



Mrs. Adelaid Hoodless

After losing a child to undulant fever, Mrs. Hoodless realized that she and other women were poorly educated for the most important role in life - a mother. In her crusade for the education of girls in home making and child raising, she campaigned tirelessly for the inclusion of Domestic Science in the schools and for the training of teachers of Domestic Science. Erland Lee, a farmer near Stoney Creek, invited her to speak to a Farmer's Institute meeting where women were invited. She said, if farmers needed an organization to help them in their work, perhaps women needed an organization too. Mr. Lee and the women present accepted the challenge and the first Women's Institute was soon formed at Stoney Creek. Mrs. Hoodless died at 52, before seeing the movement she helped start become a worldwide organization.