

“FOREWORD”

I am so glad to hear that the Women's Institutes of Ontario are going to compile village history books. Events move very fast nowadays; houses are pulled down, new roads are made, and the aspect of the countryside changes completely sometimes in a short time.

It is a most useful and satisfying task for Women's Institute members to see that nothing valuable is lost or forgotten, and women should be on the alert always to guard the traditions of their homes, and to see that water colour sketches and prints, poems and prose legends should find their way into these books. The oldest people in the village will tell us fascinating stories of what they remember, which the younger members can write down, thus making a bridge between them and events which happened before they were born. After all, it is the history of humanity which is continually interesting to us, and your village histories will be the basis of accurate facts much valued by historians of the future. I am proud to think that you have called them “The Tweedsmuir Village Histories”.

—Written by Lady Tweedsmuir.

MRS. ADELAIDE HOODLESS - ORGANIZER



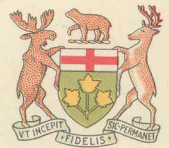
Mrs. John Hoodless (Adelaide Hunter Hoodless) was born on a farm at St. George in Brant County. She was a cultured and accomplished woman as well as a devoted wife and mother. Realizing the need for homemaking education, she devoted her life toward this cause and was instrumental in organizing our first Institute at Stoney Creek 1897.

THE NAME, TEMPERANCEVILLE

The name, Temperanceville has aroused the interest and curiosity of many. It was formerly known as Love's Corners because of a pioneer family by that name. James and Mary Love, with their three children, came to Lot 67 in the Township of King in the year 1804, and their descendants continued to live in this community for many years.

In those early years, alchoholic beverages were in evidence at every social functions. It was daring to attempt a barn raising, or a church raising, or a bee of any discription without the use of liquor. Hotels with bars were numerous but none ever existed in this community. Brave and courages men resisted this social custom of the day by holding bees and raisings without the use of liquor, and thus Temperance Societies sprang into existance.

Within the fifty years, 1840 to 1890, there were at least five different Temperance Societies at one time or another, at this historic spot. It is no wonder that in time it came to known as Temperanceville.



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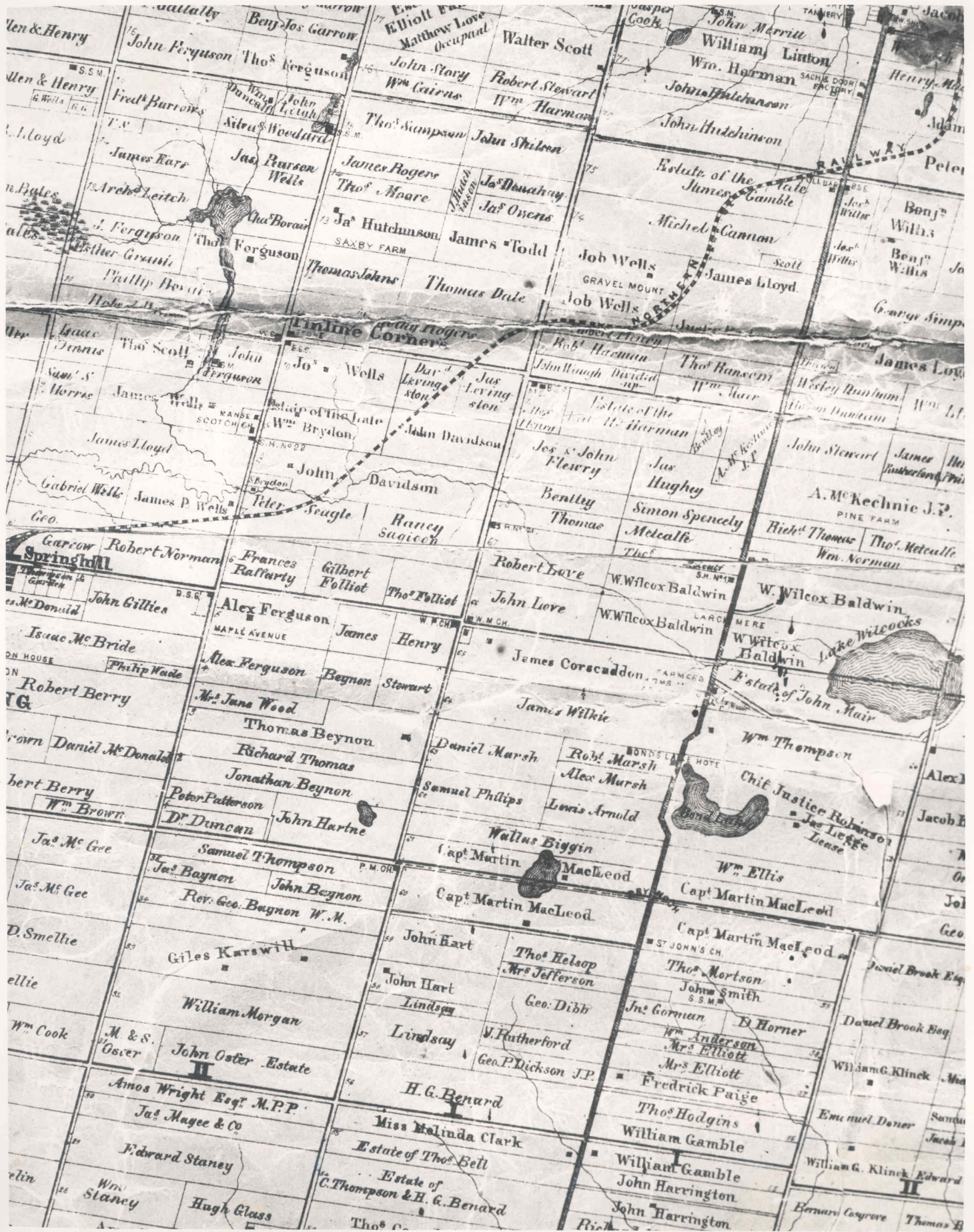
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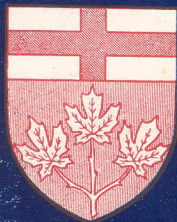
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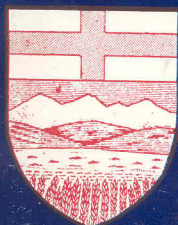
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In Honour of
The Triennial Conference
Associated Country Women of the World

