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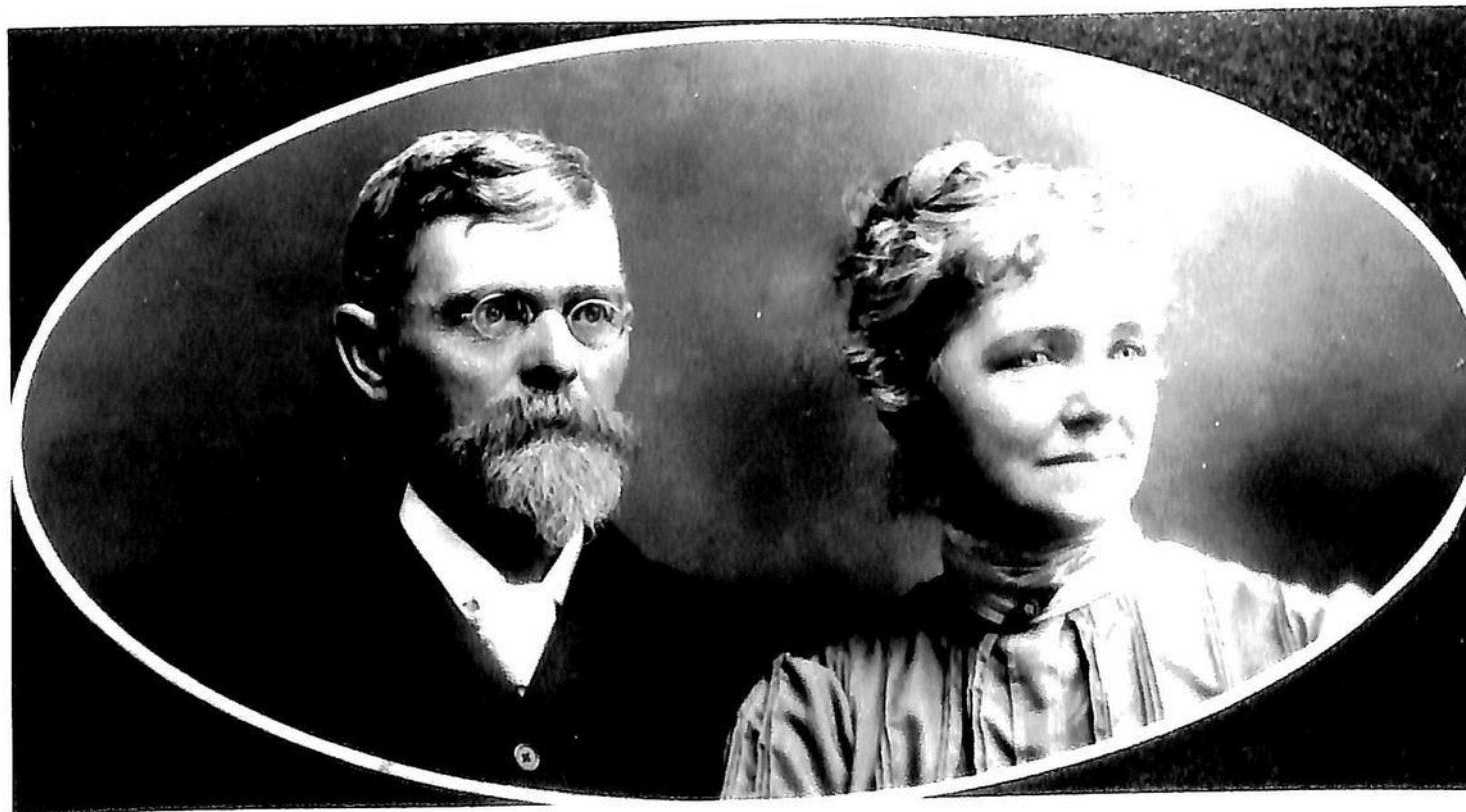
For war work in World Wars 1 and 2, a book might be written regarding the activities for Red Cross and Patriotic purposes. During the first war, all money was raised by the Institute through bazaars, teas, garden parties, and showers such as this one in 1915, when these articles were donated - 6 dozen and 10 pillow cases, 12 cheese cotton handkerchiefs, 2 khaki handkerchiefs, 20 sheets, 268 surgical pads, 1 box gum, 20 chocolate bars, 3 writing pads, 3 packages envelopes, 2 boxes homemade candy, 2 jars cocoa, 50 cakes toilet soap, 80 surgical bandages, 10 surgical shirts, towels, 2 barrels of canned fruit and jam.

All sewing materials had to be bought and cut out by hand, before sewing. In the last war the Institute joined with all other organizations of church and community in a Red Cross unit, receiving material ready-cut to sew and yarn for knitting from headquarters in Woodstock, and finished articles returned to them. Miss Burgess opened her home for weekly sewing meetings and five sewing machines were loaned for the work. Besides this sewing, our Branch made large quantities of jam for overseas, twice each year sponsored, a Salvage Drive, using the money for war work, Ditty Bags were filled for the Navy League, boxes sent at Christmas to local boys overseas, and pencils to boys in service here. Money was contributed to the Central Fund of Institutes for Mobile Kitchen for Army service and Seeds for Britain.

Postwar activities include the sending of \$10.00 each month to relieve hunger and distress in Britain and Europe, through such channels as the "Save the Children Fund" etc.

Raising money and spending it is of course not the sum total of our interests, the regular programs each month include much of educational value as well as demonstrations on new methods in preparing food etc. The social contact of women at meetings adds much to the life of rural and village women. The series of Card Parties each winter bring people together socially, and increase our funds. Short courses in sewing, glovemaking, and food preparation have been on our list of projects. Our wish is that the Burgessville Branch of W.I. may continue for another 50 years as active and useful as in the past, and we urge the younger women of the community to come and join with us in helping to make our homes and community the ideal one with the right type of recreational activities for youth and interesting projects for all.

Mrs. Glen Warboys - President, Mrs. Martin Buchan - Sec'y treas.
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