

Women's Institute honors memory of Elizabeth Bagshaw

STONEY CREEK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The meeting for July 19 was held at the home of Jean Craig on Douglas Place. A sing-song relaxed the ladies while they settled back to hear a very humorous recitation *Seniors Are Worth A Fortune*.

Correspondence was read from Willimina O'Byrne from Durban, Natal, South Africa, who sent greetings and described a senior's club she belongs to. A second letter from Dorothy Murray in Zimbabwe illustrated a new type of retirement complex that she, her husband and servant were just moving into. A third letter from Mary McCabe, Helston, Cornwall, thanked the Stoney Creek branch for their participation in their 75th celebration link-up with Stoney Creek.

The rest of the afternoon was

given over to remembering one of Canada's leading women doctors, Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw of Hamilton. Members brought and read clippings from newspapers marking important milestones in her life. Members shared experiences they had with this wonderful lady and her family.

Dr. Bagshaw was born on a farm in Victoria county. As she grew up she attended a one-room country school house, going on to Lindsay collegiate. She graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in medicine in 1905, setting up a practice in Hamilton in 1906.

Early house calls were made by bicycle and then by horse and carriage followed by a Model T Ford.

She began Canada's first birth

control clinic. She was moved by the poverty of scores of unwanted children and overburdened mothers who she saw among the city's European immigrants.

By some she was branded a heretic. She delivered over 3,000 babies and spearheaded the Planned Parenthood Association.

A school on Albright Avenue was named after her, the Elizabeth Bagshaw Public School. While still alive she received the Order of Canada Award and the Governor General's Persons award as well as many others.

When she began her practice, there were mud streets, no pasteurized milk, no insulin and no antibiotics. She died in January 1982 and had lived to over 100 years of age.

We all felt inspired by this brave lady who disregarded public scorn to make life better for women.

After the meeting, a delightful lunch was served in the garden as our ladies continued to discuss the good doctor and her years of practice in Hamilton. Lunch was donated by Mary Brewster and June Williams.

Our next meeting will be held

at the home of Mary Dean on Plateau Place Aug. 9 at 1:30 p.m., and will be a garden party. Bring an interesting item to read.

The door prize was a gift of a tea towel from New Zealand and was won by Celia Felker.

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Use common sense

Across Canada, on porches, balconies and patios, gas barbecues have become a fixture. They are so much a part of the family summer cooking routine, that many people stop to consider the serious consequences of improper or careless use.

Who would imagine that a gas barbecue, if improperly connected, could turn into a ferocious flame thrower? That's exactly what happened last summer to a southern Ontario family. Aside from damaging their own property, a "flame thrower" started a fire in the home as well. No one was injured.

"It's so easy to prevent this type of accident," said Peter Gravel, an insurance adjuster, who handled the incident.

"Many people leave their gas barbecues exposed to harsh elements during the winter months, not realizing the damage that can occur to joints, hoses, fittings and so on."

Mr. Gravel pointed out that a small leak in any part of the equipment could lead to a similar incident, or an exploding tank that unleashes enough force to blow out a window and cause serious injury.

While proper hook-up and maintenance