

same year, June 9th, the secretary, William Morris presented to the Lodge a set of working tools, square and compasses. February 15th, 1894, three chairs were bought from A.J. Liebner for Lodge use for \$40.50.

In 1904 they returned to the site of their original quarters which was rebuilt by Mr. Barnes (now owned by A. Vogan). In 1929 they moved to their present quarters above Louis Vince's store. At one time this was known as The Whitton Hall, Mr. Whitton owning the building with his General Store.

Before our present Municipal Hall was built, all concerts, dances, and every sort of entertainment was held in The Whitton Hall.

Rodney Lodge has had three District Deputy Grand Masters:

In 1892 Mr. H.F. Jell, Rodney's first Lawyer

In 1937 Dr. O.J. Davies, of Rodney; now a dentist in Meaford.

In 1949 Mr. J.R. Banderen, a worthy farmer in West Aldborough (town line).

There are now twenty living Past Masters of Rodney Lodge.

Since the starting of this Lodge when there were eleven charter members, 254 additional members have been initiated and thirty-one have joined after resigning from other Masonic Lodges. The present membership is one hundred and eleven.

Rodney, March 2, 1953

Written by: Mr. A.J. Fletcher, Secretary.

" THE HISTORY of RODNEY'S RED CROSS WORK DURING WORLD WAR II. "

by
Miss Hattie Campbell.

President - Mr. H.W. Thomson,

Secretary - Miss Hattie Campbell,

The Rodney and West Aldborough Red Cross Society unit was organized on October 30th., 1939, at the beginning of World War II.

Funds for the up-keep were raised by yearly campaign drives, of which 50% was sent to the Head Office in Toronto. In addition to these drives a grant was received from the County of Elgin.

The Rodney Branch held two concerts, two carnivals, a venison supper, and a collection of salvaged aluminum, all of which were ably supported, and brought receipts.

Permits were also issued to any other organization for the purpose of raising money to be given for Red Cross work. These brought the Society nice sums.

Convenors of workrooms all, regularly reported splendid work done by the women of all units.

The Knitting Convenor always made special mention of their oldest knitter, Mrs. Jacob Scheib, who although in her eighties took a keen and practical interest in that work.

The Box Committee was responsible for sending boxes of treats, cigarettes and one pair of sox to all men from the Branch, who were either Overseas or in Training. Reports of Thanks received from these men were gratifying.

The Society was also responsible for sending an outfit of knitted garments to any of the Boys in the Branch who were held as Prisoners of War.

During the War the Society sent a great many articles from the local branch work rooms, such as : socks, mitts, scarves, sweaters, wristlets, helmets, bed-socks, knee-caps, and hospital supplies.

Refugee Work included quilts, infant's layettes, and children's clothing of all kinds.

Although the Society at the present time is not doing much active work they have not felt it advisable to disband; in case of emergency in this area this Branch would soon be functioning once more.

Miss Hattie Campbell.



Wives and Mother's Club.
Honor roll Dedication

Reading left to right

Harold Howard, Gordon Plyley, Annie Bell, Mrs. D. N. Walker,
Mrs. J. Woodend, J. A. Fairles, Mrs. Cha. Ludy, Chas. Ludy.

" THE WIVES and MOTHER'S CLUB - March 1941 - October 1948. "

by

Mrs. G.J. Kotzenmeyer.

The first meeting of this Club was held March 21st., 1941, with the following women present :

Mrs. (Rev.) Carnegie, Mrs. D.N. Walker, Mrs. Charles Ludy, Mrs. James Woodend, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. John Lowry, Mrs. Brad (Senior), Mrs. Thomas Davies, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. R.B. Wilson, Mrs. G. Walker, Mrs. R.L. Cameron, and Mrs. G. Kotzenmeyer.

Officers appointed were :

President	- Mrs. G. Kotzenmeyer,
Secretary-Treasurer	- Mrs. J. Woodend,
Visiting Convenor	- Mrs. Fowler,
Knitting Convenor	- Mrs. Cameron,
Sewing Convenor	- Mrs. Wilson,
Social Convenor	- Mrs. G. Walker,
Box Committee	- Mrs. C. Ludy,
	- Mrs. D.N. Walker,

This club was made up of women with a common interest, as close relatives of Service Personnel from this area.

