

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

On Thursday afternoon, May 31, 1951 the Snowball Women's Institute met in the United Church with former members and District officers as guests to celebrate their Twenty-fifth Anniversary. The President, Mrs. Herb. Patrick was in the chair.

The programme in charge of the Historical Research Conceptor, Mrs. Norval Mitchell and her committee was of an historical nature. Mrs. Blifton Copson sang two beautiful solos, accompanied by Mrs. Ernest Copson at the piano. Then Mrs. Wm. Storey was called upon to tell how under the promptings of Mrs. H. J. Charles of Aurora, District Secretary of the Women's Institute, she had called the women of Snowball together to discuss organizing an Institute Branch, on May 31, 1926. Before she could take her seat she was presented with a Life membership and pin by the president on behalf of the branch, assisted by Mrs. Norval Mitchell.

Mrs. H. A. Steyer of Mt. Albert, told of attending that first meeting as District President of North York and with the assistance of the District Secretary Mrs. H. J. Charles of Aurora, and Miss Mc Ghee of the Women's Institute Department, Toronto,

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organized the Snowball Branch of the Woman's Institute in the same building - the Snowball United Church, on the same date, May 31.

Mrs. H. J. Charles, who assisted in the organizing, was also present, though eighty-four years of age, and offered her congratulations. Miss McEhee, unable to attend, sent a letter of regret and good wishes, which was read by the secretary, Mrs. Ernest Copson.

The first Secretary, Mrs. Jessie Glass, read her own minutes of that first meeting. followed by an expression of good wishes from the first President, Mrs. Leo Leell, now of Newmarket, formerly Miss Bertha Ferguson, who had presided for the first ten years. She was followed by the second president, Mrs. Edward S. Reddick, who held the office for six years, and spoke of Institute work during the early war years. The third President, Mrs. Raymond Haines, now living near Bond Head, was unable to attend and we learned later that she celebrated the day by giving birth to a baby boy. Her term of office was one year. Mrs. Harry Mills, the fourth president, being a charter member, reminisced of the early years. She had presided for four years. Mrs. Patrick, now

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in office has completed her fourth year.

The Secretary, Mrs Ernest Lopsen, read the complete list of those who had been members over the twenty five years.

The remembrance roll was read by Mrs. Harry Mills, followed by two minutes of silence in their memory and prayer by Rev. D. G. Ray, M.A. pastor of the church.

Mrs E. S. Fiddick read a summary of past birthday celebrations and Mrs E. Lopsen read her account of past activities and achievements. Three young school girls, Sheila Davison, Lois Garren, and Gora Morning, each gave piano solos, the latter accompanied by her teacher, Miss Sandra Starding, on the violin. The enjoyable meeting was closed with the National Anthem and a picture of the group was taken by Chas. Southwood of Aurora.

A committee, convened by Mrs H.M. Blum, served lunch at tables in the basement, decorated in Institute colors. The Anniversary cake, made by Mrs Patrick and decorated by Mrs Frank Williams, was cut by Mrs. H. J. Charles, who had remained a helpful honoured friend of the branch throughout the years. Speakers at the luncheon were Mrs Richard Baycroft, District President of Centre York, to which we now belong, since

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 the division of North York in 1948; Mrs Fred
 Hare, Temperanceville, District Secretary;
 Mrs Elton Armstrong, Armitage, President of North
 York; and Mrs Beverley Sinclair, Mt. Albert, and
 Mrs Clarence Marchant, Schomberg, former
 president and secretary of North York, when
 Snowball Branch was one of the twenty-
 three branches comprising the North
 York District.

All speakers expressed their good wishes
 for the future of the branch..

(Mrs E. S.) Lila S Reddick

Photograph taken by the Snowball United Church, May 1928.



Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Snowball Women's Institute in front of Snowball United Church, May 1928.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Photograph.
(Taken by - Chas. Southwood.)

