

# THIS IS HOW AND WHERE THE FIRST WOMEN'S INSTITUTE ORIGINATED

STONEY CREEK, Feb. 19, 1897 — One hundred and one women and one man, Erland Lee, attended a meeting tonight at Squire's Hall here. The following are the minutes of the meeting:

"Mr. Lee was chairman and an address was given by Mrs. John Hoodless.

"Moved by Mrs. Melson and seconded by Mrs. E. Lee, that we organize a Women's Department of Domestic Economy in affiliation with the Farmers' Institute.— Carried.

"It was decided that the name should be the "Women's Department of the Farmers' Institute of South Wentworth.

"The following officers were elected: Honorary president, Mrs. John Hoodless; president, Mrs. E. D. Smith of Winona; vice-president, Mrs. J. J. Dean of Fruitland; secretary, Miss M. Nash of Stoney Creek; treasurer, Mrs. J. H. McNeilly of Fruitland."

SQUIRE'S HALL, Feb. 25, 1897 — The second meeting of the Women's Department of the Farmers' Institute of South Wentworth met here this evening. The following are the minutes:

"Name of society discussed.

"Moved by Mrs. F. M. Carpenter, seconded by Mrs. Melson, that the name be changed to "The Women's Institute of Saltfleet." — Carried.

"The constitution and by-laws are prepared by the committee was submitted. After the constitution was read it was moved by Mrs. Dean, seconded by Mrs. Melson, that said constitution be adopted. — Carried.

"Letter read by secretary from Hon. John Dryden, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, to Sec. Erland Lee in reply to a request for a grant.

"Address by Miss Watson who gave an interesting paper on foods.

"Directors were then appointed.

"Moved by Mrs. Carpenter, seconded by Mrs. Petit, that Mrs. Erland Lee be a director. — Carried.

"Moved by Mrs. McNeilly, seconded by Mrs. Melson, that Mrs. C. Dewitt of Tapleytown be a director. — Carried.

"Moved by Mrs. Marcus Lee, seconded by Mrs. Dean, that Mrs. F. M. Carpenter be a director. — Carried.

"Auditors were then appointed.

"Moved by Mrs. Melson, seconded by Mrs. McNeilly, that Carlotta Orr be an auditor. — Carried.

"It was also moved and seconded that Mrs. (Dr.) Thompson be an auditor. — Carried.

"It was decided to hold meetings once every fortnight, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Pres., Mrs. E. D. Smith,  
Sec., M. E. Nash."

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## Roseland W. I.

In 1906, a branch of the Women's Institute was organized by Mrs. Colin Campbell. The first pres. was Mrs. George Welsh and the first secretary was Miss J. McCarthy.

In 1916, one of its members, the late Mrs. Chas. Allen, moved to Jackson's Corner (now Roseland) and the Inst. was brought here. Meetings were held in the homes of members until the membership grew to large to be accommodated.

In 1925 the name Jackson's Corner was changed to Roseland and the Inst. became the Roseland W. I.

In ~~1925~~ 1929 a drive for funds was put on with Mrs. Percy McConnell and Mrs. Leo Russett as Captains. Card parties were held with some of the men paying in a \$10.00 bill for admission. In two months \$408.34 was raised.

In June, 1930, the lot on which the Hall now stands was purchased from the late Mrs. Chas. Allen for \$800.00.

Mr. Joe Kennin drew up the Incorporation papers, the charter was presented and each member signed the Bond guaranteeing payment for the land. There are still 9 members on the present roll that were on the original charter in 1930.

Mrs. L. Russett

Mrs. S. Kibby

Mrs. J. Kennin

Mrs. M. Herdman

Mrs. S. Spring

Mrs. C. Washbrook

Mrs. Ron Allen

Mrs. Esther Archibald

Mrs. D. Robinson (our oldest member)

Mrs. J. McCarthy

In 1933 a building, the present hall - was purchased on Prince St. near the Sanatorium and put on our lot, Nov. 19th. The first meeting in the hall was held on May 1, 1934. Mrs. Blanche White was hostess & Mrs. D. Robinson was president. Our 1st winter 1933

A house warming was held Mar. 30, 1934  
In 1945 an addition was built and on Nov. 14 of that year the 2nd house warming was held. A stage & loud speaker installed



## Roseland W.I.

The Roseland W.I. held their regular meeting September 3 at 1:30 afternoon in Weston Park.

Joyce Hodgson opened the meeting with the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect.

The secretary Adelle Roberts called the roll call when nine members answered with an exchange of cookie recipes.

Motto - Over Weight Is Just Desserts. Irene Strachan replied to the motto with a talk on nutrition and how to prepare nutritious food with out adding sugar.

