



1908-1958

Louise Norris King City
Mrs John Ireland Newton Robinson
Helen Rumble King H. I.
Velma Neill King W. I.
Alma Smeltzer W. M. S. Laskay
Mrs. E. D. Glass Aurora
Joyce Dore Aurora
Jean McMurphy Aurora
Janet Buddin Laskay
Nora Hatley Laskay
Mrs. D. B. Paton Laskay
Ida Black Laskay
Maryem. murphy Laskay
Linda Cairns
Mrs P. J. Glass, Laskay
Mrs Edna King Regina
Mrs. Clyde Cairns Laskay
Winnifred Boyd Whitby
Minnie Egan Bolton
Jean A. Bryson Vellore
Mary Bryson
Barbara B Bryson Vellore
Fathlee Armstrong Keuleby
Gertrude Hunter Keuleby
Oelma Harold Kettedy

Jean Murray Woodbridge
Mrs Gordon Watson Maple
Mrs Percy Forester - Laskay
Mrs Donald Allen Maple
Mrs E. Harris Maple
Mrs R. Julian Vellere
Mrs F. Niciman Vellere
Maureen Wellesley

Mrs Arthur Wellesley
Mrs Fred Gray

Mrs. Alex Bishop Vellere

Margaret Lymburner Hamilton

Mrs. Bertha Eif. King

Opiea Hill. Wileton

Ruth Finch Laskay

Frene McCallum Schomburg

Mrs. Albert Parr, Bolton

Mary McCallum Cookstown

Rita Richards - Churchill

Mrs. O. T. Thompson

(Ed. Penrose)

Mrs. J. J. Hunter

Margaret Kerr

Grace Gutt

Jean McDonald. ^{Ladym} Woodbridge

Betty Macklin

Temperanceville

Evelyn Parton

Temperanceville

Dr. T. Mac Murtry
R R₂ King



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May Fouts - Vandal
Mrs Norman Bryson
Ellen I Resnick-Snowball
Mrs. Mary Snider Snowball
Edna Gellatly "
Ruth Smith
Verna Chamberlain Nobleton
Mrs Matilda Williams "
Mrs J. King Snowball.
Mrs. Albert Ridley "Bagartson"
Mrs. L. Harper " "
Mrs. Frank Williams " "
Mrs. E. Ewart " "
Mrs. George Smith " Sec. Trus. Centre York
Mrs Forest MacTaggart Nobleton
Mrs. Murray Irwin " "
Mrs Garnet Haover "
Mrs Joe Boak
Mrs John Boak "
Mrs James Cherry
Mrs Florence Moore
Mrs. Sea. Shultz, Schomberg. Pres. Centre York.
Mrs E. Neale Schomberg "
Verna Patton King
Christine Campbell "
Mrs (Rev) Jenkinson "
Mrs. J.H. Neate, Nobleton
Mrs. G. Chapman, Nobleton
Mrs. C. Hodgson "
Mrs. K. Hodgson "
Mrs. Eric Johnston King —



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Helen A. Hunter Saskay
Marion Plant - Imperanceville
Lea Bays. "
Kathleen Smith King
Elizabeth Gillham "
Joan Kerr Saskay
Margaret Bussell - Vaucluse.
Mary Marwood Woodbridge RR2
Mrs. Aubrey Glass King
Marion Mataggast Nobleton
Grace Snide "
Pauline Cain "
Jenny Doolan "
Hilda Mitchell Snowball.
Mabel Leaton Snowball.
Monetta Mornay Snowball.
Mrs. Ernest Popson Snowball
Mrs. Lotte Smith Snowball
Mrs. Leslie Kerr Snowball
Mrs. Harold Snider Snowball
Mrs. Lure Jones Snowball.
Mrs. J. Lister Schomberg
Mrs. C. Watson Schomberg
Mrs. W. Lamm. Schomberg.
Mrs. J. McBride Willowdale
Bessie (McBride) Skinner Toronto
Mrs. Rosie Sheardown
Mrs. Chris Chamberlain Nobleton
Mrs. Lillian Payne Saskay



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Mrs Lyman Davis Hobbleton
Mrs. C. W. Marchant - Schomberg
Mrs. Harry Jackson Maple
Mrs. Hugh Hamilton Schomberg
Mrs L. Clarke Maple
Mrs. H. Jennings Maple
Mrs. A. Wells Maple
Mrs H. Stephenson Maple
Mrs R. Warlow Kettleby
Mrs. E. B. West Kettleby
Mrs. A. Farren Kettleby
Mrs G. Old Kettleby
Mrs Lockyer
Mrs. D. Julian
Mrs M. Wilson
Mrs M. Hess
Mrs M. Jones - Maple
Miss M. Richards King City
Mary Scott King Ridge
Mrs Harriet M'Conneick King Ridge
Maion M-Naughton King Ridge
June Follitt King RR2
Mrs. Beta Kellam, W. York District Past President
Mrs. Vida E. Hermansen Sec. - Pres. West York
Mrs. Elton Armstrong Area Chairman
Mrs E. Treitz, Samia Ont.
Dolly McQuarrie Maple R. R. 1
Dorothy Henderson (Mrs. D.C.) R. R. 2 King
Ethel Fitchman, Schomberg R. R. 2.



