

Conservation Project - The Farm Woodlot

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tivated fields in winter as well as in summer, since wheat and clover usually winter better in fields that are adjacent to woodland, or evergreen windbreaks, and excessive evaporation and wind damage are reduced in the summer.

"8. BEAUTY OF THE LANDSCAPE. The scenic attractions of a countryside are greatly enhanced if there are woodlots.

"9. NESTING PLACES FOR BIRDS. Birds which feed on insects and caterpillars are of inestimable value to the farmer, as many of these insects, sometimes occurring in plague proportions, will damage crops if they are not controlled.

"10. FLOOD CONTROLS. Woodland reduces the surface run-off in all seasons, thus helping to control floods on rivers and creeks. The mulch of decaying vegetation in an un-



Now when so many Institutes are celebrating their Fiftieth Anniversary we are especially reminded of what we owe to the women who have made a rich contribution to the work over many years. This picture was taken at last year's York County Women's Institute and Historical Society picnic. Mrs. W. O. Duncan, Thistle town, (right) was the oldest Women's Institute president attending, and Mrs. Albert Milne, Queensville, (left) the oldest York Pioneer and Historical Society member present.



Left: Mrs. H. Hopper, Regional Vice-President, Y.W.I.O. Right: Mrs. Clara Lintell Deakin, City View and Marivale Institute, author of the Women's Institute Grace to be sung to the tune of the Old Hundred:

"We thank Thee, Father, for Thy care,
Food, friends and kindness we share,
May we forever mindful be
Of 'Home and Country' and of Thee."

grazed forested area acts as a sponge, absorbing water that would run off as surface water on cleared land and heavily grazed woodlots. Roots provide a passage for water into the subsoil. The shade of the trees retards the melting of the snow in the spring, thus holding back water that would otherwise swell the flood tides.

"11. RESERVOIRS. Woodland and swamps are natural reservoirs that provide water for springs and wells. The ground water-level has been lowered in many sections as a result of denudation. There are many wells that formerly provided an adequate supply of water for the farm, which, due to the lack of sufficient forest growth, are now dry part of the time. Many farms have a lower value because of the inadequate water supply.

"12. WORK. Fuelwood and timber are cut during the winter months when there will always be seasonal unemployment."