

Charter Members.

1926 -

- Mrs Ruth Ferguson
- Mrs. Jessie Glass
- Mrs. Wm. Storey
- Mrs Geo. Kaul
- Mrs Wm. Farren
- Mrs Robt. Evans
- Mrs James Davis
- Mrs Hazel Webb
- Mrs Doris Wood
- * Mrs Ina Glass
- * Mrs Berta Glass
- * Mrs Elgin Evans
- Mrs Harry Webb
- 1 * Mrs Harry Mills
- Mrs Roy Haines (wa)
- 1 * Mrs Norman Teasdale
- Mrs James Badger
- Mrs John Morony
- Mrs Annie Garraw
- Mrs Robert Steckley
- * Mrs Elva Storey
- * Mrs Mary Mitchell
- 1 * Mrs Chas. Barrett
- Mrs Alf. Beckett

Later the same year

- * Mrs Harry Haines
- + Mrs Orma Teasdale
- + Mrs Clifton Capson
- Mrs F. Braun
- Mrs Arthur Storey
- + Mrs Clifford White
- + Mrs Phylla Hunt
- + Mrs Jas. Mc Nasson
- Mrs Chris Steckley
- Mrs Fred Mills
- 1 * Mrs Ruth White

13 still living in 1960
 3 still in Community -
 - Mrs Mills
 - " Teasdale
 - " Barrett

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 One in community
 - Mrs Harry Mills

Charter Members (still living) 1971 June 5

Ina Glass (Mrs Hurst)
Greta Glass (Mrsum Foster)
Mrs Elgin Evans - P
Mrs Harry Mills
Elna Storey (Mrs Jack Shepard) - P
Mary Mitchell (Mrs Geo Gillham)
Orma "Peggy" Leadale (Mrs H. Bradley)
Mrs Clifton Cooper - P
Mrs Clifford White - P
Phyllis Hunt (Mrs Pearson) - P
Mrs Jas. McMorris - P
Ruth White (Mrs M. Davison) - P
Birdie Steckley (Mrs Geo Green)

There were 26 members
that first year -
those who have
passed on are

Passed on

Bertha Ferguson (Cull)
Mrs Jessie Glass
Mrs H. M. Storey
Mrs Geo Ravell
Madam Faxon Sr.
Mrs Robert Evans
Mrs Jas Davis
Mrs Hazel Lachb
Mrs Dora Wood
Mrs H. C. Lachb
Mrs Kay Haines (Mrs)
Mrs Emma Leadale
Mrs Jas Badger
Mrs Mrs Morning
Mrs Anne Green
Mrs Robert Steckley
Mrs Chas Barrett
Mrs Alf Barrett
Mrs Perry Haines
Mrs P. Brown
Mrs Arthur Storey (Mrs)
Mrs Chris Steckley
Mrs Fred Mills



Mrs. Norval Mitchell, president of Snowball W.I. congratulates Wendy Fitkin and Ingelese Hansen on their good work with the 4 H Club, the "Snowball Snowbelles" during the W.I. Anniversary meeting last week.

Snowball WI, 40, hears of its start

Snowball Women's Institute celebrated its fortieth anniversary last Wednesday evening

in Snowball school house.

The program, organized by Mrs. Steve Turtlebury, began with a reading by Mrs. Fred Swayze of life in the times of Upper Canada Village.

Mrs. Harry Mills, a member of the 1926 institute reminisced about the earlier days in Snowball. She and Mrs. Jack Lepard of Kettleby were the only charter members present.

Harry Ferguson, whose ^{Sister} wife had been the first president of the group, spoke of the large part the institute had played in the lives of the district families.

He also reminded the members of the age of the school house where the meeting was being held. The school was built in 1866 and he hoped there might be some celebration of the centennial before the year was out.

Mrs. Turtlebury and guests Mrs. Jack Wrixon and Mrs. Tim Baker-Peace of Aurora, with Mrs. Charles Grubbe at the piano

entertained with a group of songs which were popular in the 1920's.

The president, Mrs. Norval Mitchell, presented crests and certificates to two Snowball 4-H club members, Ingelese Hansen and Wendy Fitkin who this year received provincial honors for projects completed in their club.

Aurora Women's Institute members were guests and Mrs. Jack Closs gave a humorous but thoughtful paper on the life and death of the chicken.

The birthday cake and refreshments were served to the gathering by the hostesses.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. L. M. Hamilton.

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Life Members
of Snowball Women's Institute.

No. 1.

Luke Libbons.

Mr. Luke Libbons was born and lived all his life on the family farm - E part of lot 31. Con. 2. King Township. Active with the Department of Agriculture he had helped to organize the first Women's Institute in York County at Newmarket; so when a branch was organized at Snowball he became almost a godfather to it. Although already eighty years of age but very active our records show that he visited and spoke to the branch seven times in the following seven years. To honor him for his interest and help the branch gave him a life membership on his 88th birthday April 1933.

The Newmarket Branch was invited to the occasion and presented him with a flash light.

He died in Dec 1941 at the age of 96 - truly a grand old man and a great citizen.

NB His picture is shown on page at the Confederation Picnic.