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Wella J. Gordon West of Argie
Dorothy Pleasant Kettleby
Flame Matiman Dept. of Agriculture
Daisy McCallum Stange W.M.S.
Doris Willoughby Stange W.M.S.
Rhoda Farren Stange W.M.S.
Bertha Blanchard Richmond Hill
Mrs. J. Phillips King City
Dorothy Glass R. Hill
Lyn. Egner Nobleton
Mellow MacDiarmid Nobleton
Muriel Arlow Nobleton
Mrs. Mable Wells Temperanceville
Mrs. A. M. Clarke Aurora
Mrs. H. Sisman Aurora
Mrs. H. W. Teasdale Aurora
Mrs. Francis J. Tuttlebury Aurora
Mrs. Harry Smith Gornley
Lance E. Rooney - King City
Mrs. T. Hepburn Gornley
Mrs. R. C. Baycroft Gornley
Mrs. N. Brown Gornley
Mrs. M. Avey Gornley
Mrs. George Boynton Gornley
Margaret Ellen Teasdale
Edna Teasdale
Bessie Farr
Mrs. Thomas Walker
Kay Lowe

Margaret Leuchs. King

Beryl O'Beary

Adella Smeltzer (Mrs. P. J.)
Laskay.

Mrs. George Forester

Mrs. Fred O'Brien

Mrs. Effie Bath

Mrs. Frank Buddin

Mrs. Norman Etheridge

Mrs. Ches. Hately

Mrs. L. J. Bennett

Margaret Cairns

Frances Forester

Lila Ann Forester

Janet Mary Finch

Margaret Finch

Mrs. W. Montsman

Mrs. B. Hill Woodbridge
R.R. 2

Else Hunter



1968 LASKAY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEMBERS TAKEN AT 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Seated. (left to right)

Mrs. N. Etheridge, Mrs. Smeltzer, Mrs. C. Black, Mrs. Thos. Walker,
Miss H. Hunter, Mrs. N. MacMurchy, Mrs. M. Hunter.

STANDING (left to right)

Mrs. A. McDonald, Mrs. F. O'Brien, Miss M. McMurchy, Mrs. H. Dooks,
Mrs. C. Cairns, Mrs. A. Gordon, Mrs. P. Leatherdale, Mrs. P. Smeltzer,
Mrs. T. Colborne.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

The 60th Birthday celebration of the Laskay Women's Institute was held on July 10th, 1968 at the W.I. Hall and weather permitted many visitors to enjoy the luncheon out of doors. Two beautifully iced cakes to form '60', were made by the Sec. Treas. Mrs. Thos. Walker. Birthday cake, strawberries and ice cream were preceded by a buffet style luncheon to eighty guests, prepared by the fifteen active members.

Miss Winnie Boys, a past president, now living in Whitby, had the honor of cutting the cake. Another earlier member, Mrs. A. Wellesley was present, and regrets were sent by former charter member, Mrs. Jennie Hoover, of Toronto.

The highlight of our 60th anniversary was the unveiling of the 'Laskay Portfolio', a documentary compiled by Institute members of the material gathered over the years for the Tweedsmuir History Book, and contains many pictures of the community. We trust it will provide a permanent record and popular reference book of the contributions made to this part of the country by the pioneers of the area. The Portfolio was compiled under the capable leadership of Jack McBride (of Toronto and Laskay), who was also the publisher.

The highlight of our program was "Flashes from the Past", a panel program, chaired by Mrs. W. Finch, a former past president and teacher, also was president in our 40th anniversary year.

We aimed to have the program somewhat resemble the C.B.C. TV 'Flashback', complete with local commercials, prepared so ably and read by Mrs. Pam Dennett, a Laskay resident. Mrs. M. Hunter carefully presented the clues to the audience.

Our 'Flashes from the Past' panel were Miss Roberta Gillies of Islington, a former secretary; Mrs. A. Gillham of King City, teacher and former resident; Mrs. L. Rolling, King City, pioneer of local newspaper reporting; Mrs. M. McMurchy, Aurora, former member.

Challengers were/

Mrs. N. MacMurchy, mystery object - old long handled collection boxes used at Strange Pres. church.

Miss H. Hunter - minutes of first Laskay W.I. Meeting, who gave brief history of branch.