August, 1953



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NEW BRUNSWICK



NEWFOUNDLAND



NOVA SCOTIA



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

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The many members of the Temperanceville Women's Institute, who attended the Canada Day program presented by the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada in honour of the Triennial Conference of the Associated Countrywomen of the World had the unforgettable pleasure of seeing and hearing something never before witnessed by the public.

Mrs. Ray Bruen
Mrs. Fred Boys
Mrs. Doris Davis
Mrs. Edward Payton
Mrs. Thomas Dibb
Mrs. Clayton Brynon
Mrs. Hilbert Jennings
Mrs. Maurice Brynon
Mrs. Emmett Phillips
Mrs. Nelson Thompson
Mrs. Chas. Henshaw
Mrs. Joseph Levinson
Mrs. Fred Hare
Mrs. Frank Burnett
Mrs. Gordon Baldwin
Marg. Ruth + Florrie Brynon
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Institutes of Ontario

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph

June 18th, 1947



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

IT IS a great pleasure to me to send greetings and congratulations to the Members of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario on the occasion of their Fiftieth Anniversary celebration, with all my good wishes for a happy and useful future.

The opening of Stoney Creek Women's Institute in 1897 is a landmark in the history of rural life, and I am glad to send this message of goodwill because I know of the thankfulness of my fellow Members for their Institutes. Besides those in Great Britain, I have lately seen Members in South Africa and Rhodesia, enjoying and valuing the opportunities for service, mutual help, education and fun which Membership brings and which we owe to the Stoney Creek women, 50 years ago.

My thoughts are with you on this great day, and I wish each one of you happiness and prosperity.

Elizabeth R

5TH DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

of

CENTRE YORK DISTRICT

Women's Institute

on

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19th

1954

TEMPERANCEVILLE

UNITED CHURCH

Sessions Commence 9.30 a.m. D.S.T.

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HONORARY PRESIDENTS

Mrs. H. J. Charles Aurora
Mrs. R. H. Corner Aurora

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FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. A. Van Nostrand Gormley, R. R. 1

With an enrollment of 129, the Centre York District Annual was held in Temperanceville United Church, May 19. Members from each branch of Centre York were present. Rev. E. C. Moddle spoke briefly to the gathering. Convenors of the Standing Committees presented their reports. A chorus of five members of the Aurora Branch entertained at the morning session. Miss Brooks was the accompanist. In the afternoon King W.I. put on a skit "Lost and Found".

The community singing for the afternoon was led by Mrs. Sleeth of Vandorf with Mrs. Alcorn as accompanist. There were three resolutions read by Mrs. C. Marchant, one from King City W.I. and two from King Ridge. All were sustained.

Several of the Institutes took part in the six-year-old clothing project and the landscape painting. Boggartown won first in the clothing project and receives \$10 from the Salada Tea Co. King came second and Snowball third. The landscape project was won by Mrs. Marjorie Peters of King Institute who receives \$5. Second prize goes to Mrs. Carol Proctor of Kettleby. Mrs. Rhoda Jarvis took 3rd prize.

