

TALBOTVILLE AND PAYNES MILLS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

January 19, 1928 Time a.2p.,

Hostess: Mrs. F. Knight assisted by 2.p.m.

Mrs. M. Vann and Mrs. Geo. Powles

Roll Call: My Great Grandmother's Maiden Name

Music: Instrumental by Miss M. Lowdy

Paper: Mrs. W. Hicks

Demonstration of Making of Lamp Shades

Handkerchief Shower

February 16 Time 2.p.m.

Hostess: Mrs. W. Hicks assisted by Mrs. Lindsay  
and Mrs. Taylor

Roll Call: Our Favorite Recipe

Music: Victrola Selection

Paper: Mrs. C. Munroe

Community Singing led by Mrs. Jas. Lindsay

Contest: Mrs. Munroe

Demonstration of Making Husk Mats by Mrs. Haines

March 15 Time 2.p.m.

Hostess: Mrs. E. Haines assisted by Mrs. F.  
Knight and Mrs. W. Meek

Roll Call: An Irish Joke

Paper: Mrs. Kelly

Helpful Hints

April 19 Time 2.30.p.m.

Hostess: Mrs. W. D. Munroe assisted by Mrs.  
Gilbert and Mrs. W. Abbott

Roll Call: Helpful Hints in House-Cleaning

Music: Mrs. A. Vicary

Paper:

Demonstration of making of Feather Comforters

Exchange of Flower Seeds

May 17 Time 2.30.p.m.

Hostess: Mrs. W. H. Sutton assisted by Mrs.  
Gilbert and Mrs. C. Munroe

Roll Call: Paying of Dues

Music: Community Singing

Paper:

Election of Officers



## West Elgin W.I.

### Winter Picnic

Jan. 1947

History of Institutes is Reviewed  
By Mrs. J. R. Fitcher

The annual winter picnic of the West Elgin Women's Institutes was held in the Memorial Hall in Dutton. On this day, West Elgin was celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institutes in Ontario and with over 200 ladies in attendance this winter picnic was the most successful ever held in West Elgin. Twelve of the 15 branches were present at the rally.

The banquet commenced at 12.30. The hall was prettily decorated with blue and gold streamers. Yellow candles in crystal holders and yellow and blue flowers were very artistically arranged along the table. The dinner table was centered with a three-layer anniversary cake adorned with 50 blue and yellow candles. Guests at the head table were the past presidents and secretaries of the district. Those present were Miss M. Gow, Dutton; Mrs. G. McLevey, Rodney; Mrs. N. Nickleson, West Lorne; Miss M. Lyle, Middlemarch; Mrs. J. R. Fitcher, Middlemarch; Mrs. Harold Sloan, Fingal; Mrs. A. McKellar, St. Thomas; and the present executive; Mrs. Harvey Miller, New Glasgow; Mrs. G. Silcox, Shedden; Mrs. R. Kerr, Iona Station; and Grace McCormick, Shedden.

Mrs. H. Miller, the district president, presided over the program which commenced by Mrs. Miller lighting the candles on the cake. With a few appropriate remarks Miss Margaret Lyle placed the knife in the cake. In proposing the toast to the founder of the Women's Institutes, Adelaide Hoodless, Mrs. McLevey of Rodney quoted Winston Churchill as saying "never have so many owed so much to so few," therefore from a small Institute in Stoney Creek in 1897 a world-wide organization has been formed. Miss Minnie Gow, who has served as both past president and secretary of the district gave a most fitting reply. The flag was capably presented by the West Lorne branch.

In her address, Mrs. J. R. Fitcher summarized the work of the Women's Institutes for the past fifty years. She stated that on the fiftieth anniversary day, it is a day of rejoicing and a day for fun and happy social reunions but it is also a time for meditation and bringing to mind the women who have been responsible for the success of the organization. The name of Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless comes first as the organizer of the first Institute at Stoney Creek in 1897 in Squires Hall. This organization has travelled a long way in the past 50 years and if the aim continues to be service in the spheres of right living and betterment of one's fellow man they will continue to flourish. Mrs. Fitcher reminded of the coming celebration of all the Institutes in Ontario on June 18 at Guelph. She spoke briefly of the fine work accomplished by this wonderful organization, sending seeds to Britain, a million pounds of jam was sent to Britain during the war, also started a sugar fund for \$6,000.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HOLDS BIG MEETING

New Organization at Payne's Mills  
and Talbotville Has Interesting Program

The Payne's Mills-Talbotville Women's Institute held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. John McCormick, Talbotville. The fact that two spacious rooms were filled to overflowing showed the keen interest taken in the new organization while the meeting received added zest by the presence of many members from Shedden and Middlemarch Institutes. The capable president, Mrs. W. H. Sutton, was in the chair and after the roll-call, which was responded to, by each member giving a pickle recipe, presented the following programme: Singing of the Institute Code with Mrs. Wm. Meek at the piano; instrumental by Miss Muriel Lindsay; community singing led by Mrs. James Lindsay; a very thought-provoking paper by Mrs. McIntyre, of Shedden, on the subject, "The all-round woman."