Mrs. D.C. Henderson - our celebrity guest, a local resident, author and world traveller, who stumped the panel with her participation in teaching 'Esperanto', the universal language, to a class at King City in the winter of 1961-62.

Our local advertisers were--

Mrs. R. Hoover, Artex paint demonstrator.

Mrs. E. Eif - florist.

Mrs. B. Charak - grocer.

Mr. M. Hunter - Insurance agent.

Mr. A. Gordon - Real estate agent.

LASKAY PORTFOLIO



Standing in the doorway of the Laskay W.I. Hall, three members discuss the Centennial Project, which reached its successful conclusion, when first copies were on sale at the 60th Birthday party, July 10th, 1967.

Left to right .

Mrs. Adella Smeltzer, Curator, Mrs. Norman Etheridge, District Director and Miss Helen Hunter, president.

Photo by Stuart's Studio.

CELEBRATING 60th ANNIVERSARY



Having lunch on the Hall grounds.



'Flashes from the Past', panel in action.

- Left to right-
 Mrs. D.C. Henderson
 Mrs. W. Finch
 Miss Roberta Gillies
 Mrs. A. Gillham
 Mrs. L. Rolling
 Mrs. M. McMurchy

Home and Country motto on wall was Artex painted by Mrs. Ruby Hoover.



Left to right
 Mrs. N. Etheridge, Mrs. T. Walker,
 Miss H. Hunter, Miss V. Boys,
 Mrs. A. Smeltzer.



Left to right.
 Mrs. N. Payne (area W.I. R representative)
 Mrs. T. Walker, Miss W. Boys, Mrs. G.
 Richardson (District Pres.) Mrs. A.
 Wellesley, Mrs. N. Etheridge, Miss H. Hunter
 Mrs. M. McMurchy.

Winnie Perdue

Mamie Chalk

Margaret Perdue

Mildred McBride

Laura L. Rolling.

St Lawrence Gould

Winifred Bays

Janet Hobson

B. Millard.

S. Gray.

Edna Hadwen Richman W.S.

Mrs. George Robson.

Maud Riddell

Louise Yorris

Betty Wade

Helen Rumble King W.S.

Hazel (Stichiball) Willsley

Mary McCallum

Mary Watson

Sue Morgan.

Norma Elbridge

Aida Dooks.

Florence Pugh

Mary Marwood

Minnie Hatfield (Egan)

Ruth Gillies

Gertrude Orr

Elizabeth Gillham
Mildred Gillies
Gene Follitt

Muriel Lowcock
Flossie Crane.

Margaret Baguley
Roberta Gillies
Pearl Mac Murky.

Ida Blackie
Edythe Cairns
Dorothy Henderson

Joan Holloway
Wanda Morgan
Kay Lowe

Louise Dooks.
Maryrie Richardson
Ruth Rose

Jean Bryson
Grace Gindus Hobbleton
Verna Chamberlain Hobbleton
Horis Payne Thornhill
Maryrie M. Murky Saskay
Pam Demacet.

Jean McGerty.
Margaret Shipley

Mary Barker

Alma Smeltzer

Josephine Wells.

Christine Campbell

Vera Monkman

Ruth Finch

Jean McMurchy

Verne Patton King City

Beta Richards - Aurora

Joyce Glass - King

Margaret Colbourne Laskay

Mildred Manson - King.

Alma Cook Kettleby

Linda Patrick King and

Ann Harmon King.

Buddy Hoover Laskay

Elsie Hunter Laskay

Flora Hill Bruce Mines

Vera Hunter Laskay

Geeta Jewett King

Margaret Scott. King

Adella Smeltzer

Glarence Gordon

Jean Leatherdale

Diana Rowney.

Minnie Blvens.

Helen Hunter
Agnes Walker.
Jean McDonald
Paul O'Brien

7th TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE A.C.W.W. - 1953.

Gleanings from some A.C.W.W. Conference sessions, held at the Royal York Hotel were given by Mrs. Laura E. Rolling of King, who attended several plenary meetings, round table conferences and press interviews.

When we think that over 6 million women will, within the year be learning about Canada through the delegates and publicity channels, the impact will doubtless be tremendous.

The conference in Ontario was the "home coming" of ACWW. As Mrs. Sayre, the president said, at the opening ceremony in Convocation Hall, which I attended on August 14, "In a very real sense Canada is the land of our birth. Here it was in 1897 that Adelaide Hoodless conceived the idea of Women's Institutes, and here our first ACWW president, Mrs. Watt lived and worked among you and carried from these shores this idea of an international organization that was to circle the globe and eventually find its fruition on our Associations.