Guest were Mrs. Charles Agnew, Federated Director and Miss Isabel Leslie, Departmental Representative. Mrs. Violet Farren and Mrs. Helen Rumble gave reports on the Guelph Presidents' Conference.

Officers for 1954-55 are: Hon. Pres., Mrs. H. J. Charles and Mrs. R. H. Corner of Aurora; past president, Mrs. R. Baycroft, of

Gormley; president, Mrs. E. Reddick of King R. R. 3; 1st vice, Mrs. H. Dobson, Kleinburg; 2nd vice, Mrs. G. Shoults, Schomberg; 3rd vice, Mrs. R. Armitage, Newmarket; secretary-treas., Mrs. F. Hare, King R. R. 3. Federation representative, Mrs. A. Farren, Kettleby; alternate, Mrs. R. Baycroft; district delegate, Mrs. E. Reddick; alternate, Mrs. H. Dobson; Federation of Agriculture, Mrs. Colin Stewart, King R. R. 2; alternate, Miss Helen Hunter.

Convenors of Standing Committees: Agriculture & Canadian Industries, Mrs. H. Smith, Gormley R. R. 1; Home Economics, and Health, Mrs. M. Sproule; Historical Research and current events, Mrs. R. Jennings; Citizenship and Education, Mrs. Geo. Richardson; Community Act. & Pub. Relations, Mrs. M. Walto; Resolutions, Mrs. C. Marchant; auditors, Mrs. G. Baldwin, Miss D. Patton.



Mrs. L. Baynon

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Twenty-five ladies attended the first meeting of the Temperanceville Women's Institute last Wednesday afternoon which was held at the home of Mrs. W. N. Thompson. With the president, Mrs. F. Wilkins in the chair the meeting opened by singing the Institute Ode, after which the president led in prayer. A great deal of business was transacted. Mary Barker gave a very interesting talk on "Short Course Work" Four members of the Laskay Institute then presented a short play "The Dinner Table," which was very interesting and well given.

A "car" contest was given by the president. Mrs. John Jennings being the winner. The lunch was in the form of a competition, which consisted of sandwiches and strawberry short cake with whipped cream of ~~which~~ which the latter only was judged by everyone. Mrs Norman Rumble and Mrs. Nelson Thompson tied for first place.

July, 11- 1934.

June 15/1949.

~~anniversary of the~~
Today we celebrate the fifteenth
organization of Temperanceville Women's
Institute. This is a good time to look
back. We are told that nothing stands
still. We either go forward or back
word.

We are very proud to say that
although at times we have had difficulties
and were apt to be discouraged we have
always had the thought that we must
advance and we have tried to do so.

Our membership has never been large.
We organized with twelve members and
our highest membership was just over forty.

The organization meeting was in Temperance
ville church where we are meeting today.
Mrs. P. Hamilton of Newmarket District President
and Mrs. Charles Aurora District Secretary
Treasurer wrote Mrs. F. Wilkins asking her
to try and arrange a meeting of the
ladies of this community to hear Mrs.
Laura Rose Stephen who was giving a series
of lectures on W. I. work in the District and
had on free afternoon.

Anyone who has ever hear Laura Rose
Stephen would want to hear her again.
We had a very good group of ladies out.
One of our member Mrs. J. Jennings had
known her when she was Laura Rose

and used to attend District Annals at the Manitowlin. Perhaps just here for the benefit of those who have never heard her we might say that as Laura Rose she was the first speaker the Women's Institute had and she organized the second W.I. which was at Whithy.

Those of you who attended the jubilee at Luelph last summer heard her give an address. She said she was 82 years young. Sometimes tired but never retired.

Mrs. Stephen also gave us our Motto and Badge. While sitting in Committee discussing this subject she said "our organization is to help women and children especially in the home, then to help others in our Community. For Home and Country". Then she took a pencil and sketched our badge suggesting the W.I. Colors. Blue and gold and putting the motto around it. The Committee accepted the idea and the motto and Badge have been used ever since.

This was the lady that came to address us. She gave a wonderful talk on the ideals of the W.I. and the responsibilities and duties of the individual members. After her address she asked if we would like to organize. Some were

very enthusiastic about it and others wanted to think it over. Twelve ladies joined up and an election was held. President Mrs. F. Wilkie, Vice Pres. Mrs. H. Thompson Sec. Treas. Mrs. W. Jennings Directors Mrs. H. Clark, Mrs. J. Brown, Mrs. J. Lloyd and Miss Mary Barker. We decided to meet the second Wednesday in the month at 2.30 P. M. in the members homes.

