

At a regular meeting of the Paynes Mills Branch of the W.I. held in the Payne Mills W.I. hall two more Life Membership Pins were presented by Mrs Gowan Young who was Provincial Board Member at that time.

One pin was presented to Mrs Gordon Lyle who had been President in 1954 and 1955 and Mrs Vermont Pow who was President in 1956--and 1957 and again in 1966-1967.

Both ladies have been very active in all phases of Institute work. Mrs Lyle was a valued member of the Middlemarch branch during the years they resided on the Fingal Road and was a real asset to this Branch when they movee to the Home farm off the Lyle Sideroad.

Mrs Pow was also active in all phases of Institute work.--she moved on to be President of West Elgin District in 1962-63-the Rally in 1964 and was President of the London Area in 1968 and 1969.

Both ladies have taken an active part in all aspects of Institute work and we are pleased to present these pins on this occasion.

Your Institute Friends and Neighbours.



In 1972 Paynes Mills Branch took great pleasure in presenting a Life Membership Pin to Mrs Flossie Abbott--who for many years has been a very active and faithful member of the Womens Institute. Mrs Abbott joined in 1927 but had to drop her membership for a few years in the interval so now we are most happy that your continued membership has again reached the allotted time.

Mrs Abbott has continued faithful support even tho her home now is in St. Th. She has worked on many committees and has always been a most faithful member. It is with a great deal of pleasure we present this Life Membership Pin.

Your Institute Friends and old Neighbours of Paynes Mills W.I.

In 1975 the Paynes Mills Branch of the Women's Institute presented a Life M Membership Pin to Mrs Irene Auckland. For many years Mrs Auckland has been active in Institute work. First in the Talbotville Branch and then when they disbanded she joined Paynes Mills and has been most active ever since. She was President in 1974-75-76 and 77. AND she has been very active in all phases of Institute work ever since first joining. We are most happy to present you with this Life Membership Pin for all the active service you have rendered to this Branch of the Women's Institute.

Your Institute Friends of the Paynes Mills Branch of the W.I.

In 1979 this Branch presented two Life Memberships to two former Presidents. One Mrs Vera Meek who was President in 1960-61-62 and again in 1970-71-72- & 73 and has been Sect. besides at intervals. The second Mrs Albert Auckland who was President in 1968-69. as well as Sect for a term.

Both ladies have been most active and a real asset to this Branch in a great many aspects which makes it a real pleasure to present them with the Life Membership Pins and we hope they will always be proud to wear this badge.

Your Women's Institute Friends of the Paynes Mills Branch.

In 1981 this Branch at Paynes Mills was very pleased to present to its President a Life Membership Pin at the special meeting held at the Paynes Mills hall on February the 12th 1981---The 35th Anniversary party. Mrs Keith Hieplah newly elected Provincial President was a special guest and made the presentation while Mrs Meek the Sect. pinned on a corsage.

Mrs Blackman has been the faithful and energetic President since 1978 and this presentation was a real pleasure and a complete surprise to Francis.

Your Women's Institute Friends and Neighbours.

C.H.I.O. MARCH 19 TH. 1954.

----- PANEL DISCUSSION -----

ANNOUNCER----- DOES A COMMUNITY BENEFIT BY A WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ORGANIZATION?

CHAIRMAN-----MRS. MARGARET ADAMS-----PRESIDENT OF THE PAYNES MILLS W. INSTITUTE.

CHAIRMAN-----WE HAVE TAKING PART THIS AFTERNOON-----

MRS. KATHARINE POW.-----VICE PRES.

MRS. JESSIE BAWDEN-----SECT.-TREAS. FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS.

MRS. EDITH AUCLAND.-----PROGRAM CONVENOR.

THE SUBJECT OF THE DISCUSSION TODAY IS -----WHY WE CONSIDER A WOMEN'S INSTITUTE A BENEFIT TO OUR COMMUNITY.

CHAIRMAN-----MRS POW? WILL YOU TELL US THE MOTIVE MRS. HOODLESS HAD IN FORMING THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

MRS. POW-----YES, I BELIEVE MRS HOODLESS MAIN MOTIVE WAS THE BROADENING OF RURAL LIFE. WHEN THE RURAL WOMAN PARTAKES OF A N EXTENSIVE AND MORE ABUNDANT LIFE, THAT ENRICHMENT IS THEN IMPARTED TO THE COMMUNITY.