1. Mrs. Norman Storey
2. Carman Storey
3. Mrs. Howard Morning
4. Mrs (Rev) D. G. Ray.
5. Judith Ray.
6. Mrs. Owen Barr.
7. Linda Barr
8. Mrs. Robt. Cain
9. Carolyn Cain
10. Mrs Norval Mitchell
11. Mrs. Geo. Morton (Ex. Sect.)
12. Mrs Am. Storey
13. Mrs. Geo. Shoults (Dist. V. Pres.)
14. Mrs. W. Steeper (Ex. Dist. Pres.)
15. Mrs H. J. Charles (Ex. Dist. Sec.)
16. Mrs. Benj. Sinclair (Ex. Dist. Pres.)
17. Mrs. R. N. Corner (Ex. Dist. Pres.)
18. Mrs Leo. Bell. (First President)
19. Mrs Jessie Sloss (First Secretary)
20. Mrs. Am. Farver Sr.
21. Mrs. Chas. Barreth
22. Mrs. Elgin Evans
23. Catherine Hood
24. Margaret Rose Barr
25. Marie Morning
26. Mrs. John Klees (Aurora Pres.)
27. Mrs Ben. Kinton
28. Mrs. Dennis Storey
29. Mrs Robt. Harrison
30. Joan Casey.
31. Mrs Merrill Johnson
32. Mrs Arthur Storey
33. Mrs J. M. Hood.
34. Mrs Am. Nesbitt
35. Mrs. Gordon Beckett
36. Mrs Chauncey Conner
37. Mrs Jack Repard.
38. Mrs Herb. Patrick (President)
39. Mrs Alfred Beckett
40. Mrs. Harry Mills (Ex. Pres.)
41. Mrs Am. Danison
42. Mrs. Elton Armstrong (Pres. R. York)
43. Mrs Richard Baycroft (Pres. R. York)
44. Mrs. L. H. Marchant (Ex. Dist. Sec.)
45. Mrs. Chas. Barreth
46. Mrs H. H. Harding
47. Mrs Clifford White
48. Mrs Emil Kusmann Sr.
49. Mrs. Acubrey Hood.
50. Mrs Lucy Wilson
51. Mrs Frank Williams was occupied with an emergency with the cake. (not correct by her)

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51. Mrs. Howard Haines
52. Miss Jessie Gellatly (Ex. Sec.)
53. Miss Ella Copson
54. Mrs. Hm. Blum.
55. Mrs. Alvin Ridley (Ex. Sec.)
56. Mrs. Emil Kusmann Jr.
57. Mrs. Bert. Smith
58. Miss Sandra Harding
59. Mrs. Arnold Hurst.
60. Mrs. Hm. Foster
61. Miss Hazel Webb - Ex. Sec.
62. Mrs. Alfred Adams
63. Mrs. Arthur Morning
64. Mrs. Clifton Copson
65. Mrs. Pres. Clarkson.
66. Mrs. Hm. Gould.
67. Mrs. Calvin Mitchell
68. Mrs. Clifford Seaton
69. Mrs. Edward. S. Reddick Past. Pres.
70. Mrs. Ernest. Copson - Secretary
71. Miss Evelyn Seaton

Guests at 25th Birthday
Anniversary
May 31st 1951.

Annny Bateman Member

Mary Oliver (nee Mills)
Blanche Russell Schomberg

Mabel Mills M

Carrie Patrick M

Jessie Bellamy M

Helen Reddick M

Lois Shoults (Schomberg) - Third Vice Pres of Y.C. District

Olla H. Manhart Schomberg - Former Dist. Sec.

Ruby Morton M - Former S.W.S. Secretary

Margaret Armstrong - Pres of N York

Oliver D Steeper - Former Pres of N York, who organized Snowball Wd.

May Simlain - Former Pres of N York

Mabel Storey

Elova Lepard M (nee Storey)

Mrs Barrett M

Mrs Reinter M

Mrs. J. M. Hollingshead M

Mrs. Leonard Hall

Mrs Clifford White M

M. Hazel Webb M

Mrs J Crane

Mrs J. M. Wood M.

