

## 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

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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)

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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.

*R.* **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.

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**PROVERB:** A friend is a present  
you give yourself.  
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