CHAIRMANZ-----IN WHAT WAY DOES THIS PROMOTE GOODWILL THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY MRS AUCLAND?

MRS AUCLANDWELL THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HAS A COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE NEW CANADIANS, OF WHICH WE HAVE MANY NOW LIVING IN OUR MIDST, AND THIS COMMITTEE ALSO VISITS THE SICK AND SHUT-INS AND AT CHRISTMAS ALL ARE REMEMBERED.

ONCE A YEAR, A FAMILY NIGHT IS HELD IN THE INSTITUTE HALL-WITH SUPPER AND A PROGRAM FOLLOWING, AT WHICH THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IS NOT ONLY INVITED BUT URGED TO ATTEND. THIS IS JUST ONE WAY IN WHICH THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FROM OUR HALL. OF COURSE, WE HAVE HAD TO MODERNIZE IT AND DURING 1953, WE INSTALLED A \$300 OIL FURNACE. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THE FACT THAT THERE REMAINS LESS THAN \$100 OWING.

CHAIRMAN-----MRS. BAWDEN, WOULD YOU TELL US HOW WE MAKE OUR MEETINGS INTERESTING AND EDUCATIONAL

MRS BAWDEN-----YES, WE HAVE HAD MANY INTERESTING MEETINGS WITH SPEAKERS ON SUBJECTS OF IMPORTANCE TO US ALL, SUCH AS -----HOME ECONOMICS AND HEALTH-----SOCIAL WELFARE-----FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS-----A DEMONSTRATION ON THE MAKING OF SLIP COVERS-----BEAUTY CULTURE-----AGRICULTURE AND CANADIAN INDUSTRY-----TRAVELOGUES AND HANDICRAFTS.

CHAIRMAN-----ARE THERE OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR MRS POW?

MRS POW -----AT THE CLOSE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, THE INSTITUTE JOINS WITH THE ENTIRE SCHOOL SECT FOR OUR ANNUAL PICNIC, HELD ON THE SCHOOL LAWN AND AT HALLOWE'N TIME, WE AGAIN JOIN WITH THE LOCAL TEACHER AND PUPILS FOR THE HALLOWE'EN PARTY HELD IN THE HALL. IN DECEMBER, OUR REGULAR MEETING TAKES THE FORM OF A CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT WHICH, THE ROLL CALL IS ANSWERED WITH A CHILD'S GIFT TO BE GIVEN TO A SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANIZATION.

CHAIRMAN-----MRS BAWDEN ARE THERE OTHER WAYS IN WHICH WE HAVE ASSISTED WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS

MRS BAWDEN-----THIS INSTITUTE HAS DONATED TO THE FLOOD RELIEF -----CANCER FUND-----INSTITUTE OF THE BLIND-----SICK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY-----UNITED WELFARE SER AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS SHEDDEN FAIR BOARD HAVE ALSO RECEIVED ASSISTANCE

CHAIRMAN-----WHAT OTHER ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE IN THE INSTITUTE HALL MRS AUCLAND?

MRS AUCLAND-----EACH YEAR THIS INSTITUTE PLANS A TEA TO BE HELD IN THE HALL AND DURING THE WINTER MONTHS, WE HOLD CARD PARTIES AND DANCES-----WHEN THESE ARE HELD ON FRIDAY

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NITE, THE CHILDREN GENERALLY COME AND THEY HAVE THEIR OWN GAMES IN THE BASEMENT WHILE THEIR PARENTS ENJOY CARDS UPSTAIRS. OUR NEXT PARTY WILL BE ON MONDAY MARCH 22.

CHAIRMAN—MRS POW, WOULD YOU SAY THAT OUR ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER AND VARIOUS CATERINGS HAVE PROVEN SUCCESSFUL?

