



Ethelwyn R. Weese was born near the Carrying Place in 1875, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Dench. She graduated from Trenton High School, and the Toronto Teacher's Training College. She taught school near Trenton, and then for three years, at Victoria in Prince Edward County. She married Morton B. Weese. Here, with a family of one son and two daughters, the family lived and enjoyed a fine community life, on a fruit and dairy farm, for forty-five years. After her husband's death she moved to Belleville.

Mrs. Weese joined Rednersville Women's Institute in 1911. She held the office of branch secretary-treasurer for eight years and president for three years. She was made a life member of Rednersville W.I. in 1955, as a recognition of her valuable services to that branch. She also served as a Prince Edward District vice-president. She later joined the Quinte branch.

In 1926 the Belleville Area Convention was organized, and Mrs. Weese served as the the first Area president, holding that office for two years, and for nine years was secretary-treasurer. In the 38 years from 1926 to 1964, Mrs. Weese missed only one convention!

Mrs. Weese has been a member of the Methodist, later United Church, since 1896. She was made a life member of W.M.S. in 1956, and later a life member of U.C.W. She was the founder of the Belleville Prince Edward Club. For over fifteen years she was a director of the Belleville Agricultural Society and was presented with an award of merit for her services to that organization.

Mrs. Weese gives this message to Institute members:

"After over half a century of continuous membership, I pay tribute to our founders. We can look forward with faith and confidence to happier, well managed homes. No nation can rise above the standard of its homes; and we shall build a better Canada and a better world in which to live"