Mrs. Rolling described the scene in Convocation Hall, August 14, when the opening ceremonial took place, as a memorable day. Interspersed with speeches, the processional of the Ontario Junior Farmers Girls bearing the flags of the nations represented in ACWW, and the United Nations flag, made an unforgettable picture which aroused the admiration of the large assemblage. Dressed in their blue and white uniforms, and Jr. Farmer crests, they carried the flags to the platform depositing them in stands. When the two young girls, walking side by side, carried the flag of U.S. and the Canadian ensign, there was a murmur of patriotism and a clap of hands. Everyone felt the significance of "3,000 miles of unfortified border", was truly demonstrated.

Mrs. Rolling spoke of the friendly relations among delegates, as evidence of how much pleasure they felt in mingling together. The longer the Conference lasted, the stronger these ties of friendship became. There was no hint of restraint, and while many were in Canada for the first time, and Canadian customs were graciously accepted by many strangers.

Round table discussions or conferences, too, had an important place in the conference. Led by a chairman, they are the key-pins up which the ACWW builds up its future references and work. The findings at each round table talk, had an important relation to the whole outcome of the conference as a whole.

The problems existing in the underdeveloped country are being met through technical assistance, which is sharing knowledge and ways and means with other countries, giving them a chance to "help themselves". Today FAO (Food Agriculture Organization) technical assistance is the greatest idea of our times. Last year it sent 532 expert advisers to underdeveloped countries.

International exchange of programs is building world wide friendship.

Methods include International Day, letterfriends, exchange of students.

CANADA DAY - Aug. 21 - 53.

About 11,000 women gathered in the Maple Leaf Gardens for Canada Day, climaxed by a colorful pageant. The women came from many parts of Canada and the United States, who came by train, plane and bus to join the 1000 delegates from 26 countries here for the conference.

The gardens were appropriately decorated with stooks of Canadian corn and barley, and at the rear of the platform, on which were seated international representatives, many in national costume--was a large map of Canada flanked with a miniature forest of Scotch pines.

"Few organizations have a better grasp of the essentials of our national life than your members", Mr. Justice Garson said. "New techniques mean changing cultural patterns" he said, "This is where women's organizations, and especially international organizations, come in. Who understands better than women the true spiritual and moral values of these national cultures? Who can better appreciate what can safely and beneficially be changed and what values must be retained?"

"ACWW membership is open to all women on the same footing", said Mrs. Raymond Sayre, retiring President, "We believe in the basic sameness of human nature. Whether we are called women, or feminies or frauen, we love and care for our homes and families. Whether we are Christians or Moslems or Hindus we believe in the importance of the things of the spirit."

"This banding together of women, mothers of the nations, with the same ideals and aspirations, is one of the greatest means of achieving world peace," said the incoming President, Mrs. A.M. Berry, Australia. "It is within our power to instill into the minds and hearts of our children tolerance and respect for other peoples of the world.

From this triennial would go out "a more complete understanding of the problems of the peoples of every nation, and a deeper desire to give all aid possible wherever it is needed," said Mrs. Hugh Summers, president of the Canadian federation

Mme. J.B. Cadrin, St. Anselme, Que., president of Les Cercles de Fermieres, co-hostesses with the FWIC also spoke briefly. Messages to Canada from their respective countries and governments were given by heads of the 26 delegates.

Some of the impressions of the women from Laskay who attended were that the pageant was outstanding, the colour, costumes and the lighted Globe of Canada and when the lights were out, the colored lights on for the pageant, the Maple Leaf pins looked like little flashlights shining in the darkness.

1956 A.C.W.W. CONFERENCE

The 1956 A.C.W.W. conference was planned to be held in Ceylon, but had to be cancelled on account of the European situation, and was held one year later.

The five delegates left Malton on Friday, June 14, 1957 for Vancouver via San Francisco, Honolulu, Fiji Islands, thence Auckland, Sydney and Singapore to their destination, of Colombo, Ceylon for a ten day conference. Many stops were made during this trip.

Their return trip took them to Bombay, Karachi, Istanbul, Athens, Rome, Geneva, Frankfort, Dusseldorf, and Paris to England for eight day tour of British Isles, thence to New York and Malton on August 25th, 1957.

FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION

"It is better to light a candle than to grumble at the dark," said Mrs. Nancy Adams in her presidential address at the first convention of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada held in Ottawa October 28 to 31. Mrs. Adams went on to say that the Women's Institutes throughout Canada had lighted many candles each candle representing another effort, another responsibility accepted. At this national convention, delegates from every province of Canada were assembled to celebrate the Institutes' sixtieth anniversary to pay tribute to the founders of the Institute movement, "to say 'Thank you' to the mother Institute at Stoney Creek and to members of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and the Department who lighted and tended the first candles and have kept the more and more lights shining all these years."

