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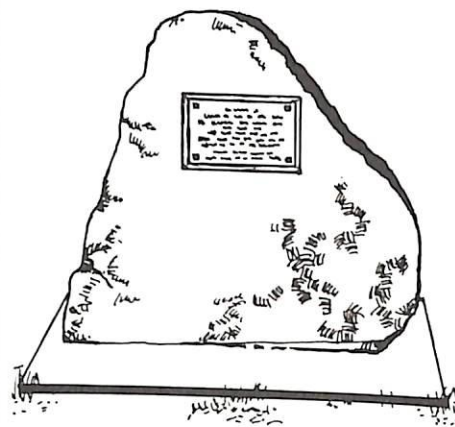
Inscription on Plaque

The world's first Women's Institute was organized at Squire's Hall, Stoney Creek, in 1897. Erland Lee, a founder of the Farmers' Institute, assisted by his wife, arranged the meeting. About 100 women from the Saltfleet Township district attended and were persuaded by Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless to form an organization of their own to improve their skills in the arts of homemaking and child care. Here in the Lee home, Mr. Lee subsequently helped to draft the constitution of the new society. Mrs. E.D. Smith of Winona became the first president of the "Mother Institute". The Women's Institute movement has since become a world-wide organization.

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In memory of Erland Lee and his wife Janet who pioneered the first Women's Institute now world wide at Stoney Creek, February 19, 1897 and to commemorate their home with table on which the constitution was drawn up. Erected by the

District of
South Wentworth Women's Institute.



*Memorial plaque placed on granite
boulder in front of Lee Home,
May 28, 1961.*

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— Ronald E. Osborn

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