Weekly meetings were held in the W.I. Rooms during the war years, when the principal activity was the conversion of used clothing into fresh garments. Even the scraps remaining were made into quilts. These articles were sent to private homes, and to the Salvation Army, for distribution.

Many personal letters and parcels were sent to members of the Forces, and also to relatives living elsewhere, or who, through age, illness or family ties were unable to meet with the club.

Social barriers were dissolved by these means, and members coming from such varied homes gained much through contacts afforded.

Regular monthly meetings were held in the different homes, at which everyone present participated. The Visiting Committee reported at these meetings for each absentee.

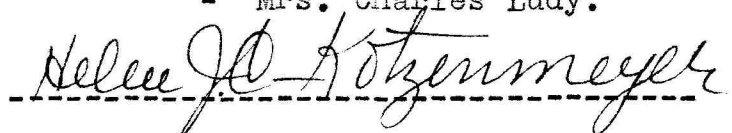
Considerable money was handled by the Club, of which remains close to \$800.00, at the time of writing (summer 1951), which has been designated towards a "TOWN CLOCK", if and when such are again available.

One big undertaking was achieved largely through the efforts of Mrs. James Woodend. This was the compilation of a complete list of the names of those who served from this District, and, including those who enlisted elsewhere, but whose hearts and minds were with loved ones in Rodney and West Aldborough.

Having functioned regularly and continuously until October 1948, a last meeting was held at the home of the President Mrs. D.N. Walker, when it was decided to discontinue meetings, but not to disband, owing to the desire to help with the purchase of a clock when that time comes.

Officers in the care of the money for this use are :

President	- Mrs. D.N. Walker,
Vice-Presidents	- Mrs. A. Shippey, - Mrs. A. Plyley,
Secretary	- Mrs. R. Roe,
Treasurer	- Mrs. Charles Ludy.



Mrs. G.J. Kotzenmeyer.

February, 1958,

The Town Clock provided as a
MEMORIAL to the Service Personnel of WORLD
WAR II, is now in place in front of Rodney
Municipal Hall.

This act closed the activities
of the group of women known as the "LIVES
AND MOTHERS' CLUB" in recent years.

Della Hodge Ludy.

Mrs. Charles Ludy,

Secretary - Treasurer.

SCOUTING AND GUIDINGORIGIN:

In 1908 the idea of Scouting was launched in Great Britain by Robert Baden-Powell, (later Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell) after he had conferred with leading citizens, especially Sir William Smith, founder of the Boys' Brigade. His book "Scouting for Boys" led to the organization of the "Boy Scouts", not only in England but in many other countries. Girls, quite unexpected by Baden-Powell, and to the horror of many adults, were attracted by the games and activities, as well as the wonderful ideals set forth in the Law and Promise. They too, wanted to be Scouts and in 1910, Miss Agnes Baden-Powell became President of the newly formed Association of Girl Guides. When in 1912, Baden-Powell met and married Miss Olave St. Clair Soames, it proved a wonderful thing for the Guide Organization; because she aided greatly in the organizing and improving of the many groups that had started up everywhere. In 1916 she was made Chief Commissioner of Guides and in 1918 Chief Guide of the World. The first rule book was published in 1918 and by 1923 the King granted a Royal Charter of Incorporation to the Girl Guide movement.

During the years many fine gifts of money and "homes" have been made to the movement; chief of which is our Chalet in Switzerland, near Adelboden, "for the promotion of Guiding and good will between nations".

Lord Baden-Powell passed on in 1941 but Lady Baden-Powell travels the world over and carries with her a light of good cheer and happiness to her big, big family of guides.

The Scout and Guide Promise and Law are almost identical, as also the Cub and Brownie.

SCOUTING AND GUIDING

The Promise and Law are the foundation of the training.

THE GUIDE LAW

1. A Guide's honour is to be trusted.
2. A Guide is loyal.
3. A Guide's duty is to be useful and to help others.
4. A Guide is a friend to all, and a sister to every other Guide.
5. A Guide is courteous.
6. A Guide is a friend to animals.
7. A Guide obeys orders.
8. A Guide smiles and sings under all difficulties.
9. A Guide is thrifty.
10. A Guide is pure in thought, in word, and in deed.

THE GUIDE PROMISE

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best:
To do my duty to God, and the King,
To help other people at all times,
To obey the Guide Law.

Motto: "BE PREPARED"