Mrs. J. Freeborn of Saskatchewan presented the trophies won in the national Tweedsmuir competitions, the competition in Hope Chests was won by Penticton in British Columbia, with the second prize going to West End, Ontario and honorable mention to Richard Homemaker's club in Saskatchewan. Tweedsmuir Histories, first, Sunshine, Coutts Bay, Alberta; First Prize in the Cultural Projects, an oil painting, went to King.

The Hon. Lester B. Pearson was guest speaker at the convention Banquet. Presiding at this session, Mrs. Hugh Summers said that membership in A.C.W.W. had made Canadian Institute women more international-minded, and their contributions through UNESCO of a tractor to Greece, sewing machines to Korea and home demonstration equipment to Ceylon had given them a closer tie with the women of these countries. Relationships within our own nation are important too, and it is hoped that this convention would cement friendships among women of the different provinces of Canada. ("We have a common purpose in creating a home life of the highest order," Mrs. Summers said, "then creating national unity and better relationships with women the world over.")

There was a Conservation Panel chaired by Dr. P.O. Ripley, and a President's Panel about different activities in the Institute. Problems and Projects were discussed by representatives of various groups.

The new Executive consists of President, Mrs. Keith Rand, Port Williams, N.B. First Vice-President, Mrs. E.J. Roylance, Greenwood, B.C., Second Vice-President Mrs. T.H. Howse, Millet, Alberta, other members, Mrs. Leonard Steeves, Surrey, N.B., and Mrs. James Haggerty, Napanee, Ont.

Resolutions were presented by Mrs. E.J. Roylance. The Board, dealing with a resolution from British Columbia concerning conventions decided that to keep expenses to a minimum, future conventions be held in universities if possible and that the place of the convention alternate among provinces.

Club Women's Creed

KEEP us O Lord from pettiness; let us be
large in thought, in word and deed ❖ ❖

Let us be done with fault finding and leave
off self seeking ❖ ❖

May we put away all pretence and meet
each other face to face, without self pity and
without prejudice ❖ ❖

May we never be hasty in judgment and
always generous ❖ ❖

Let us take time for all things: make us grow
calm, serene, gentle ❖ ❖

Teach us to put into action our better impulses
straight forward and unafraid ❖ ❖

Grant that we may realize that it is the little
things that create differences; that in the
big things of life we are one ❖ ❖

And may we strive to touch and know the
great human heart common to us all, and
O Lord God let us not forget to be kind ❖ ❖

Mary Stewart

FOR many years, women's clubs in Canada, United States, Britain and other countries have used a prayer for the opening or closing ceremonies of their meetings. Sometimes it is simply read by one member, at others it is repeated in unison by all those present. They have usually called it Our Creed or The Club Women's Creed and as such it is widely known and popular on this continent, especially in small towns and rural districts. Widespread usage has resulted in some changes. The author gave it a title: "Collect For Club Women," when it first appeared in an obscure corner of a well known American magazine.

Mary Stewart wrote the prayer in 1904, while she was principal of Longmont high school in Colorado. We are indebted to a Canadian woman, the late Mrs. Alfred Watt, M.B.E., for a true and correct version of the prayer, as here presented, and a little of the author's own personal story. Mrs. Watt came back to Canada in 1939 to attend and speak at the eleventh biennial conference of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, in Edmonton. She it was, who had carried the Women's Institute idea to Britain and later became president of the Associated Country Women of the World.

Mary Stewart, while visiting in England had spent some time with Mrs. Watt at her English home. Errors had crept into the various printings of the prayer, especially in the first and second-last lines. These errors marred the beauty of expression and the clarity of thought of this prayer. The author expressed concern about the garbled versions which were being circulated. In the studio of Robin Watt, the artist son of Mrs. Alfred Watt, Miss Stewart personally supervised his work of copying out the prayer, down even to fine points of placing a comma or a period. Reproduced here is Robin Watt's copy done by hand, under Mary Stewart's close supervision. The title, it should be noted is set in type, to identify it.

"It was written as a prayer for the day. I called it a 'Collect For Club Women,' because I felt that women working together with wide interests for large ends was a new thing under the sun and that, perhaps they had need for, special petition and meditation of their own. This must have been true for the Collect has found its way about the world, especially wherever English speaking women get together. Indeed it has been reprinted in many forms in many lands."

It was officially adopted by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, meeting at their second convention in 1920, at St. Paul. It was read into the printed records of the Congress of the United States by Senator Tobey of New Hampshire, at the closing session in 1949.

Mary Stewart held a number of special teaching posts in Colorado and Montana. In 1921 she became a junior guidance and placement officer in the pioneer period of U.S. employment services. She continued to write for American newspapers and magazines. Her Alma Mater, the University of Colorado, in 1927 conferred upon her an honorary degree in recognition of her distinguished work in education, social and civic service.

