

Mrs. Garfield (Helen ) Bottrell

To the members of the Woodville W.I. January ,1977.

I moved to Woodville from Toronto in September 1949, and as we didn't have friends in the area it was quite an experience. I assure you, that I felt I had moved to the end of the earth, but it was only a few hours after our arrival, that we found a basket of potatoes, a basket of potatoes and some cucumbers on our front doorstep. I still don't know who left them but that was our initiation into a wonderful and happy time for the next 14½ years.

Not too long after we arrived in Woodville my neighbour across the street Mrs. L. Hooley invited me to attend the Women's Institute meeting .I did, and met some very wonderful people there. I really enjoyed the community spirit that prevailed. - everyone working together and interested in each other and the community as a whole.

I was made very welcome and shall always remember the good times I had while a member of the Woodville Women's Institute. I was very happy to be able to attend the birthday celebration in the Town Hall.

I often think of the Mary Stewart Collect and wonder if these words of wisdom were adopted by the world's population what a different place it would be to live in.

Yours most sincerely in friendship,

Helen Bottrell

Curator's Note - Helen was secretary 1951-52 and president from 1952-53.

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