

4. a. Agriculture and Canadian Industries.

The convener either prepared and gave a paper, or secured a guest speaker - our Agricultural Representative or some one else qualified to speak on the subject.

b. Citizenship and Education.

We followed the same procedure as in a.

c. Community Activities and Public Relations.

One of our first projects was the improvement of our local cemetery. A quick claim deed was secured, the ground put in shape for grass mowing and a perennial border started. This was followed by a yearly donation for the upkeep.

During the war, we regularly sent jam, jelly, honey and soldiers' boxes overseas. We also did sewing and knitting under instructions from the Red Cross.

Recently we circulated a petition for village lights, interviewed the Hydro Commission, and now have the lights.

We also petitioned for and secured speed signs through the village.

d. Historical Research and Current Events.

A Tweedsmuir Village History was started in 194⁵ under the convenership of Mrs. J. McCormick. This History won first prize in our district competition in 194⁷. Its contents are being added to, as information is secured, and interesting current events are recorded.

e. Home Economics and Health.

Talks and demonstrations have been given by competent persons including our Home Economist of St. Thomas, dietitians, doctors and nurses, as well as practical experiences given by our own members.

Special.

We were honored in August 1948, by having Mrs. Ida Braine of Hertfordshire, ^{England.} a member of the executive of the Hertfordshire Federation, as our guest at an evening meeting.

Alice E. Thomas.

Albottle.

June 10, 1950.

TWO BRANCHES OF INSTITUTE FORMED, Feb. 21st, 1946.

Mrs. J.R.Futcher, Speaker, at Talbotville and Payne's Mills W.I.

Mrs. J.R.Futcher, regional Vice-President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of Talbotville and Payne's Mills W.I. at the home of Mrs. H.G.Lewis.

Mrs. H. Clarke presided and the program was in charge of the publicity convener, Mrs. R.Berdan.

Mrs. E.C.Gilbert introduced the speaker who gave a very instructive address on "Publicity Agents". Mrs. Futcher outlined many agents, printed programs, press, pulpit, radio, etc., but emphasized that "self publicity", by members themselves is the greatest. Her talk was very much enjoyed.

Roll call, "the minister who married me", was responded to by twenty-nine members. There was also an exchange of Valentines. A number of "Thank you" cards for flowers, fruit and sympathy received were read by the Secretary. The sum of ten dollars was voted to the Princess Alice Foundation Fund.

Since this Institute has a very large membership, and is composed of members from the two communities, Talbotville and Payne's Mills, it was decided to reorganize and form two separate branches. Mrs. Futcher conducted the election of officers for both Institutes.

The meeting concluded with a Valentine Tea when the hostess was assisted by Mrs. W. Kelly, Mrs. C.Woolner, Mrs. A. Abbott, Mrs. M. Adams, Mrs. R. Hannon, and Mrs. A. G. Dawdy.

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TALBOTVILLE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
MARKS GOLDEN JUBILEE OF
FOUNDING OF THEIR ORGANIZATION.
TALBOTVILLE, FEB.19, 1947.

Talbotville Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Roy T. Wallis to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the first Women's Institute at Stoney Creek, Ont., on Feb. 19, 1897.

An interesting feature of the program was the listening to the C.B.C. broadcast by Jane Weston, Toronto, who reviewed the history of the founding of the Institute and its expansion across Canada and throughout the world. Then Mrs. Cameron Dow, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada spoke on future opportunities and future plans for the work of the W.I.

As this year is the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the local Institute branch, Mrs. A. McKellar reviewed the early history of the Institute locally and told of some of the various projects and achievements. Several former members were present, including a number from St. Thomas, Iona and the surrounding community.

A short business session was presided over by the president, Mrs. H. Clarke. At the tea-hour, the hostess was assisted by Mrs. H.Hepburn, Miss Betty Wallis, Miss Marion Wallis, Mrs. James Gunning, Mrs. Wm. Busch, Jrs. J.Auckland, Mrs. E.Cole.

In the evening, many members in their homes enjoyed the broadcast, "Fifty years of Institute Work", by Mrs. J.R.Fletcher, St. Thomas, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

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1947.

TALBOTVILLE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CELEBRATES

ITS TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

APRIL 17

1947.

Mrs. Harley Appleford was hostess for the April meeting of the Talbotville Women's Institute, when the members celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the organization of an Institute in this locality.

Roll call was answered by, "How long I have been a member of the W.I." Mrs. Robert Waite of St. Thomas had the distinction of being the member of longest standing, with 27 years' membership in Union and Talbotville W.I's.

Mrs. H. Appleford, first secretary of this Women's Institute, twenty years ago, gave an account of the first meeting and also a list of the presidents and secretaries since that time.

A beautiful, three storey birthday cake, made and donated by the president, Mrs. Harold Clarke, centred the dining-table. It was artistically iced and decorated with 20 candles in blue and gold, and silver leaves. Mrs. Robert Waite, with a few well-chosen words on her many years as an Institute worker, placed the knife in the cake and Mrs. H. Clarke lighted the candles.

At the tea-hour, little Miss Patsy McCallum extinguished the candles and the hostess was assisted in serving by Mrs. V. Martyn, Mrs. F. Auckland and Mrs. R. Wallis.

Officers, reported by the nominating committee for the coming year and read by Mrs. John McCormick are,-

President - Mrs. Harold Clarke

1st Vice President - Mrs. Walter Goold

2nd Vice President - Mrs. Harry Humphries

April 17th, 1949.

Officers - 1949 - (continued).

