

River Valley Women's Institute Celebrate Centennial

To celebrate Centennial the **River Valley Women's Institute** reenacted the November 1910 meeting of their Branch. The authentic minutes of the November, 1910, meeting were read.

Members in costume worked at quilting a quilt as the meeting took place. Features of the meeting were: a member giving a tip on making home-made soap; a member demonstrating the proper method of sharpening knives; a member reading a two hundred and six verse poem with the title, "Mother's Last Words."

A summary of news events for 1910 was read by a member. Some of these events were: "The electric lights were turned on in Stirling for the first time on Monday, February 28, 1910." "Mr. J. Hanna's black minorca hen laid an egg 7"x8¼", weighing 4½ lbs." "On April 7 the water wagon started its rounds for the season."

At the 1910 meeting the **Healthful Living Committee** provided the lunch.

Providence Bay were presented with an old Orange Hall which they have renovated. The members have planted and cared for several flower beds in the village.

Molesworth sponsored a float with the theme "Saturday Night in 1867".

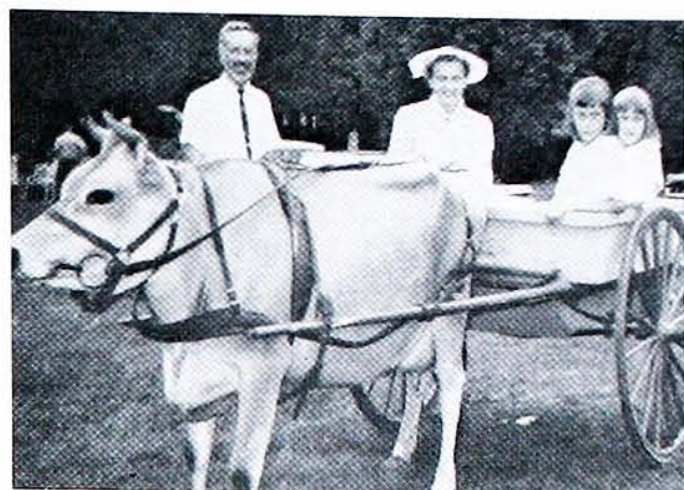
Laurel have undertaken to renovate a building erected for a church in 1865 but later used as a school. It will serve as a community centre.

Dundas District Women's Institutes displayed the Tweedsmuir Village History books from their eleven branches, and the District book at a Centennial tea. The members wore centennial gowns, peek-a-boo bonnets, floral hats, and antique jewellery. There was an interesting display of antiques.

Eramosa Township's Women's Institutes combined to sponsor a Centennial program. Features were an old-fashioned spelling bee and a debate. Subject for debate was "Resolved that the second century of Canada will be more challenging than the first."

Kipling sponsored an all day midsummer festival in which families of the Scandinavian people who settled in the North Bay area took a prominent part. There was a display of articles used by the Scandinavians and a Women's Institute member, Mrs. Fred Englund showed a Book of Remembrance which she had prepared. The book is a detailed history of the Scandinavian families.

South Neebing presented a walker for children to the Cerebral Palsy Association as their Centennial project.



Mrs. H. Lambert, a member of the Riverside Women's Institute, and her daughters arrive at the Riverside Centennial celebrations in an ox drawn cart.

Maple Leaf-Lennox answered the roll call for their Centennial meeting by members telling stories of "The Horse and Buggy Days."

Mainsville — theme — "Life in the home and community in 1867." Members were divided into four groups each taking a topic. Topics were: "Purchasing at the store in 1867," "A Day in the Life of a Woman 1867", "Highlights of the Year 1867", "How holidays were celebrated 1867."

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Women's Institutes of Ontario Winners Of the A.C.W.W. Competitions

Essay, "My Hopes for the Future" — a letter from a mother to her daughter: First — Mrs. Laura A. Brown, 10 Cameron St. N., Kitchener; Second — Mrs. J. L. Thomas, R.R. 1, Schomberg; Third — Mrs. Vivian H. J. Shaw, R.R. 2, Perth.

Needlework Competition: Class A — "A Traditional Sample of Stitches" — First — Mrs. William VanDam, 23 Yonge St. N., Box 384, Walkerton; Second — Mrs. R. E. Fitzer, R.R. 2, North Bay; Third — Mrs. Leslie Davidson, 90 Riverview Blvd., St. Catharines.

Class B — "A Piece of Free Needlework" — using local materials if desired" — First — Mrs. F. J. Gardiner, Box 411, R.R. 2, Aurora; Second — Mrs. William VanDam, 23 Yonge St. N., Box 384, Walkerton; Third — Mrs. Noel Conman, R.R. 1, Blair; Fourth — Mrs. Leslie Davidson, 90 Riverview Blvd., St. Catharines.

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