

In 1923 our club members were studying the Grading of Dairy Products, as conducted under the Dairy Standards Act; and the proposed system of co-operative selling of dairy products. Co-operation, as applied to buying and selling and co-operative marketing as carried out in other sections of the province and in other countries was one of the main subjects of study throughout the duration of this club.

Health and nutrition was another subject, the study of which proved beneficial to the community.

There is no doubt but what this health study helped pave the way for the whole-hearted manner in which mothers in this community, co-operated with the local medical Officer of Health, in presenting their children of pre-school age as well as those of school age for the inoculations to prevent diphtheria, scarlet fever and whooping cough, as well as having them vaccinated to prevent smallpox.

Peace and Democracy, Canadian Industries, Credit Unions, we notice also as being subjects for discussion and study.

This Farm Women's Club took an active part in Red Cross work during World War II. Yarn for knitting and material for sewing was obtained from the Red Cross Branch in Renfrew and members of the club and other ladies in the community made and donated several quilts to the Red Cross. This organization was responsible also for arranging for collection of salvage materials in the neighborhood.

Farm Radio Forum was another venture that was sponsored by this club in 1941. This branch of the Forum was one of the first to be organized in the county. The discussions following the broadcasts were spirited and of much benefit.

It can truly be said that some folks who never "talked out in meeting" as the saying goes, found their voice and a growing confidence in themselves by asking questions and venturing an opinion in these small and intimate study groups. The discussion groups met in the homes and over the sociable "cup of tea" that ended the evenings activities, just about every topic of interest to women had an airing.

In January 1943 the Women's Club and Men's Club formed a joint club, the executive being composed of women and men. The club was now known as Maple Hill Co-Operative Club.

At the July 1943 meeting of the joint club the Admaston Township branch of the Federation of Agriculture was organized with the assistance of Mr. Garfield Richardson of Burnstown, President of South Renfrew Federation of Agriculture.

The executive was composed of: George Reid, President; James Campbell, Secy.-Treasurer; Executive Officers, Duncan Campbell, John Hodgins and Emmerson Elliott.

In December 1944 the women ended their membership in this Co-operative Club. No material for study or activities for women was being sent from Toronto and having a Women's Institute in view, the lady members decided to divert their attention to that organization.