Ina Hurst M (nee Glass)
 Gretta Foster M (nee Glass)
 Mrs H W Harding M
 Mrs. E. Kusmann, Jr.
 Miss Kusmann
 Ruth Davison M (nee White)
 Mrs. Barker
 Ella Copson M
 Sandra Harding M
 Emma Fay (Neumasket)
 Jennie Evans M (Former Speeches for Dept of Ag)
 Mary Cain M
 Hazel Capson M
 Mrs Ridley M
 Bertha Clark M
 Irene Adams (nee Clarkson)
 S. Connor M
 Annie Storey M
 Hilda Mitchell M
 Mabel Seaton M
 Eueline Seaton M
 Lenore Blum M
 Mrs A. Beckett M
 Mrs Harrison
 Mrs. S. Beckett M
 Mrs Guy Wilson M
 Rev & Mrs DeHay and
 family.
 Mrs. M. Johnson M
 Mrs R. H. Corner (Aurora
 1st Pres of the
 C. York D.)
 Mrs H. J. Charles (Aurora
 former
 Sec. N York D.)
 Mrs R. E. Elliott Aurora
 Mrs. J. Klee's Aurora
 Mrs. B. Kirtow M
 Mrs J. D. Storey M
 Mrs N. Mitchell M
 Joan Casey M
 Bertha Cull M (nee Ferguson)
 Margaret Barr M
 Ann. Nesbitt M
 Emma Warren M
 Mae Gould M
 Minnie Williams M
 Louise Judges Littleby
 Margaret Wood M
 Maue Morning M
 Bessie a. Morning M
 Flossie L. Copson. M

M-46 members
 26 guests

Anniversary Tea.

On June , 1951 Mrs. Chas Williams opened her home on the east part of lot 28, Con. 2, King Township for an Anniversary Tea for the Women's Institute. The house had been beautifully decorated by Mrs. Lorn. Davison and Mrs. Leonard Hall with garden flowers.

The secretary, Mrs Ernest Copson was in charge of the guest book at the door, Sixty-five guests were welcomed by the President, Mrs Herb. Patrick and Vice President Mrs. Howard Morning.

Pouring tea were two former presidents, Mrs Edward Reddick and Mrs. Harry Mills and three charter members, Mrs. Wm. Farrow Sr., Mrs. Wm. Storey and Miss Hazel Webb.

Those serving were in charge of Miss Joan Casey and the kitchen group was convened by Mrs Wm. Nesbitt. A nursery was conducted by Mrs Robt. Cain and Miss Lorna Hillson. Mrs Harry Squibbs of Aurora was kept busy telling fortunes from tea cups.

The names of the guests are recorded on the next page.

Guests at the Anniversary Tea

June 20th 1951

Sadie Conner
 Ruth Davison
 Margaret Wood
 Gertie Kerr
 M. Hazel Webb
 Isabel J. Colville
 Elsie McClure
 Grace Walther.
 Alta Harper
 Carrie Patrick
 Margaret Armstrong
 Evelyn Lewis
 Mable Proctor
 Mrs. G. W. Williams
 Francis C. Walker, Patricia
 and Louise.
 Jean H. Williams
 Mrs. A. Penrose
 Mrs. J. J. Mc Nicol
 Mrs. E. Geer
 Mrs. Herb. Webster
 Mrs. Gene Polkinghorn
 Mrs. Fred Schmidt
 Mrs. Carl Black
 Mrs. Kathleen Greensides
 Mrs. C. Walton
 Mrs. R. Jewitt
 Mrs. J. Maginn
 Mrs. M. Cook.
 Mrs. F. Billings
 Mrs. A. Rumble, King
 Mrs. C. Stewart
 Mrs. H. Neill
 Mrs. A. Farren
 Mrs. E. West. Kettleby

