

HIGHLIGHTS OF NOBLETON INSTITUTE WORK 1908 to 1958.

The Nobleton Institute was organized in March 1908 as a Branch for Nobleton and Laskay combined. There were twelve charter members but only seven names are listed. To-day we have 52 members. We also have a junior group doing good work.

There sixteen Life Members:-Mrs. J. Fry, Mrs. S. Hambly, Mrs. John Boak, Mrs. R. Snider, Mrs. N. Pringle, Mrs. Forest Kaake, Mrs. J. Egan, Mrs. G. Irwin, Mrs. R. J. Mactaggart, Mrs. M. Weller, Mrs. Joe Boak, Mrs. N. Robb, Mrs. S. Cain, Mrs. D. Arlow, Mrs. G. Hoover, and Mrs. H. Dobson. Also two deceased Life Members Miss MacMurchy and Mrs. J. Ballard. These two were charter members. All have certificates and pins. Meetings have been held in the homes, the Old Hall, and now we meet in this Hall, the large membership making it necessary. We also have changed from afternoon to evening meetings. The first meetings were characterized by exchange of recipes and subjects such as this one program from an old minute book. "An interesting talk on testing the cream to have it ripe enough to churn", giving a full description from the time the cows were milked until the butter was in pound rolls. The members recommended having a screened cupboard in the cellar where the cream and butter could be kept from flies and mice.

We have always had our yearly programmes printed.

We are lacking information for several years, the Institute disbanded to be re-organized later. Also a number of minute books are missing, so we will slip along to our 35th Anniversary.

A short description of the 35th Anniversary by Miss K. MacMurchy.

On the evening of June 24th, 1943 a most interesting gathering met at the home of Reeve Thos. MacMurchy and his sisters Mary and Kate, to celebrate the 35th year since the Nobleton Women's Institute was organized. It was a perfect June evening and with the beautiful green lawn, surrounded by trees, with the border of flowers, the flags moving with the gentle breeze, the 140 people present spent an evening long to remember.

It was an evening of delight for so many people. Those present taking out of the gathering all that it was meant to be to them.

Many pleasant helpful hours spent together in days gone by "For the good of home and country" were brought vividly back to the memory of many present.

A number of Charter Members were at the gathering.

The District President, Mrs. Sinclair of Mount Albert, honoured us with her presence.

Members of its early days came from Toronto, Richmond Hill, Strange, King, Aurora, Laskay, Schomberg, Castlemore, Markham, Tottenham, Kleinburg, and Lloydtown.

Mrs. Lorne Goodfellow, presiding president, and Mrs. Albert Hill, Secretary-Treasurer, were to be highly complimented on the success of this memorable occasion.

NOBLETON BRANCH 1964 - 1974

During the past ten years the Nobleton branch has been very active, especially in community work where the members have been involved in many projects, and many programs have been provided for residents of the area. There is always a family night in December for members and friends; euchre and bingo precedes dinner and carol singing.

The Institute members have helped with the upkeep of the community hall—buying drapery, painting etc. This branch has been able to hold the monthly meetings in the hall for the cost of the caretaker.

At visitors night in November 1970, many guests came to hear The Bolton Community Choir. One year the branch bought clothing for a local child to enable him to go to school in the winter.

The Centennial year was an extremely busy one, starting off with an antique program in January. In the spring a red maple tree and a flowering crab tree were planted in the community cemetery. The major event of the year was an Antique and Hobby Show in the community hall with displays and demonstrations. A float, depicting the life of the early settlers, was entered in the July 1st community parade. In September the Branch sponsored a pageant "Portraits of the Past". Help was given by other organizations and friends. The profit made was used to buy a complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica and a stand for a large dictionary for the library.

In May 1968, a dinner marked the 60th anniversary of the Branch. Guests included friends and members from other branches in the district.

Regular monthly meetings have featured speakers on a wide range of topics, demonstrations, theatre trips to Toronto, trips to local places of interest, travelogues put on by members and friends. A pot luck dinner often starts the annual meeting in April.

In 1964 the York Centre District euchre was held in Nobleton Hall. In May 1970 Nobleton Branch was hostess to the District Annual.

The 4-H girls usually put on a program once a year to display or demonstrate what they learned at their club course. The Branch helps with a lunch for the girls once a year on Achievement Day.

Members have enjoyed the leader's training courses and short courses offered by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

To raise funds the Branch does some catering and holds auctions of articles made by members, and euchres.

The Branch has enjoyed visits to other branches in the district, and has entertained other branches at their meetings.

ACTIVITIES

We have supported the following Convention Area projects:

Save the Children Fund
Tractor Fund (Ceylon)
Sewing Machine (Korea)
Manitoba Relief Fund
Hurricane Hazel Relief Fund
Mrs. Hoodless Scholarship Fund
Layettes for Israel

We have also subscribed and collected for the Annual Salvation Army Drive and our branch donates regularly to:

1. Hospital for Sick Children
2. Unitarian Fund
3. Institute for the Blind
4. York County Hospital
5. Cancer Dressing Society (white material)
6. Nobleton Cemetary (various donations for beautification)
7. Organization and support of Dental Clinic for school-aged children in our area
8. Joined in York Medical Service Plan
9. Schomberg Fair (prizes along educational lines for local schools)
10. Local Athletic Club (transportation for swimming classes)
11. Paid for transportation for pre-school age children for polio vaccine
12. Secured a travelling library, had a membership at Schomberg and later started our own library and developed for several years.
13. Departmental speaker each year.
14. Horticultural Committee started local Horticultural Society beginning with 60 members.
15. Our Tweedsmuir History is being compiled and is here for inspection.
16. We give baby spoons to our member's new infants.
17. We have contributed over \$10,000 to our community funds for the building of the hall and rink.
18. We have also paid for the painting of the hall inside and out, banquet tables, blinds, stage curtains, first and second furnace, dishes, cutlery, kitchen equipment, range, Essotane stoves, and the old iron stove which served so faithfully burning hardwood sticks in the old hall and recently in this hall.
19. We paid for new toilets, card tables and many other items too numerous to record.
20. York Central Hospital (incubator)
21. York County Hospital (towards CATscan)
22. Nobleton Junior and Senior Public Schools (contributions to music program)
23. Nobleton Library (equipment)
24. Published condensed version of Tweedsmuir history

DONATIONS.

Our Money Raising Ventures Have Been the Following:-

1. Special Collections.
2. Booths at School Fairs, Farm Sales, Frolic Plays, Sales of Candy, Euchres and Dances.
3. Catering for Weddings, Lodges, Hunt Clubs, Farm Associations, Etc.
4. We Organize the Labour and Supplies and Operate the Rink Concessions.
5. During World War I and II we gave cash and sent supplies to the Red Cross and also boxes and comforts to our boys Overseas.

COMMITTEE WORK.

1. A committee provides flowers, boxes of fruit and luxuries to the sick and shut-ins during the year and also at Christmas. Also clothing to the needy, fuel, oil and food parcels for same.
2. We assist at the X-Ray Clinic every two years.
3. We petitioned the Government regarding a dangerous curve at Bells Lake on No. 27 Highway and received recognition.
4. We had a teacher for an aluminum etching class with about 30 ladies participating.
5. We sent a layette to our District Annual meeting and won second place in the Salada Tea Competition.

Thus the work for the Home and Country goes on from one generation to another but always forward.

Mrs. R. Snider.
District Director.

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