



On June 22, 1966 this community and especially the Paynes Mills Womens Institute were saddened by the unexpected death of Mrs. Garfield Smith. Mrs. Smith was president of the Womens Institute at the time. She was born at Southwold Station in 1908 and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darius Lampman. She was the wife of Garfield Smith and the mother of five children.

Susie had a genial outgoing and energetic personality and was loved by all. One of the best tributes and the nicest thing that could be said of anyone was a remark by a fellow officer of the Womens Institute "Susie was so easy to work with." She is gone but her work lives on.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

On February 19, 1947 the local branch, Paynes' Mills Women's Institute, met at the home of Mrs. E.C. Gilbert, and observed the fiftieth anniversary of the Women's Institute.

After the business session Mrs. D. Palmer of Talbotville took charge of the program and the following words written by Mrs. Palmer were sung to the tune of "Put on your old grey Bonnett)

Fifty years ago to-day, Adelaide Hoodless gathered her first few women together.

It was the first meeting of this now famous group called the Women's Institute.

From Stoney Creek Ontario, it has spread to many countries

Both near and far across the ocean wide.

On June the nineteenth, at Guelph O.A.C.

They will celebrate this day.

Put on your pert little bonnet

With the gay ribbons on it

And we'll all take a bus to O.A.C.

They'll come from near and far

In every kind of car

For the grand Jubilee.

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During the tea hour the radio broadcast commemorating the founding of the Institute was heard with Jane Weston commentating and Mrs. Cameron Down, national President as guest speaker.

Mrs. V. Pow gave a most interesting and instructive paper on the founding of the organization and its growth as found on the following pages;

HISTORIC FACTS.
AND
CURRENT EVENTS.



THE CLOTHES THAT MOTHER WORE—Looking charming in the attire of bygone days, Mrs. H. C. Duff, of R.R. 1, St. Thomas, left, and Mrs. W. A. Metler, of the River Road Institute, play a prominent part in the Pioneer Fair organized by Elgin County Women's Institutes at Andersons

store this week. Mrs. Duff is pictured here wearing her mother's wedding dress, an 85-year-old garment, while Mrs. Metler's attire is of similar age. The cradle is 125 years old and the baptismal gown worn by the life size doll was made 102 years ago.—(T.-J. Photo).

MRS Metler's rocking chair----The rag carpet and mohair footstool were kindly loaned by---Mr Scott McKay --from the 'Ancestral Home' --!SELDON! 6H NO. 3 Highway at Paynes Mills.



Mrs. Albert Bawden, Mrs. Ira Lewis, Miss Hendershot
Mrs. G. Davidson, Mrs. John McGugan, Mrs. A. Gilbert,
Mrs. C. Kettlewell, Myrtle Davidson, Mrs. C. Hendershot
Mrs. J. Lawrence, , Connie Donaldson,
Mrs. Ethel Dean, Maude Down, Kettlewell girls and
Cyril Dean in front.



MRS ALBERT BAWDEN, MRS LAWRENCE, SADIE CAMPBELL, MRS DAVIDSON,
MRS ABSALEM GILBERT, MRS JIM CAMPBELL, MRS LEWIS, MRS KETTLEWELL,
MRS ETHEL DEAN, MRS HENDERSHOT, MRS _____, MRS MAUDE WILLISIE, MRS
MRS HESSY HENDERSON, MRS JESSIE DAVIDSON, DAVIS, TWO KETTLEWELL GIRLS AND
CYRIL DEAN.



Paynes Mills Ladies Aid

Mrs. H. Pown, Mabel Begg, Mrs. W. R. Minor, Jessie Davidson,
Mrs. G. Davidson, Marie Minor, Pearl Down, Mrs. A. Gilbert,
Mrs. Ira Lewis, Mrs. W. Munro, Mrs. John McGugan,
Vila Gilbert, , Lula Campbell, Mrs. Fred
Bawden, Mrs. Firby, Mrs. E. Gilbert, Sadie Campbell,
Myrtle Davidson, Maude Down.



Fred Bawden, W. R. Minor, Art Woolner, Wm. Munro,
John Bawden, Bob Newman, Rev. Gilmour, Hedley Pow,
Albert Bawden, Bill Parker, Charlie Minor,
Ken Bawden, Walter Bawden, Norman Begg



Mrs. , Mrs. J. Bawden, Mrs. A. Gilbert,
Mrs. Ira Lewis, Mrs. Wm. Munro, Mrs. W. R. Minor,
Mrs. Bill Parker, Mrs. Geo. Gilmour, Mrs. Art Woolner,
Mary McMillan, Mrs. Albert Bawden, Flossie Gilbert,
Mrs. Fred Bawden, Miss Maude Down, Kathleen Gilmour



Among new officers elected at the annual London Area Women's Institute convention in Ingersoll are from left first vice-president, Mrs. Charles Munro, Embro; president, Mrs. Vermont Pow, RR 7, St. Thomas; secretary, Mrs. Herbert Jackson, Fingal. (Photo by Longfield)

London Area Institutes Elect New Slate of Officers 1968

Mrs. Vermont Pow, R. R. 7, St. Thomas, was elected president of the London Area Women's Institutes Wednesday at the 54th annual convention in Trinity United Church.

Mrs. Pow will head the 132 branches in Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Huron west and south, and Perth south.

Four resolutions taken up at the meeting all passed the general session voting. London area institutes will request the provincial organization to ask the Canadian and Ontario governments to take steps to control erosion on the north shore of Lake Erie.

The group will ask the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario to do everything possible to enforce adequate compulsory motor vehicle insurance; and to urge the provincial government to ban the purchase and use of firecrackers in the province.

The women also went on record as being in favor of compulsory breathalyzer tests for drivers when intoxication is suspected by police.

Vice-presidents are Mrs. Charles Munro, Embro and Mrs. Wesley Bradnock, Auburn; secretary, Mrs. Herbert Jackson, Fingal; treasurer, Mrs. Ross Allen, Tillsonburg. Past President is Mrs. Harry Strang of Exeter, who was chairman of the convention.

Auditors are Mrs. Willard Parkhill, Tillsonburg, Mrs. Owen Hawkins, Brownsville; directors, Mrs. Gowan Young, St. Thomas; Mrs. Wilbur Lawrence, Embro; director of home economics branch, Miss Helen McKercher, Toronto; public relations, Mrs. Calvin Carmichael, Ilderton; resolutions, Mrs. Harry Strang, Exeter; curator, Mrs. C.M. Williams, Exeter, Mrs. John McLean, Seaforth. Standing committee convenors are agriculture and Canadian

industries, Mrs. Clarence Switzer, St. Marys; citizenship and education Mrs. Leonard Caffyn, Ingersoll; historical research and current events, Mrs. Harry Langford, Kerwood; home economics and health Mrs. Roy McCorquodale, Lakeside; junior activities, Mrs. Francis Major, Arva.

Representatives are; Canadian Association of Consumers, Mrs. Roy McNeil, Dutton; War Memorial Children's Hospital, Mrs. Albert Lawson, R. R. 8, London; Western Fair Association Mrs. Vermont Pow, R. R. 7, St. Thomas, Mrs. Lorne Cricklaw, London, Mrs. Harvey Wales, Komoka.

Guest speaker at Tuesday night's meeting was Miss Flor-

ence Eadie of Toronto, a retired field worker for the WIs in northern Canada.

Miss Eadie spent the last two years in the north organizing women's institutes.