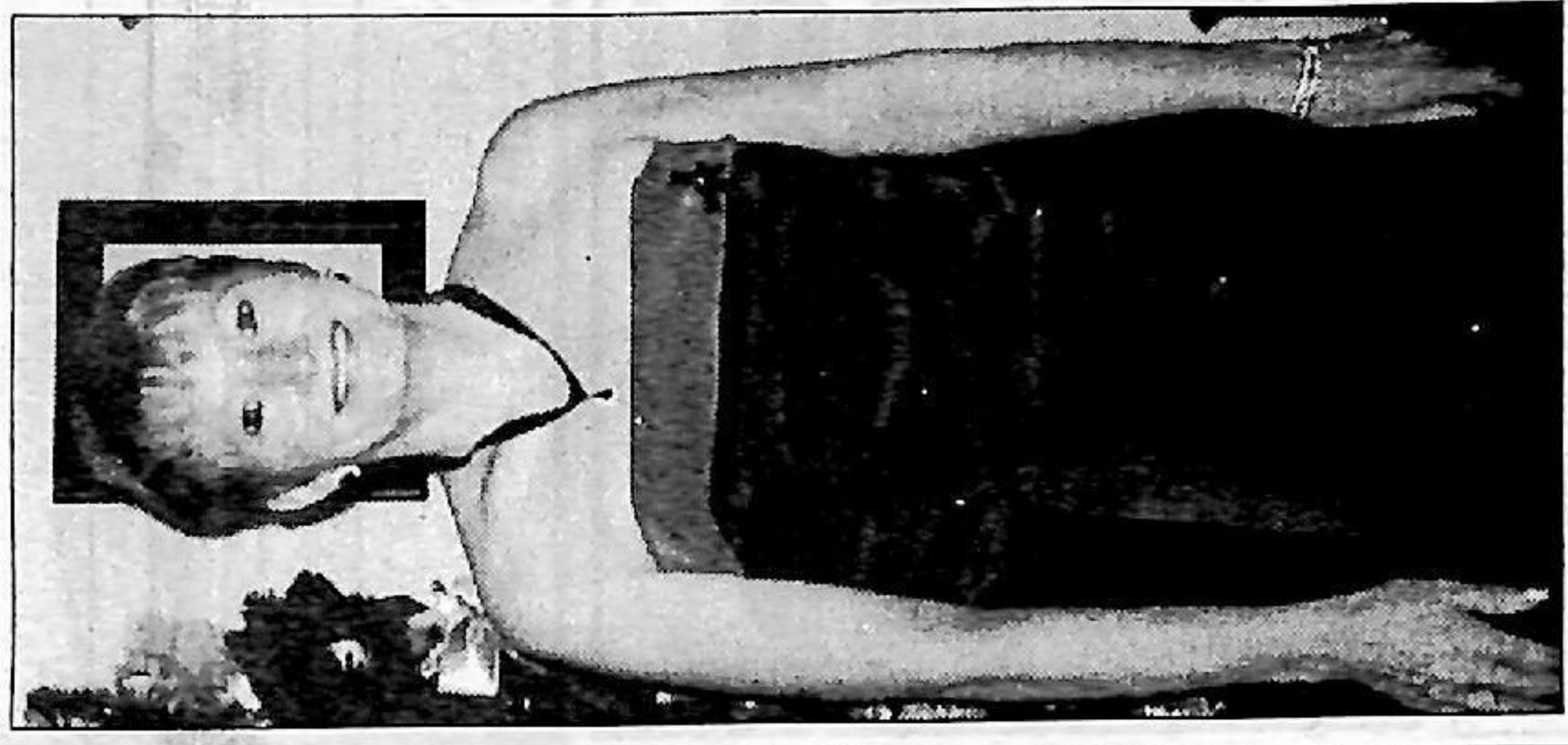


McIvor, Hilda Lorraine

Peacefully passed away after a courageous battle with cancer at the Northumberland Hills Hospital on Thursday, June 2, 2005. Hilda Gourley beloved wife and soul mate of John McIvor. Loving mother and best friend of Tina (Scott Calbury), Grandmother of Sheldon and Olivia. Daughter of Maria Gourley and the late Frank. Sister of Frances Dungeon, Winnie Willet, Jean Fitzpatrick, Jeanette Kivi and Frank Gourley. Sadly missed by many nieces and nephews. Graveside Funeral Service will be held at Cobourg Union Cemetery, Saturday June 11 at 10am. If desired, memorial contributions may be made by cheque to Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation - Palliative Care Unit. www.allisonfuneralhome.com



