



THE
TWEEDSMUIR
VILLAGE HISTORIES

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Jan 1950,

School Section No 5.

This Section was unfortunate in not having a school ~~and~~ until 1876.

~~The young folks had their choice of either going to Mc Bride's School cor. Middle St + Terminal,~~

Prior to that - the children went to Mc Bride's ^{North East} School cor. Middle St + Terminal.

This being ^{among} one of the early schools in the Township; and is now known as SS No 2, Prior to ~~1874~~ the Misses Coates, whose father Richard Coates built - the house where Mrs A E Purcell + son runs a dairy farm, opened a private school in one of the large rooms of this house. This was for the benefit of the small children who were unable to walk such a distance, One of the few remaining pupils of that school is Mr William Lusty who spent two years there, before coming to school - held in the Township Hall on the Fair grounds, which opened January 19, 1874, with Mr Daniel Kennedy, (Uncle of Dan Kennedy Clackan) as the first teacher.

School Section No 5 ^{first}

One room school ~~built~~.

1876. A one-room school was erected at a cost of 1,400.00, corner of Pawell + Stinson Street - where J E Schorned now resides. ^{Pawell purchased from Mr Wm Stinson, original father} Mr Kennedy being the first ^{of} teacher in this school.

1878. A second room was added and two teachers employed.

1880. May 1st. The school celebrated their first arbor Day, by the scholars bringing trees and teachers + scholars planted ~~them~~ ^{them} all around the school ground. Some of these trees are still very beautiful



Elgin Music Festival

This Certifies that Rodney Women's Institute

was awarded the Florence Nightingale Trophy,

for Women's Chorus, Women's Institutes

at the Elgin Music Festival on May 7, 1934

Signed Rae C. Smith President

St. Thomas, May 25 1934

P. A. Dobson Secretary



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" HOW, WHY, WHEN and WHERE of WOMEN'S INSTITUTES. "

by MRS. ERNEST G. LUSTY.

The ability to see a great need, and the strength to do something constructive about it, seems a rare gift.

History, however, constantly proves to us that many women, as well as men, have been moved by the needs of others, and have possessed the necessary determination, perseverance, and courage to carry their high desires to achievement.

The history of Women's Institutes is a splendid example, for its founder, MRS. ADELAIDE HOODLESS, knew from experience and heartache, the great need of her day for pure milk, and other means whereby women might become better mothers and home-makers.

Mrs. Hoodless, a charming and cultured lady, had lost her baby, and feeling that this loss had been partly due to her own ignorance, was campaigning in her home city, Hamilton, that Domestic Science become a part of Public School Curriculum. She wanted women to band themselves together for the study and sharing of methods for better home-making.

The Farmer's Institute, a strong, active organization of country men, sent Mr. Erland Lee, of Stoney Creek Farmer's Institute Branch to invite Mrs. Hoodless to address a mass meeting there. This she did on February 19th., 1897, in Squire's Hall, Stoney Creek, when one hundred and one women formed an auxiliary to that branch of Farmer's Institutes.

THUS BEGAN WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

The Motto, -- " FOR HOME AND COUNTRY " was chosen, and two ideas were incorporated also, namely -- "Start with the fellow under your own hat" and "If you know a good thing, pass it on."

The Federated Women's Institutes of Country Women of the World, has grown from that mother's sorrow, and is functioning to-day in all parts of the world, as the largest movement of its kind.

They have, in all countries, the support and assistance of the Agricultural Departments of the Governments.

Among the best beloved and highly regarded members are the Dowager Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth of Great Britian.

For the Fiftieth Anniversary, at Guelph, 1947, our Queen sent the message of encouragement and congratulations which has been taken from the cover of the Souviner Book which was prepared for that occasion, and is inserted here.

Lilly Buchanan Lusty.

Mrs. Ernest G. Lusty.