Our ~~speak~~ executives at all times have endeavored to make our meetings interesting and instructive. With good papers or talks suitable to our community life. Demonstrations on making rubbers. Soaps of different kinds, rug making etc and contests on biscuit and cake baking, uses of apples, buttonhole making etc have added to the interest of our meetings.

We have made aprons and sold them among the members also jam and pickles the proceeds going to help our fund.

We have had seven Presidents one of whom Mrs. C. Henshaw was called to Higher Service. The others were Mrs. Wilkie Mrs. H. Thompson, Mrs. W. Jennings, Mrs. M. Beynon, Mrs. F. Hare and Mrs. C. Beynon our present officer. These all still active members of our W. J.

We have had fine Sec Treas. Mrs. W. Jennings, Mrs. F. Watson, Mrs. E. Parton Mrs. Young and Mrs. O. Chalk. Two of these ladies have moved away.

We have held Bazaars, teas etc. to raise money and our Picnic has become an annual affair to which husbands and children are invited. Our Ware work under the patronage of Mrs. Helen Thompson kept the members busy and many necessary and useful articles were handed in at each meeting.

We have raised money by making for a Toronto organization several times having booths at farm sales and this has aided us very nicely in helping to support the boy and the girl we have adopted through the same the children fund. We send them parcels and have received very nice letters from them.

Today on this our 15th birthday we feel that it would be very nice to have you all see our Charter members who are still with us. So we will ask Miss Alice Ferguson who has always been ready to help us with talks on gardening, education even the Ice age. and with good advice

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on W. I. matters when needed and
~~we~~ who is one of our Hon. Pres. to
 Come forward also Mrs. F. Wilkins
 our other Hon. Pres. Mrs. H. Thompson
 Mrs. W. Jennings, Mrs. H. Clark and
 Mrs. J. Jennings. We would at this
 time like to pay tribute to their
 faithful service and ask them to
 accept from Temperanceville W. I. this
 book 50 years of W. I. and we
 all wish them many more years
 in the W. I. an organization in
 which they are deeply interested

Charter Members



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Mrs. H. Thompson Miss A. Ferguson Mrs. H. Jennings Mrs. F. Wilkins
 Mrs. H. Clark Mrs. J. Jennings

Past Presidents



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Mrs. C. Beynon. F. Harv. M. Beynon H. Jennings N. Thompson. F. Wilkins

Our third President



Mrs. C. Harv. Henshaw
Passed away Apr 22, 1943



A Rendezvous With God

I have a rendezvous with God,
To meet Him at dark Calvary's
tree;

Thou, cleanse me, cleanse me with
the blood,
Thou shedst so willingly for me.

I have a rendezvous with God,
To offer to Him service meet.
My life, my love, my all I give,
The service of brain and hands
and feet.

I have a rendezvous with God,
To meet Him at the House of
Prayer

Oh, what a blessing I would miss,
Should I absent myself from
there.

I have a rendezvous with God,
To meet Him at His Holy Word.
He shows me love and joy and
peace,

And wonders I have never heard.

I have a rendezvous with God,
"Remember Me," my Saviour
said;

"When at My table ye partake,"
Of Me in Holy Wine and Bread."

I have a rendezvous with God,
To meet Him in the Heavenly
Home;

He has a mansion there for me,
And longs that some day I may
come.

I have a rendezvous with God,
As through death's valley I shall
walk;

"I will be with thee" He hath
said,

So side by side we walk and talk.

I have a rendezvous with God,
Oh, help me Lord to faithful be;
That I may disappoint Thee not,
When Thou hast done so much
for me.

I have a rendezvous with God,
Oh, World, release thy clinging
clod;

And let me go, that I may keep
My rendezvous with God.

— ALICE A. FERGUSON,
who passed away March 15, 1954.

Tempranceville, as we remember it.

my grandfather Ferguson and his wife Catherine Kerr - a Glasgow lady, left Ayr, the home of Burns, for Canada on their honeymoon trip ⁱⁿ 1818. They landed in New York, and while there their son John was born. He was the grandfather of Lincoln, Stewart, Deane etc. Later they came to Canada and settled on what is now the Jail Farm below Richmond Hill.

In 1826 he bought 400 acres of land extending from the 3^d. of King, to the second, lots 4 and 5. Later he sold the East 200 acres, 100 to Barnes Beynon, and the East 100 to Henry Stewart, who became my mother's grandfather.

