

History of South Saugeen W. I. cont'd:

and jams, for use of the patients, and many of our members give assistance with sewing, mending and knitting. Donations are also made to any appeal received that we consider worthy of our support.

With the intention of making this historical sketch possibly a little more interesting to the reader, each President was asked to give a brief outline of the highlights of her term of office, and we commence with Mrs. Mel. Black, President from June 1947 to April 1949:

"My term of office, as President, being the first two years after organization, was a period of 'beginnings'. The Tweedsmuir Book was commenced, with Mrs. Chas. Kelly Sr., as custodian; a group of members joined the Eruce Co-operative Medical Services; cups and spoons were purchased for use at social gatherings in the community; and we also purchased song sheets and music books.

"Of outstanding interest, was a meeting at which two pioneers of the district, Mrs. Theo. Kelly and Mrs. Jas. Clazie, both over 90 years, each gave reminiscences of pioneer days, and Mrs. Kelly recited a lengthy humorous poem in the Scottish dialect.

"Looking back over the years, I have been amazed at the amount and variety of talent that has been unearthed among the members of this Institute and their families, very largely as a result of our community activities."

Our next President was Mrs. Arthur Reoch, who served from 1949 - 50, she said: "I enjoyed very splendid co-operation from the members of the South Saugeen W. I., during my term as President of the Branch.

"We had educative and interesting meetings, including many fine topics, good mottoes and interesting roll calls.

"Financially, we were able to donate to a number of worthy causes, among them \$50.00 towards the purchase of a portable X-Ray machine for the Saugeen Memorial Hospital, Southampton; each month we sent a 20 lb. food parcel to relatives and friends of our members living in Britain; and we purchased a quantity of folding chairs for use at social gatherings in the community."

Mrs. Moffatt Jamieson, in recalling her term as President from 1950 - 52 said: "One of the highlights of my term of office, was a Grandmother's meeting, which was conducted entirely by the Grandmothers among our membership. Mrs. John Bell was the convenor, and the programme was presented in a most enjoyable manner. Mrs. William Jeffrey and Mrs. James Clazie gave recollections of early days in Saugeen Township, which was both interesting and enlightening.

"Our Institute banner was made by three members, Mrs. Harold Sutherland, Mrs. Andrew

McEwing and Mrs. M. Black, and presented to the Branch. We made a donation of \$50.00 towards the purchase of an oxygen tent for the Saugeen Memorial Hospital at Southampton and a further donation of \$50.00 towards the building fund at the hospital. Additional folding chairs were purchased and a bale of new and good used clothing valued at \$171.00, for needy families overseas, was sent from our Branch. A cash donation was also sent to the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund.

"I enjoyed my term as President, and found each member giving co-operation in all our endeavours."

During the next three years, 1952 - 55, Mrs. Jas. Cluley was President. Mrs. Cluley is a very enthusiastic person, abounding with ideas that are 'original', and she gave us leadership which was characteristic of her personality.

During her term of office, several features were inaugurated which have become annual events.

The Sunshine Pal project was introduced and enjoyed for several years; our annual Fowl supper was started and the annual auction sale at a regular meeting was commenced. Each year at one of our summer meetings, we entertain as many as possible of the young girls in the community, in the hope of laying the foundation of future W. I. membership.

It was during this time also, that a number of our members purchased Institute pins; sent old woollens to be made into blankets, thereby realizing a handsome number of blankets as premiums, which were sold.

Use was made of the Legislative Grant for educational purposes. The first year we sponsored a Public Speaking contest among the school children of our sections, and the second year a contest for a poster, depicting a local industry. Additional folding chairs were purchased, and a cupboard was built at #5 school, for storing the chairs, dishes and Institute property.

Each member also contributed One Dollar towards a fund for establishing a Bruce County Museum at Southampton, which has proved very successful. The new edition of the W. I. Song Book was published during these years, and we purchased enough for our needs. We also made a cash donation towards a television set for the Home for the Aged, at Walkerton.

Mrs. Cluley enjoyed the co-operation of all members, during her term of office.

From 1955 - 58, Mrs. S. Karcher was our President, and she said: "During my term of office, as a Branch, we had many pleasant and memorable occasions.

In August, 1955, under the convenorship of Mrs. J. McEwing, a bus was chartered for a day, and 28 members, some visitors and a few young