



Mrs. Edward Schiedal and Mrs. A. E. Bean, charter members, examining the Haysville Branch historical booklet.

Women's Institute History in a Brochure

The preparation of a seven page brochure for the information of their members and others has been a Centennial Project of the **Haysville** Branch of the Women's Institute. The first part of the brochure tells of the founding of the Women's Institute in 1897, the growth and some of the achievements of the organization.

Later pages tell of the founding of the Haysville Branch on November 20, 1914, mentioning some members who have made outstanding contributions to the Branch and through the Branch to the community, and the activities of the Branch as an organized group.

This brochure, the work of Mrs. Clarence Diamond, a member of the Haysville Branch and Provincial Relations Officer for F.W.I.O., is used as a souvenir for members of the Branch and is given to non-members and other women as a means of acquainting them with the history and activities of the Women's Institute.

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We may live without friends; we may live without books;

But civilized man cannot live without cooks.

He may live without books, — what is knowledge but grieving?

He may live without hope, — what is hope but deceiving?

He may live without love, — what is passion but pining?

But where is the man who can live without dining?

Earl of Lytton

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A Centennial Project Revived This Branch

FOUR YEARS AGO the Corunna branch of the Women's Institute in Lambton County was seriously considering disbanding. They had fourteen names on the membership list but only eight were active. All of the members, with their president Mrs. Clayton Wilson, were greatly concerned. There had been a Women's Institute branch in Corunna for years and it had contributed much to the community and to the lives of the women who had been members.

These women did some serious thinking and considered a suitable Centennial project. They decided to raise \$500 to purchase a "Resuscitator" for their Volunteer Fire Department. They met with the Fire Department only to be told that they already had a resuscitator but what they really needed was a rescue truck, equipped to meet any type of accident or emergency.

The women considered this new idea. The cost would be about \$5,000 but there was a real need for this equipment. Corunna, on the St. Clair River, had experienced a population explosion due to two new industries, the Ontario Hydro and Canadian Industries Ltd. There were also many nearby chemical plants. The Women's Institute decided to take the lead in this ambitious effort as their Centennial project.

The Volunteer Firemen agreed to conduct a house to house canvass. Mrs. Martha Richmond, appointed chairman of the project and Mrs. Wilson called on the businesses and industries in the area. Letters were sent to people who owned summer homes. Churches, and all other organizations were contacted.

The people interested in Corunna were generous; the first bank deposit was made at the end of January 1967. At the first of December the bank deposit stood at \$4,561 and the truck was ordered. When it arrives the Women's Institute plan to have a ceremony at which the truck will be turned over to the firemen.

The Corunna Women's Institute say that they cannot take full credit for this achievement since they received so much cooperation from the people of the village; but they were the leaders and organizers.

The danger that the Corunna Branch will disband is over. They have discovered their own abilities; enthusiasm has been renewed. They have eight new members.

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The tools you acquire are not so important as what you do with them.