Mrs. N. Blatchford
 Mrs. C. Wilson
 Mrs. Sabin
 Mrs. Wm Farren
 Mrs. Ernest Copson
 Mrs. W. Wilson
 Mrs. A. Harrison
 Mrs. C. Copson
 Mrs. Ella Copson
 Ann Ness
 Nan Bruder
 Lenore Blum
 Mrs. Will Storey
 Mrs. N. Storey & Carmen
 Grace Whyte
 Rosemary Pettit.
 Mrs. Nellie Haines
 Mrs. Margaret Barr.
 Mrs. Edith Haines
 Mrs. Bert Smith
 Mrs. Geer
 Audrey Hilliard
 Lila Reddick
 Mabel Mills
 Mary Cain & Carolyn
 Joan Casey
 Shirley Williams
 Edythe Jupp.
 Shirley Jennings
 May Squibbs
 Anne Nesbitt
 Bessie Morning
 Marie Morning
 Mrs. Kirtton 1⁰⁰
 65 paid 35⁴



Presidents of Snowball Women's Institute
 taken at the Thirtieth Anniversary held
 in Snowball United Church May 30, 1956.
 L. to R. - Mrs Harry Mills, 4th, Mrs Leo Bull (nee Ferguson) 1st,
 Mrs. Raymond Haines, 3rd, Mrs Howard Morning 6th,
 Mrs Edward Reddick, 2nd, and in front, Mrs Owen Bure 7th.
 Absent through illness - Mrs Herb Patrick 5th.

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(Mrs Mary Row.

(Mrs. Row) Margaret Barr - Pres.

(Miss) Eudine Seaton Betty Evans

(Mrs Harold) Joyce Snider (Mrs. Ruth) Gertrude Kerr.

(Mrs. Robert) Mary Ann (Mrs. Ernest) Florence Copson - past see.

(Mrs. Chas.) Ruth Grubbi (Miss) Ella Copson

(Miss) Eleanor White (Mrs. Eleanor) Terne

(Mrs. Floyd) Gertrude Foster (Mrs. Jack) Gene Adams

(Mrs. Ray) Mary Snider (Mrs. Arthur) Minnie Morning

(Mrs. Howard) Bessie Morning (Mrs. Wm) Ruth Davison

(Mrs. John) Thelma Lane (Mrs. Bert) Lattie & Dora

(Mrs. John) Jessie Gellatly - past see. (Mrs. Keith) Donna Stephens

(Miss) Elsie White (Mrs. Mary) Mabel Mills # Past Pres Charter

(Mrs. Cliff) Emily Painter (Mrs. Ray) Eleanore Haines 3rd Pres.

(Mrs. John) Ethel Burrett (Mrs. Leo) Bertha Lull. 1st. Pres. - Charter

(Mrs. John) Anne Graff (Mrs. Rose) Marie James. past see.

(Mrs. Leo) Clara Bowyer (Mrs. Leo) Gary Chaslon

(Mrs. Leo) Olga Wilson (Mrs. Leo) Edna Seardale

(Mrs. novel) Mildred Mitchell (Mrs. Leo) Helen Waters

(Mrs. Hub) Joanne Anderson Mrs. H. Reid

(Mrs. Hub) Reta Evans (Mrs. Leo) Lela J. Reddick 2nd Pres.

(Mrs. Arthur) Evelyn Ridley - Past see.

(Mrs. Alvin) Emma G. - Charter Mem.

(Mrs. Wm) Lois Shoults - Dist Pres.

(Mrs. Leo) Grace Powell Dist. Sec.

(Mrs. Clare) Hilda Mitchell

(Mrs. Calvin) Mabel Storey

(Mrs. Arthur) Mae Gaud

(Mrs. Wm) Sadie Homer

(Mrs. Chairman) Edna Gellatly - Sec.

(Mrs. Allan)

49 in attendance

note 4 charter members

6 Presidents

5 Secretaries

11 former members - now resident

District President and Secretary

2 visiting Branch Presidents

29 members - 12 life members

1 new member - now resident

10 visitors

Thirty-fifth Anniversary.