A collection of pennies for friendship was taken.

Adelle Roberts read the correspondence. A resolution asking that the manufacturers be encouraged to put stronger material in pockets of men's work clothes.

Oct. 6-7 will be the Area Convention at Pelee Inn. Ricky Robertson has made reservations for the nights lodging. The treasurer Edna Reaume collected the money for the meal tickets to be sent in.

There was a discussion to raise the bursary this year.

Joyce Hodgson was in charge of the program. She gave a talk on "How Turkey Point" got its name.

Adelle Roberts had a contest, "What Do These Initials Tell You".

Oct. 1, 1:30 afternoon will be the next meeting to be held at the home of Laura Tofflemire.

The program will be in charge of Sally Meunier.

The meeting was adjourned. Lunch was tea and cookies, when each one brought a few with their recipe.

Visitors are always welcome at the meetings.

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The Roseland W.I. met on Thursday, October 1 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Laura Tofflemire.

The President Irene Hogan opened the meeting with the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect.

Roll Call - A Thanksgiving Poem. This is one that was given: Give us this day, A heart that sings, With gratitude for the simplest things, Give us this day the special pleasure, Of giving life the fullest measure, and ever and ever let each of us say, Thank you, Dear Lord, for you gave us this day.

Motto - Do not return a kindness, pass it on. Myrtle Crowder replied to the motto with two readings, The Ten Commandments of Human Relations and He's Just a Little Boy, Not a Man Yet.

Program - Sally Meunier gave a reading on the different ways of discrimination. She also had a contest which every one enjoyed.

During the business it was announced that on Wednesday, October 14 at 1 o'clock in the Civic Centre, Room E, all W.I. members are urged to attend to make plans for the Ploughing Match, when it comes to Essex County in 1989 when a lot of help will be needed to prepare for it.

A letter was read stating the Park House Homestead needs volunteer help.

Thursday, November 5, 12 noon will be the next meeting at Ruby Robertson's. Bring a sandwich lunch.

Roll Call will be answered

## Roseland W.I.

The Roseland Women's Institute held their meeting November 5, 1987, 12 o'clock at the home of Ruby Robertson. Nine members sat down to a sandwich lunch. Ruby served delicious desserts, coffee and tea.

The President Irene Hogan opened the meeting with the Institute Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect.

Roll Call was answered with items for the history book.

Motto was a poem about history.

Edna Reaume replied to the Motto by reading an article from The Garden Gateways to Canada regarding the war of 1914.

On the morning of August 24, 1914, 250 volunteers for overseas service from the 21st Essex Fusiliers entrained at the Canadian Pacific Railway depot enroute to Valcartier Camp. Notification for departure came suddenly one day. The next morning the men assembled at Windsor Armories on London Street East. At 8:10 a.m. the train pulled out of the station.

During the ensuing years thousands of brave young men left Essex County for their training camps.

November 4, 1914, Colonel E.S. Wible left with a detachment of volunteers and his officers Captain Alan Prince, A.B. Laing and Harold Emery and Lieutenant C.P. Laing.

A record crowd accompanied the men on their march from the armories to the railroad station.

In the autumn of 1915 when the scheme of County Battalions became popular, recruiting on a large scale began throughout Essex County to organize the 99th Battalion.

Prominent leaders such as Major the Rev. J.C. Tomie and Judge O. Dromgole urged Essex County men to respond to the call. This recruiting drive continued throughout 1915 and 1916.

The secretary Adelle Roberts read the correspondence.

A meeting November 23, 1 p.m. in the board room of the Department of Agriculture and Food, Essex, regarding The Ploughing Match. Two members were appointed to attend.

Friday, December 11, 8 to 10 p.m., the County 4-H Awards Night in the Council Chambers of the Essex Civic Centre.

The Essex Tartan Committee needs workers to sew articles from the tartan preparing for the ploughing match.

November 26, a meeting at the Civic Centre, Essex, in charge of Margaret Barentt and Mrs. Hunter, Chairman and Assistant for all W.I. members to make plans for the Ploughing Match.

A donation will be sent to friends of 4-H.

The next meeting will be the Christmas party Thursday, December 3, 12 noon, with a pot luck lunch at the home of Irene Strachan. Roll Call will be Christmas card for shutins and food for Downtown Mission.

Visitors are always welcome.



## Roseland W.I.

Roseland W.I. held their meeting and Christmas Party December 17, 1987, 12 noon, at the home of Irene Strachan, when nine members sat down to a pot luck dinner.

The President Irene Hogan opened the business meeting

with the Mary Stewart Collect and the Institute Ode.

