

Snowball Women's Institute  
1926 - ACTIVITIES - 1951

A piano was purchased for their use.

From the July 28<sup>th</sup> 1926 minutes we find the first Program Committee was appointed, convenor was Mrs. N. Seasdale, with helpers Miss Hazel Webb, Mrs. E. Evans, Miss Mary Mitchell and Miss Bertie Steckley.

A fine of five cents was imposed if member failed to answer the Roll Call.

A motion appointing Mrs. H. Mills, Mrs. Iva Haines Mrs. N. Seasdale on the first Flower Committee.

Monies were raised to help York Co. Hospital in the year 1927 and at intervals throughout the years.

\* Mrs. H. Charles of Aurora and Mrs. W.R. Steeper of Mount Albert presented the Branch with a cake for our first Anniversary May 31<sup>st</sup> 1927.

Mrs. Luke Gibbons, who helped organize the first Women's Institute in North York, twenty years ago <sup>in 1906</sup>, Mr. J. M. Walton Mayor of Aurora, and P. B. Pearson M.P.P. for North York were the guest speakers at Snowball Women's Institute picnic held on Mitchell's lawn July 28<sup>th</sup> 1927 in honor of sixty years of Confederation. A three storey cake made by Mrs. Fred. Mills and iced by Miss Elva Storey (now Mrs. Jack Lepard) was the centre of attraction. Tickets were sold at ten cents each on the cake, and Mr. C. Deavitt, Aurora, Ontario drew the lucky number (seven). The sum of seventy five dollars was realized to help pay for the piano. Guests were present from Newmarket, Aurora. \* and Kettleby.

In 1927 we had a booth & plant sale at the Snowball School Fair!

In October 1927 a Bank Book was presented to Mrs. Merle Johnson's baby.

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Minutes 1927, A motion for the Ladies Aid of Snowball Methodist Church to have the use of the piano at the Hot Fowl supper concert and use any money towards the building of a basement in the church.

A motion carried we loan the piano to Snowball School for their Christmas concert, they to pay what they feel it is worth. Minutes 1927.

A motion to hold an Euchre December 29<sup>th</sup> 1927. Carried, and another motion to have a box social March 26<sup>th</sup> 1928 was carried.

April 26<sup>th</sup> 1928. Mr. Luke Gibbons had a Birthday. There was an April Sale also this month of aprons.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1928 a motion carried that each new Baby born be given a Bank Book and entry one dollar.

September 1928. six Bank Books were given to new Babies, names not given.

October 1928 gave Bank Books to Mrs. H. Patrick's baby and also to Mrs. Carl Lloyd's baby. (See)

Motion carried to purchase a drinking Crock for Snowball School, have a hallowe'en treat for school children, have the piano insured, still 1928!

Members had a ten cent gift exchange at the December meeting.

Members requested to meet the School Board.

February 1929 had a box social at the open Meeting.

Bank books given to Kenneth James Kilham, and to <sup>(Bridget's)</sup> Bidie, and Audrey's babies 1929.

Donation was sent to Queen Mary Cot at Weston, Ontario.

Aurora Branch visited us in 1929.

Motion carried that we give Baby Bank Books to our Women's Institute members new babies only.

We donated money to Superintendent Mr. George Putnam's silver purse presentation.

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In 1930 we purchased a couch for Snowball School.  
We had an analysis taken of the drinking water at the School.

We had an Auction Sale of Aprons at our meeting.  
A display of antiques at Mrs. E. Copson's home.

In 1931 a donation was sent to the Women's Institute Peace Garden.

We planned and held picnics each year in July.  
also Corn Roasts in season. The first Corn Roast was held at Mrs. Charles Casey's home in 1931.

Old woollens were sent to Chesley, Ontario, to be woven into blankets or rugs.

Miss Bertha Ferguson and Mrs. Ernest Copson were chosen to attend York County Hospital Women's Aid meetings held in the Council Chamber, Newmarket Ontario, on the first Tuesday of each month.