The May meeting of 1961 was held in the home of Mrs William Hamilton on the thirty-first of May the date on which the branch was organized thirty five years before. The president, Mrs Allan Gellatly was in the chair with five past presidents in attendance, Mrs Leo Gell (1st) Mrs Ed Leddick (2nd) Mrs Harry Hills (4th) Mrs Owen Barr (7th) Mrs Geo Wilson (8th). (Numbered in order in



picture. All six were presented with corsages. During the programme the activities of the past five years were read as prepared for the Inverclyde History, by Mrs E Leddick, Conv.; the thumbnail sketch of the life of the late Mrs Wm. Storey, a life member, was read by Mrs Geo Call.

and Mrs E. S. Leddick, second President was presented with a life membership pin and certificate by Mrs. Allan Gellatly and Mrs E Capson, also a life member.



Taken the same time a corner of the room Mrs H. Patrick, Mrs H. Snider Mrs C. Gumble and Ellen, Mrs H. Mitchell.



Catching up on Our Institute's History.
Nov 3, 1911

May 31, 1961.

This talk touching 'Upon Our Branch's History' needs a brief account of its beginnings not only for our new members but it is good for all of us to recall with pride the efforts of those women who pioneered the first years of the Women's Institute in this community.

They were brave women indeed who had never attended an Institute meeting ~~but~~ with trepidation, took office and learned through experience how to conduct their branch.

We give much credit to Mrs H. J. Charles of Adhara, who was District Secretary of North York W. H. at that time in 1926. For persuading Mrs H. M. Storey of Snowball to interest her neighbors in attending a meeting in the Snowball Methodist church to hear about the Women's Institute.

It was arranged for May 31. and Mrs Charles brought with her the District President Mrs H. R. Steyer of Mr. Albert and Mrs Megee of the Women's Institute Branch of the Dept of Agriculture.

From this they heard of the late Goodness
of Storey Creek, who having lost her
little boy because of tainted milk
decided that ^{it was more necessary that} women ~~needed~~ to learn
more of the care of their families

and homes than the men learn of the care of their stock. So she persuaded the president of the Farmers Organization who got assistance from the Dept. of Ag. to ^{help} form a ^{group} women's group for the ^{purpose} of caring for their families and homes and to help other women do the same. So in Feb. 1897 at Honey Creek the W. S. was first organized.

Our Snowball Mothers and ^{their} grown up daughters of 35 years ago were so impressed with the aims of the W. S. who have no barriers of race creed or colour that they organized that day into the Snowball Branch.

Twenty four ladies attended that first meeting - a credit to Mrs. Tom Storey's persuasive eloquence.

Just here I am going to ask that first president who as Miss Bertha Ferguson living south on the third in the farm house at the point, held that office and guided the branch through the first ten years of its history - to read an account she has written of Mrs. Tom Storey - one of our life members who died at Sharon on March.

Mrs. Geo. Cull - Bertha
"Life of Tom Storey"

The other officers were
1st V.P. Mrs. H. C. Webb Directors Mrs. Robert Evans
2nd Mrs. J. Mosning Mrs. Tom Storey
Sec. Mrs. Jessie Hass Dist. Sec. Mrs. Alf. Beckwith
Mrs. J. H. Hays
Mrs. Elgin Evans

at the July Meeting they chose a frag. com
of Miss Annie Garkaw, Miss Hazel Lubb, Mrs E Evans
Miss Birdie Stickley and Miss Mary Mitchell.

Other names recorded in the activities
of those first three months which it
seemed to take for all the charter members
to pay their dues of 25¢. are found the
following -

Mrs Cancell, Mrs Wm. Harrow, Mrs Jas Davis
Miss Dora Wood, Mrs H. Mills, Miss Greta Sloss
Miss Ida Sloss, Mrs Ray Haines, Mrs N. Teasdale
Mrs Jas. Bagdon, Mrs R. Stickley, Miss E. Eva Storey
Mrs L. Barrett, Mrs Harry Haines, Miss Orma Teasdale
(Mrs Clifton Copson, Mrs F. Brown, Mrs Arthur Storey
Mrs L. White. - And in Nov Miss Phylla Hunt.

Mrs J. M. Martin, Mrs L. Stickley, Mrs F. Mills.
and Miss Ruth White. Making thirty five
members by the end of the year
thirty five years ago.