Adelle Roberts called the roll which was answered with food for the Downtown Mission. She announced cards were sent to shut-ins and all signed a card to be sent to Myrtle Crowder who was a

patient in Metropolitan Hospital.

Motto was a Christmas poem, Joyce Hodgson replied by telling the story, Legend of the Poinsettia and first Christmas Stocking.

The correspondence was a letter of a meeting on January 11 at 9:30 a.m. for the District Board Directors at the Civic Centre.

February 4-5, 1988, Essex County Federation of Agriculture display at the mall. Bonnie Popov, for the district will need help.

December 11 was the 4-H awards night at the Civic Centre. Ruby Robertson and Irene Hogan attended and received a gold seal to add to the plaque.

It was moved to send \$100 to friends of 4-H. A collec-

tion of pennies for friendship was taken. The meeting was adjourned.

Ruby Robertson gave each bits of felt material and we all made a Santa face to use on the fridge for Christmas.

Irene Hogan demonstrated attractive Christmas place mats made from old cards.

The party ended with a serving of Joyce Hodgson's trifle and tea, many went back for seconds. Irene Hogan thanked the hostess Irene Strachan for the use of her home and the lovely party.

January 7, 1988, 1:30 p.m. meeting will be at the home of Joyce Hodgson. The Resolutions Convenor Ruby Robertson is in charge.

## Roseland W.I.

The Roseland W.I. held their meeting on February 4th at the home of Irene Hogan.

The President Irene Hogan opened the meeting with the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect.

Roll call was answered with an exchange of Valentines.

Motto - Nothing stretches slacks like snacks.

The program was on nutrition. Irene Strachan who is very nutrition conscious gave a talk on the value of fruits and vegetables, nuts and herbs in the diet and nutritious ways of preparing them.

The Secretary Adelle Roberts read the correspondence.

The meeting of the Tartan Committee will be the last Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Centre in Essex. There is a request for more people to help sew articles from the tartan.

May 4th will be the District Annual meeting at St. Albans Anglican Church in Colchester.

February 29, at 1:30 p.m. at the O.M.A.F. board room Essex, meeting of W.I. members regarding the ploughing match.

Sally Meunier gave the Farm Safety Report. There were no casualties in the county during the year.

June 8th a bus trip is being planned for W.I. members to visit the Adelede Hoodless Home and Earlan Home at Milton.

March 3rd at 1:30 p.m. the W.I. will meet at the home of Sally Meunier.

Irene Hogan served the tea and everyone forgot that nothing stretches slacks like snacks and enjoyed themselves.

## Roseland W.I.

Roseland W.I. held their meeting Thursday, March 3 at the home of Sally Meunier.

The President Irene Hogan opened the meeting with the Mary Stewart Collect and Institute Ode.

The Secretary Adelle Roberts called the roll which was answered with old sayings or a proverb. A few of the sayings were: Never judge a neighbour until you have walked a mile in his moccasins; measure three times, cut once; the bath tub was invented in 1850 and the phone in 1875. In 1850 you could have sat in the tub without having the phone ring.

Motto: An Irish Poem. Laura Tofflemire read the legend of the leprechaun. Sure you've heard it before, but I'll wish it anew "Top of the morning and good luck to you. Happy St. Patrick's Day".

Irene Hogan conducted the business. Adelle Roberts read the correspondence.

A thank you note from the Erland Lee home for a memorial donation in memory of the late Violet Libby.

The Ruscom W.I. has been asked to put together the Official Ploughing Match '89 cookbook. All W.I. friends have been asked to contribute treasured recipes.

The business meeting closed. Sally Meunier showed how to cover wire coat hangers with nylon. We each went home with a cov-

ered hanger.

The hostess served tea and a delicious lunch and was thanked for her hospitality. It was an afternoon well spent.

The next meeting will be the annual meeting at the home of Laura Tofflemire on April 7th at 12 noon with a pot luck dinner. Visitors will be made welcome.

## Roseland W.I.

Roseland W.I. held their annual meeting April 7, with a pot luck lunch at the home of Laura Tofflemire.

The President Irene Hogan opened the meeting with the presentation of the flag, Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. The Secretary Adelle Roberts called the roll when the dues were paid. Motto - Revive memories of past W.I. years. Ruby Robertson the Curator gave a reply to the Motto. Pennies for Friendship were received. Get well cards were sent to the sick.

Irene Hogan was in the chair for the annual meeting. She called on the Co-ordinator Laura Tofflemire for a report of the years activities. We had a very productive and busy year. Compiled items of history in the Curator's book.

Members attended 4-H Awards Night and in recognition of our support received a gold seal to add to the plaque.

Demaris School in Windsor held a craft program. Rubby Robertson and Sally Meunier had the opportunity to teach Christmas crafts to the children.

Contributed recipes to the

cook book, Ruscom W.I., is compiling.

Our members shook hands with Premier David Peterson when he visited the Navy Yard in Amherstburg.

Picnics in two parks. Learned several crafts. Donated to all the W.I. projects and a number of charities in the community.

The Officers for the new year was installed by Doris Parr and Lottie O'Brien.

Past Pres. Mrs. Wm. Robertson; Pres. Mrs. Henry Hogan; 1st Vice Pres. Mrs. David Hodgson; 2nd Vice Pres. Mrs. Sally Meunier; Treas. Mrs. Glen Reaume; Alt. Treas. Roby Robertson; Dis. Dir. Mrs. Wm. Robertson; Alt. Dis. Dir. Mrs. Henry Hogan; P.R.O. Laura Tofflemire; Sunshine Sister Vera Bowyer; Cur. Mrs. Wm. Robertson; Resolutions Mrs. Sally Meunier; Prog. Co-or. Laura Tofflemire; Area Delegate Mrs. David Hodgson; Br. Directors Irene Strachan, Mrs. Glen Reaume, Florence Fields; Alt. Area Delegate Sally Meunier; Delegate Dis. Annual Mrs. Glen Reaume, Laura Tofflemire, Irene Hogan; Secy. Mrs. Joe Roberts.



articles and china items of Essex County tartan. They co-ordinate educational activities both at branch and county levels. As well as supporting 4-H clubs, they provide bursaries yearly for worthy 4-H members to continue post secondary education. There are over 200 members in Essex County divided among 12 local branches.

If you are interested in more information or would like to find the W.I. branch closest to you, contact Ian Rumbles, Ministry of Agriculture & Food, Essex, 776-7361.

**1st Joint W.I. Meeting**  
Essex District Women's Institute will celebrate the amalgamation of branches in Essex North and Essex South by holding their first annual meeting on May 4th at St. Alban's Church in Malden Township with registration at 9:30 a.m. Malden's Women's Institute will be hostesses. The luncheon fee is \$7. Women's Institute members in Essex County are active in promoting and selling fabric, handcrafted

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Roseland W. I.



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*Mrs Crowder*

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*Citizenship / Education Convenes*

# Education and Citizenship Paper.

I have chosen for my topic

## Guiding

And Guiding offers a program of training in citizenship for grade. Guiding is also educational, for a guide is taught many useful facts that she may use later in life.

The Patriot System, patterned on the democratic system of government, helps to develop the guides self-reliance, observation and thoughtfulness of others. As patriot leaders they learn to accept responsibility. In the Court of



2. Honour the Guides plan the future meetings, hikes and outings. No money is spent until it is voted upon and passed at these meetings.

Outdoor meetings, 'camping', hikes, woodcraft and nature lore are very important in the Guide program, these give girls healthy adventure and a physical fitness which increases their ability to become better homemakers. Membership in the Guide movement leads to lasting friendships and a understanding of girls of other lands. The movement is non-political (and) and it tries to co-operate with

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other educational organizations  
Membership in the Movement is  
voluntary and is open to all girls  
and women who will accept the  
Brownie or Guide promise and law.  
The age limits are Brownies 8-12.  
Guides - 12 to 16.  
Rangers - 16 on.

Guiding is non-denominational  
and each member respects the  
religious beliefs of others. All the  
Guides are encouraged to attend  
their own churches regularly

The Girl Guide movement was  
founded in 1909 by the Lord  
Baden-Powell & Gilwell



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The Lady Baden-Powell is the World Chief Guide. It was in 1910 that the first Guide Co was formed in St Catherine's and the Movement spread rapidly across all Canada.

In Roseland the 1st Guide meeting was held in the Institute hall April 1934, 18 years ago. Mrs H. Thompson was the Guide Leader and Doris Jessop now Mrs Mitchell was Lieutenant.

The Co. grew as Roseland grew till the present day there is a membership of 45 Guides with Mrs L. Dave as their leader doing a wonderful job <sup>This is</sup> ~~twice~~ easily seen as the Guides have



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earned approximately 90 Proficiency  
Badges this year and are still  
working hard for more. Many are  
also completing their First Class  
work.

Guiding is fun, it offers many  
opportunities to young girls. It is  
a thrilling adventure to belong  
to a group and discover  
interesting things about the world,  
where she will learn to use her  
hands, her eyes and her mind  
and at the same time have  
fun.

Guiding is also fun for the  
Leader. You learn many  
new skills yourself. And the  
association with the Guides is



inspiring and interesting.

Submitted by

Mrs Helma Fitter

Aug 7. <sup>th</sup> 1952

Portland Institute