



ADELAIDE HOODLESS

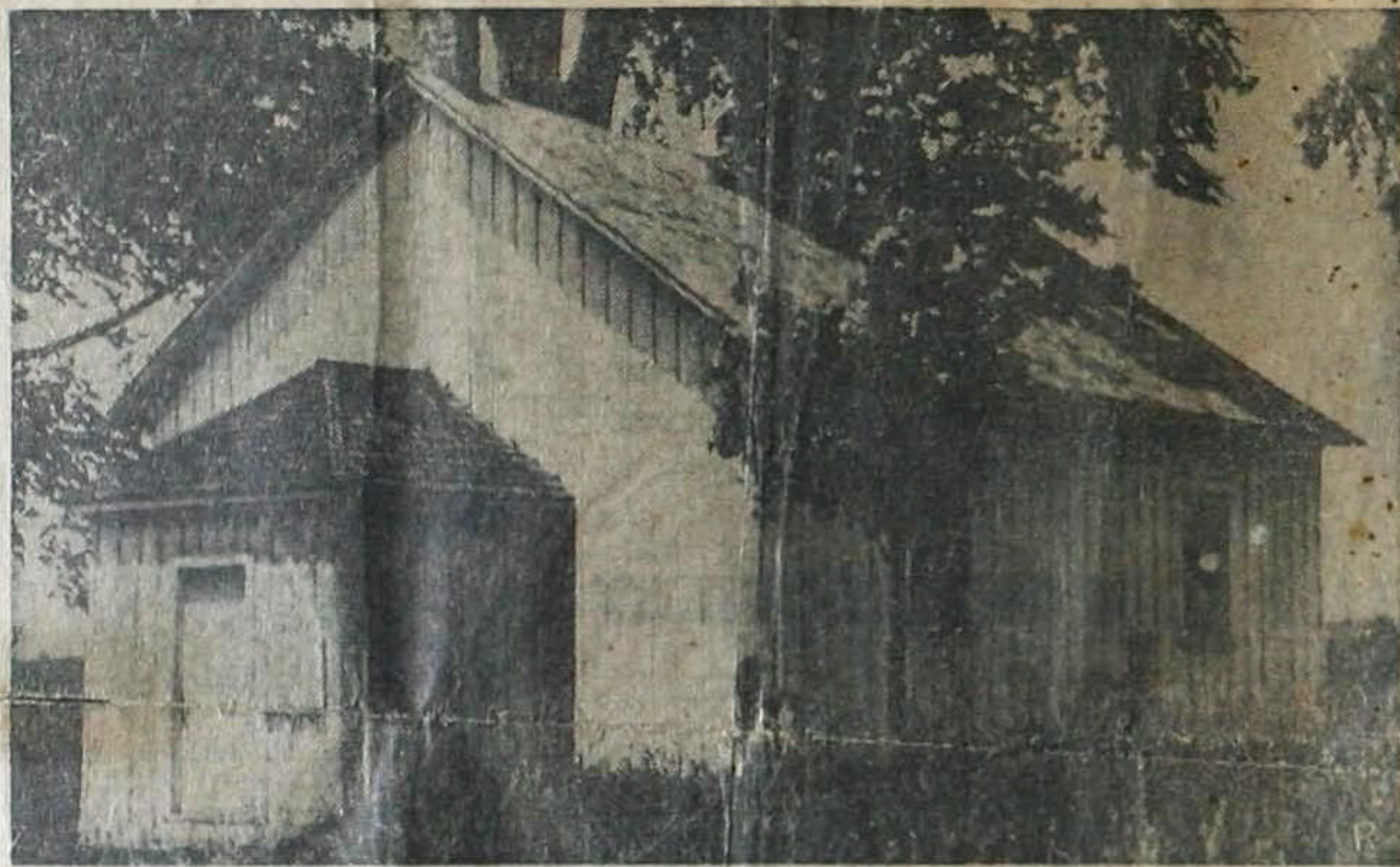
as a pioneer in adult education

1897, the first women's institute was organized. Why did this organization of farm women, banded together for the simple purpose of better homemaking, grow into something so far reaching and so significant? We have a good part of the answer in the manner of woman who was its founder.

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Adelaide Hoodless—Adelaide Hunter before marriage—was born on a farm near St. George Brant county, Ontario, one of thirteen children. Her brothers were university men and Adelaide grew up in a home of culture and uncompromising Presbyterian ethics; grew up, too, with all the social graces that come of natural charm and a gentle background. There is no doubt that her personal appeal helped her over many difficult places, but she never depended on it. I saw a copy of her letter to Sir William Macdonald asking for funds to build Macdonald Institute and certainly there were no "woman's wiles" in evidence. It was as clear-cut and forthright as a

Churches in Ontario Still Serves at Dumblane



Dumblane Presbyterian Church Near Port Elgin

Church services have been held continuously since the opening of the little church except during the winter months.

In the early days, the congregation was affiliated with Port Elgin Presbyterian Church, but for many years now has been linked with Burgoyne Presbyterian Church, one minister serving both churches.

In July of this year the congregation

celebrated its 90th anniversary. The church interior had been redecorated with fresh paper and paint. This was done previous to the first wedding solemnized in the church when Miss Margaret Bryce was married in August of last year.

Another event in the history of the congregation is that on Wednesday, June 18, 1940, the Presbytery of Bruce of the Pres-

byterian Church in Canada met in Dumblane Presbyterian Church for the purpose of designating Miss Beatrice Scott to missionary work in India. She has served there since.

Material is being compiled of the history of the church for use at the 100th anniversary in July 1959.

Rev. William Quigley is the present pastor of the church.

by ETHEL

WHEN the Associated Country Women of the World met in Copenhagen this September, a tribute was paid—as it is at all assemblies of this international body—to the name of Adelaide Hoodless, the Canadian woman who founded the first Women's Institute at Stoney Creek, Ontario, in 1897. She so started a movement that has spread pretty well around the world. There are now women's institutes in every province of Canada, in Great Britain, France, New Zealand, South Africa and elsewhere; and no doubt the institute idea has prompted the formation of some other groups that go to make up the world's organized country women. It must have taken the courage of a pioneer, fifty years ago, to launch an educational movement for women who were right in the thick of their heaviest responsibilities, most of them farm women. All that this implies in the way of limited leisure time. And certainly it took a pioneer's vision to lay a program so sound that the objectives are still adaptable in changing conditions, the program still attracting women after half a century.

The First Woman's Institute

The story of how the first women's institute came

homemaking just as the farmers' institute saved