



Cornerstone of Paynes Mills Hall

- in original hall 1906
- put in second hall 1962 (sold to a private individual 1989)
- placed in yard at Elgin County Pioneer Museum by Pres. Lily Larson and P.R.O. Convenor Edith Auckland

+990?



Mrs. Patricia Nichols (December, 1991)
receiving life membership pin and
certificate from Elgin West President
Mrs. Margaret Carroll.



Adelaide Hoodless stamp
issued in 1993



Treasurer Mrs. F.
Blackman, present-
ing annual donation
to Mrs. B. Vickerman,
president of
Advisory Board of
Elgin County
Pioneer Museum

1993



JUNE 1993

Presentation to
Irma Karafil
Certificate of Merit

Front (left to right)

Lily Larson
Debbie Dawdy
Irma Karafil
Irene Auckland
Fran Blackman

Back (left to right)

Doris Williams
Sheila Kirk
Marg Traquair
Dorothy Dawdy
Pat Nichols
Barb Harwood
Edith Auckland

AT AYLMEY MUSEUM





The Federated Women's
Institutes of Ontario
CENTENNIAL PRELUDE
QUILT SHOW & BARBEQUE

The Women's Institute



For Home and Country

Ontario Agricultural Museum, Milton
Wednesday, JUNE 14, 1995



February 8, 1996

In an atmosphere of warmth and friendship, members and guests of Paynes Mills Women's Institute met to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. It was in February 1946 that the Paynes Mills Women's Institute was organized with Mrs. W. H. Sutton as its first president. Today we are meeting at the home of that first president as it is now the home of one of our present members. Miss Sheri Karafil welcomed us as a gracious hostess for, since her retirement, she has followed in her late mother's footsteps and has joined the neighbouring group of the Women's Institute (W. I.).

Although the planning committee termed the event an afternoon tea party, the programme began in the traditional way by singing the W. I. Ode and repeating the Mary Stewart Collect. Roll call was taken and minutes read and adopted. A minimum of business was conducted by President Lily Larson and Secretary Margaret Traquair. Pennies for Friendship were collected and the mystery gift was won by Irene Auckland.

The programme began as we introduced special guests Mrs. N. Johnson, president of Elgin West W. I., Secretary Mrs. R. Campbell, and Rally President Mrs. D. Lindsay. Paynes Mills W. I. member Mrs. C. Nichols read the minutes of the first meeting and also gave a resumé of our fifty years which told of the W. I. assuming responsibility for the former church which had become a community hall. It was the W. I. who secured highway signs naming the hamlet and also the erecting of flashing warning signs at a local railway crossing. Many caterings, oyster suppers, farm group meetings, as well as innumerable social gatherings saw the hall become a popular spot. Although a new hall was erected in 1962, with the changing of school boundaries and family life styles, the responsibility of a hall became a burden. It was sold to a private individual in 1989.

Mrs. T. Blackman in her treasurer's summary noted that during the past six years almost 75 percent of our capital funds monies have been used to establish scholarships, community centre donations, hospital projects, volunteer fire department appeals, museums, etc. Mrs. Wm. Rowe, daughter of an earlier president and herself a past president, read the list of past officers. Miss Karafil expressed her appreciation of what W. I. means to her. Mrs. A. Auckland, keeper of historical data, as well as the Tweedsmuir history, had historical items for display.

The planning committee of Mrs. Larson, Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. R. Dawdy, and Mrs. A. Auckland had souvenir coffee

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mugs for each one present. The social hour was reminiscent of earlier days when dainty sandwiches and a variety of sweets were served.

The present W. I. members are encouraged to continue; although the interest in W. I. activities is not as strong as at our beginnings, we continue to serve in many ways for the betterment of "Home and Country."

PRESIDENTS OF PAYNES MILLS W. I.

1946-47	Mrs. W. H. Sutton
1947-48	"
1948-49	Mrs. H. Lewis
1949-50	Mrs. R. Berdan
1950-51	"
1951-52	"
1952-53	Mrs. M. Adams
1953-54	"
1954-55	Mrs. G. Lyle
1955-56	"
1956-57	Mrs. V. Pow
1957-58	"
1958-59	Mrs. K. Bawden
1959-60	"
1960-61	Mrs. Wm. Meek
1961-62	"
1962-63	"
1963-64	Mrs. T. Blackman
1964-65	"
1965-66	Mrs. G. Smith
1966-67	"
1967-68	Mrs. V. Pow
1968-69	Mrs. A. Auckland
1969-70	"
1970-71	Mrs. Wm. Meek
1971-72	"
1972-73	"
1973-74	Mrs. R. Auckland
1974-75	"
1975-76	"
1976-77	"
1977-78	"
1978-79	Mrs. T. Blackman
1979-80	"
1980-81	"
1981-82	"

PRESIDENTS OF PAYNES MILLS W. I. (cont'd)

1982-83	Mrs. C. Nichols
1983-84	"
1984-85	"
1985-86	Mrs. Wm. Rowe
1986-87	"
1987-88	Mrs. (D.) Lily Larson
1988-89	"
1989-90	"
1990-91	"
1991-92	"
1992-93	"
1993-94	"
1994-95	"
1995-96	"

96-97 E. Auckland
 97-98 "
 98-99 "
 99-2000 "
 2000-01 Pat Nichols
 2001-02 " "
 2002-03 Pat Nichols
 2003-04 Lil Larson
 2004-05 Lil Larson
 2005-06 Lil Larson

PAYNES MILLS W. I. PRESIDENTS

(cont'd)



Mrs. Catherine Pow

1956-57
1957-58
1967-68

PAYNES MILLS W. I. PRESIDENTS
(cont'd)



Mrs. Marion Berdan

1949-50
1950-51
1951-52