At the close of the programme, the president called upon several of the officers and ex-officers of the visiting institutes for a few words of encouragement to the new and as yet inexperienced organization. The neat, gracious replied helped, not a little, to encourage the new members in launching out. One problem, "The Talbotville Cemetery," was discussed at length. The hostess, Mrs. McCormick, then served a dainty lunch, those assisting being Miss Humphrey, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Auckland and Miss Lindsay. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the hostess for her hospitality.

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The main feature of the afternoon was an old-time and modern fashion parade. Costumes modelled, dated back a 100 years. At the conclusion of the fashion show Mrs. R. Kerr sang "The Old Arm Chair." A well rendered violin solo was given by the Rodney branch.

In her capable way Mrs. E. Baker, of Shedden, once again led the community singing, accompanied by Mrs. F. Henry, as pianist. Mrs. G. Silcox gave special thanks to the Dutton ladies. It was through their untiring efforts that this winter picnic was an outstanding success.

### Old Resident Honored

A very pleasant evening was spent at the school hall on Tuesday when the many friends gathered to honor Mrs. James Lindsay, a life-long resident who is leaving to make her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. J. Gilchrist, Toronto. A program of solo's by Mrs. G. Clinton and Mrs. R. Auckland; violin solo by Allen Kirk, accompanied by Mrs. F. Helkaa; a travel talk by Rev. A. Taylor; and community singing under the leadership of Ralph Auckland was enjoyed. An address was read by Mrs. A. E. Thomas, Mr. P. Turner and Mrs. N. Brokenshire presented the guest of honor with a gold-colored china cilla bed spread, a bed lamp and a serving cabinet. Lunch was served by the ladies.

## District Officers At Talbotville W.I.

Aug. 1946

Mrs. Harvey Miller and Mrs. George Silcox Address Meeting

Mrs. Harvey Miller, of Rodney, district president of West Elgin Women's Institute, and Mrs. George Silcox, of Shedden, district first vice-president, were guests at the August meeting of the Talbotville Women's Institute, at the home of Mrs. Robert Waite, Burrows avenue, St. Thomas. Both spoke on subjects pertaining to Institute work at the present time.

Mrs. Miller, who spoke on peace-time activities of the W.I., said that "a great deal must be accomplished to bring true peace and security for which we have been striving. We need all the wisdom, understanding, courage and faith we can muster, now more than ever, and at the same time, we must maintain a tolerant broad-minded attitude. It is these qualities which have won for the W.I. the high esteem in which it is held throughout the country. Let us cherish this esteem and through our future efforts live up to the high standard set us."

She also suggested that plans be started for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the forming of the Institute, and answered questions and discussed problems on various subjects brought up by members of the Institute.

Mrs. G. Silcox, first vice-president, spoke on "Canadian Citizenship," taking as her theme, "I am a Canadian." She stressed the value of our heritage as Canadians, our opportunities and responsibilities, and expressed the wish that Institute members strive to be worthy of their great inheritance as Canadian citizens.

In conclusion, Mrs. Silcox quoted Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, who wrote "Canada, that wonderful gift of God to the British race, extending as it does, from the rock-bound coast of Nova Scotia on the east to the golden sands of British Columbia on the west, from where the sun in the early morning first gilds the hill tops of Cape Breton to where at the end of day, he lingers to kiss the ivory tips of the giant Rockies, 3,600,000 square miles of smiling land, supporting a population of more than ten millions of the noblest, cleanest, thriftiest people on the face of the earth."

Mrs. Silcox also stressed the value of the W.I. short courses and suggested that more use be made of them. She then displayed samples of work of the glove-making course. Both addresses were much enjoyed.

Previously, a short business session was conducted with Mrs. Harley Appleford presiding and Mrs. A. E. Thomas as secretary. Roll call, "A Garden or Canning Hint," brought forth interesting replies. Victrola music was much enjoyed as was also a contest on Canadian fruits. The program was in charge of Mrs. C. Bawtenheimer. The hostess was assisted at the tea-hour by Mrs. R. Olsen, Mrs. Brown and Miss Dorothy Wai. The September meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Elmer Auckland, Talbotville. The subject is "Social Welfare," and the program will be in charge of Mrs. Ross Boothman.



Talbottriffe W.I. members catered

Rhoda Stuart & Carl Woodward wedding



Wedding Reception

in Church School Hall

Talbottriffe, May 10, 1946



Women's Institute of Talbotville, Ont.  
meeting at home of Mrs. Clarence

Group picture.

Bawtenheimer.

