

From the Pages of History

November 20-21, 1928, FWIO meeting.

Mrs. W. R. Lang — FWIO Board member, was granted permission to have **1000 copies of her supplement "Laws of Ontario"** published by FWIO (in the beginning those sitting on the Board were known as Board Members).

The **President** or her representative and the **Superintendent** or representative attended twelve Conventions with an attendance of 3700 WI members.

The Tobermory Fund — contributions from Branches amounting to over \$3000.00 with expenses off, the fund stands at \$2984.00. The funds will go toward subsidization of a Doctor for Tobermory.

November 28-29, 1929, FWIO meeting.

Mr. T.H. Moore, Secretary of the **proposed Peace Garden**, between Canada and the United States, explained that the idea is to found a fund of \$5,000,000. (25¢ from each adult and 5¢ from each child of both countries) to begin and perpetuate such a garden, and ask that the Institutes co-operate in the collection of this money. Mrs. F. Haggan, Mrs. Andrew Kerr and Mrs. Jos. Peart were elected to work with Mr. Moore.

"That in view of the fact that the **Institutes have contributed** during the past year approximately \$13,000.00 to interests outside their own centres, be it resolved that all Branch Institutes consider very carefully the needs and possibilities in their own communities before contributing to undertakings outside their own counties."

FROM REPORT OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held in London, England, May, 1933.

Message from the Founder of the First Women's Institutes in England and Wales, Mrs. Alfred Watt.

It is seventeen years since the first Women's Institute was formed in this country at Llanfairpwllgwyngyll, Wales. To-day, with the formation of Market Bosworth Women's Institute, there are five thousand Women's Institutes. Seventeen years is but a flash in eternity, but it is our period. During these distressed and shadowed years there has been little hope in much of the world, but we have brought hope to the homemakers of the countryside. Nothing less than a social revolution has taken place in our villages. Over three hundred thousand women have been given a chance to better their condition in life. Every working day in the year, two hundred Women's Institute meetings of an educational character have had their inevitable and beneficent reactions upon our rural population. We have kept well before the nation the importance of the countrywomen to the nation. We are proud to think that we have given new meanings and new values to the key words of our social structure. Organization is with us a well-oiled machinery, which we know how to use and control. Service, as we give it, is a considered policy of raising community standards and educating community opinion. We co-operate because we wish to do so and not merely because we know it to be right. Democracy is, with us, absolute equality of opportunity and self-government.

Our records of achievement will be readily conceded. But it is not by what we have done that we should wish to be measured, but by what we are. To give a single example. We all hear daily, "The Women's Institute has brought us all together." Could there be a finer tribute to the qualities our membership means to imply, friendship, sympathy, understanding?



LIVING SPRINGS WI, WELLINGTON CENTRE DISTRICT honor members who have belonged to the Branch for many years. Framed diplomas of appreciation were presented for faithful service given over the 41-56 years. L-r Mrs. Harry Mitchell, Mrs. Enos Flewelling, Mrs. Herb Wilson, Charter Member; Mrs. James Carlaw, Mrs. Stan Louttit, Mrs. Luther Smeltzer.



SOUTH LOBO WI, MIDDLESEX NORTH DISTRICT members pose at Summary night, displaying some of their quilted articles. The group contributed to the program with an original song, and costumes to fit the occasion. Front row L-r, Mrs. Ray Henderson, Mrs. Don McLachlan, Mrs. John Lamont and Mrs. Grant Ladell. Back row, Mrs. Fraser Campbell, Mrs. Wilfred Culver, song composer; and Mrs. Bert Roth.