



Adelaide Hunter Hoodless

# WI founder to be honored

Seventy-one years after her death in 1910, Mrs. Adelaide Hunter Hoodless will be inducted into the Agricultural Hall of Fame Gallery in Milton.

Mrs. Hoodless, born in 1857 on a homestead on the Blue Lake Road near St. George, is perhaps best known as founder of the Women's Institute Movement in Ontario. She began the first Women's Institute in Stoney Creek in 1897 as an organization where rural women could discuss their problems and work together to improve standards of homemaking and citizenship.

The Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead has been restored and serves now as the national museum of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada.

At present, there are about 28 Women's Institutes in North and South Brant County, with hundreds more across Canada and around the world.

Mrs. Hoodless, once called "A woman with a vision," turned the untimely death of her 18-month-old son from drinking impure milk, into a personal crusade to improve food handling.

In so doing, she introduced home economics and domestic science courses in secondary schools and established the Macdonald Institute at Guelph.

Mrs. Hoodless, along with seven other persons who contributed to Ontario agriculture, will be inducted into the gallery on June 7. The Agricultural Hall of Fame is at the Ontario Agricultural Museum.