

Highlights and Accomplishments  
of the  
Burgoyne Women's Institute

At the regular meeting of Burgoyne Women's Institute on October 13, 1949 at the home of Mrs. A. Vennard a paper was read by Mrs. A. Finnie giving the highlights of the first ten years' accomplishments of the Institute. To the older members some of this information will be repetition, but a short review will be of interest to the younger members.

On October 11, 1939, Burgoyne Women's Institute came into being at the home of Mrs. Emerson Smith with 19 present. Mrs. G. E. Evans of Allenford, District President for East Bruce, assisted by the late Mrs. C. Crawford of Tara, District Secretary Treasurer, inaugurated this organization, to be known as Burgoyne Women's Institute of East Bruce, Province of Ontario. Time of meeting the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. This was later changed to the first Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

The first slate of officers was as follows:

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| President        | Mrs. E. Smith          |
| 1st Vice Pres.   | Mrs. C. Trask          |
| 2nd Vice Pres.   | Miss Marion McCannel   |
| Sec'y.-Treas.    | Mrs. M. Newman         |
| Dist. Director   | Mrs. S. Chappel        |
| Branch Directors | Mrs. L. Schell         |
|                  | Mrs. Geo. Chappel, Jr. |
|                  | Mrs. G. Campbell       |
| Auditors         | Mrs. C. M. Underwood   |
|                  | Mrs. Geo. Chappel, Sr. |
| Pianist          | Miss A. Schwas         |

There were thirteen Charter members as follows:

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| Mrs. E. Smith          | Mrs. C. Trask        |
| Miss Marion McCannel   | Mrs. M. Newman       |
| Mrs. S. Chappel        | Mrs. L. Schell       |
| Mrs. Geo. Chappel, Jr. |                      |
| Mrs. G. Campbell       | Mrs. C. M. Underwood |
| Mrs. Geo. Trask        | Mrs. W. Trask        |
| Mrs. R. McCarrel       | Mrs. A. J. McLean    |

At the end of the first Institute year there were 23 members.

One of the first motions made was that any member unable to answer the roll call must rise and address the chair as follows: "Madam President, I have nothing to say." This has not been adhered to.

An exchange of Christmas gifts and the packing of Shut-In Boxes has been in effect from the early beginning, also remembering those ill enough for hospitalization or doctor's care with a gift. To show the difference in the times, at the December meeting of 1939 we decided to quilt any quilt at \$1.50 to 2.00 according to the work on same, and we thought we are making a bit of money.

In January, 1940, we were busy with War work working in conjunction with the Port Elgin Patriotic Society and continuing a faithful contributor until the end of the War. In September, 1940, our first display at the Port Elgin Agricultural Society brought first prize. There have been few, if any, displays missed since. Not all brought first prize, but we have won our share.