



1st display at Royal Winter Fair [and Rest Spot]

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two visitors - unknown

At Table - Irma Maltby, Area President
- Cathy Hall
- Ella Harris
- Helen Rumble, Provincial Board member
[responsible for display and
people to man the booth]

WELCOME

The first Institute meeting was held on June 19th, 1907, King East.

We have minutes till 1915, but I am told meetings were held til 1924. Members, numbering 29-41, were from Eversley, King and Temperanceville.

The second Institute was founded on September 28, 1939. A meeting was held at Mrs. A.(Doc) Gordon's home. There were 28 ladies present and 15 paid membership. They are our Charter Members. Mrs. Ross Walker, the first president, has been a member all that time (and we are so pleased to have her here today). Mrs. A. Gordon was the first Secretary-Treasurer, and she and Mrs. Clarke Archibald are still with us. Sixteen (16) more joined at their October 10 meeting, of these Mrs. Dan Rawlings remains. Member #34 was Miss E. McClure on December 12, 1939 and her mother was #35. Elizabeth McClure (now Gillham) was the second Secretary-Treasurer.

Laura Rolling joined the Institute on January 9, 1910. She is our only Life Member, conferred on her by her sister Kay Clarke, and we are very pleased to have her with us today.

At the Executive meeting, they set up the Programm Committees - Red Cross Committee and Social Committee, and decided a limit on the lunch. It was war time and these women wanted to do their 'bit' for the local Boys. The secretary was authorized to write to Lake Marie Athletic Association [Sr. Henry Pallet] regarding a donation for Red Cross Supplies. I don't know what they asked for, but in cash they got \$25.00 and it went to the Richmond Hill Chartered Red Cross Society for yarn. Right away they decided to have a dance to buy supplies. Mrs. Pitt gave a talk on the Red Cross and a motion was made that we continue as an Institute and do our work for the Red Cross. Mrs. Norris gave a very interesting talk on the origin of Thanksgiving and also made a replica of the Prune family. They sent delegates to the Convention (at the Royal York I think) and several ladies offered to cut out pyjamas and bought euchre cards for 12 tables. They had a euchre and made \$7.00 and the next month had a dance and euchre and made \$15.77. They bought the pattern for pyjamas from the Red Cross for 35 cents and the flannelette was \$17.20. They paid two delegates' expenses to the Convention [\$2.50]. They bought \$10.80 worth of wool. In the first year they handled \$96.34. They were busy women.

In 1940 they helped the Lake Marie Association at the Street Dance by a booth proceeds of \$28.06 and Lake Marie gave them \$300 which they used to fill boxes for the local boys overseas. They bought the boxes and sent some away each month. They held dances for British War Victim Funds, made quilts and sent cheques too. They filled 'Ditty bags' for Navy boys. They had a banquet every year to celebrate their Birthday, mostly in the United Church basement. They had good speakers - Rev. Frost, Kate Aitkins. When the war ended they had a banquet for the boys who were able to come home.

Do you think recycling is NEW? In 1944 the Institute discussed a collection and sale of waste paper.

They turned their eyes to local things. Started a skating rink for children next to Hogan's Inn and the Town trustee bought the hose to flood it; Mr. Langdon was asked to supervise it.

We used to give bank books with \$1.00 to new babies. This ended by giving the new mothers \$1.00 with the suggestion they start a bank account. We manned a Well-Baby Clinic till the Health Department stopped it. Used to send the children to the dentist and paid part of same. The children didn't mind going because they were taken from school by taxi and returned the same way. It was a real adventure to be in a taxi. Sent members to meetings to 'incorporate' the village. Sent volunteers to help with Polio shots, TB clinics, oral Polio vaccine. Bought eye glasses for a pupil in Doris Patton's class. Helped with first Lion's dinner in the Masonic Hall and kept doing it. Sent \$50 to the Hurricane Hazel Relief fund for rubber boots. Helped Lion's with bus transport to Thornhill for swimming lessons and supervised same. Helped get the Firemen going with money. Had booths at local sales - do you remember Borden's Sale?

The Library was started by Women's Institute members, each buying a book, reading it and exchanging them. The seed grew and many members were librarians for years. We supplied the Book of the Month, gave books in memory of members who passed away. Bought two tables and six chairs for the new building, which was the second home of the library; and placed a bronze plaque on table. Gave them money from our 'Special' account but not our \$1,000 bond. Gave prizes for posters for Book Week to our school children. Then it became a Public Library in 1959. We

have to 'toot' our horn about this. Nobody really gives our members credit for all they did in laying the ground work; it was the determination of our members like Miss Marjorie Jarvis, Mrs. Ann Grew, Mrs. James Rock, Mrs. Harold Ratcliffe and Miss Doris Patton.