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SMITH, WILLIAM GORDON

At the Streamway Villa Nursing Home on Tuesday, June 7, 2005. W. Gordon Smith, in this 92nd year, was the beloved husband of the late Helen Eunice Smith (nee Waddell). Dear father of Gayle and her husband Gerry Barrett of Colborne, Doug Smith and his wife Lois of Peterborough, Kathy and her husband Ted Walker of Castleton and Vivian and her husband Terry Walker of Colborne, also Reid Smith predeceased. Father in law of Nancy Smith of Colborne. Sadly missed by 15 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Dear brother of Doreen Skuce and her husband Bob of Omemee, and Bruce Smith and his wife Helen of Bethany, also Earl Smith, Jean Bowen, May Neils and Carl Smith, all predeceased. A funeral service will be held on Friday, June 10, 2005 at 2pm at the MacCoubrey Funeral Home, 11 King St. W., Colborne. Interment Union Cemetery, Colborne. Friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9pm. Comrades of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 187 Colborne are asked to assemble at the funeral home on Thursday at 7pm for a service. If desired, donations in memory of Gordon can be made to the charity of ones choice. Condolences and donations to www.maccoubrey.com.

Community

snapshot" after the May 14, 1913 meeting.

Sadly, all records are lost for the five war years from 1914-18.

But as the group moves on, the records tell the story of the time.

In 1918 Marguirite Reid knitted 41 pairs of socks for soldiers. A year later the ladies were urged to exercise their new right to vote, and to support prohibition.

An issue that seems new today, actually surfaced 80 years ago, when the women of the Institute set out to buy equipment to provide hot lunches in schools.

In 1929 Dr. McGlennon lectured 65 members of the group and 18 children on contagious diseases.

The Great Depression brought requests for assistance which they attempted to meet. And World War II saw the women saving tin and papers, making arrangements for Christmas cakes to be sent overseas, and support of war charities.

In 1955 the talk was of the atomic bomb and polio vaccine.

Four years later they discussed the proposed designs for the Canadian flag, and drew their own.

Canada's centennial celebration, the new ball diamond at Castleton Public School, support of 4H and pages of other activities dot the records of the dwindling group.

And while some area W. I. groups have folded, the Castleton branch is still chugging along with a dozen members. It's a membership that sometimes goes

back three generations. In 2001, Vivian Welton donated a WI pin that belonged to her mother-in-law, Flossie Welton. Her mother, Mrs. Fred Black, was a charter member and a director in 1915-16.

Consistency brings success

Perhaps some of its success comes from consistency. Many of its executive members have served for more than one term. Mrs. William Turney appears to hold the record in that department, having been president for nine years from 1966-75. Mrs. Eunice Gaudaur served as president from 1982-88, then stepped over to the secretary's chair for another four years.

Ove its 100 years the club has given seven life memberships. The first of those went to Mrs. Black in 1948, after 42 years service. Mrs. Turney was rewarded with a life membership in 1985.



This snapshot, taken at the home of Mrs. Campbell in 1921 documents most of the members. In front, fem left are - unknown, Mrs. Chas Wolfram, Mrs. Doug Turney, Mrs. Hervie Welton, Miss Cora Goodrich. Middle row - unknown, Mrs. Doug Calberry, Mrs. G. Carr, Mrs. Al Johnson, Mrs. William Campbell, Mrs. W. Nelson, unknown, Miss pearl Church. Behind - Mrs. Dennis Lathrop, Mrs. Ross Taylor, Mrs. J. Wolfram, unknown, Miss Agnes Creighton, Mrs. J. Millar, Mrs. F. A. Black, Mrs. Clarence Cryderman, Mrs. Ben Andrus, unknown, Mrs. Sarah Richards, unknown.

relatively new idea 100 years ago. The broader issue of the cost of living was also broached in 1907.

Even in 1907, there was some recognition that life was changing. The minutes from July 10 state that Mrs. J. Richards and her daughter "gave us a song". The question is then posed, "Where are our mother-daughter duos today?"

In 1908, 40 members discussed how men should help the women with housework, especially in winter. In how many homes has that problem been resolved today?

The Jan. 25, 1909 meeting produced the best attendance in years. Seventy-five learned that day about interior decorating.

In 1912 they agreed to pay Mr. J. Thompson \$1.25 a day to do the work he considered necessary on the cemetery grounds.

The records show that Miss Nellie Battisby invited the ladies "outside for a