WORLD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE STAMP

The post office department will issue a special stamp Wednesday, May 13, 1959, to commemorate a world-wide organization of some 6,000,000 rural women—an organization conceived by a Canadian woman.

The five-cent stamp will honor the development of the Federated Women's Institute of Canada. Cercles des Fermieres of Quebec and similar groups elsewhere belonging to the Associated Country Women of the World.

The green, black and white stamp, designed by Helen Fitzgerald, Toronto artist, shows a female figure kneeling beside a tree over which the globe is poised.

The words Associated Country Women of the World and Union Mondiale de Femmes Rurales form the border on three sides of the stamp. On the fourth side is the word Canada, with the denomination in the bottom right corner.

The border of the stamp is green and the lettering white. The denomination is black.

The female figure, the tree and the globe are pen outlines on a white background. The drawings of the woman and the globe are in black and the tree is green.

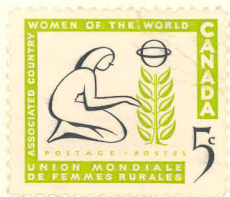
The postoffice said recently "the design symbolizes growth, as cultivated by country women, of individual country organizations into the world association as represented by the globe."

The idea of Women's Institutes was conceived in 1897 by Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless of Hamilton. The first institute was organized in that year at Stoney Creek.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, the national organization, was formed in Winnipeg in 1919. It now has a membership of 95,000 country women.

Mrs. Alfred Watt of Collingwood proposed the idea of any international organization and was named the first president at a meeting in Stockholm in 1933.

Miss Helen Hunter, one of our members, was the first member to purchase a stamp at King Post Office the next day, and gave it to us.



Twenty Year Membership Award

To commemorate membership of twenty-five years, April 12, 1972
"The Ontario Womens Institute Story" was presented to
Jean McDonald, Pearl O'Brien, Helen Hunter, Norma Etheridge
and Elsie Hunter. (Picture below)



OBITUARIES OF CHARTERED MEMBERS

Mrs. Agnes McCallum MacMurchy, aged 84, descendant of a King Township pioneer family of the sixth concession at Strange passed away early Saturday morning, October 15, 1948, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Hill of Nobleton. The wife of the late Alexander MacMurchy, mother of Norman D. MacMurchy, mother of Mrs. Hill (Ouida) and Mrs. Ross Lymburner (Margaret) of Hamilton, she has been in frail health for some years and was latterly confined to bed for approximately five months. A life long resident at Strange, she was the daughter of the late Peter McCallum and more than 60 years ago she married, settling on her late farm residence nearby her father's farm place. Mr. MacMurchy died 10 years ago having played a very prominent part in municipal life as a member of council, later reeve for some years and the warden of York County. Her interest in township affairs has since continued as her son Norman participates in municipal office, being Deputy Reeve of King Township.

Deceased was highly esteemed and widely known. She was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Strange, a member of the Women's Missionary Society of the Church; a life member of Laskay Women's Institute Branch. As a hostess, her hospitality knew no bounds and her personal talents she gave toward community benefit. She remained bouthful through her bright personality and her faculty for "silver linings" thoughts and comments.

The funeral was held on Monday, October 17th from the farm residence with the Rev. E. Burch, Mimico officiating, assisted by Rev. W.A. Westcott of Kleinburg. Internment was made in King Cemetery.

On Sunday morning, August 31st, 1947, Mrs. T.B. Smeltzer of Laskay passed away peacefully at her home following poor health for a period of time. The funeral service was held from her late residence on Wednesday, the Rev. M.R. Jenkinson officiating. A large number of friends paid their last respects to one who was well known and highly respected throughout her life. Internment was made in King Cemetery.

Deceased was born in 1875 near Teston, Vaughan township, the daughter of the late James Scott and Edith Wells. At the age of six she came to the fifth concession of King, living on the Scott homestead until her marriage 48 years ago, when she and her husband settled on the Smeltzer farm at Laskay, where she has since resided. Mrs. Smeltzer was an active member of Laskay United Church for well onto 60 years, giving valuable service in the Sunday School and the W.M.S. of which she was a life member. As a charter member of Laskay Women's Institute, she enjoyed a life membership in that organization. Her interest in the community was maintained to a high degree until the last, and her life will be remembered for good works and kindness.

OBITUARIES OF CHARTERED MEMBERS Cont'd.

When King Horticultural Society flourished, Mrs. Smeltzer was one of the strongest members. Her fondness for flowers led her to contribute time and talent to its success.

Two sons survive, Pearson and Scott at home. Two sisters, Mrs. John Ash at Victoria Square and Mrs. L.J. Glass of King. Mr. Smeltzer passed away in 1944 and a brother, ^{Lewis} ~~Louis~~ Scott died in 1943.

