spent for articles for June clothing drive.

Moved by Mrs. G. O'Hara, seconded by Mrs. M. McCormick that Mrs. W. Ross and Mrs. C.E. Moore, Miss Eva Morrison brief a resolution re - The closing of all beverage rooms. This resolution is to be presented at District Annual.

Moved by Miss Morrison, seconded by Mrs. M. McCormick that \$4.00 be given for a special prize at the Southwold and Dunwich Fair, and Mrs. A.E. Orchard and Mrs. Down be a committee to place the money on an article.

JUNE 1946

21 present. Report given on the District Annual at Clachan. Mr. Webster, Assistant Ag. Rep gave an interesting talk.

JULY 1946

Roll Call: One commendable feature of our Village.

Institute picnic was planned for August.

AUGUST 1946

Meeting was held in the Hall and a social afternoon enjoyed instead of picnic. A hilarious game of Cootie was main part of program. 1st prize M. Ayling, door prize won by Billie Parks.