

she feels this is a good idea and hopes to introduce something during her term of office.

Individually, the Grey South branches are involved in a multitude of projects.

Each year the Ayton Branch canvasses for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and all branches have supported 4-H homemaking clubs with leaders and with money. There are five agricultural fairs in the district and they are supported by the branches with money and booths. Several branches are helping to raise money for new x-ray equipment at the Hanover Hospital. Grey County is supporting Participation Lodge, a home for the physically handicapped located at Holland Centre, and of course Grey South is involved in that Project. For many years branches in Grey South have sponsored public speaking competitions at schools, by offering prizes and by judging the contests.



Looking over the books of Grey South District, which date back to 1902, are district president Ruth Thomas (left) and secretary-treasurer Rose Blasing. Still in tact are three books marking the origins of Grey South. They are the Minute Book, Cash Book and Membership Book. They are treasured by the members of the South Grey District.

*This poem was used in a presentation at a Grey County Rally by its author, Lois Keeling, a member of the Bognor Women's Institute.*

Time was when mother planned  
A week ahead to go  
To Institute, a real highlight  
you know.

Then when she had a meeting  
She cleaned for a week or more  
She worked and worked on programs  
Read and studied to present her lore.  
Then came progress or so they say,  
Improvements in her life.

Work was easier, travel too  
More clubs and groups for the  
housewife

Still Institute was a joy!  
Though more often speakers  
she'd employ.

So what's in store for m'lady  
tomorrow

Computers, TV, microwaves and  
kind

Perhaps, but let us hope  
Our Institute ideals we still find,  
For Home and Country uppermost  
in our mind.

EXPLANATION		RECEIPTS
June	To Membership Fees	6 50
Feb		75
March 11		25
" 25		75
May 19		25
	By Postage	
	By Printing C. Bannings	
June 5	To Membership Fees	20
" 14		25
" 18	By Postage	
" 22	Expense of Holstein meeting	9 00
July 1	To Bal on hand	6 50
		10 00

This page of the Grey South District Cash Book clearly shows the receipts of the organization in the early part of 1902. Incoming monies totalled \$9 and expenditures for the first year of operation were \$2.15. Secretary-treasurer Mrs. Blasing explained how different those finances were compared to today's. Now the district's budget is well over \$1,000 annually. It is interesting to note the expenses of the group. Money went out to postage, a meeting in Holstein and some printing.