

classes valuable aid was received, and from the sewing classes or courses many a woman learned the truth expressed in these lines;

"A needle, though it be but small and slender,  
Is truly both a maker and a mender".

Then there is the Packet Loan Library where leaflets and bulletins are supplied in generous quantities free for the asking, such as "Preserving and Canning", "Paint and Painting" and many others. This led in 1935 to the introduction of schools in Home Economics.

The women of rural Ontario are continuing to carry out the object for which they came into existence, namely - Efficiency in homemaking and higher standards in citizenship.

The beauty of the house is order

The blessing of the house is contentment

The glory of the house is hospitality

The crown of the house is godliness

During the World War of 1914-18, Mrs. Alfred Watt carried the story of the movement across to Great Britain and in 1915 an Institute was started in Wales. During the war years, the institutes have fully co-operated with the Red Cross. society in knitting, sewing and jam making which added much to the comforts of our soldiers and nurses.

February 19th, 1947 was the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Women's Institutes in Ontario.

The door is wide open to all women who want to study, to improve themselves in knowledge and practical skill, who want to work together for a better life for all. The W. I. has that personal appeal on practical grounds which is the "lever" to move humanity far along the road to that better world which those forward looking people are trying to build. In July 1947, Institute members from all over Canada met in Guelph to commemorate the 50th Anniversary and there was a Memorial erected to Mrs. Hoodless in the form of a scholarship in Home Economics for graduates of MacDonald College. A Canadian membership of 50,000 women was hoped for, the largest membership in any woman's organization.