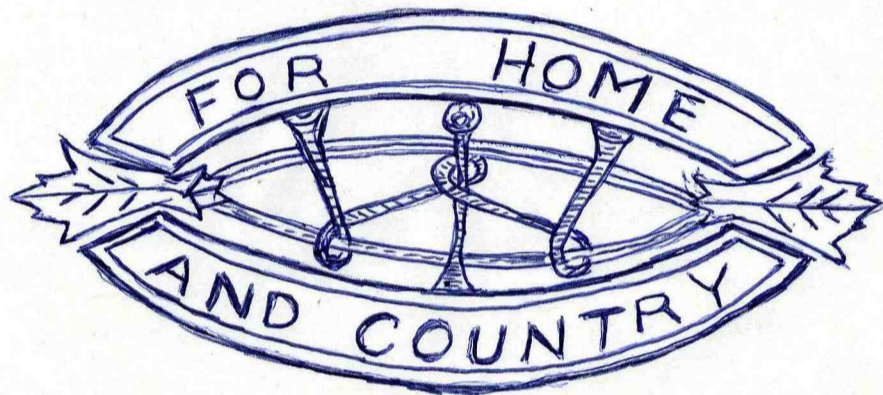


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Officers of Crinan Women's Institute

	<u>Presidents</u>	<u>Secretary - Treasurers</u>
1919 - 1924	Mrs. J.C. McMillan	Mrs. George Carroll Miss Sara McColl Mrs. James Andrews
1924 - 1936	Mrs. Neil McEachren Mrs. A.J. McMurchy Mrs. Frank McLarty Mrs. George Carroll Mrs. James Andrews Mrs. Walter Cadogan	Mrs. Stanley Haines Mrs. Stanley Haines Miss Bessie Stalker Mrs. Neil McEachren Miss Georgina McCallum Mrs. George Carroll
1936 - 1937	Mrs. A.J. McMurchy	Mrs. M.B. McColl
1938 - 1939	Mrs. Henry Urquhart	Mrs. Haines
1939 - 1940	Mrs. John McEachren	Mrs. James Andrews
1941 - 1942	Mrs. Walter Cadogan	Mrs. M.B. McColl
1943 - 1945	Mrs. Neil McEachren	Mrs. Henry Urquhart
1945 - 1946	Mrs. Walter Cadogan	Mrs. Donalda McRae
1946 - 1948	Mrs. Gertrude McAlpine	Mrs. Donalda McRae
1948 - 1950	Mrs. John Carmichael	Mrs. Donalda McRae
1950 - 1952	Mrs. Neil McEachren	Mrs. Donalda McRae
1952 - 1953	Mrs. E. Dawson	Mrs. Donalda McRae
1953 - 1954	Mrs. D. McRae	Mrs. S. McIntyre
1954 - 1955	Mrs. Wm. Zoller	Mrs. A. Carmichael
1955 - 1957	Mrs. M.B. McColl	Mrs. A. Carmichael
1957 - 1959	Mrs. Douglas McMurchy	Mrs. Gilbert Livingstone
1959 - 1960	Mrs. D.B. McCallum	Mrs. Gilbert Livingstone
1960 - 1961	Mrs. D. Livingstone	Mrs. Gilbert Livingstone

Tweedsmuir Book Curators

**1947 - Miss Bessie Stalker - Convener
- Mrs. Neil McEachren & Mrs.
Jim McPherson (Assistants)**

**1950 - Mrs. Arthur Johnston - Convener
- Miss Flora McPherson & Miss
Carrie McLean (Assistants)**

**1952 - Mrs. James Andrews - Convener
- Mrs. Frances McCallum & Miss Grace
McPherson (Assistants)**

1959 - Mrs. John McEachren

1961 - Mrs. D.B. McCallum

1962 - Mrs. Philip McRae

**1964 - Mrs. Gilbert Livingstone
to Mrs. Bill McCallum**

**1989 Mrs. John McGill
Mrs. Frances McCallum**

1989-99 - Mrs. Minnie Livingstone



Tweedsmuir Meeting
 Oct. 1975
 Mrs. Mary Andrews + Mrs. Grace McCall



THE KNACK OF SEWING WITH KNITS onto members of the community group which they represent. Seated are Mrs. Mildred Mulligan, left, from the Ministry of Agriculture in Toronto, discusses with a few of the 26 students participating in Thursday's session of the sewing classes at the YWCA. The women in the course will pass their new skills Mrs. John H. Lewis, St. Thomas, left, and Mrs. Donald Johnston, West Lorne; standing behind them are Mrs. Harold Butler left, St. Thomas, and Miss Lois Ferguson, Home Economist for Elgin County.

