

1921 - 1922

The same executive as the previous year were returned to office, namely -

President	- Mrs. A.E. Bisnett,
First Vice-President	- Mrs. A.D. McGugan,
Second Vice-President	- Mrs. E.J. Schmid,
Secretary-Treasurer	- Mrs. G.A. McLevey,

Cash in Bank at the end of the first term of office was \$1,123.89.

Cash in Bank at the end of the second term of office was \$1,132.38.

A Basket-ball was purchased for school use.

The Institute took pleasure in bearing the cost of needed eye correction for Miss Kathleen Moody.

This was five remarkable years of service.

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Mrs. Agnes Leibner.

" RODNEY BRANCH of WOMEN'S INSTITUTE -- YEARS 1922 - 1931."

Reported by  
Mrs. Stanley Haines.

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1922 - 1923

During the year 1922 - 1923 an Encyclopedia was bought for the Public Library.

Two little girls of Rodney were sent to the Hospital at the Institute's expense.

The Children's Hospital was remembered with a donation.

A Sale of Goods, made by the Blind, was held.

Mr. J.B. McGugan of Toronto offered prizes for three consecutive years for an Oratorical Contest open to all school children of Aldborough Township, providing the Institute would take charge. The local organization undertook the project with great success.

Their were 36 members.

1923 - 1924

1924 - 1925

For these two years Mrs. A.D. McGugan was President, and Mrs. McLevey the Secretary-Treasurer.

There were 39 members the first year, and 51 members during 1924 - 1925.

Assistance was given in a plebiscite in the cause of Temperance.

The first Annual Printed Programme was made in 1924.

Help was requested by the Council in the matter of the Fire Hall and Community Hall. A committee took active procedure on the enterprize.

Mrs. Purcell had charge of a sewing class for 28 girls.

## 1925 - 1926

Sixty-two members were active at this time, with Mrs. J.G. Gillies as President, and Mrs. McLevey the Secretary-Treasurer.

The Annual Meeting was changed from May to April in 1926, which is still the rule.

In October 1926 Mrs. Purcell discontinued as instructress of the sewing class. A vote of thanks was tendered her for her efficient work during the past years.

Money was donated for the keep of an Armenian Boy in this district.

## 1926 - 1927

The chief event of this period was the Cemetery Gates. These were given at a cost of \$306.60, and completed in October.

During this year there were 54 members.

## 1927 - 1928

A new Hoover Vacuum Cleaner was purchased at a cost of \$73.50.

There were 55 members during this year.

## 1928 - 1929

In March 1929 a letter from the Ontario Prohibition Board was received, asking for action to sanction the findings of the Special Committee relating to the clearance of vehicles carrying cargoes of liquor to the United States of America, contrary to the laws of that country. This resulted in a petition being sent to the Clerks of the Senate and the House of Commons, at Ottawa, stating our stand against lawlessness.

Seventy-six members now belonged to the Institute.

1929 - 1930

There were 83 members during this year.

1930 - 1931

In May 1930, a committee was sent to confer with the Council regarding "remodelling of the Hall". The members were Mesdames Schmid, McDonald, J.G. Gillies, Janaway and Eggert. When their report was made at the June meeting, \$500.00 was voted the "Building Committee" for that purpose.

Also, at this time a Cemetery Board was organized, and the Institute Committee conferred with them regarding the funds on hand, or to be received for that purpose.

The President during the years 1925 - 1931 was Mrs. J.G. Gillies, and the Secretary-Treasurer was Mrs. McLevey.

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Mrs. Stanley Haines.

Rodney Women's Institute.

Grandmother's Historical Research 1931

Mrs. Wm. Purcell Convener.



Left To Right.

1st. row - Mrs. J. J. Mistle, Mrs. P. McArthur, Mrs. B. Eggert,  
Mrs. Wm. Purcell.

2nd. row - Mrs. E. J. Schmid, Mrs. A. Poole, Mrs. F. A. McCallum,  
Mrs. J. B. Stinson.

# Official Opening

—OF THE—

## RODNEY Community Hall

—ON—

### Wednesday, Nov. 11

COMMENCING AT 2:00 O'CLOCK *1931*

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### Programme

School Children March to the Community Hall.

Parade of the War Veterans

Presenting the Key by Mr. J. T. Findlay to Reeve  
William Tolmie.

Enter the Community Hall

Song "O Canada."

