

The fifth meeting was held on November 29th., at the home of Mrs. Shaw. There were fourteen members present.

It was moved by Mrs. Shaw, seconded by Mrs. Pinfold, that future meetings be held on the last Friday of every month. (THIS IS STILL THE RULE.)

The subject chosen for the next meeting was "The Value of Reading Circles"; Miss Gillies promised to prepare the paper.

The sixth meeting was held on January 25th., 1907, at Mrs. Schmid's home, when Miss Gillies received a vote of thanks for her splendid paper.

At this meeting a collection was taken to defray the cost of sending out posters. The collection amounted to .13¢.

A SPECIAL MEETING was held on February 8th., 1907. This was a public meeting in McCallum's Hall.

Thirty-five members of the Women's Institute met with the men of Farmer's Institute.

Miss Miller of the Ontario Agricultural College was the speaker. One idea which she suggested is still a part of the W.I. programmes, namely, "CURRENT EVENTS".

The seventh meeting was held on February 22nd., at the home of Mrs. McGugan, New Glasgow, with sixteen members present.

The meeting was one where each member gave "Labour-saving Ideas", as the roll was called.

The eighth meeting and the last of the first year 1906 - 1907, was held at Mrs. B.B. Graham's home on April 25th., with nine women present.

The Annual Meeting was arranged for, and Mrs. McLevey



Home of Mrs A. D. Mc Gowan

New Glasgow. 1907



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YEAR 1920

Other names added to the Membership Roll during the year were: Mesdames P. McGregor, Wm. Purcell, - Whiting, J.D. Paterson, G.A. McLevey, M. McNichol, J. Honeywell, T. Pinfold, N. Ludy, A. Mitchell, - Murray, D. Patterson, T. Havens, G. Watterworth, and Misses O. Schmid, A. Fraser, M. McMillan, S. Messerschmid.

1907 - 1908

During the second year, nine regular and two public meetings were held, in addition to the first picnic.

The first Annual Meeting was held at the home of Mrs. McIntyre, May 31st., 1907.

Officers elected were :

President	- Mrs. McGugan,
Vice-President	- Mrs. Schmid,
Secretary-Treasurer	- Miss O. Schmid,
Assistant-Secretary	- Mrs. B.B. Graham,

The first Public Meeting was held on June 3rd., in the afternoon and evening, and in the Opera Hall. Speakers were Miss E. Patterson of Aylesworth, Nova Scotia, and Miss Laura Rose of the Ontario Agricultural College. Local talent provided short programmes, and Mr. S.B. Morris presided at the evening session. (In 1931, when we celebrated our Twenty-Fifth Anniversary the special speaker was none other than Mrs. Laura Rose Stevens.)

The second Public Meeting was in October 1907, when Dr. Dorland spoke on "The Care of The Sick".

At the regular June meeting held at Mrs. Whiting's home, with 12 members present, the following motion was carried, "That we hold our next meeting in Tecumseh Park, Chatham, provided there be rates for that day."

Evidently this did not materialize, for the July meeting was held at Mrs. McNichol's home at New Glasgow.

The first Annual Picnic was held August 30th., beside CNOC NEALIDH (Gaelic for Nellie's Hill), and named after the first white women to step ashore at Port Glasgow.

Mesdames J.J. Mistele, Graham, and Schmid began the splendid task of securing advertising for, and the compiling of the famous "COOK BOOK".

The second year closed with 43 names on the roll. New names added were : Mesdames L.R. Harvey, J.F. Scott, N. Campbell, M.D. Humphrey, S.M. Dorland, J.H. Milton, J. McCallum, F. McGregor, F.A. McCallum, S.T. Patterson and Miss R. Schleihauf.

1908 - 1909

During the third year, eleven regular and two public meetings, and the second Annual Picnic were held.

The second Annual Meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Mitchell, May 22scd., 1908, with fifteen members present.