Mrs. Geo. Atkinson

The first secretary of Laskay W.I. was the former Catharine Ann Sutherland born on the 7th Concession of King. She was a life long resident of King township, a life member of St. Andrews' Presbyterian church, but attended Schomberg church in the later years of her life, where she also took an active part in church and W.I. work.

Mrs. Atkinson passed away, after a short illness, at her home, lot 21, Concession 9, January 27th, 1950, at the age of 86.

Mrs. Atkinson attended the 40th anniversary of Laskay Women's Institute.

Mrs. Robt. Gillies

One of the charter members of Laskay W.I., was born at the homestead, lot 10, Concession 6, King, was married in 1895 to Robert Gillies, also a native of the community. Mrs. Gillies was the former Laura McCallum. Mr. and Mrs. Gillies settled on lot 15, con. 6, where they resided until the death of Mr. Gillies in 1933. The Gillies were faithful attendants at Strange Presbyterian church where Dr. Carmichael preached for fifty years and who also married them. Mrs. Gillies was a great worker in the W.M.S. work as well as W.I., and remained a member in her home community after moving to Weston, where she resided until her death in 1940.

Miss Octavia McCallum

One of the charter members of Laskay W.I. was born at the homestead in Strange where she worked faithfully with the Institute and W.M.S. In 1919 she married Robt. McQuade and spent the later years of her life in Collingwood. She passed away in 1940 after a lingering illness. The burial took place in Collingwood.

OBITUARIES OF CHARTERED MEMBERS.

Funeral service for Mrs. Mary McTavish Boys, Laskay, was held in Laskay United church, Friday, March 8th. Mrs. Boys was 90 years old, a Prominent church and community worker, she was the widow of William H. Boys and died at her home from a stroke which she suffered on March 1. Although her health was failing for two years, she remained quite active until last fall. A resident of the Sixth Concession of King for 70 years, she was born at Chesley, Ont.

After her marriage in 1899 she lived on her husband's farm at Boy's Lake until 1916, when they retired to Laskay, where she lived for 41 years. She was the oldest and longest resident of Laskay, Mrs. Boys was a widow for 25 years.

Mrs. Boys had a remarkably active and useful life. She was a fine leader and organizer and was a pillar of her church and the Women's Institute. She was a life member of the Women's Missionary Society and of Laskay W.I. of which she was one of the founders 49 years ago. Her community service was outstanding as she had been president both of her WMS and Institute branch on more than one occasion.

Mrs. Boys also led an active life in Sunday school work for over 60 years and always took part in young peoples' activities. She was director of Laskay Dramatic Club when it functioned several years ago.

Her charming personality, her lively sense of humor and executive ability as well as her good neighbor attitude made her a beloved and highly respected citizen.

Surviving are her sons, Frederick, Oak Ridges, Harold, Whitby and a daughter Winnifred, at home, also three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Gillham, 80, of Aurora, a former King township resident passed away at Rest Haven nursing home and was buried in King City cemetery on Monday, March 11. She was the widow of the late Lewis Gillham, who died in March, 1956. She had been in poor health for a number of years from a serious heart malady. F

Mrs. Gillham was the daughter of James Ash, Yonge St. and after her marriage came to King township 52 years ago where she and her husband farmed for 48 years, moving to Aurora four years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Gillham celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. She had belonged to All Saints Anglican church and WA and at one time was in Laskay Women's Institute.

OBITUARIES OF CHARTERED MEMBERS

Mrs. Gillham is survived by two sons, William, Sharon, James, Temperanceville and two daughters, Mrs. Ernest Faires (annie) and Mrs. Frank Robertson (Hazel), Aurora. There are thirteen grandchildren and a brother, John Ash, Gormley.

Funeral service for Mrs. Jean E. Robbins Gillies, 82, Richmond Hill, formerly of King Township was held, in Richmond Hill, on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 1957. Internment in King Cemetery.

The widow of John Gillies, who predeceased her in 1942, Mrs. Gillies died in St. Michael's hospital, Toronto, following an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Gillies lived on the Sixth concession of King following her marriage 50 years ago until she moved to Richmond Hill after her husband's death. Mrs. Gillies was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Strange, for as long as she lived on the Gillies farm and later transferred her membership to the Richmond Hill church. She was made a life member of WMS of that church about two years ago, but retained her membership in the Strange auxiliary until her death. She was a charter member of the Laskay Women's Institute.

With her late husband, she was a connoiseur of fine china collected from many countries in the world. In her possession were 250 plates and 1500 mugs and pitchers. She was familiar with the historical aspect and composition of each of the 1750 pieces. Mrs. Gillies had travelled considerably and had collections from the the United Kingdom, Europe, Canada, United States, India, Mexico and other places. Some of her china came from India.

