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MAR WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Founded 1905



The Women's Institute was founded February 19, 1897 at Stony Creek as a result of a presentation made by Adelaide Hunter Hoodless at a meeting of the Farmers' Experimental Union at Guelph in the fall of 1896.

Over the years, through the foresight and efforts of its members, the W.I. has pursued many ways of improving the lives of rural women and their families. Today, most of us take many of these ways for granted, but they were once the rallying cry of the Women's Institutes.

Did you know that some of these ways include:

- Pasteurization of milk,
- Wrapping of bread,
- Painting of white lines on provincial highways,
- Signs at railroad crossings,
- Music on the school curriculum,
- The legal age for marriage to be 16 with parental consent,
- Mandatory stopping for school buses with flashing lights,
- Obtaining public liability insurance before getting a driver's license,
- Teaching sex education in schools,
- Clear markings on poison containers,
- Dental and medical inspections in schools,
- T.B. tests for persons handling food,
- The program of free immunization at school,
- Formation of the MacDonald Institute at the University of Guelph.
- Lobbying for the establishment of Brock University ?