



Roseland  
Women's Institute  
Fiftieth Anniversary  
May 1956

1956

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## INSTITUTE ODE

A goodly thing it is to meet  
 In Friendship's Circle bright,  
 Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet,  
 Nor dims the radiant light.  
 No unkind words our lips shall pass,  
 No envy sour the mind,  
 But each shall seek the common weal,  
 The good of all mankind.

# PAST OFFICERS

Présidents	Secretaries
Miss Mary Wolfe	Mrs. Frank Jessop
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*These are not in correct order*

## R.W.I. LOG

1914	Opening of our new school
1921	Howard avenue paved
1923	Had stand at school fair
1924	First hydro in Roseland
1925	City water first used here
1926	Debate "Summer vs Winter"
1927	Wooden sidewalk laid from school to Howard
1928	New addition built on school
1929	Stand at school fair
1930	Visited House of Refuge at Leamington
1931	Purchased lot & received Charter
1932	Worked on fund raising drive
1933	Hall moved on to our lot
1934	Scouts & Guides organized
1935	Took Home Nursing Course
1936	Hall foundation repaired
1937	Hall painted
1938	New roof on one side
1939	Royal Visit. Roseland had two Royal babies. Gail Hutson & Billy Robinson
1940	Made Jam
1941	Benefit party for burned out family
1942	Fire at Whipple's Corners
1943	United Church dedicated
1944	Hi-Lites first issued
1945	Tweedsmuir history book started
1946	Home & School Association organized
1947	Cleared mortgage on Hall
1948	New addition to hall. Manning triplets born
1949	Roseland W.I. now in Southwestern area
1950	Steps repaired. Lost 2 new garbage cans
1951	Roseland W.I. on television
1952	Provincial conference in Guelph
1953	A.C.W.W. in Canada. 3 R.W.I. members attended
1954	Guides celebrated 20th birthday
1955	Library moved into new quarters
1956	Inside of hall sided. GOLDEN JUBILEE

## ROSELAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

1906 - Fifty Years of Activity - 1956

We were organized in January 1906 as the Oldcastle Women's Institute by Mrs. Colin Campbell. Mrs. Dave Robinson was the only Charter Member to remain a member until her death in March, 1951.

There are no records prior to May, 1923, all minute books having been lost in a fire. It is too bad, for there would have been a lot of rich information of those early days, especially during the period of World War I. They must have lived up to our Motto "For Home & Country."

Mrs. Charles Allen has always been referred to as the "Mother of our Institute." While not a charter member, she was a member of long standing. When Mr. & Mrs. Allen moved from Oldcastle to what was then known as Jackson's Corner she brought the Women's Institute with her. We would have folded up several times in those those early days had it not been for her persistent fortitude and insight into the future.

We were Jackson's Corners until 1926 when a change of name contest was sponsored by Dr. Raymond Morand. From then on we were known as Roseland. In 1930 the lot the hall now stands on was purchased from Mr. Chas. Allen for \$800.00. In 1933 we started talking hall and put on a fund raising drive. Sides were chosen with Mrs. Percy McConnell and Mrs. Leo Russette as captains.

If ever a group worked hard it was then. There were were afternoon and evening card parties, Baked Goods Sales, Raffles, Auctions, Teas and Talent Money. One member invited us over for lunch followed by cards. She locked the bathroom door and charged a nickle to get in. She made \$1.75 with that key. Mr. Frank Jessop paid admission to one card party with a \$20 bill and would accept no change. The McConnell side won with \$255.39 against the Russette side with \$152.95. A total of \$408.34 was raised, all in two months time.

In October 1933 we bought our present hall for \$370.00. It had been a hut school situated near the Essex County Sanatorium. In order to own property we had to become incorporated. The secretary was

sworn in. She had to contact every member and witness every signature. Some of the members were dubious about signing, not being too sure what they might be letting themselves in for. So two or three visits had to be made before all were convinced. One member in particular just would not sign so Mr. Hennin, then Reeve of Sandwich South advised us to send the petition on to the Registrar General. It was thought they would not object for lack of one name. But back it came, That name had to be on. Well, after three or four more trips she finally signed, then in two months quit the Institute. Now wouldn't you know!

The Roseland branch was the first Institute to own their hall in Ontario. Mr. Hennin was a great help to us always. He helped to draw up our first incorporation papers and with the filing of them each year, all free of charge.

The hall was moved on to our lot in November 1933. The first meeting was held in our hall in March, 1934 with Mrs. Charles Wright, now of Guelph, our first hostess. There were thirty six members present. Our first visitor was Mrs. Edward Bondy of Mount Clemens.

We carried on under very trying conditions for some time. Then we had the hall painted, the roof repaired and the building sided with Johns Mansville shingles. And ever since have been making improvements. In 1948 the new addition was built and we celebrated the opening of our bigger and brighter hall in November 1948 with a turkey dinner. In 1943 a much needed new floor was laid.

During Coronation Year we paid honor to our Queen with purchase of a lovely door. The plaque was paid for by life members of the Institute and the hardware findings by the Roseland Girl Guides.

Since their organization in 1934, the Girl Guides, Scouts, Brownies and Cubs have had free use of the hall. From time to time they have made contributions to our funds. It is only right that they should come to us for it is in keeping with our Motto "For Home & Country". They are not your children or my children. They are not only the youth of today but they are the men & women of tomorrow.

We have always donated towards all charity drives. Children's Hospital, Mental Institutions Schools for Retarded Children, Home & Overseas Flood & Tornado Disaster Funds, Greek Unitarian Service, Essex County Sanatorium and Riverview Hospital. We united with North Essex and South Essex in furnishing a room at Riverview Hospital. We have always helped at home where ever misfortune fell.

During the years of World War 2 we worked hand in hand with the Canadian Red Cross, We made over 4760 pounds of jam, made garments of all description, as well as knitted articles. We have pledged the use of our hall, and our services if needed, for Civil Defence work.

In 1935 after we had finished a home nursing course and had gone to the Y.W.C.A. to receive our diplomas, Mrs. Story of the Red Cross paid us this tribute. "I wish you people could see the hall at Roseland. To my mind it stands as a monument representing thrift, energy and co-operation. I think the Women's Institute of Roseland is to be congratulated for the wonderful spirit that predominates and is extended to all visitors."

In 1949 we of Roseland joined all of Essex Kent and Lambton Counties in a separation from the London Convention Area. These three counties now comprise the Southwestern Convention Area. Our first area chairman was Mrs. Fred Gallie Forest and our first Area secretary, Mrs. James McCarthy.

It has not always been sunshine. There were dark days when one of our members has passed away. There have been sunny days when there were births, marriages and anniversaries. There have been tears, smiles, headaches and heartaches and hard work which has been mingled with pleasures. And there have been wonderful friendships formed as we look back to the 50 years of activity and progress of our Women's Institute.

I started this little history with praise for the "Mother of the R.W.I!" I close with Praise, Good Wishes and Long Life to our husbands, for without their co-operation we could not function.

"God Bless Them"

L. McC.



April 2, 1926 - Essex Free Press -

Miss Josephine McCarthy died at the age of 64 years.

- 1906-8 Josephine McCarthy - Secretary  
 1908-12 Mrs Mary Wolfe Pres. Mrs. George Welch  
 1912-13 Mrs Wm Bulmer  
 1913-15 Mrs Domene LaPain  
 1917-18 Mrs Napoleon Dumouchelle  
 1918-20 Mrs Charles Allen  
 1920-21 Mrs David Robinson  
 1921-22 Mrs Joseph Henrico  
 1922-25 Mrs Charles Allen  
 1925-27 Mrs Daniel Burgess  
 1927-29 Mrs Charles Fitzpatrick  
 1929-31 Mrs Percy McConnell  
 1931-34 Mrs William Woods  
 1934-35 Mrs Ira Ford  
 1935-37 Mrs Ernest Soulier  
 1937-40 Mrs Ronald Allen  
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2 - 4 P.M.

7 - 10 P.M.

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