Secretary-Treasurer - Mrs. A.E.Thomas

Assistant Secretary- Treasurer - Mrs. Harold Stuart

District Director - Mrs. John McCormick

Branch Directors - Mrs. R.Waite

Mrs. C.Bawtenheimer

Miss N. Auckland

Mrs. L. Cole

Pianist - Mrs. J.T.Brown

Assistant Pianist - Mrs. Ralph Auckland.

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Tuesday, April 29th, 1952.

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Talbotville W.I.

25th Anniversary

Apr. 29th - 1952

Over One Hundred Attend Annual

Function on Silver Jubilee

TALBOTVILLE, May 2.—The annual spring tea of the Talbotville Women's Institute had special interest this year, when the members celebrated the 25th anniversary of the organization of the W. I. in this district. Sunny spring weather favored the occasion as the members were pleased to welcome guests from St. Thomas, Union, Yarmouth Centre, Payne's Mills, Shedden, Frome, West Magdala, Cowal, Dutton, Rodney, Tempo, Glanworth, and Wellington road.

Mrs. William Busch, the president, received at the door, and Mrs. Estella Waite and Mrs. John McCormick, of St. Thomas, had charge of the register, where each guest received a tiny silver souvenir of the occasion. Over one hundred guests called during the afternoon. Piano solos by Mrs. Ralph Auckland and Mrs. Carl Hewson of Wellington road and vocal solos by Mrs. George Clinton added to the pleasure of the afternoon.

The tea table was lovely with spring flowers and silver decorations, and the anniversary birthday cake made and donated by Mrs. Harry Humphries.

Mrs. A. E. Thomas invited to the tea table, and those pouring tea during the afternoon were Mrs. George Powles of St. Thomas; Mrs. F. Knight, St. Thomas; Mrs. M. G. Graham, Dutton; Mrs. Hugh Carroll, Cowal; Mrs. Cyril Williams, North Yarmouth; and Mrs. Frank Graham, Rodney; Mrs. John McCormick and Mrs. E. Waite, St. Thomas. Serving the guests were Mrs. G. McCallum, Mrs. N. Bendell, Mrs. C. Chute, Mrs. A. Bolton, Miss Leila Stuart, Mrs. D. Stuart, Mrs. G. McCallum. Others assisting in the tea room were Mrs. H. Clarke, Mrs. E. Auckland, Mrs. W. Goold, Mrs. F. Auckland, Mrs. C. Bawtenheimer, Mrs. C. Pangborn, Mrs. J. Gunning.

In the bazaar section, the bake table was in charge of Mrs. W. Auckland and Mrs. J. Travers, with Mrs. J. Auckland selling the home-made candy; aprons, Mrs. L. Longhurst and Mrs. H. Humphries; novelty table, Mrs. E. Etheridge, Mrs. R. Boothman, and Miss N. Auckland; while Mrs. F. Henderson and Mrs. R. Turner looked after the fish pond, and Mrs. V. Martyn sold plants and shrubs. A substantial amount was added to the treasury, which will be used for the various welfare projects of the Women's Institute.

This is a list of officers of the
Talbotville Women's Institute as
recorded in the minute books. 1927 - 1954.

Presidents

1. Mrs. W. H. Sutton. 1927 - 30
2. Mrs. E. C. Gilbert 1930 - 35
3. Mrs. John Mc.Cormick 1935 - 37
4. Mrs. Harley D. Appleford 1937 - 39
5. Mrs. Mabel Downs 1939 - 41
6. Mrs. E. C. Gilbert 1941 - 42
7. Mrs. Anna Kelly 1942 - 44
8. Mrs. Harold Clarke 1944 - 48
9. Mrs. Harry Humphries 1948 - 49
10. Mrs. Alice E. Thomas 1949 - 51
11. Mrs. Wm. Busch 1951 - 53
12. Mrs. Walter Goold 1953 -

Secretaries

1. Mrs. Harley D. Appleford 1927 - 29
2. Mrs. John Mc.Cormick 1929 - 31
3. Mrs. Frank Graham 1931 - 34
4. Mrs. Wesley Abbott 1934 - 36
5. Mrs. Agnes Travers 1936 - 37
6. Mrs. Anne Mc.Kellar 1937 - 40
7. Mrs. Colin Mc.Callum 1940 - 43
8. Mrs. Alice E. Thomas 1943 - 48
9. Mrs. Harold Stuart 1948 - 54
10. Mrs. Charles Chute 1954 -

Dated at Talbotville, Ont.
May 3rd, 1954.

South-Western Traction Line 1906-1918.

The South-Western Traction Line was built from London to Port Stanley in 1906, passing along fronts of farms on its way, through Lambeth, Scotts ville, Tempo, Talbotville, St. Thomas, Union and smaller places.

The first traction car went through Talbotville on July 1st, 1906.

The line gave regular passenger and freight service, and was of great use to all living near it, and much enjoyed.

Sunday cars were started on April 24th, 1910, but were soon discontinued.

The line discontinued in October, 1918, probably owing to financial difficulties, and, a little later, was torn up and removed.
July 1st, 1906 to October 8th, 1918.



This postal card of Talbotville scene was found by workmen in the wall of the large 2-story frame building on the S.-W. corner of Talbotville, when it was torn down in 1953, to make way for the new Reliance Service Station.

It is dated 1912, and addressed to Miss Ina Boughner, who kindly allowed W.I. to use it in Tweedsmuir History of Talbotville, Ont.

Talbotville, Ont., May 19th, 1955.