We also bought a set of swings for the Park for the children and payed for repairs on them.

In 1956 Marj Peters started a Cook Book. It was finished in 1958 and sold at \$1.00. We had them printed at \$425.70 and had copies made. In 1959 a Five Cent stamp was issued to honour F.W.I.C. We put a float in the King Village Santa Claus Parade, did Radio programmes for CJRH in Richmond Hill at 11:50 a.m. in 1959, 1960 and 1961.

We held euchres in Cadden's Garage. Started a 4H Homemaking Club in 1963 with Rena Gordon and Isabelle McKendry as leaders. Did the booth for King Recreation Association at the High School and all got sunburnt noses! Put a programme on at the Ontario Mental Hospital at Aurora and how the boys enjoyed the nursery rhyme skits. These are a few of the things we did locally.

We supported Widow's Self Help in Greece; Litterbug Campaign; Unitarian Service Committee layettes for Arab babies; sweaters for Korean children; Korean Flood Relief; Canadian Save the Children Fund, for which Miss Patton was still knitting sweaters when she died; the Tely Milk Ship, Powdered milk for children in Europe; helped sponsor a Refugee family and had a shower for same when they arrived at Teston farm; UNESCO gift coupons for Jamaica. Supported with money, the buying of Adelaide Hoodless' Home, where our Institute all started.

RESOLUTIONS - some of them were - Laura Rolling's desire for a distinctive Canadian Flag; old age Pensions; Names be put on sides of school buses. Railway level crossings - Toronto and York Roads and Department of Transportation 1959. Opposed the closing of CNR Station in 1957; opposed trading stamps in stores in 1959. The high cost of family drugs; wanted government to finance the education of our retarded. Drafted and redrafted our Resolution on election of our High School Board, not appointments. Went to York County Council on this one as well as the Toronto Board of Education.

In 1962 we started a bursary at the High School in King City.

We had several good outings too - toured Sterling Drugs, Watson's Potato Chip Factory; went twice to see Front Page Challenge; went to see and hear Eleanor Roosevelt, who was the United Nation's representative. Mrs. Ratcliff took her opera glasses and we saw Eleanor [sleeping, tired out by proceedings, but woke up in time] to give us a good message.

Took a lot of short courses sponsored by government - Lampshades; Focus on Finishes; Sew to save dollars and make sense; Eat to Live; 143 pounds of meat; \$1.00 worth of meat; Rugmaking; Catering to a crowd; Crewel work and Millinary. Had Fashion Shows; Hat boxes and Bea Daly; Patti-Lue and Warwick House.

iN 1957 Rhoda Jarvis did the knife painting of Barker House and put it in a competition. It won the FWIC'S Senator Cairine Wilson's Trophy, a Rose Bowl Cup. We held a tea in her honour at Kingcraft House and as Senator Cairine Wilson was Mrs. Charles Burn's Mother, asked her to come. She was unable to attend. Rhoda gave the painting to the W.I. We asked to have it hung in the library for safekeeping. It got lost somewhere between the library 'over the tracks' and the new one.

We entered the F.W.I.C. competition with 8 photographs and commentary by Bruce Hall. We got 2nd prize because Velma Neal's horses did not look up [the judge said if someone had known enough to whistle to attract the horses to raise their heads we would have won 1st prize]. We entered the C.N.E. competition - Five Ways to Improve the Exhibition and won 1st Prize [\$100]. Costumes done by Marj Jarvis won \$75; and one on places in Canada, Elsie Shropshire. I did a driving quiz and won 2nd prize.

These are just some of the things we've done over the years. I concentrated on the early years, but we are still doing things for our Community and still learning through the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

We are still a valuable Institute and hope you have all enjoyed your association with us. My most sincere wish is that you enjoy our 50th Anniversary.

Our Presidents, and Secretary-Treasurers from the start were:

Mrs. Ross Walker
 Mrs. Colin Stewart
 Mrs. Dan Rawlings
 Mrs. Ed Kyle

Mrs. Rhoda Jarvis
 Mrs. Helen Rumble
 Mrs. Marj Peter
 Mrs. Helen Wyer

Mrs. Doc Gordon
 Miss Elizabeth McClure
 Miss Patton
 {Sec. Mrs. Colin Stewart
 {Treas. Betty Billings
 Mrs. Doris Willoughby

We are not as active in the Community work now because we have so many more organizations in the village. Our 4H Club folded, but we do try to help the Temperanceville Club. You'll hear more of that later.

Thank you for listening to our past.

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KING CITY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
hosts to YORK CENTRE DISTRICT ANNUAL

by Helen Rumble

Highlight of a recent King Women's Institute Annual was having the York County Dairy Princess present. She is one of our 4-H Homemaking girls in the Temperanceville Club that her mother leads.

Marilyn Beynon [Janet's mother] has led 4-H Clubs for many years and we are pleased to have her here today too.

Grandmother Beynon, 'Elsie to us' is perhaps our oldest active member, having joined the Women's Institute in Temperanceville. When they disbanded she came to join us and has been a pillar in our branch.

It is so nice to have three generations here.

Back to our 'Princess'

Janet has completed 29 Clubs, and is presently working on 4 more. She received the Margaret Armstrong Award last year and is presently attending the University of Guelph. She is working towards her Bachelor of Science in Human Kinetics; 1 year over and three more to go.

In 1989 she was chosen the Guernsey Queen.

We like to claim a little bit of credit for this multi-talented girl.

It gives me great pleasure to present to you Janet Beynon.



King WI

At the King Women's Institute annual meeting three generations of the Beynon family - Elsie, Marilyn and Janet - were honoured for their work with 4-H. This trio of women represents years of co-operation between the WI and 4-H Clubs.

TREE PLANTING AT SENIOR'S CENTRE, KING CITY
October 10, 1991

by Helen Rumble, 1991

The King Women's Institute members were asked to plant a tree as part of our Environment programme. We thank the Senior's Centre for permission to do so. We chose a lilac because there doesn't seem to be a disease to destroy them. Mrs. Beynon, one of our older members, said she had some to be transplanted.

The night before, Hans Neilsen, Austin and I went to Mrs. Beynon's with shovels and got the tree. We came to the Senior's building, dug the hole (all sorts of stone and wire in the ground). We took some good 'Rumble' soil and Shirley Crossley brought some good 'cow's manure', well rotted, to mix with it. We decided we would be smart and just plant the tree and tomorrow at 11 o'clock when our members come we would just pretend during picture session. Norman Wade, Spence Urghuart, Gord Fawcett, members of the centre were there to help us.

October 10, 1991 - Trees are among our most useful and dependable of friends. They beautify the countryside and introduce a welcome shade. They temper our climate, curtail the wastage of our soil and conserve the dwindling moisture of our land. Now we are recognizing that our forests are our last great source of raw materials and we are destroying our planet. We need to preserve and plant more.

He who plants a tree, plants hope, plants joy and peace, and plants love. Heaven and earth reward us. Here we chose the lilac poem.

I love the simple things of life,
a garden in the Spring.
A lilac bush so fragrant, tall,
where young birds wake to sing.
There's magic in the Spring time.
There's magic in each flower.
There's magic in everything that grows.
The magic, *God's love and creative power.*

Elsie Beynon read - R.D. Little's poem



Helen Rumble, Shirley Crossley, Barbara Bennet, Frances Holman, Anne Bodi, Edna Gellately, Betty Wade, Muriel Wallace, Rena Gordon, Phil Pittari and Maria Vallazzi.

OLD REMINDERS OF 'THE WAY IT WAS'

Keele Street looking north towards
King City.
Taken from Austin Rumble's 'farm gate'.



HILTZ'S HOUSE [one of the oldest
houses in King City] before being
bulldozed down in May, 1990.
Photo given by Muriel Wallace who
saw them tearing it down and
asked the workers to stop until
she got her camera to take a
picture. They obliged.

This little building [still in
Mrs. (Silk) Scott's yard, South
Keele Street] was once an
old barber shop. It became
our FIRST LIBRARY.



KING CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL
(north Keele Street)



Back Row

Leslie Kerr, Harry McBride, Bob Riddell, Doug Welsley, Alfred Baylis, Miss Mable Waranaco [teacher], Mabel Rumble, Lillian Leece, Ethel Agar, Audrey Gambrill, Helen Campbell.

Middle Row

Bill Bahrey, Wes Dew, Charlie Gates, Viola Auckland, Marg Walker, Arlene Carson, Mattie Hambly, Bertha Hiltz.

Front

Austin Rumble, Clarke Archibald, Stan Kerr, Walter Jackson, Bill Hiltz, Herb Welsley, Gordon Patton, Walter Hambly, Wilf Bayliss.