OBITUARIES OF CHARTERED MEMBERS

A life-long resident of King Township, living at St range, Laskay and King City, Mrs. James MacCallum was laid to rest Monday afternoon in the family plot in King City Cemetery. Mrs. MacCallum died in March, 1959.

In her eighty-fifth year, Mrs. MacCallum died at her Springhill Road home, her heart failing after pneumonia. Mr. Bruce Will of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church conducted the funeral service in Aurora parlors, where relatives and long-time friends gathered to pay their last respects. Pall-bearers were a neighbour, Mr. Donald McCallum and relatives, Mr. Marshall McMurchy, Mr. Donald Gillies, Mr. Walter Monkman, Mr. Gordon McCallum and Mr. Bert Ross.

A year ago Mrs. McCallum was among the chartered members honored at the fiftieth anniversary of Laskay Women's Institute. She was made a life member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church W.M.S. at Strange and a few weeks ago became a charter member of the newly-formed St. Andrew's W.M.S. in King City.

The former May Ross, she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ross, who farmed at Strange. When she married she moved to a nearby Laskay farm.

Upon her husband's death, she came to King City.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Wilbert McCallum of Cookstown; one grandson Bruce McCallum of North Bay; and a sister and three brothers of King City, Mrs. Kate Port, Mr. Charles Ross, Mr. Duncan Ross and Mr. Herbert E. Ross.

OBITUARIES

The death of Mrs. Maggie Peas Teasdale, Aurora in her 95th years on Friday, March 8, 1957, made the third in two days of three former neighbors who had resided on the Sixth Line of King in the Strange-Laskay community. Mrs. William Boys of Laskay and Mrs. Lewis Gilham of Aurora and Mrs. Teasdale raised their families in the same district. Mrs. Teasdale was buried in Aurora Cemetery on Monday. Before moving to Aurora she and her late husband had operated the general store and post office at Laskay from 1898 to 1921 and were closely connected with Laskay United Church. For as long as she was able, she returned to this church when anniversary services were held.

Surviving are her sons Frank and George, Aurora, and Edward, St. Catherines. Her daughter Edythe, Mrs. H. Gramshaw, Toronto. A daughter, Mary who was a registered nurse died in September, 1945.

The death of Mrs. Marion M. Boys, Laskay, following a week's illness was a profound shock to her husband, Lawrie Boys, her sister, Mrs. Effie Bath, and others of the Collins family and community. She passed away in York County hospital, Newmarket, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 27, 1956. Funeral service was held in Laskay United Church.

Rev. Mr. Jenkinson paid sincere and heartfelt tribute to the life work of service to church and community which Marion Boys had served quietly, willingly and efficiently. She has left her imprint indelibly and decisively in whatever capacity she acted and everywhere drew forth admiration and devotion from her associates. Modest and sincere in her undertakings she emanated goodwill and companionship, and her wholesome mirth was a rare quality.

Mrs. Boys came to Laskay community 27 years ago and in July, 1938 became the wife of Lawrie Boy. She was a member of Laskay church; a former president of the W.M.S. and lately, quilting convener. She had taught Sunday school and was a member of the church choir. On the Sunday when illness struck her she was taking part in the special W.M.S. annual service at the church.

In the Women's Institute branch, Mrs. Boys was a enthusiastic member and was district director at the time of her demise. She was also a director on the W.I. Hall board and Sunshine convener of the branch.

Mrs. Boys found time to attend all sewing meetings of the local branch of the Canadian Cancer Society.

OBITUARIES

A funeral service was held in Aurora parlors for Mrs. John Percival Forester of Strange, the former Lila Lloyd, who died in her 83rd year. Rev. Martin Jenkinson, minister of Laskay United Church where Mrs. Forester was active in the Women's Missionary Society, conducted the service. Burial was in Aurora Cemetery. Acting as pallbearers were Mr. Marshall McMurchy, Mrs. Lawrie Boys, Mr. Fred Boys, Mr. Norman McMurchy, Mr. Ross Folllott and Mr. Fergus Lawson.

Mrs. Forester was born at White Rose, before it became known as Mount Pisgah. Her farming parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lloyd, died when she was a young girl. Skilled in sewing, she did it professionally at Eaton's before her marriage and always liked needlework as a hobby.

Mrs. Forrester lived in Whitchurch Township until 1933. Since then she and her husband farmed at Strange. Mr. Forester was a president of the Women's Institute and also a life member. Even in her eighties she kept busy with reading, fancy work and gardening interests. Her death came in March, 1959. Feb. 2
She is survived by her husband, Percy Forester; their son at home, George, his wife and five daughters; and a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Nelson of Toronto with her three sons and a daughter. There are three great-grandchildren. Last November Mr. and Mrs. Forester celebrated their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary.