

Women's Institute Golden Jubilee observed locally-1947

The Reids Corners Institute entertained former members and guests in Pine River Church, where they organized in 1913, in celebration of the Golden jubilee of the founding of Women's Institute work in Ontario. Reids Corners Institute had its first meeting February 27<sup>th</sup> 1913 thirty four years ago.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs Thomas Blair, daughter-in-law of the first president Mrs George Blair. Mrs Bert Mason the present secretary presided with her. The first secretary Mrs John Reid was also present.

After the Ode was sung and the Creed repeated, Mrs John Reid read the Scripture. Prayer followed by the Rev. J. E. Hutton. During a brief period of business eighteen new members joined.

Mrs James Farrell in a very pleasing manner welcomed the guests. This was responded to by Mrs David McDonald, a Ripley member.

Mrs Walter Steele, the historical research convenor was then called on. She felt privileged to have this office at this momentous time. She spoke on the compiling of the Tweedsmuir History Book. This book to be kept up to date and preserved for all time.

The Reids Corners History was prepared by sixteen of the members who collected data and pictures of sixteen different places of interest in the community. They were: "The girls and boys in the service" 1914-18 and 1939-45 by Mrs Bert Mason; "The First Settlement." 1847-1947 Mrs Walter Brown; "The Anglican Church." Mrs Wm Country Pine River Church; Mrs Ross Shields. "S.S. No 1." Mrs Tom Blair: "S.S. No 9." Miss Margaret McMurthey; "S.S. No 13" Mrs Eldon Bradley; "The Growth of Amberley" Mrs Tom Brown "The Woodsmen Hall, Temperance Hall and Blacksmith Shop concession 4." Miss L. G. Welsh. "Bethel Church Pine River store, Blacksmith shop" Mrs James Farrell. "Point Clark" Miss Ethel Rae; "Bruce Beach" Mrs Wm Murdoch; "Pine River Cheese Factory" Mrs John Reid; "West Huron Park" Mrs Mervyn Eckmies; "History of the Farms" Mrs Stewart Shields; "The Reids Corners Women's Institute" Mrs Wm Steele.

Mrs Steele spoke of the story of the Institute and its founder Mrs Adelaide Hoodless and then gave some highlights of the Reids Corners Institute since its founding, also current events of the community mentioning the new Community Hall which has been planned and a site chosen south of the church on Highway 21. Much of the labour will be done by local men.