MRS POW —YES, DEFINITELY SO, BOTH SOCIALLY AND FINANCIALLY. EACH YEAR, USUALLY IN NOVEMBER, THIS INSTITUTE HAS A TURKEY SUPPER IN OUR HALL, LOOKED FORWARD TO BY SEVERAL HUNDRED. IT HAS ALSO BEEN THE PRIVILEGE OF THIS INSTITUTE FOR THE PAST NUMBER OF YEARS, OWING TO THE KINDNESS OF MR. SCOTT MCKAY, TO CATER TO THE ST. THOMAS KIWANIS ON THEIR ANNUAL VISIT TO THE COUNTRY HOME OF MR. MCKAY AT PAYNES MILLS. ALSO TO THE ROTARIANS, MUNICIPAL WORLD, Y.M.C.A. BOARD AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. WE ALSO CATER TO OUR OWN SOCIAL GROUPS AND PRIVATE PARTIES—ANNUAL BRIDGE CLUBS AND WEDDINGS AND HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED THE PLEASURE, EACH YEAR OF ENTERTAINING OTHER INSTITUTES AND ORGANIZATIONS FROM OUR NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITIES.

CHAIRMAN—COULD YOU TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT THE INTERESTING TRIPS TAKEN BY OUR INSTITUTE AND ABOUT SOME OF OUR SHORT COURSES MRS. BAWDEN?

MRS BAWDEN—DURING THE ENJOYABLE FALL WEATHER, WE HAVE TAKEN SEVERAL BUS TRIPS—TO—
Toronto ROYAL WINTER FAIR AND C.N.E.

MCCONNELL NURSERY FOLLOWED WITH A PICNIC SUPPER AT PORT BRUCE. .
CABIN—IN THE /—PINES AT AYLMER TO SEE THE ART OF POTTERY IN THE MAKING.
MCCORMICK'S BISCUIT FACTORY IN LONDON, FOLLOWED WITH A PICNIC AT SPRING
—BANK.

AND OUR BRANCH WAS WELL REPRESENTED AT THE A.C.W.W. IN TORONTO, THIS PAST SUMMER.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OFFICE FOR THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAMS FOR SUCH COURSES AS —GLOVE MAKING—SLIPPER MAKING—FROZEN FOODS AND YOUR FIGURE. THESE COURSES ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL.

THIS YEAR EVERY CHILD TAKING PART IN THE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST RECEIVED A SILVER DOLLAR.

CHAIRMAN —MRS POW WOULD YOU TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT OUR OWN MEMBERSHIP ■ OUR TWEEDSMUIR BOOK?

MRS POW——WELL OUR ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP IS MADE UP OF VERY WILLING WORKERS AND WORKING WITH THEM HAS BEEN EASY AND IT SURELY MAKES THE TASK A PLEASURE. WE HAVE TWO LIFE MEMBERS OF WHOM WE ARE VERY PROUD. MRS MARTHA SUTTON AND MRS FAN GILBERT. MRS SUTTON WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT WHEN THIS BRANCH WAS ORGANIZED IN 1927 AND AGAIN IN 1928—29—AND 46 AND 47. MRS GILBERT WAS PRESIDENT IN 1930—31—32—33—34—AND AGAIN IN 1941. BOTH RECEIVED LIFE MEMBERSHIP AT A FITTING CEREMONY SOME TIME AGO THESE LADIES, AND TRULY THEY ARE SUCH, ARE RECOGNIZED LEADERS AND THEIR SOUND JUDGEMENT WE ALL DEPEND ON AND RESPECT.

WE ALSO HAVE MRS ANNA KELLY A PAST PRESIDENT, MRS FLOSSIE ABBOTT AND MRS FLOSSIE DAWDY WHO WERE MEMBERS VERY EARLY IN THE ORGANIZATION AND WE ARE PROUD TOO THAT MRS RACE, WHOSE MEMBERSHIP DATES BACK FORTY YEARS IN THE INSTITUTE, IS ALSO ONE OF OUR OWN MEMBERS NOW.

NOW OUR TWEEDSMUIR BOOK, WE HOPE WILL CONTINUE TO GROW IN HISTORICAL INTEREST WITH THIS DISTRICT WHICH NOW DATES BACK TO EARLY PIONEER DAYS IN ELGIN COUNTY.

