

NEWS ITEMS OF KETTLEBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- 1954 - The Kettleby Branch met at the home of Mrs. G. Heacock on Thursday evening with the President, Mrs. A. Farren, in the chair. It was decided to have a penny round-up bag again this year to help the Mental Health Association.

Mrs. G. Tienkamp gave an interesting paper on African violets. The roll call was an exchange of plants and a number of violets were brought for exchange.

A demonstration of shell craft by Mrs. John Davis was given. Mrs. Davis finished a picture and made a pair of ear rings and these were donated as lucky draws. Mrs. R. Warlow won the picture and Mrs. Close the earrings. Hostesses were Mrs. C. Walton, Mrs. J. Day, Mrs. G. Heacock and Mrs. R. Hunt.

- 1954 - The annual election of officers for Kettleby Branch was held at the home of Mrs. J. Davis. Officers are as follows: president - Mrs. A. Farren, vice president - Mrs. J. Davis, 2nd vice president - Mrs. R. Hunt, sec. treas. - Mrs. W. Hodgson, Assist. - Mrs. H. Burns, pianist - Mrs. Murray Cook, assist. - Mrs. H. Webster.

The meeting was in favor of making a house to house canvass for the Salvation Army, and accepted the invitation to the King branch on May 11.

The hostess took pictures with her movie camera and will be shown at a future meeting. The next meeting to be at the home of Mrs. Gene Polkinhorne on May 26th.

- 1954 - A number of girls, members of the Sunday School and six boys took part in the evening service at Kettleby United Church, when they rendered Mother's Day songs, on April 8th. Mrs. A. Marshall read the scripture reading, Margaret Davis, John Maginn and Ray Marshall took part in the responsive reading. The service ended with the church choir singing a Mother's Day anthem.

- 1954 - The Kettleby Branch heard two fine reports at the May meeting at the home of Mrs. G. Polkinhorne on the evening of May 26th. Mrs. R. Hunt reported on the district annual at Temperanceville and Mrs. A. Farren on the Presidents' conference at Guelph. Mrs. Carol Proctor was the winner of second prize in the art exhibit at the district annual.

The canvass and donation from the branch totalled \$137.60 for the Salvation Army appeal. The proceeds from the W.I. booth at the girls softball dance were turned over to their club. The purchase of \$6.00 worth of plants for the cenotaph

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- 1954 - and the new school. Mrs. H. Burns won the guessing contest. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. H. Burns on June 24th.
- 1956 - Kettleby Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. J. Tienkamp on Thursday evening with Mrs. A. Farren, president, in the chair. Plans were made in regard to the District Annual Convention to be held at Kettleby this year, Mrs. F. Beatty, convenor of Historical Research and Current Events announced that April 12 was the date set for the branch to visit Mrs. Neil's museum at Thornhill.

Mrs. R. Graham explained the motto. Mrs. H. Webster gave the flower report and Mrs. J. Davis showed movies of her trip to Florida. Roll call for this meeting was "bring an item for the Tweedsmuir History book." Current events was given by Mrs. N. Blatchford. The date for a euchre was set for March 20th.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. J. Harmon to the hostesses, Mrs. J. Davis, Mrs. G. Tienkamp, Mrs. A. Hay and Mrs. J. Tienkamp.

- 1956 - This branch will met at the home of Mrs. Gordon Cook on Feb. 23rd. The Motto, "Tomorrow is another day, make it a good one" will be taken by Mrs. E. Blatchford. Roll call "bring your own recipe". There will be a demonstration of making "Hungarian Goulash".

Mrs. Fred Hare of Temperanceville will be the guest speaker. The program has been planned by the Home Economics and Health committee, convened by Mrs. H. Heacock. Hostess will be Mrs. N. Blatchford, Mrs. S. Richardson, Mrs. W. Wilson, Mrs. L. Blackburn and Mrs. G. Polkinhorne.

KETTLEBY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - MEMBERS AS OF MARCH 1st, 1957

Kathleen (Webb) Armstrong	Eliza(Barker)Hodgson
Elizabeth (Oliver) Armstrong	Edith(Mount)Hollingshead
Muriel (Crawford) Beatty	Frances(Walton)Hunt
Joyce (Reynolds) Black	Gertrude(Hughey)Hunter
Nora (Cull) Blackburn	Dora(McClure)Jewitt
Maureen "Sue"(Carroll) Blackett	Mildred(Dooks)Jewitt
Marie (Jewell) Blatchford	Ruth(Hambleton)Maginn
Margy (Brown) Blatchford	Myrtle(Jardine)Mitchell
Grace (Brown) Burns	Dahlia(Kerr)Polkinghorne
Laura (Black) Carson	Dorothy(Lake)Pleasance
Maureen (Snell) Cherry	Bernice (Webster) Proctor
Mrs. F. Crane	Carol (Innes) Proctor
Margaret (Hay) Davis	Vera (Kritzer) Richardson
Mabel (Walker) Day	Audrey(Tatton) Schmidt
Hazel (Sharp) deVries	Loyis (Routery) Tienkamp
Mrs. L. deVries	Dorreen (Funnell) Tienkamp
Violet (West) Farren	Alice (Groot) Valentyne
Edith (Dolson) Geer	Bessie (Jamieson) Walton
Betty (Webster) Gillham	Fern (Preston) Walton
Eleanor (Murphy) Graham	Evonne (Farren) Warlow
Kathleen (Black) Greensides	Merna (Geer) Webster
Ruth(Jackson)Hamilton	Dorothy(Wiley) Weldrick
Elinor(Pattenden)Hay	Lillian (Mount) West
Lyda(Dutcher)Harmon	Ruth (Edwards) Wilson
Velma(Close)Heacock	Ermine (Wasley) Wilson

Kettleby Women's Institute met at the Anglican Hall on September 25th, 1958, with Mrs. H. Burns, the President in the chair. The motto was explained by Mrs. M. Cook. Flower report was given by Mrs. R. Jewitt. It was decided that each member should donate a gift to be taken to York Manor for the men and women there, as a Thanksgiving treat. Also, a program is to be put on, convenor to be Mrs. J. Davis. Members are asked to leave gifts with Mrs. G. Armstrong, Secretary, as soon as possible.

