



Presidents of Snowball Women's Institutes
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 infant Mrs Owen Burr 7th.
Absent through illness - Mrs Herb Patrick 5th.

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(Mrs) Mary Row.

- (Miss) Margaret Barr - Pres.
- (Miss) Eudine Seaton Betty Evans
- (Mrs) Joyce Snider (Mrs) Gertrude Kerr
- (Mrs) Mary Ann (Mrs) Ernest & Louise Copson - past sec.
- (Mrs) Ruth Grubbi (Miss) Ella Copson
- (Miss) Eleanor White (Mrs) Eleanor Terne
- (Mrs) Etta Foub (Mrs) Gene King
- (Mrs) Mary Snider (Mrs) Minnie Morning
- (Mrs) Bessie Morning (Mrs) Ruth Davison
- (Mrs) Bessie Lane (Miss) Latha & Pruth
- (Miss) Jessie Gellatly past sec. (Mrs) Donna Jefferson
- (Miss) Elsie White (Mrs) Mabel Mills - Past Pres Charter
- (Mrs) Emily Painter (Mrs) Eleanor Haines 2nd Pres.
- (Mrs) Ethel Burrett (Mrs) Bertha Lull 1st Pres. - Charter
- (Mrs) Anne Graft (Mrs) Maud James past sec.
- (Mrs) Clara Bowyer Mrs. Cary Keston
- (Mrs) Olga Wilson (Mrs) Edna Seardsale
- (Mrs) Mildred Mitchell (Mrs) Helen Waters
- (Mrs) Joanne Anderson Mrs. H. Reid
- (Mrs) Rita Evans (Miss) Lila & Reddick 2nd Pres.
- (Mrs) Evelyn Ridley - Past Sec.
- (Mrs) Emma Gardner - Charter Mem.
- (Mrs) Lois Shultz - Dist Pres.
- (Mrs) Grace Powell - Dist. Sec.
- (Mrs) Hilda Mitchell
- (Mrs) Mabel Storey
- (Mrs) Mae Gault
- (Mrs) Sadie Bonner
- (Mrs) Idna Gellatly - Sec.

49 in attendance
 note 4 charter members
 6 Presidents
 5 Secretaries
 4 former members - now resident
 District President and Secretary
 2 visiting Branch Presidents
 24 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 Lillian Hamilton on the thirty-first of May, the date on which the branch was organized thirty five years before. The president, Mrs Allan Gullattly was in the chair with five past presidents in attendance, Mrs Leo Cull (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 thumb-nail sketch of the life of the late Mrs Com. Stacey, a life member, was read by Mrs Leo Cull.

and Mrs Ed. Leddick, second President was presented with a life membership pin and certificate by Mrs. Allan Gullattly 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. Gubler and Ellen, Mrs N. Mitchell.



Catching up on Our Institute's History.
May 31, 1961.

This talk catching up on 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 ~~and~~ with trepidation, took office and learned through experience how to conduct their branch.

We give much credit to Mrs H. J. Charles of Adessa, who was District Secretary of North York W. I. at that time in 1926. For persuading Mrs H. M. Stacey 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 Mt. Albert and Mrs Nege of the Women's Institute Branch of the Dept of Agriculture.

From her they heard of Adelaide Hodder of Stoney Creek, who having lost her little boy because of tainted milk decided that women needed to learn more of the care of their families

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

Our Snowball Mothers and ^{their} ^{person}
 up daughters of 35 years ago were so
 impressed with the aims of the W.F.
 who have no barriers of race creed
 or colour that they organized that
 they 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 Ruthy
 Ferguson living south on the third
 at the farm house at the post,
 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 Sheron in March.

- Mrs Leo Cull - Belva -
 "Life of Tom Storey"

The other officers were -
 1st V.P. Mrs H. C. Webb Directors Mrs Hobt Evans
 Mrs J. Mosking Mrs Alf. Beckitt
 Sec. Mrs Mrs Jennie Pass Duties Mrs J. Evans
 Mrs Elgin Evans

at the July meeting they chose a prog. com
of Mrs. Annie Garkaw, Mrs. Hazel Leach, Mrs. Egan
Miss Birdie Steckley and Mrs. 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. Cawell, Mrs. Lora Harmon, Mrs. Jas. Davis
Mrs. Dora Wood, Mrs. H. Mills, Mrs. Gilda Ross
Mrs. Ida Stoss, Mrs. Ray Haines, Mrs. N. Jessdale
Mrs. Jas. Bagdon, Mrs. R. Steckley, Mrs. E. L. Story
Mrs. L. Barrett, Mrs. Harry Haines, Mrs. Dora Jessdale
Mrs. Clifton Cooper, Mrs. P. Beaton, Mrs. Arthur Story
Mrs. L. White. - And in Nov. Mrs. Phyllis Hunt.

Mrs. M. Thomas, Mrs. L. Steckley, Mrs. F. Mills.
and Mrs. Ruth White. Making thirty five
members by the end of the first
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 quite ready 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 various
appeals. Our Hospitals, Old Peoples Home, Child
Projects for our Public School.

Remittances for our sick, shut-in and elderly
at home. 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 conscience of the past
 before us."

May we be as faithful as our
 former 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 Roads and Forests Maple Branch, Mr. Geo Bert Murray 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 Ceylon and visits on the way. Miss Mary Ann Andrews of Aurora pictures and travel talk on Mexico. Mrs A W McRobson York County President of United Nations. Mrs Fred Caldwell on Flower Arrangements. Mr Joe Johnson of the Aurora Branch. Mr Crawford of C. J. H. and on the Development of Hydro.

Short courses and local Reader Training Schools have been held every year and Officers have been sent to each conference and on budget 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 County Rally at Dulzuel; To Toronto to visit Borden's and Mrs Neilsen's Rag House at Thornhill. There were Teams of Roads 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 F.W.S.O. projects such as the aid to Caylow, 20 Refugee Babies, to Jamaica and Adelaide Hassell's House. To the York County W. S. projects. - Furnishing a room in Deane House at Sharon Temple, Aprons to A.C.W.W. and sending a hay to Crippled Children's Camp. Many outside charities have been assisted either by donations or canvassing - Mental Health, Salvation Army, Lakeview Fund and The Blind. Our Rural Hospitals - Ont. Hospital, York County Hospital, York Manor for the aged and the York County Children's Aid have regularly assisted by treats, flowers, cigarettes, 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 gifts. Seven Baby Book Books were presented to our member's new babies.

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

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Activities of 1956-1961 cont'd.

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, Drives, 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 *Succasunin History* volumes.

Lili Keadick,
Succasunin Hist. Com.