In March 1932. Mrs. H. Charles read a paper at our meeting on the "Holland Marsh".

We participated in a District Life Membership, for Mrs. Charles Doan. First District Pres. of North York -

We used the Hectograph in making our programs for the year.

Mrs. E. S. Reddick was appointed Convener of the "League of Nations" committee.

In 1933 Mrs. Luke Gibbons was made a Life Member of our Branch. Mrs. H. Charles visited us at that time and spoke a few well chosen words.

Motion by Mrs. H. Mills we send five dollars to York County Hospital for Life Membership. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. E. S. Reddick we donate five dollars to the Snowball football club. Carried.

From a Cup and Saucer and Spoon Shower our cupboard was the recipient of twenty seven each.  
Mrs. Charles was our guest & gave a paper on "Housing".

In 1935 we participated in a District Life membership for Mrs. W. R. Steeper.

Mrs. Frank Hollingshead planted bulbs for use of the Flower fund, and when blooming sold to us for 10 cents.

For several years we sponsored the Temperance Study Course in our school and awarded prizes.

A Junior Girls Supper Club was formed with Mrs. Howard Morning and Mrs. Ernest Copson, Readers.

Congratulations were sent to Aurora also Kettleby Institutes on their twenty fifth Birthday in 1936.

June 24th 1936. Mrs. E. S. Reddick, our newly appointed President, presided over her first meeting.

In 1936. we learned Newmarket Women's Institute were planning to open a rest room, we were really interested, and when opened later sent a donation.

Mrs. H. Charles was our guest speaker at a meeting gave us the history of the "Mary Stewart Collect" also spoke on the Respect & Admiration held for the late Emily Guest.

A resolution was drafted and sent to King Corp. Council, asking for a suitable dumping ground. In October 1936. one was provided for North King on Mulock's side road.

In March 1937 we held our first Oyster Supper in School.

Mrs. Frank Williams and Mrs. E. S. Reddick made hand cleaner and lotion and donated for a sale and we realized a nice sum of money for our Flower fund.

In 1937 flowers were sent to Mr. Luke Gibbons on his ninety first birthday.

In 1940 Mrs. Charles again paid us a visit.

Central War Charities fund was established by the Department, and we responded by donations.

We had current events papers at many of our meetings.

Donations of money and clothing were sent to York County Children's Aid.

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Mrs. Earl Lloyd was Convenor of our Red Cross and War Work. Head quarters were in Aurora then moved us to Schomberg. Boxes were packed at intervals for our Boys overseas. We were helping by sewing, knitting for war work comforts.

Ernest Copson very kindly built a cupboard at the Snowball School for our dishes & utensils, movable.

Cash grants through the Government were given for school fairs.

Helped with relief assistance to flood sufferers in Western Ontario.

Gathered newspapers and magazines sold for 35 cents and 45 cents per 100 lbs. added money to our Treasury.

Participated in Home Economics program always in the District North York and quite often in the Branch.

Mrs. John Morning one of the Charter members of our Branch donated a doll for a draw to make some money for the Treasury.

We donated to Bolton Camp each year.

We joined with Kettleby Branch in a needlecraft course.

Mrs. E. Leddick attended a "Glove Making Course" and held a class for members to make their own gloves.

Farmer's Federation opened an office in Ottawa one dollar was forwarded for membership.

An electric hot plate was purchased for Snowball School to use for their hot lunches.

Our members entered in the Ladies Work at the Agricultural Horse Show at Aurora, Ont.

Visits were exchanged between Branches.

Our members made quilts, sold tickets on same for a draw, realizing monies for our Treasury.

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We sponsored Oratorical and other contests, giving prizes to the winners.

In 1940 there was a Poster Contest and Miss Ruth Webb sister of Miss Hazel was the Judge. She is a talented Artist and remarked the Posters showed talent. Prizes were awarded and presented by Miss Hazel Webb one of our charter members to Grade I first Norman Teasdale. Second, Patricia Smith. Grade II first Marie Morning Second Doris Mitchell. Grade III First David Beauclerc Second M. Eileen Casey

Kettleby and Snowball young girls enjoyed a dress making and tailoring course. They demonstrated at a meeting dresses and coats they made.

