

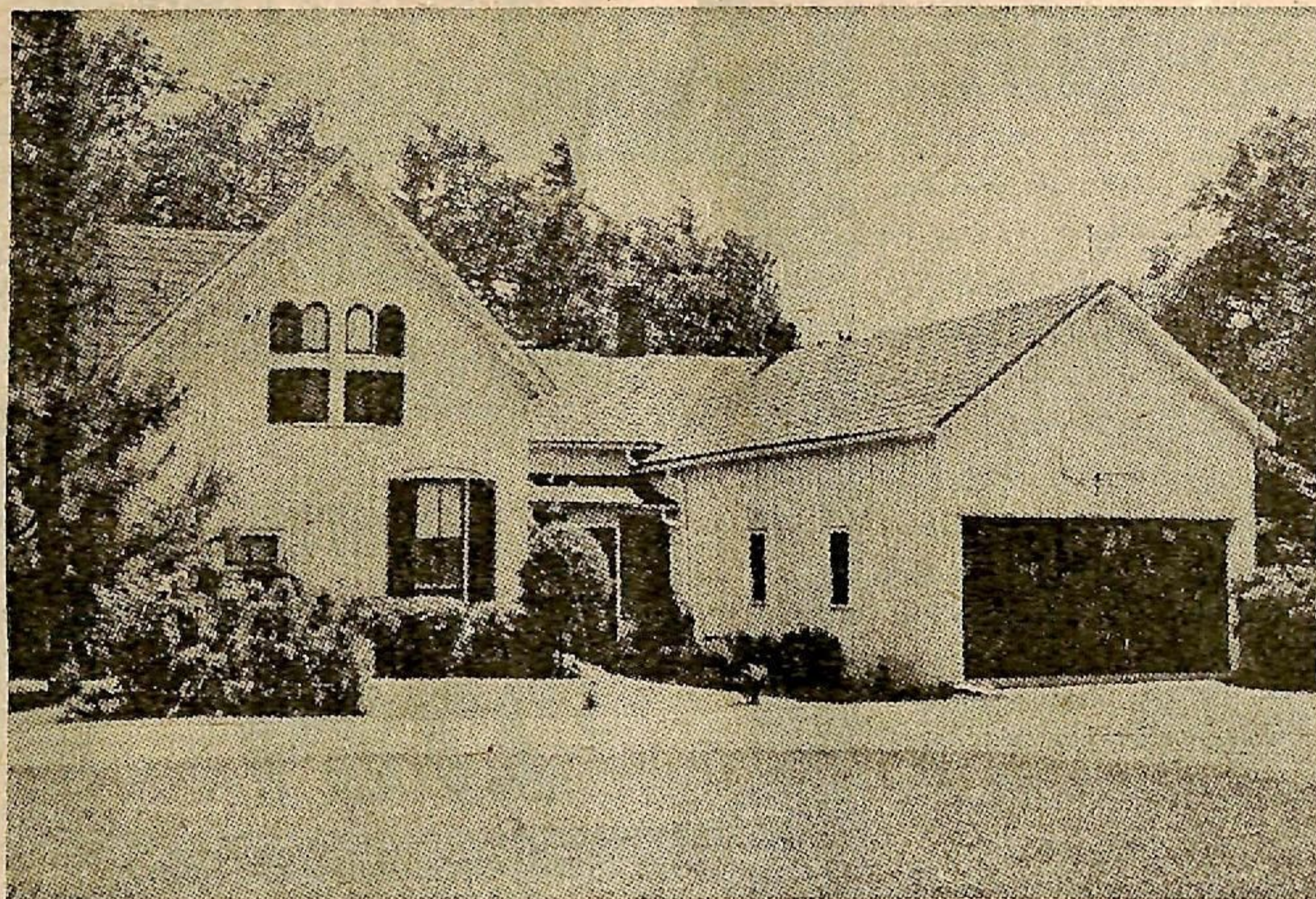
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DID YOU KNOW...

in 1897, the year of Robert Simpson's death in Toronto, a vital organization began in the village of Stoney Creek, Ontario. A Stoney Creek fruit farmer, Erland Lee, secretary of the Saltfleet Farmers' Institute, invited Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, a proponent of domestic science, to address his group's "Ladies' Night." In her address, Mrs. Hoodless suggested that the women form an organization similar to the Farmers' Institute. 101 women and one man — Mr. Lee — came to a meeting on February 19, 1897, when Mrs. Hoodless addressed them. Mrs. E. D. Smith of Winona was the first president, and Mrs. Hoodless honorary president. The result was the Women's Institute, first in the world. It now has membership of 6,500,000 in 64 countries. The photograph shows the Lee homestead at Stoney Creek.

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