

# Stoney Creek story in a Scottish newspaper

Following is a story from The Sunday Post (Scotland). As it originated in Stoney Creek I considered that it may be of interest to your readers. I am not familiar with The Women's Institute; I didn't even know it still existed. However, I thought your readers might be interested in the story:

*IT WAS a race against time.*

*As dawn broke over a log cabin in the Canadian backwoods, a young mother called Adelaide Hoodless sat nursing her sick baby. Her husband had ridden for the doctor, but in her heart she knew it was too late. Tragically, her premonition was right. By the time the doctor arrived, the battle had been lost.*

*The cause? Contaminated milk.*

*For Adelaide Hoodless had not sterilised her baby's bottle, simply because she did not know any better.*

*Heartbroken, Adelaide channelled her grief into a fierce determination no other mother should repeat her tragic mistake. In the years that followed she travelled the country visiting lonely homesteads, and passing on her life-saving message.*

*She realised country women could help each other in all sorts of ways, and that's how the first*

*meeting of a Woman's Institute took place — in Stoney Creek, Ontario in 1897.*

*Later Adelaide came to Wales and set up a branch there — and now 340,000 belong to the Women's Institute in this country, all with the aim of helping each other.*

*And it happened because of a mother's grief.*

J. S. Willis

## DeCew Falls WI holds monthly March meeting

The DeCew Falls branch of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Russell Yungblut for their March meeting.

The meeting took the form of a potluck luncheon. The tables were tastefully decorated with shamrocks and a good lunch was enjoyed.

A memorial gift was sent to the Adelaide Hoodless Home in memory of Mrs. Anna Yerchuck. Adelaide Hoodless was the founder of the Women's Institute in 1897. The roll call was answered by a special collection for Pennies for Friendship which helps support the organization in needy countries.

A nominations committee was named to attend a program report meeting at the home of Mrs. Clara Olesen April 4 at 1:30 p.m. A questionnaire was handed out regarding next year's program.

It is expected there will be a smocking course put on by the Allenburg Women's Institute in the fall. A member will take the course.

The program for the day was international affairs. Mrs. Elsie Smith read two of her own poems on spring and Easter which were appropriate. Mrs. Esther Summers gave a very informative talk on Iceland and displayed articles that had been sent to them from her mother's homeland.

The club was treated to Icelandic cake, a sandwich cake made of layers of sponge cake with a prune jam mixture in between. A social time was enjoyed.

## Getting ready for June 10 Canada Flag Day

Parades are happenings perceived as spectacular extravaganzas by both young and old. It is a thrill to behold this scene as a spectator but an even greater thrill is experienced when you are a contributing part of the adventure. Parades normally contain clowns, marchers, bands, floats, majorettes and any number of other displays or vehicles commemorat-

ing a specific item, event or person.

The success and continuance of these events is dependent solely on involvement by groups and people like you. Please accept this invitation to join (and create) the fun.

The 21st Canada Flag Day Parade will be held on June 10 at

2 p.m. and we sincerely hope that you will be able to attend and help make this year's celebration as successful as, or better than last year.

Looking forward to seeing you on Canada Flag Day '89.

R.H. Nicholls  
Parade Marshal  
Canada Flag Day '89