

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!

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.

(C)Words and music by Marie F.
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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*

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