IN OUR MIDST, WE HAVE THE ANCESTRAL HOME OF MR. MCKAY, WHICH IN ITSELF, IS A MUSEUM STEEPED IN HISTORY AND WITH A WEALTH OF INTEREST FROM THOSE VERY EARLY TIMES.

CHAIRMAN——MRS AUCKLAND, YOU GAVE A SPECIALLY GOOD PAPER AT ONE OF OUR MEETINGS ON MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, WOULD YOU GIVE US SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THAT PAPER?

MRS AUCKLAND—CERTAINLY, MRS ADAMS, IT WAS JUST A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE WORKINGS OF THE COUNCIL, THE DUTIES OF THE CLERK, ROAD SUPERINTENDENT AND OTHER OFFICIALS AND EXPLANATIONS OF SUCH THINGS AS HOW ELECTIONS ARE HELD AND HOW MONIES ARE COLLECTED. AS MARCH 22 IS ELECTION DAY, LET'S HAVE EVERY W.I. MEMBER REALIZE THAT IT IS HER PRIVILEGE AND DUTY TO VOTE.

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WHILE THEIR PARENTS ENJOY CARDS UPSTAIRS. OUR NEXT PARTY WILL BE ON MONDAY MARCH

CHAIRMAN-----TO SUMMERIZE OUR DISCUSSION, WE AGREE THAT OUR WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HAS BEEN
A BENEFIT AND HAS A DEFINITE PLACE IN OUR COMMUNITY, AS WE ~~W~~ ARE AWARE OF
THE NEEDS AND WILL ENDEAVOUR TO CONTINUE TO DIRECT ACTIVITIES TO FILL THESE NEEDS.
MAY WE REMIND YOU THAT TOMORROW IS ACHIEVEMENT DAY AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH
AT ST. THOMAS AT 1.15 P.M. IT IS THE FIRST FOR OUR PAYNES MILLS GIRLS AND WE
ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GOOD ATTENDANCE OF MOTHERS AND FRIENDS.

ON THEIR ANNUAL VISIT TO THE COUNTRY HOME OF MR. MCKAY AT PAYNES MILLS. ALSO TO THE
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PICTURES TAKEN AT THE W.I.PICNIC TAKEN AT THE POW HOME ON
JULY 1973.



1985 PAYNES MILLS W. I. PRESIDENTS

Front	Mrs. Margaret Lyle	1954-55
	Mrs. Vera Meek	1960, 61 1970, 71, 72
	Mrs. Kay Pow	1967 1956, 57
Back	Mrs. Irene Auckland	1973, 74, 75, 76, 77
	Mrs. Edith Auckland	1968, 69
	Mrs. Patricia Nichols	1982, 83, 84
	Mrs. Frances Blackman	1963, 64, 78, 79, 80, 81

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our hall fund started with \$61,637.90 on August 12, 1989.

Our first donations were:

\$6,000	Elgin General Hospital
2,000	Talbotville Community Centre
2,000	Shedden Community Centre
2,000	Elgin Pioneer Museum
3,000	Talbotville Fire Department
3,000	Tornado Relief Fund

The first Christmas we gave \$1,000 to Christmas Care, Salvation Army, Women's Place, and Caring Cupboard.

In March, 1991, we set up a scholarship fund with \$38,000 for the three high schools and Southwold Public School Grade 8's.

The next Christmas our donation was \$500 for the original groups and we included \$200 or \$300 donations to Christmas Shoppe, Heart and Stroke Foundation for two years, Museum and E. W. Daffodil Society, Children's Aid and now the Talbotville Cemetery Board.

We have given to Elgin Manor, the W. I. Headquarters Fund, a fire victim and most recently to the daughter of one of our first and best members to help pay funeral expenses for a son--an accident victim last month. We treated ourselves to one bus trip.

Our present balance is \$15,364.43.

Our first interest payments were about \$570 a month. With the cash drop in the account and the drop in interest rates, our last interest payment was \$36.62.

Members of Paynes Mills Women's Institute

(Left to right)

Irene Auckland
Edith Auckland
Lily Larson - President
Margaret Traquair - Secretary



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