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Here is a list of some of the gifts to needy causes:

Armenian Relief	- \$50.00
Belgium	- 15.00
British Red Cross; bales, milk, money	- 15.00
Canadian Institute for Blind	- 50.00

Care in later years - -	
Children's Shelter, fruit, crate of eggs	- 25.00
Chinese famine	- 25.00
Choral Society	- 50.00
European Relief	- 50.00
Fire sufferers at Cobalt	- 50.00
French Red Cross	- 10.00
Greek Refugee children	- 10.00
Greek War Relief	- 10.00
Memorial Hospital extension	- 500.00
Military Hospital Div.	- 25.00
Navy League of Canada	- 25.00
Queen's Fund	- 100.00
Sailors' Fund	- 25.00
Salvation Army	- 25.00
Sock Fund, Toronto	- 75.00
Soldiers' Aid Commission - Boxes	- 25.00
Siberia Relief	- 25.00
Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto	- 15.00
Russian Relief	- 25.00
Y.W.C.A.	- 25.00
Cancer Fund (later on)	- 25.00

This is just a sample of monies spent; later donations were given to these funds.

The members took a number of Homemaker Clubs in the years, including a Sewing Club, and they rented machines for it. Also held were a Millinery Course, Mat Course, Lamp Shades Course, Block Printing Course and many others.

Papers and demonstrations were on the programmes at most of the meetings. They had a travelling library from the first. Membership during the years ran from 12 to 23 to 20 and in 1924 had 70 members after a membership drive, and again in 1948 had 65 members.

Activities for raising money were varied. They put on lunches for the fair, and later on served meals at it; held concerts, put on plays, garden parties, bazaars, candy sales, etc. They entertained other W.I.'s as we do today, having a picnic with Shedden and Fingal at Port Talbot one year and many other picnics here and there.

We went on bus trips in later years to the Ice Carnival, Royal Winter Fair, factories, Pinecroft, Shakespearian Festival, Expo, Cinerama, museums, and others.

Institute applied and received a government grant of \$3.00 for years; also applied to Council for a grant of \$10.00 a few times.

Girls in the community took part in the programmes with musical number, etc. We also had some girls' clubs, but as yet I haven't the leaders' names.

The W.I. celebrated their 15th, 25th, 35th and 50th anniversaries with guests, cakes and programmes.

They had the interests of the community on their minds as well, and were instrumental in helping a widow get the Widow's Allowance for herself and family. Help was given to families after a fire or other disasters.

Prizes were donated to the fair for needlework, cooking and other crafts. Money for teaching music in the schools was given, as well as pictures as prizes for the schools.

Discussions were held at the meetings on Old Age Pensions and in 1934 on hydro. It was felt it would be too expensive for use then.

Songbooks were ordered in 1925 and again in 1945 some more were added.

During both wars they knitted and sewed, made quilts and packed boxes for overseas. They helped collect salvage and in World War 2 sent women to the Hostess House at Fingal Air Base to serve lunches at night.

In 1944 mention was made of starting the Tweedsmuir book. Later activities included opening of the new Hall in 1948 and serving lunches at it. A table with a memorial plaque and two chairs were donated to the hall. Dishes and other equipment were donated as well. They bought the gas range for the kitchen in 1948. The same year they adopted a W.I. in England to send food boxes to.

In 1950 a ladies' choir was organized. Later on a triple trio sang at various times.

In 1947 the Blue Cross was started and in 1951 the Co-op Insurance commenced. Around that time old wool was sent for blankets. Premium blankets were donated to various needy places - Greece, the Bobier Home and families in need of help. Along with Tyrconnell we helped furnish a room at the Bobier Home and sent treats to the residents of the home at Christmas; also helped at the annual teas held every summer.

In 1952 Institute made ditty bags for the Korean war. In 1953, \$146.00 was given for an incubator at the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital. Money was given through UNESCO to a tractor fund for overseas and to a Ceylon Fund; also a donation to St. John's Ambulance and another for a television to Elgin Manor. Treats were sent to the Manor as well. They helped at the Museum Teas and at the Ont. Hospital. Gifts were sent there also. They helped with X-Ray clinics here at Wallacetown and Baby Clinics. The Institute had an adopted boy overseas for a number of years and sent him gifts and money. He was Heinz Maiwold.