Mrs. F. Weldrick was elected as delegate to the Area Convention to be held in Toronto in November. Mrs. G. Shoults, District President, gave a short address and greetings were brought by the District Secretary, Mrs. G. Smith.

The meeting was in charge of the Historical Research Committee with Mrs. J. Maginn as convenor assisted by Mrs. E. West, Mrs. G. Heacock, Mrs. F. Schmidt, Mrs. M. Cook, Mrs. H. Webster, Mrs. N. Greensides, Mrs. R. Hunt and Mrs. F. Beatty. All wore old fashioned costumes and re-enacted the first meeting of the Institute at Kettleby, using the officers and members names at that time. "Flashes from the Past" were given by Mrs. N. Greensides. An ice cream social was planned, the charge to be .10¢. Also, a delegate sent to the convention for three days - \$1.50 being allowed for her expenses. A poem "My Grandmother's Apron" was given by Mrs. E. West. Applause showed the enjoyment of this skit.

A contest was won by Mrs. H. Proctor and Mrs. J. D. Conover. Lunch was served by the Historical Research Convenor and assistants and consisted of tea biscuits with jam, honey, brown sugar and cinnamon, apple pie and cheese and tea.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. G. Tienkamp.

(Aurora Banner)

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RE-ENACTING THE FIRST KETTLEBY W.I. MEETING
OF JANUARY 1911 - SINGING THE OPENING ODE -
(from left to right) - DORIS GEER COOK,
RUTH HAMBLETON MAGINN, VELMA CLOSE HEACOCK,
KATHLEEN BLACK GREENSIDES, MURIEL CRAWFORD
BEATTY, FRANCES WALTON HUNT, AUDREY TATTON
SCHMIDT, LILLIAN MOUNT WEST, and MERNA GEER
WEBSTER (at the piano)

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MRS. BERT HILBORN AND
MRS. ARTHUR MARSHALL,
ORIGINAL MEMBERS, WITH
MRS. W. CRANE, OUR OLDEST
MEMBER AT THE PRESENT
TIME IN THE CENTRE.

GEMS OF HISTORY ARE LOCAL HAPPENINGS

(Motto at meeting under Historical
Research and Current Events - Feb-
ruary 1958)

The village of Kettleby got its name from events connected with the mill pond, which, of course, is now just a memory. Mr. Tyrwhitt and Mr. Eaton, who were in partnership, built the 3½ storey mill that was burned in 1950. The pond afforded skating in winter and swimming in summer, and, of course, the dam made the power that ground the farmers' wheat into flour and chop for their animals. Five times that we know of the pond went on the rampage and the dam was washed out. Finally hydro was installed and the water power was not needed. The name - Kettleby Mills - was given to the village by Mrs. Eaton, naming it after a village in England. The 'Mills' part was dropped in later years. Kettleby boasted two hotels, two stores, a telephone office, cheese factory, a tailor shop employing three tailors, two blacksmith shops, and a nursery, at one time in its history.

How many can remember the dredging of the canal in the Holland Marsh? Professor Day had great plans and faith in the marsh. It always seems a pity when men such as he do not live to see their dreams come true, although perhaps it was just as well he did not live to see the terrible things that Hurricane Hazel did to his beloved project. How many remember the marsh fires in the fall of the year?

When the Holland Marsh was still a young project as far as growing vegetables were concerned, the townline from the fifth through to the eighth concessions was opened up for their convenience and others who used it to shorten the trip from Newmarket through to Schomberg. Until this time it was a narrow trail made of railway ties and unfit for cars or trucks as it is now.

The Christian Baptist church used to hold their garden parties in the Ramsden orchard just south of the church and I can remember well before there was electricity they had torches in the apple trees to light the orchard for the program which was held on a temporary platform built for the evening's entertainment.

When we first heard that the new Super Highway 400 was coming through our community we weren't sure just how it would effect us. It has proved a quick means of travel into Toronto and points north. I only wish that the sign at the Aurora Cloverleaf saying "Aurora" had a small addition saying "Kettleby".

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Then, of course, the highway necessitated the forming of a school area. The four local schools were closed and dwellings made of them. I never will get used to seeing a washing hanging out at the back, television aerials on the roof, and curtains on the windows.

These are just a very few of the events that have happened in our community that can go down in history, but we like to think that our W. I. with its own long history adds to the interesting story.

(Given by Kathleen Greensides, a member of
the Tweedsmuir History Committee)



Pyjama party - Back row,
left to right: Ann Harmon,
Mary Blackburn, Mary Walton,
Minnie Rae, Martha Archi-
bald, Hilda Blackburn.

Front row: Gertrude Blackburn,
Merna Geer, Mary Smith, Leila
Webster, Mary Barradel.



Special group of west
and north concession
members of W.I. at a
party at Ruth Maginn's
in July 1960.



Bessie Walton, Frances Hunt, Laura
Carson, Marjorie Black, Doug. Brookes
and Vince DeVitta putting up the
Women's Institute welcome sign across
from the Anglican church in Kettleby.

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Kettleby Women's Institute

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

Fiftieth Anniversary

Saturday, January 21, 1961

ANGLICAN HALL, KETTLEBY

at two o'clock

MRS. G. M. ARMSTRONG
Secretary
Kettleby, Ontario

MRS. HARRY BURNS
President