

THE PIONEER INSTITUTE MEN AND WOMEN

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The year 1937 has been for the Women's Institute organization, a year of memorable and happy events, and to three of these, I shall refer briefly.

Early last month (October), in St. George, Ontario, the birth place of our founder Mrs. Hoodless, a beautiful cairn erected to her memory by the Institute members of Brant County, was unveiled by Her Excellency, the Lady Tweedsmuir.

Last July the Institutes in England celebrated the twenty-first birthday of their National Federation. As you know, the Institute movement was introduced into England by Mrs. Watt, a former Canadian, now president of our great international organization, the Associated Country Women of the World.

One feature of this celebration was in the form of a national broadcast over the C.B.C. network, when the National President, Lady Denman, introduced by Her Excellency the Lady Tweedsmuir, addressed her radio audience for fifteen minutes, on the achievements of the English Institutes, not forgetting to express her gratitude to Canada for this much appreciated organization.

In recognition of their gratitude to Canada and by virtue of my office as National President, I was asked to speak for seven minutes over the radio, immediately following Lady Denman, - to give the story of the origin, aims and ideals of our organization. Then followed Miss Betty Smart of Ottawa, who told of the activities