The new Executive was :

President	- Miss Gillies,
Vice-President	- Mrs. L. Mistele,
Secretary-Treasurer	- Mrs. McLevey,
District Director	- Miss A. Fraser,

These women were appointed as delegates to the first District Annual Meeting to be held at Dutton.

Dutton, Iona and Rodney had, shortly before, come together as West Elgin District Convention.

The first Public Meeting of the year was held in the Opera House, May 29th., when Mrs. C. Campbell of Windsor, and Miss B. Campbell of Brampton spoke about, and demonstrated the "IDEAL HOME". Mesdames Graham and Dorland had charge of a musical programme.

The second special meeting was held in the S.S. Room of the Presbyterian Church, February 9th, when Mrs. Ashley gave her

Her subject was "THE DUTY OF MOTHERS TO THEIR DAUGHTERS". We quote from the minutes, the following : "This subject has been one considered delicate, and hence neglected; but we should encourage the social and moral reform that is necessary in this day and age."

The second Annual Picnic was held at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. S.B. Morris, when a presentation was made and an address read to Miss Schmid by Mrs. Dorland.

At the next regular meeting Mrs. N.S. Lusty gave the report of this event, and as that paper is still in our files we include it in this resume.

"July 31st., 1908 "The Women's Institute" held their second Annual Picnic at Port Glasgow. The day was fine, only a little breezy and dusty, but withal a beautiful day. And, I think we all enjoyed ourselves immensely in laughing, chatting and conversation in general until nearly Tea Time, when a number of gentlemen came just in time to assist in erecting tables and seats for our convenience in getting ready the meals.

Then when all the baskets were brought out and emptied there was an abundant supply of good things for the support of the ladies. I think there were about 60 ladies and 8 or 10 gentlemen. I suppose the most pleasing feature of the day was the presentation to Miss Olivia Schmid, the Bride elect, of a beautiful Cut Glass Dish, an act in which we were all interested in, partly on account of her valuable service in the society, and partly for the high esteem in which she was held.

Then another very pleasing thing to note was the kindness shown us by Mr. and Mrs. S.B. Morris in making us so welcome to their cottage and surroundings.

Well, when all was ended and the fragments gathered up, I don't know how many baskets, it was nearly 8 o'clock and we began to wend our way up the hill, bidding Good-Bye to CNOC NELLY, for that time and getting into our conveyances which were hired from the Livery. We finally started for home enjoying ourselves with singing, joking, laughing and having a jolly time, until we arrived home safe. Thus ended a very pleasant afternoon."

This is a copy of the paper given by Mrs. Lusty.

The year closed with 49 members enrolled.

New names added that third year were : Mesdames D.A. Young, E. Werner, Wm. Eustes, D.H. McRitchie, Wm. Smeltz, - Winlow, S. Paterson, Wm. Morris, E.G. Lusty, J. Stinson, J. Gaynor, W.N. Lusty, M. Tiel, and Misses L. McArthur, M. Werner, E. Sim, and M. Morningstar.

1909 - 1910

During the fourth year, 11 regular meetings and the third Annual Picnic were held.

The third Annual Meeting was held at the home of Mrs. D. McIntyre, with 15 members present.

The Officers elected were :

President	- Miss Gillies,
Vice-President	- Mrs. McIntyre,
Secretary	- Mrs. Schmid,
Treasurer	- Mrs. McLevey,
District Director	- Miss A. Fraser,

Three important features of 1909 - 1910 must be recorded.

At the June meeting Mesdames Eggert and Heatherington were appointed to consult with Mr. Hugill regarding co-operation with the Fair Board. This has been an annual activity ever since.

In October, Mrs. Heatherington was in charge of a Tag Day when \$111,15.00 was raised for fire prevention purposes.

February, 1910, forty-two members met at Mrs. McGugan's home, and at that meeting it was decided to ask Messers Martini and Whitton to represent the Women's Institute in the purchasing of Fire-Fighting Equipment.