Invocation by Rev. D. Stewart

Chairman's Address—Reeve William Tolmie

Music by the Newell Male Quartette

Addresses by C. E. Raven, M.P.P., Warden Taylor  
and D. K. Andrew.

Music—Taylor Orchestra

Unveiling of the Memorial Tablet by Col. Gerard  
and the local War Veterans.

Last Post—

Placing of Wreaths.

Addresses by J. Dowler and F. G. Macdiarmid

Music by the Taylor Orchestra.

Address by M. F. Hepburn, M.P.

Music by the Newell Male Quartette.

Prayer of Dedication by Rev. F. B. Myers.

**God Save the King !**

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Supper will be served from 5 to 8 o'clock. The  
baseball team will be banquetted at 6 o'clock, fol-  
lowed by the presentation of trophy and medals.

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MONSTER DANCE IN THE EVENING

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1931 - 1932

For this year Mrs. J.G. Gillies was elected President, and Mrs. G.A. McLevey returned to office.

On June 18th., "THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY" of the Branch was held in the School Room of the United Church, with an attendance of 102.

Mrs. Laura Rose Stephens was Guest-Speaker. She was no stranger to Rodney W.I., having attended the first public meeting twenty-four years previously.

The first meeting held in the new Hall was a programme given by the Grandmothers on November 13. Two hundred were present. The Grandmothers were in modern dress, and also wore costumes of fifty years ago. They announced the offering by singing the following :

" Now Institutes we've been thinking,  
That there is no time to waste.  
In Honour of the Jolly Grandmas  
Will the Ushers pass the plate."

With the \$15.00 collected a Library Table was bought in honour of the Grandmas of 1931, which is still used at all the meetings.

About that same time, dishes, stoves, piano, cupboards, tables and window furnishings were purchased for the Institute Rooms.

1932 - 1933

At the Annual Meeting, Mrs. Gillies resigned after seven years of faithful service as President, and Mrs. McLevey who had served as secretary for 24 years, since 1908, also

tendered her resignation. Mrs. Wray became President, and Mrs. Olivia Tough was made Secretary-Treasurer.

Mrs. Evans of West Lorne gave a demonstration of Comforter Making, and Mrs. C. Aggerholm who had recently come from Denmark, demonstrated Lace Making.

A two-weeks course on Nutrition was given by Miss Gray from the Department. Thirty-seven ladies availed themselves of this privilege.

#### 1933 - 1934

Five dozen silver-plated forks were purchased to match the spoons already bought.

Mr. Mc Connell of McConnell Nurseries, Port Burwell, came to talk on Pruning and Grafting Trees and Shrubs.

Five dollars was sent to Dr. Dobson at Alma College, to help finance the Music Festival.

Mrs. Branton gave a talk about her trip to the British Isles.

July found 100 at the annual picnic at Port Glasgow, with Mrs. Murray McLean in charge of the games.

In November, Mr. Fred. Barnum, with his pleasing manner and occasional bit of wit, spoke on Law. He made his subject interesting and suitable for women, and was much appreciated.

Twenty-five members made up a nursing class, under the direction of Miss Alexander of Toronto in March.

Miss Esther Mistele took a chorus of W.I. members to the Elgin Musical Festival, at St. Thomas, in April. By singing "Come to the Fair" they won a certificate which still adorns the walls of the Institute Rooms.



Assistant Treasurer  
Press Reporter  
Branch Directors

District Director  
Pianist  
Assistant Pianist  
Auditors

- Mrs. Messerschmidt,  
- Miss F. Morris,  
- Mrs. Gladstone,  
- Mrs. H.A. Mistele,  
- Mrs. D.G. Gillies,  
- Mrs. H.W. Thomson,  
- Mrs. W.D. Mistele,  
- Mrs. J.G. Gillies,  
- Mrs. W.J. McDonald,

At the June meeting a moment of silence, expressed a  
Tribute to the "Memory of Mrs. B.B. Graham and Mrs. A.R. Smith."

Miss Vera Carpenter spoke on "Inheritance Laws and Wills".

The August Meeting again remembered a departed member,  
Mrs. J. Spence.

Major Black gave a talk on "Salt" with some demonstrations  
of its development from the raw state until it is packaged.

Mr. W.I. Thomas ably demonstrated "Canada Wood Products"  
to ladies who visited the Factory as a group.

Miss Alice Paterson and Mrs. M. McLean conducted a  
"Training School", and Miss Mabel Thomson ably demonstrated  
"Block-Printing".

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Mrs. C.A. Wray.