Barn dances were held in Fennel Rothwell's new barn and raised Two Hundred and Sixty one dollars and sixty cents from which we donated to the British War Victims fund.

May 27th 1942. Mrs. Raymond Haines our newly elected President presided over her first meeting, while Mrs. George Morton newly elected Secretary Treasurer read her first Minutes. Our annual picnic was held in July 1942.

At the request of the Price Control Board we appointed a Liaison Officer in the person of Mrs. E. A. Reddick to represent them at our meetings. She received the information from them for us regarding prices, ration coupons, sugar data etc.

Ditty bags for Sailors handed to members who personally attended to the filling of same.

Travelling Baskets filled with groceries cereals fruit sent to members and neighbors, help yourself. Pay for it, put something in its place and send along to another to do the same.

We donated to Russian Relief and received an acknowledgment of appreciation.

We were privileged to hold Booths & sold hot drinks etc at several Farm Sales.

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May 26th 1943 Mrs. Harry Mills our newly elected President, presided at her first meeting.

A motion that our Secretary Treasurer be paid five dollars a year. Carried.

We sponsored a salvage drive at Snowball School for our War Work.

Mrs. Wm Farren was appointed Convenor of the Red Shield Work for the Salvation Army. Vegetables were donated to them from many of our members.

A shower was given Mrs. D. Sheridan, an English war Bride come to reside in our Community.

April 24th 1947 Mrs. Herbert Patrick was elected President. December 27th 1946 she was acting President and signed the minutes.

A donation of money was given to Snowball Church in 1948.

We formed a Blue Cross health Insurance group and Mrs. K. B. Reddick was appointed Secretary and Treasurer.

We sent donations to Sick Children's Hospital, Cancer Institute for the Blind, York Co. Home for aged. Winnipeg Flood Relief. Welkie Fund. Visited and took treats to The Ontario Hospital and York Co. Home for aged.

Donated to Newmarket Women's Institute Rest room, and also Aurora Women's Institute rest room.

Mrs. C. C. Copson for several years made the bus arrangements for transportation to Exhibition at Toronto and also the Winter Fair.

Nestle's Food sent Nescafe coffee to us gratis, to serve at a meeting. Salada Tea Co. also sent us Salada Tea. They were both good products.

Historical Research Committee of our Women's Institute started in 1950 to compile a Snowball " Tweedsmuir Village History" book which is loose leaf and pages may be added as the years roll on.

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At our March meeting plans were made to celebrate our Twenty fifth Anniversary on May 31st 1951.

The program was to be in charge of the "Historical Research Committee" members. Mrs. N. Mitchell, Mrs. Herbert Patrick, Mrs. Wm. Storey Mrs. Edward Reddick, Mrs. Ernest Copson.

Lunch committee appointed were Mrs. Wm. Blum, Mrs. C. C. Copson, Mrs. Frank Williams, Mrs. W. Nesbit.

The Junior Girls Home making Club <sup>Scholarship</sup> was established in Centre York District for our girls. Each Branch was obligated to donate to same at the rate of one dollar per member and as we had forty members the forty dollars was remitted to the District Secretary Mrs. Fred Hare.

A quilt of eleven Hundred and seventy six pieces was cut and pieced by Mrs. Leonard Hall, Mrs. William Farren, Mrs. Frank Williams, quilted by them and others. It was shown at the District Annual held at Pine Orchard in 1951 and was one of the prize winners.

Mrs. Charles Williams kindly offered her home on the second concession of King North for our Branch to hold an Anniversary Tea and Nursery Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5.30 June 20th 1951.

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This information obtained from the seven Branch Minute Books in our possession by Mrs. Ernest Copson Secretary Treasurer.  
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