Since then the branch has kept up and
spread up its activities, so my account
of its activities of the last five years which
I am not going to read in full, covers
interesting programs by members and
outside speakers, trips and tours,

Short Courses and Training Schools, Members
sent to Conferences and Conventions, Support
of Institute projects, F.W.D. and County,

Donations and collections for outside
appeals. Our Hospitals, Old Peoples Home, Child
Projects for our Public School,
Remittances for our sick, shut-in and elderly
and Bereaved. Members special announcements

and new babies. Emergency help to needy.
Community parties of various kinds and
a variety of ways of raising the funds
required for our work.

All this to show us that

"We can build more solidly for the future
if we have the evidence of the past
before us."

May we be as faithful as our
~~precious~~ Charter Members of Thirty five
years ago. — — — — —

With all the Charter Members present
Please stand. — — — — —

1. Activities from 1956-1961.

The Branch kept very busy during this five year period.

Each year there have been eleven regular meetings, a picnic and a Family night arranged by the standing committees with papers, demonstrations and exhibits by the members. Several interesting speakers have been brought in - Mr Outbridge of the Family Court, of the Ontario Lands and Forests Maple Branch, Mr. Geo Burt Curran of Aurora on Water Safety, Miss Florence Eadie from the Dept. of Agriculture Home Economics Service who spoke and showed pictures of her trip to C.W.W. in Ceylon and India on the way. Miss Margaret Andrews of Aurora pictures and travel talk on Mexico. Mrs A W McPherson York County President of United Nations. Mrs Fred Chelfield on Flower Arrangements. Mr Joe Johnson of the Aurora Branch. Mr Crawford of C. J. H. and on the Development of Skydive.

Short Courses and Local Reader Training Schools have been held every year and Officers have been sent to each conference so I could also delegates to the convention and the District annual. At least two other Branches have been entertained each year and some visited.

Trips have been taken - to hear Mrs. Marie Berry of Aurora Pres from Australia at the York County Rally at Dalglish; To Toronto to visit Borden's and Mrs Neill's Log House at Thornhill. There were Teams of Hands and Forests

Activities - 1956 - 1961 Contd.

Branch at Maple, Watson's Potato Chips at King City and The Pioneer Village and Dalziel Barn Museum at Black Creek.

The Branch has contributed to all the I.W.O. projects such as the aid to Leyton, 20 Refugee Babies, to Jamaica and Adelaide Haddles House. To the York County W.I. projects. - Furnishing a room in Dean House at Sharon Temple, Aprons to C.C.W. and sending a hay to Crippled Childrens Camp. Many outside charities have been assisted either by donations or canvassing - Mental Health, Salvation Army, Leukemia Fund and The Blind. Our Local Hospitals - Ont. Hospital, York County Hospital, York Manor for the aged and the York County Children's Aid have regularly assisted by treats, flowers, layettes, knitting and sewing. Many needy local families were helped in emergencies by food, fuel and clothing and toys. Our own shut ins and elderly people are remembered at Christmas, fruit and flowers are sent to the sick and funeral flowers where needed in the community. Special Anniversaries of our own members are observed with flowers, besides many other friendly community lifts. Seven Baby Park Books were presented to our members' new babies.

The local public school is remembered with treats at Halloween; the Dr room was taken to Pioneer Day at the Dalziel Park

Activities of 1956-1961 Contd.

The First Aid Kits are refilled, a couch was donated and lunch provided at the Opening of the new school. The Sr pupils provided a programme on Birds at an Institute meeting.

Community parties and Euchres have been held in the old school and new furnishings have been provided for it. The use of the old school as a community hall and of the Church for special meetings has been appreciated by the Institute.

Money for these various projects has been raised by members' donations, by Euchres, Dracs, rummage, bake and plant sales and by catering at Auction Sales and a playing match.

The popularity of this very active group is proven by the rise in membership, the highest in its thirty five year history - And this history is being recorded by pictures and hand written accounts in its Luccasmin History Volumes.

Lili Redick,
Luccasmin Hist. Com.