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On the north side of the road - there were three farms. On the corner of the third, Mr. O' Rafferty bought the farm. and East of him were two Folliot Brothers - Silbert and Thomas. Silbert was the father of Silbert and Jonathan Silbert, who farmed the homestead, and his sons are with us - Harvey, Roy, Albert and Clifford.

Thomas Folliot married Mary Stewart from across the road, and the numerous members of their family are pretty well scattered. but their descendants are still with us to some small extent. i.e. Mrs. Harvey Folliot is the grand daughter of Mr. Thomas Folliot, when John Folliot retired from the homestead farm - Roy - son of Silbert bought that farm. The two brothers

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Silbert and Thomas came from England - from Wiltshire. The Folliot farms are still in the family, but the farms across the road have changed hands repeatedly.

At the four corners, were a few dwellings. a general store, where the present store now stands. In an older generation, other proprietors were known, Bruce and Millans, if I remember rightly, but in my young days David Johnston lived with his wife and daughters - Agnes, who married Johnnie Folliot, and for whom the house now ^{belonging to} occupied to John Paxton, was built when John and Agnes were married.

The buildings East of the house were a wheel wright's shop, and a black-

Smith's shop ⁴ ~~near~~ the corner.
Henry Follitt was the wheelwright
and lived in the house next to it. He
was the father of Mrs. Harvey Follitt.
Later they moved to Balsover. Wm.
Lonsdale was the blacksmith (Hope I
haven't got those two mixed.) and lived
where Bob Brown and his father before
him lived. The Lonsdales were connections
of the first Selbert Follitt.

Later Mr. David Johnston built a
new house on the N.W. corner where
he retired, and later his daughter
Jennie, and her husband Wm. Stewart
lived. We have Etta with us in Kipp still.

On the South ~~W.~~ corner was a
Presbyterian Church, an offshoot
of the Auld Kirk at Eversley, where
the families of the Stewarts, Scott's

Thomas Follitt's and their many
connections belonged. As the
families were so intermarried
it was a family compact. The
name given to the church, or the
corner generally was Stewartfield,
as Great Grandfather Stewart gave the
land for the church. And still, surrounded
by ~~an~~ ~~is~~ wrought iron fence, lie
the remains of the earlier dead. Later
several bodies were removed to Kipp
cemetery. But that God's Acre is
perpetuated.

On the N.W. corner stood the old Methodist
church - the worship home for most
of the families in the community.
The Normans - Rev. Dr. Davis
parents came from Long St. The
Beysons - a fine godly family, with
their numerous branches, all staunch

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members upholding the services of
their church. Later a new church
was built - The present edifice. It has
had the history of most country
churches, sometimes the church was
filled with the good old families -
then another generation arose, or
were scattered. At present it is
having a wonderful revival of
spiritual enlargement, and is the
centre of a great community
spirit.

The Presbyterian church was closed
at the resignation of Rev. W. Amos.
after thirty-four years as pastor.
He served Aurora for thirty seven
years - with Temperanceville for
the thirty four years. During his
Pastorate, the best of relations existed

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between the two churches, Mr. Amos
teaching the Bible Class in the
Methodist church, and the Bible Class
crossing the corner to attend his service.
The church was turned into a dwelling
Mr. Wm. Barker as the present owner.
In ye old days, the S. E. house was
the home of Miss Ann Carscadden,
who had sewing classes for the girls
around. My mother attended the
sewing class - before her marriage. The
sewing was all hand sewing, and was
most perfectly done. If a stitch was
wrong - it was ripped out. My mother
made a 'fine shirt' - white linen - for
her father. The front was all pleats
and all done by hand. A long job that!
The other names associated with
the homes around Temperanceville

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organized and a hall built. This hall, originally on the West side of the road was moved across, north of the Methodist sheds, and is owned by James. Lloyd.

Because of the Temperance activity of the people, when the Post Office was formed, the community was named Temperanceville. So the centre of this good old community in King Township centred around the churches and The Temperance Lodge. Long since the lodge was closed, but the neighbourhood is still sober and church minded.

Besides the church and its activities the Women's Institute is a grand working concern for the homes and for our country.

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were Lov. Carseadden, Saigeon, and to the South were the Thompsons, who with the Beyons occupied the farms. Saige families spread their names to the farms. For example, from the Thompson family, there were the farms of Jim - George - John and Charles all within the block. The farm of Charles Thompson was bought by Miss Shepherd, added to four neighboring farms and became the lovely Ethelmere farms, now belonging to Mr. Burns.

To the north, on the skyline was the farm of the Todds. As Walter Boran married Miss Todd, that farm is now the Boran farm.

Temperanceville was renamed, after a Temperance lodge was