1. Miss N. Auckland, Mrs. Anna Kelly, Mrs. R. Boothman,  
 Mrs. C. Cottle, Mrs. E. C. Gilbert, Mrs. F. Henderson,  
 Mrs. John R. Auckland, Mrs. Harold Clarke, Mrs. Alice Thomas  
 Mrs. Estella Waite, Mrs. Anne McKellar, Mrs. Harvey French.





### Group picture.

Party for Mrs. Wm. McCallum, Talbotville, Ont.  
prior to her marriage to Mr T. Sproat, Peterborough.

1. Mrs. Lewis Cole, Mrs. Sproat's sister, Mrs. Mabel Down. (Pres.)  
Mrs. H. French, Mrs. C. Cottle, Mrs. C. Bawtenheimer,  
Mrs. John R. Auckland,  
Mrs. Ross Boothman, Mrs. Geo. Berdan.
2. Mrs. Carl Wheildon, Mrs. McCallum (Sproat), niece of Mrs. Sproat,  
Mrs. Alice Thomas, Mrs. Anne McKellar, Mrs. John Brown,  
Mrs. Roy Turner, Mrs. Frank Henderson.



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1897 - 1947  
50th Anniversary  
Women's Institute

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Mrs. L. Cole  
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Mrs. Busch  
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Mrs. Bawtenheimer

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Mrs. Humphries  
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Mrs. G. Thomas  
Talbotville



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT 1947.

How do you do Ontario Women's Institute Members!

To many of you I am a stranger, but in pride in our organization and high hopes for its future, you and I find common ground.

1947—the fiftieth year of the founding of our organization, will soon be behind us. But the achievements and the satisfaction of fifty years of unselfish service remain. Women of vigour and vision, fifty years ago, laid the foundation stones of our Women's Institute straight and true. I know it is your prayer, as it is mine, that we have the insight and spiritual strength to continue building in like manner.

That most wonderful and satisfying day at Guelph, with its beauty and its inspiration, was a fitting climax to fifty years of unselfish effort—Thousands of us, paying tribute that day to everything that our Institute stands for, went home with high resolves to greater effort.

The thought I want to leave with you for the new year is "Active Citizenship" in the four spheres of home, community, national and international. Active citizenship in the home embraces all our Institute program of better living and better home-making. Here we lay the first foundations of good citizenship by teaching our children, loyalty, tolerance and co-operation.

Active citizenship in our communities calls for our support of all worthwhile projects—such as community centres, play-grounds, parks, etc. It means constructive interest in our schools and health units. It calls for active help for our Juniors and the absorption of newcomers into community life. Be zealous in extending membership—rural women need the privileges and means of service that our organization offers.

1947 saw us with Canadian citizenship for the first time. The highest form of citizenship is use of franchise—the lowest form is espionage. Immigrants are flocking to our shores. We must help mould these different



MRS. J. R. FUTCHER,  
F. W. I. O. PRESIDENT

nationalities into one great Canadian spirit. Canada needs their craftsmanship and their thrift. By another generation they'll make splendid citizens.

The war has made world citizens of us all. Our citizenship effort must now be international in scope. How fortunate we Women's Institute members are for through our International Organization we can so easily help to promote international understanding! Remember in planning next year's program to set aside the February meeting for International Day.

What an interesting future lies ahead really making citizenship work!

To Mrs. Summers I say "Thank you for a job well done!"

I will do my best, as far as I am able, to follow her example of devoted service and outstanding leadership.

And now, may happiness and satisfaction go with you in your work as you face the New Year.

Dorothy E. Futcher.

R.R. 1, St. Thomas

## WE WELCOME OUR PRESIDENT 1947.

Women's Institute members from all parts of the province welcome our new Provincial President, Mrs. J. Robinson Futcher.

A teacher before her marriage, Mrs. Futcher lives on a farm near St. Thomas, in Elgin County. She has one son at home on the farm, a daughter in training for a nurse and twins attending St. Thomas Collegiate.

For twenty-four years Mrs. Futcher has been an active Institute member. During that time she has held various offices in her Branch and District. She was first elected to the F.W.I.O. Board in 1944 and while serving on the Board acted as liaison officer between the F.W.I.O. and Wartime Prices and Trade Board, was Chairman of the Finance Committee and was instrumental in organizing a delegation comprised of representative provincial women's organizations to present a beverage room brief to the Prime Minister of Ontario.

Mrs. Futcher has always been looked upon with high esteem by her many friends and associates. She

has made an outstanding contribution toward the welfare of her community by taking an active part in all worthwhile community enterprises. She has served on the Elgin County Federation of Agriculture executive, the St. Thomas Music Club and the Elgin Historical Society executive.

Her friendly personality, her clear, logical mind and her knowledge of and experience in Institute work all admirably fit her for the very responsible position she has been elected to fill.

The Women's Institutes of this province extend warmest congratulations and good wishes for a successful tenure of office as President, Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and pledge co-operation and support.