

W.I. Centennial Song

1. It's a hundred years since
Adelaide Hoodless was convinced.
That milk should be pasteurized.
Then Janet and Erland Lee
Found it easy to see
That women should organize.
2. For Mrs. Hoodless knew
That informed women grew,
So they did mobilize.
Hundred and one women came
And things were ne're the same,
For they formed the W.I.'s.
3. So this idea spread,
Round the world it shed
Its light. Things modernized.
So women's homes improved,
And countries laws were moved
Their knowledge exercised.
4. To encourage, help and share,
Build a better world with care
Is the work of the W.I.'s.
Now a hundred years young,
Still there's work to be done.
Women's lives to be vitalized.
5. Now it's time to celebrate;
Achievements commemorate
With honour and with pride.
This Centennial salute
Of the Women's Institute.
Women of the world, Arise!

(C)Words and music by Marie F.
Harris, October 1994

*Original Minutes of the Stoney Creek
meeting,
Feb. 19, 1897 (To be read by the Branch
Secretary)*

*"Mr. Erland Lee was chairman of the meeting
and an address was given by Mrs. John
Hoodless. Moved by Mrs. Melson, seconded
by Mrs. E. Lee that we organize a Women's
Department of Domestic Economy in
affiliation with the Farmers' Institute.
Carried. It was decided that the name
should be the 'Women's Department of the
Farmers' Institute of South Wentworth'.
The following officers were elected:
Honorary President - Mrs. John Hoodless
President - Mrs. E.D. Smith, Winona
Vice President - Mrs. J.J. Dean, Fruitland
Secretary - Miss M. Nash, Stoney Creek
Treasurer - Mrs. J.H. McNeilly, Fruitland*

(Information to be read by
Branch President)

*The Women's Institute is an educational
organization for personal growth, self
improvement, leadership development
and community action. Valuable assets
are the friendships gained and friendships
renewed. It is linked provincially
through the Federated Women's Institutes
of Ontario; nationally through the
Federated Institutes of Canada and
worldwide through the Associated Country
Women of the World.*

*SOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Word recognition
and phonetic programs for Grs. 1 & 4;
traffic lights at dangerous
intersections; best before dates
on prepackaged fresh foods; flashing
lights on school buses; music in
elementary schools; brighter lines on
highways; Living Will; wrapped bread
in plastic bags.*

*ONGOING ACTIVITIES: Tweedsmuir History
Books which record farm histories and
community developments; environmental
concerns: reduce, recycle and reuse;
emphasize that women over fifty have
mammograms; identify and resolve needs in
our community; greening of towns and tree
planting; prevention of violence in TV
programs.*

PROVERB: A friend is a present
you give yourself.

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