



ADELAIDE HOODLESS

(founder of the Women's Institute)

In the year 1897, Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless of Hamilton was invited to speak to a group of women in Saltfleet Township, Wentworth County, and from this meeting the first Women's Institute was organized. The charter members of this organization were encouraged and assisted by Mrs. Hoodless and Mr. Erland Lee.



Mr. and Mrs. Erland Lee. He invited Mrs. Hoodless to speak to the women of Saltfleet Township. As a result they organized the Stoney Creek Institute. Mrs. Lee was its second president



Some famous faces from the pioneer days of the Women's Institutes appear on this page. Above is Adelaide Hoodless, the beautiful and dedicated founder of the first Women's Institute



Mrs. E. D. Smith, president of the first Women's Institute