They also gave donations to the Retarded Childrens' School in St. Thomas. In 1967 we made a centennial quilt depicting the flowers of the Provinces.

All meetings were closed with the National Anthem.

In the early years the hostess served lunch, but in 1921 a regular lunch was started - a 10¢ tea with 3 articles to be served. We now have a 25¢ tea and all enjoy the tea and chatter hour after the meetings.

Program

Opening - Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and Lord's Prayer  
Pianist - Mrs. D. Lamb  
Address of Welcome - Mrs. Donald McGregor - President  
Minutes Silence in Memory of members who had passed on.  
Greetings - Mrs. Gordon Gow - President E.W.D.W.I.  
Mrs. V. Pow Past President London Area W.I.  
Poem - Mrs. Maude McWilliam  
Minutes of 1st Meeting 1912 - Mrs. Mac Graham  
List of Charter Members, Read - Miss M. Gow's letter - Mrs. Earl Shipley  
Solo - Mrs. Donna Edwards  
History of Wallacetown W.I. - Mrs. Wm. McKillop  
Violin Solos - Danny and Margy Jo Edwards  
History of 75 yrs. F.W.I.O. - Mrs. Allan Crawford  
Solo - Mrs. Donna Edwards  
Cake cutting - Mrs. Andrew McWilliam  
Courtesy Remarks - Mrs. Harold Sloan  
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Today we look with grateful hearts  
Across the bygone years  
To memories of the Institute  
Which time the more endears --

For it has been our guiding light  
That shone o'er troubled ways  
A refuge bright in war or peace  
To cheer our busy days.

It welcomed many a youthful bride  
Who far from kith and kin  
Was thankful for a friendly hand  
To help her settle in,

For in its bond of sisterhood  
We learn new crafts and skills  
Find better ways of serving food  
That help us pay our bills.

It cheered the lonely lives of those  
Who helped to build our nation  
For in those days no one had heard  
Of women's liberation.

And many who are all alone  
Look forward with delight  
When it is time again to meet  
In friendship's circle bright.

And if we are not college bred  
To that we pay no mind  
We need no university  
To teach us to be kind.

So as an ever rising star  
With added lustre glows  
May it lead us to greater things  
With every year that goes.

May our Heavenly Father guide us  
In thought and word and deed  
That we with joy will follow  
The spirit of our creed.

And mindful of the faithful ones  
Who since those early years  
With willing hands have played their part  
And shared the cup that cheers,

We all today do tribute pay  
To that most worthy dame  
Who first did lead this Institute  
Named Mrs. Duncan Graham --

And since 'twas started by a Scot  
It seems right altogether  
To leave it in the able hands  
Of Mrs. Don McGregor.

Maude McWilliam





WALLACETOWN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY JULY 6<sup>th</sup> 1972.





The Wallacetown Women's Institute celebrated their 60th Anniversary on July 6th, 1972, at the South Dunwich Community Hall. Taking part in the cutting of the cake are, left to right - Mrs. Gordon Gow Elgin West District President. Mrs. Andrew McWilliam, the only Charter member present, and Mrs. Donald McGregor, President of the Wallacetown W.I.

A Centennial quilt made by the Wallace-  
town Women's Institute in the Centennial  
year 1967. The pattern the flower emblems  
of the provinces of Canada. It was shown  
at Wallacetown Fair that same year and won  
second prize. Ladies who helped make the  
quilt- From left to right- Mrs. W.S.  
McKillop, Mrs. Ezra Martelle, Mrs. C.  
Blue, Mrs. Mac Graham, Mrs. James  
McKellop.



CUSHIONS made by members of the  
Women's Institute who took a  
Course on Accessories for the  
home in 1975.

The trophy donated by Mrs. Gordon Gow  
president of the W.E.D.W.I. to the Women's  
Institute which had the most members attend-  
ing District Annual Meeting for three  
consecutive years. It was won by the  
Wallacetown W.I. in 1975.

