

## Bay Of Quinte WI Had Outstanding Year

The Bay of Quinte Women's Institute had an active year during 1972 and early 1973. They raised enough money to purchase Johnstown United Church to use as a meeting hall and are in the process of renovating it.

The members enjoyed two bus trips, one to the Collingwood Pottery, and in April a trip was taken to the Science Centre, Toronto.

The members held a successful fall bazaar and on May 30 a Spring tea and bazaar is to be held. In May of 1973 an Achievement Day will be held at the Quinte Secondary School, Belleville.

The members have as their foremost project the training of two 4-H Clubs and two of the girls, Tracey Mann and Elizabeth Dunn, won first prize at the Rotary Science Fair held in Belleville in April.

The aim of the Women's Institute is to improve conditions in the community by teaching and by example. They work with many young people in the community and teach homemaking, sewing and help where they are needed.

Many of the members do volunteer work in the community and in the area, assist the needy, the sick and shut-ins. Each Christmas the members make and donate baskets to the elderly and shut-ins and donate to the Retarded School at Belleville. They are active in canvassing for various funds and assisting at the hospital.

The annual meeting and election of officers was held in April with Mrs. A. Darlow elected president. The honorary president is Mrs. P. Jordan, vice-presidents, Mrs. F. Hamilton and Mrs. G. Loxley, secretary - treasurer, Mrs. R. Stickle, district director, Mrs. P. Jordan and alternate Mrs. A. Ketcheson, public relations, Mrs. K. Mann, curator, Mrs. L. Mastin, flower convenor, Mrs. H. Dickens and Mrs. Sjoström, pianist, Mrs. H. Dickens.

Convenors of standing committees, family and consumer affairs, Mrs. F. Hamilton, citizenship and world affairs, Mrs. F. Eaves, agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. P. Jordan, education and cultural activities, Mrs. A. Ketcheson, resolutions, Mrs. G. Loxley,

Pennies for Friendship, Mrs. Ketcheson, nominating committee, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. H. Dickens and Mrs. F. Hamilton, home and country, Mrs. C. Curtis and auditors, Mrs. E. Curtis and Mrs. M. Sjoström.

### WI Workshop At Stirling

STIRLING — 80 Tweedsmuir History Curators met at Stirling Community Hall. The Trent Valley Area Womens Institute Curators and their assistants and interested WI members held an all day work day work shop, having a box lunch at noon and the Stirling Institute served tea and coffee.

Mrs. R. C. Walker, provincial curator, was the instructor for the day, as to how a curators history book should be compiled, taking in all details from cover to cover, also the preparing of pictures for the books, so as to hold their color for years to come.



Sketch of Stoney Creek, Ont., home of Erland Lee, founding father of the Women's Institute which has spread across Canada and around the world since Feb. 19, 1897.

### Ont. W.I. restores place of birth

STONEY CREEK, Ont.: The Erland Lee home, opened here last week, will be maintained by the Ontario Women's Institute as the birthplace of the world-wide organization. Here, in 1897 Mr. Lee gathered 101 women together at a South Wentworth Farmer's Institute to hear Adelaide Hunter Hoodless. Out of this came a new women's organization and its original constitution was handwritten at a dining room table in the old house.

The Ontario WI has spent \$40,000 on the home and the province's 30,000 members will be assessed 10 cents a year to build a maintenance fund. One member donated \$5,000 and the National Federation of Women's Institutes in England sent 100 pounds sterling.

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## Bay Of Quinte WI Celebrates Birthday

The Bay of Quinte Women's Institute celebrated their 50th birthday with a party at Sidney Township Hall at Wallbridge on Wednesday evening August 11. The hall was appropriately decorated with royal blue and gold streamers which are the Institute colors. The tea table was decorated with a hand crocheted table cloth made by Mrs. F. Sandercock and Mrs. J. Sandercock, blue candles and copper tea services. The centerpiece was a cake decorated for the occasion by an institute member Mrs. Ormond Moran.

Fifty guests signed the guest book at the door plus eighteen Bay of Quinte members and seven 4-H girls. Mrs. Peter Jordan and Mrs. Stanley Holland welcomed the guests at the door.

A display table of records, scrapbooks, pictures and old meeting books were of great interest and brought back many memories.

The program was opened by Mrs. Donald Sandercock who led in the opening ode and the Mary Stewart Collect. Mrs. Peter

Jordan, president of the Bay of Quinte welcomed the guests. Mrs. Clifford Barber, the area president gave greetings from the area followed by Mrs. Roy Tucker, Hastings West President who also brought greetings. Mrs. John Reid, a life member read a list of presidents and secretaries from 1921 to 1971, those present came forward.

