

BLACKSTOCK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

West Durham District
Meets first Wednesday of each month
in the Community Hall
1915.....1975

Programme for 1975-1976

Officers

President - Mrs. H. Shortridge
Secretary - Mrs. S. VanCamp
Treasurer - Mrs. F. Hoskin
Pianist - Mrs. L. Thompson
District Director - Mrs. P. VanCamp
Public Relations - Mrs. H. Bailey
Fruit & Flower - Mrs. F. Bailey
Auditors - Mrs. W. Hooley
Mrs. H. VanCamp
Resolutions - Mrs. S. VanCamp

BLACKSTOCK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

West Durham District
Meets first Wednesday of each month
in the Community Hall
1915.....1976

Programme for 1976-1977

Officers

President - Mrs. H. Shortridge
1st Vice-President - Mrs. J. Skelding
Secretary - Mrs. S. VanCamp
Treasurer - Mrs. F. Hoskin
Pianist - Mrs. L. Thompson
District Director - Mrs. P. VanCamp
Public Relations - Mrs. H. Bailey
Fruit & Flower - Mrs. F. Bailey
Auditors - Mrs. H. VanCamp
Miss Hazel English
Resolutions - Mrs. S. VanCamp

Blackstock W.I. met on February 2, 1977 in the Township Hall with 13 members and 2 visitors present. Mrs. Hector Shortridge, president, called the meeting to order after a dessert luncheon had been enjoyed.

Two minutes of silence was observed in memory of one of our oldest and most faithful members, Mrs. W. W. VanCamp. Her group leader, Mrs. Skelding, paid tribute to her memory and ended with a lovely poem "Crossing the Bar". Let-

ters of thanks were read from Edith Byers, Louise Wright and Jean Williams. Other business was a change in price for quilting quilts, a delegate to go to Officers Conference in Waterloo in May. Cushion top competition for District Annual and a Musical evening of fun to be held soon and sponsored by the W.I. and presented by St. Pauls United Church, Bowmanville.

Mrs. Gladys Thompson and her group on Education and Cultural Activities presented the motto - Rest not beneath the tree of knowledge - Climb it. She then introduced our guest speaker Mrs. Dorothy Venning. She started her talk with the definition of the word education and brought out the fact that our education needs are changing rapidly and so provide a much broader choice to students. She branched off on how the basic skills are being taught at Cartwright Central Public School where Mrs. Venning was a Principal and teacher for many years. Now she does supply teaching and so keeps in touch with developing trends in education. She explained how it is a three

way street involving student parent and teacher and with all working together to form a triangle, the peaks of which represent challenge co-operation and courage which in turn leads to success. From a teachers viewpoint she sighted understanding, courage and the knowledge to cope with the ever increasing challenges of our times. Mrs. Venning brought some samples of work done in Grades 1 - 6 and explained the teaching methods used for this material. Our guest was thanked by Mrs. L. Thompson after which she conducted a Geography Match. Meeting closed with O' Canada.

Our January meeting took a different form when Nestleton W.I. were our guests. Mrs. Harold Martyn and Mrs. Roy McLaughlin took a short course on a Festival of Dairy Foods at Orono and in their very capable manner proceeded to demonstrate several tempting dishes. They spoke of the Dairy Industry in general and of the many different products produced by this very important and necessary industry. Many wives of local dairy farmers were among the 45 guests. Dora and Edith made Bologna Surprise, Colorful Sole Fillets, Macaroni and Cheese Casserole starting off with raw macaroni and Cool Lemon Mold. Desserts included Orange Frost, Chocolate Marble and Peach Cloud. Each guest received a valuable cook-book containing these recipes and many others.

Many thanks Edith and Dora from us all.

Blackstock W.I. 1977

At 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6th, members of the Blackstock Women's Institute gathered in the Community Hall for their meeting which began with an extra good pot luck dinner. About 1:30 the meeting properly opened with the Ode and collection. Mrs. Shortridge read a poem - The Institute Garden. Roll Call was answered by fees for 77-78 from 16 ladies. Minutes were read and approved, also treasurers report which gave a healthy balance to begin the new term.

The cook books are nearly all sold and have been a big boost to the bank balance. Although somewhat belated, a motion was made and carried to send \$10.00 to the Community Hospital, Port Perry, in memory of Mrs. Francis Mountjoy who for many years was a valued member. At this time a caretaker for the Memorial Park is needed. This is one of the main projects of the Institute so it is hoped a suitable person may be gotten. Correspondence read by the Secretary. Achievement Day will be held in the public school on Saturday, May 23rd. Visitors are invited to attend for the afternoon session at 1:30 p.m. Three quilts have been quilted with at least two more to do. The members are most grateful to the ladies other than members who have come and helped. Thank you ladies! Quilting has become an old craft now in style again and provides a means of money without any investment.

July 1976
Mrs. Elizabeth Skelding, Mrs. Gladys Thompson, Mrs. Velva Bailey and Mrs. Margaret VanCamp attended the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada Convention at Charlottetown. They also enjoyed a 19 day tour of the Maritimes and part of the New England states.

1976 Mrs. McArthur gave an interesting account of a short visit with a Mr. George Blackstock after whose kin our village was named. Following is a summary of their talk. It is being included with the hope that some of the older folk will enjoy it. Mr. George Blackstock who will be, during the next 4 year, at the Canadian Embassy, Stockholm, Swe-

den, visited our village last summer to find out how it got the name Blackstock. He found it had been named after his great uncle, George Tait Blackstock who had been a Federal Conservative Candidate for Durham West riding around 1885-86, as well as a brilliant criminal lawyer. George Tait Blackstock defended some of the most notorious criminals in his time and, although he often lost, he would put up such a brilliant defence he got much publicity. George Tait Blackstock's wife had married a second time to a man named Grant and the Blackstock children's names were changed to Grant and that is why there were no descendants of George Tait Blackstock named Blackstock. There was a Leroy Grant who died last spring who was George Tait Black-

CHAPMAN, Ethel M. LL.—At Toronto, on Saturday, August 28, 1976, last surviving member of the Ephriam and Sarah Chapman family of Campville. Dr. Chapman was, for many years, the Superintendent of the Women's Institute of Ontario, Editor of Home and Country, and also the author of several books. Friends may call at the Trull Funeral Home, 2704 Yonge St. (at Alexandra Blvd.) from 2 p.m. Monday. Service in the chapel Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Cremation.

stock's son and his daughter (a granddaughter of George Tait) works at W.H. Smith's bookstore in Toronto. Mr. Blackstock said his grandfather's name was Tom and he looked after two old aunts who referred to him as "poor Tom" but to his brother, George Tait, the brilliant lawyer, as "Dear George". Mr. Blackstock had hoped to make another visit to Blackstock to show his wife and family the community that was named after their kin but due to rainy weather and having to be in Stockholm by August

1, he wasn't able to make it. He left both his Stockholm and Ottawa addresses and said if anyone had questions to ask concerning George Tait Blackstock he'd be happy to oblige.