Life Members no 2



Mrs Leo Cull, the former
Bertha Ferguson, first
President of Snowball
Women's Institute as she
was on its thirty-fifth
Anniversary when she
with President Edna
Gellatly (Mrs Miller) presented
the second president Mrs
Ed Redneck with a life
Membership

Bertha Ferguson Cull, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thos.
K. Ferguson, the sixth in a family of eight, was
born in 1895 on the E 1/2 of Lot 16 C&N 3. King Leap
When she was elected the first president of Snowball
Women's Institute when it was organized in May 1926,
she with her mother and brother Harry were
the only ones still living on the old home farm,
where "The Ferguson Pond in front of the house
was the happy meeting place for Community young
people for both swimming and skating and the
home was "Open House" for any community event.
Bertha was President for ten years and was greatly
missed when the farm was sold and they moved to
Aurora. She married Leo Cull in 1943 and lived in
Newmarket where the S.W.S. took a surprise party
one evening and gave her a life membership
She died November 1964

AURORA BANNER, DECEMBER 12, 1963

First president Snowball WI Mrs. Leo Cull dies suddenly

by Mrs. N. MITCHELL,
Snowball Correspondent

A well-known person in this community, Mrs. Leo Cull, passed away after a 24 hour illness with the flu, November 28, 1963, at her home in Newmarket.

Mrs. Cull the former Bertha Florence Ferguson, was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Ferguson, Lot 16 and 17, 3rd concession of King. She was born and raised there, attending Snowball school and Aurora high school.

When Snowball Women's Institute was organized in May 1926 Bertha Ferguson was elected president and held that office for 10 years. She was

honorary president of this WI. In 1946 she was presented with a life membership certificate and pin. She was organist at Snowball United Church for a number of years, and a member here. The family moved into Aurora in 1939 and lived there till 1943 when Miss Ferguson married Mr. Leo Cull of Newmarket, moving into a home here.

Surviving are her husband, Leo Cull, brothers Harry and his daughters Mary and Jane, Keswick; and George of Toronto. After the death of their mother, Iva Ferguson Haines, Bertha gave motherly care to her nieces and a nephew, Howard Haines, Pine Orchard, Mrs. Owen Barr (Margaret), Aurora; Mrs. A. Regnier (Or-

ma), Cooksville; Mrs. Bob Birrell (Helen), Richmond Hill.

Rev. R. N. Pick of Trinity United Church, conducted the funeral services at Roadhouse and Rose funeral home, with interment in Aurora cemetery.

Pallbearers were Howard Haines, Owen Barr, Bob Birrell, A. Regnier, Barney Revel, and Basil Blackburn.

5th Avenue, 1961

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Life Members no 4.

Mrs. Story was born south of
 Windsor in the fourth concession
 of Whitechurch, the daughter of Mr.
 and Mrs. Christopher Blechley, who
 moved to Snowfall when her
 she was known as a lightener. In
 1913, she married Tom Story, a
 native of Snowfall. They had one son
 Norman. Mrs. Story was instrumental
 in calling together the meeting in
 which Snowfall Women's Institute
 was organized May 31, 1926. Mrs.
 Story was made a life member
 in 1951. She was a great reader,
 and until her death Feb. 1961, at
 the home of her son, Norman in
 Charco, took a real interest in
 living.



No 3. NB. Both accounts written by
 Ruthie Ferguson Cull

Josephine Davis Glass was born

Aug. 4, 1897, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
 James Davis, on the third concession
 of King Lot 27, on the farm purchased
 by her Grandfather. She attended
 Snowfall Public School. In 1908
 she married Sam Glass who died
 May 1913, leaving her with three
 children, Jim, Leta and Sam. She sold
 the farm and moved to Snowfall to
 be near her parents. When the
 Institute was organized in 1926,
 holding that office for two years.
 She spent some time in Florida and enjoyed a trip to Vancouver to visit relatives.
 She died suddenly, Nov. 1960.



Show that she worked for the first secretary, holding that office for two years. She spent some time in Florida and enjoyed a trip to Vancouver to visit relatives. She died suddenly, Nov. 1960.

Life Members no 5.



Mrs. H.M. Farren, charter member of Snowball Women's Institute, at her 80th birthday celebration taken at the home of her daughter Mrs. Herb. Patrick Aug 13, 1954. A faithful member until her death at 83, June 24, 1957.

Mrs. Farren and her family - Albert, Mrs. Mary Cunningham Russell, Mrs. Herb Patrick (Carrie), and H.M.



Mrs. Farren cutting her birthday cake with granddaughters

Life Members: no 6



Mrs Ernest Capson
receiving her
life membership
pin from Pres.
Mrs. Geo. Wilson,
and certificate
from former Pres.
Mrs Ed Reddick
Aug. 1958. at
the home of
Mrs. G. L. Beaton

Flossie Capson was born and raised in Aurora, daughter of Mr and Mrs George McConnell. She was married to Robert Jump but as a young widow she returned to Aurora from Beaumont with her two children Edythe and Robert. For many years she kept the books for the Whimster store. In 1932 she married Ernest Capson and moved to the Capson farm, N. pt. of lot 26 Con 2, King Township. She joined the Scandinavian Home Institute and was an energetic worker in all its activities holding the office of secretary for three different terms. In 1958 she was made a life member in appreciation of her faithful support. -

* -> Mr Capson died in _____ and his son had been killed in the second world war. She and Edythe moved to Aurora in 1966. but is still interested in S. W. I. Much of the Swedish History is her work.

Died Apr 18, 1973. aged 88.

Later
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