Fifty-seven members had paid fees at the close of 1909 - 1910, New Members being : Mesdames J. McCarter, A. Kelly, J.G. Gillies, G. Anthes, N.G. Mathews, C.A. Wray, J. Kelly, D.M. Gillies, R. Wilson, D. Walker, D.G. McPherson, A. Liebner, and Misses A. Buchan, L. McGill, M.B. Buchan, E. Gray and K. Campbell.

1910 - 1911

The fifth year brought eleven regular meetings, two public meetings, a play and the third annual picnic.

Thirty-two members attended the 4th. Annual meeting at the home of Mrs. G. Katzenmeyer, when the following executive committee was appointed :

President	- Mrs. Winlow,
Vice-President	- Mrs. Eggert,
Secretary	- Mrs. Schmid,
Treasurer	- Mrs. Mc Levey,
District Director	- Mrs. Heatherington,

The first Public Meeting was held on February 11th., in the new Town Hall. Eighty women enjoyed a talk given by Dr. Patterson.

The second Special Meeting was also held in the Town Hall, when Dr. Backus addressed the newly formed Junior Institute, The Women's Institute and their Friends.

The Officers of the Junior Institute were :

President	- Miss Gladys Lusty,
Secretary	- Miss Gladys McGregor,
Pianist	- Miss Evelyn Stinson,

The play called "THE SPINSTER'S CONVENTION" was given in April 1911. The only other knowledge we have of this event which must have been put on in the new Municipal Hall, is that taken from the minutes of the April Meeting. "A vote of thanks to the ladies who prepared "The Spinster's Convention", was moved by Mrs. Schmid, and seconded by Mrs. McIntyre; and Mrs. Schmid and Mrs. Winlow were appointed to settle for the curtains damaged at the concert."

During that year it was decided to have four classes of work exhibited at The Fair, namely : A Morning Shirt-Waist, Embroidered Pillow Cases, A Working Man's Lunch (five things), and Four Canned Vegetables (Beets, Peas, Beans, and Tomatoes).

The year closed with 53 members.

New names added during the year were : Mesdames A. Shippey, - Cunliffe, A.R. McRitchie, F.G. McDiarmid, - Todd, and Miss E. Ludy.

Subjects chosen for discussion during these first five years were :

"Handling of Money",	"Drying of Beef",
"Canning",	"Pickle Making",
"Sewing",	"Candy Making",
"Baking",	"Social Reform",
"Gift Suggestions",	"Care of Plants",
"Fancy Work".	

Lilly Buchanan Lusty

Mrs. Ernest G. Lusty.



Women's Institute
Rodney Branch
at the home of Mrs. A. Kelly May 24, 11

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At home of Mrs. Aley. Kelly.

May 26 - 1911



Reading
left to right.

- 1st row - Mrs. A. Wehlan, Mrs. B. Eggert, Mrs. P. C. McGregor, Mrs. J. Tunke, Mildred Eggert,
Mrs. J. J. Mistele, Mrs. L. Miller
- 2nd row - Mrs. J. Davies, Mrs. J. Stinson, Mrs. A. Schleichauf, Mrs. M. Bisnett,
Mrs. Ferguson, Miss S. Messerschmid, Mrs. C. A. Wray
Mrs. D. G. McPherson, Mrs. L. Mistele.
- 3rd row - Mrs. B. Harris, Mrs. E. G. Lusty, Mrs. S. Paterson, Mrs. S. Kelly
Mrs. D. Purcell, Mrs. A. Lusty, Mrs. G. Gray, Mrs. W. I. Campbell,
Miss. Maiey Werner.
- 4th row - Mrs. H. W. Thomson, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. N. S. Lusty,
Mrs. J. C. Campbell, Mrs. Wm. Lusty, Miss M. Gillies,
Mrs. G. A. McLevey, Mrs. P. McArthur, Mrs. Ross