Music was played by Mrs. Harold Dickens as highlights of the past 50 years were read. Mrs. Clarence Holmes, a life member began by reading the main events from 1921-1940. Mrs. Ritchie Ketcheson read the highlights from 1941-50. Mrs. Ross Stickle read from 1951-60 and Mrs. Robert Campney read from 1961-1971.

The formal proceedings were closed by the singing of Hymn of All Nations. Following this a

social hour was held and a delicious lunch served. At the tea table pouring tea were Mrs. Frank Sandercock and Mrs. Clayton Stickle. Mrs. Will Yateman and Mrs. Ernest Curtis and Mrs. Alva Meyers and Mrs. Clayton Curtis. The 4-H girls Vicki Stickle, Barbara and Helen Ketcheson, Karen Doxtator, Betty Fleming, Tracy Cunningham, Charlotte Clever and Gayla Campney served sandwiches and cookies to the guests.

The birthday cake was cut and served followed by the guests singing Happy Birthday to the Bay of Quinte women. A door prize was donated by Mrs. Clarence Holmes and won by Mrs. Pat Tracey.

Mrs. Pat Tracey, public relations officer from Hastings West thanked the Institute for the evening.

## Bay Of Quinte WI Over Half Century Old

The Bay of Quinte Women's Institute was organized on Feb. 17, 1921, with Mrs. Rowe Hunt as the first president and Mrs. Fred Gardener as the first secretary - treasurer. The branch has three life members, Mrs. Clarence Holmes, Mrs. Casey Ketcheson, and Mrs. John Reid.

During the ensuing 51 years, one member Mrs. Clarence Holmes has served as provincial president, Mrs. John Reid as area president and four members, Mrs. Clarence Holmes, Mrs. Casey Ketcheson, Mrs. John Reid and Mrs. Cecil Jeffrey as district presidents. Mrs. Alva Meyers served the branch as public relations officer for a total of 12 years.

In the early years the main project was the maintenance of White's Cemetery, east of CFB Trenton.



MRS. P. JORDAN

The branch donated its share

toward furnishing a room at Trenton Memorial Hospital.

Almost every year a delegate from Bay of Quinte branch has attended the Officers Conference in Guelph.

Over the years they have always remembered the less fortunate, the ill and the bereaved. Members celebrated their 50th anniversary in August 1971 at Sidney Township Hall and all former members and all branches in Hastings West District were invited.

The highlights of the past year included: a spring tea and sale in May 1971 at Glen Miller Hall exhibit (antique items used for setting of a dinner table) won 3rd prize at Quinte Exhibition; through the Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Robert Campney, they met Mrs. Vida Blackburn from Onchan Jubilee branch on the Isle of Man. Mrs. Blackburn accompanied the group on a bus trip to Kingston in October 1971. Since her visit, The Bay of Quinte WI has a friendship link with the Onchan Jubilee branch, i.e. one member from this branch corresponds with a member from Onchan and reports at the meetings. They attended as a group the Quinte Arts Council presentation The Servant of Two Masters at Centennial High School Belleville. They assembled a float commemorating the 75th anniversary of the founding of Women's Institutes and entered it in Trenton's Santa Claus Parade. They rented a hall for the Christmas party, invited husbands for a pot luck supper and euchre party. The Bay of Quinte WI has sponsored a 4H girls club for the past few years. Two leaders from the WI attend a two-day training school and then teach the project to the young girls of the area.

Two of the members, Mrs. Peter Jordan, president and Mrs. Robert Campney, PRO, attended the 75th anniversary luncheon at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto on February 12, 1972.

Officers: president - Mrs. P. Jordan, honorary past president - Mrs. A. Ketcheson first vice-president - Mrs. D. Sandercock, second vice-president - Mrs. A. Darlow, secretary-treasurer - Mrs. S. Holland, district director - Mrs. A. Ketcheson, alternate district director - Mrs. R. Stickle, public relations officer - Mrs. R. Campney, curator - Mrs. C. Jeffrey, flower convenors - Mrs. C. Curtis and Mrs. E. Curtis, pianist - Mrs. R. McCormack, and assistant pianist - Mrs. H. Dickens.

### Euchre Party

The Bay of Quinte Women's Institute euchre party was held on Thursday night at the hall with six tables in play.

The men's high went to Everett Harry and low, Vicki Stickle. The women's high went to Mrs. G. Loxley and low, Mrs. P. Jordan.

The lucky cup draw went to Fred St. Hilaire and floating lone hand prize was won by Mrs. P. Jordan.

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