CRINAN'S QUILTING CRAZE
(1975-76)

What a winter this has been!
The worst our neighbourhood has (~~ever~~) seen!
But one thing brightened the dark days,
Crinan got the quilting craze.

It all started early in the fall,
When our Institute received the call
To send two members for part of a week,
To learn the proper quilting technique.

Our best seamstresses must be elected;
Annie and Jean were at once selected.
They could teach us, upon their return,
The many facts we all needed to learn.

Twenty of us worked under their direction,
Using a pattern of our ^{own} selection.
The cushions we made were bright and gay.
The lively sessions seemed not work, but play.

Each person taking the quilting course
Proceeded to make, for better or worse,
A couple of blocks, and together we built
Our Crinan community patchwork quilt.

All went well, the blocks fell in place,
There didn't even seem to be a trace
Of amateur stitching-though we'd had our doubt-
And then, lo and behold, the lights went out!

But power failures caused us little concern.
From our pioneer forefathers we did learn
To improvise when things were needed,
And so their wise advise we heeded.

Lamps and candles gave good light,
When we stitched by hand in dark of night;
In Annie's house there was good heat,
So 'twas there the quilters did meet.

Husbands were left at home to cope,
And in the cold and dark to grope.
They missed our tender, loving care,
While we our food, in warmth did share.

Many happy hours we spent together
Despite the adverse kind of weather.
Now at last our course is done,
We've learned that quilting can be fun!

A.M.C.



Clockwise - Alice Krebs, Joanne Bikus, Mae Johnston, Kaye Betts, Annie I. Tait, Jean Jamieson, Annie Zoller, Aleta McCallum, Hazel Howse.



Annie Zoller, Jean Jamieson.
(Colonial Lady Quilt)



Background (Quilting) - Annabelle Gilchrist, Marion Carmichael.
Front (Clockwise) - Annie Zoller, Ida Mae Simpson, Margaret Dymock, Alice Krebs, Ethel Coyne.
Minnie A. Livingstone

GRANDMOTHER'S MEETING- August 1977

On August 18th, the Institute held its annual Grandmothers' Meeting at the home of Aleta McCallum, Fourteen grandmothers were in attendance and were duly honoured. An interesting "Grandmothers' Contest" was held with the following results-

1. A grandmother with a grandchild attending the meeting- Annie Zoller, Jean Jamieson, and Gladys McMurchy.
2. A grandmother with a grandchild living the farthest distance from here- Gladys McMurchy.
3. A grandmother with the whitest hair- Sarah McAlpine, Edna MacIntyre.
4. A grandmother with a grandson living on the family farm- Jean Jamieson and Mary Andrews.
5. A grandmother with the youngest grandchild- Kathleen McLarty.
6. A grandmother having a grandchild bearing her Christian name- Mary Andrews, Annie Gilchrist.
7. A grandmother having the largest shoe size- Anna McCallum.
8. A grandmother having the smallest shoe size- Edna MacIntyre.
9. A grandmother wearing a family heirloom- Aleta McCallum (her grandmother's engagement ring)
10. A grandmother having a birthday nearest to this date- Gladys McMurchy (August 10th).

The Tweedsmuir history committee presented the program.

Aid Daffodil Society

A Country Community Fair at Crinan W.I. Hall realized \$181.16 which will be donated to the Daffodil Society and handicapped children's school at Wardsville.

Cards and bingo were played and a bake table, children's table of goodies, a penny auction, a Dutch auction and sale of a decorated Easter cake helped to raise funds.

March 23, 1978