



The Erland Lee home, located at Stoney Creek, Ontario, was built in various stages from 1801-1873; a well preserved example of Gothic architecture. The outside of the house is covered with board and batten (upright boards, joins covered with battens). The gables are decorated with maple verge boards carved from home-grown lumber by a 14 year-old carpenter's apprentice whose pattern resembles a paper chain of maple leaves. In 1975, WI's 75th anniversary, Federated Women's Institute of Ontario purchased the Lee homestead which has since been operated as the Erland Lee (Museum) Home. Both Pioneer and Victorian Eras are represented. Approximately 85% of the artifacts have been purchased with monetary funds contributed by Women's Institute members as well as artifacts donated directly to the museum.

Erland Lee, the youngest of three children, was born on May 3, 1864. He obtained a second class teaching certificate from Hamilton Collegiate Institute and a second class certificate for agriculture from Agriculture and Arts Association of Ontario. When he inherited the family farm, he continued the family traditions of raising purebred Jersey cattle, specializing in fancy dairy butter. He was a progressive farmer and businessman who produced his own brand of maple syrup and grew several types of fruit which were sold to E.D. Smith.

He was an enthusiastic participant in public life. He was one of the charter members and served through the years as secretary-treasurer and president of the Farmer's Institute of South Wentworth, formed in 1884. Because of this involvement, Erland Lee was present at an agricultural conference at Guelph in 1896 where Adelaide Hoodless gave a stirring speech regarding the subject of women and education in the area of domestic sciences. So impressed with her ideas, Erland Lee invited Adelaide Hoodless to address the annual Ladies Night meeting. To ensure a good turnout, Erland and his wife Janet, rode by horse and cutter personally inviting women from every class and distinction. The result was that on February 19, 1897, 101 women and one man (Erland Lee) were present to hear Adelaide Hoodless speak. Erland Lee presided as chairperson over that meeting when it was motioned that a Women's Department of Domestic Economy in affiliation with the Farmer's Institute be organized.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 ☾	3	4	5	6	7	8 ● International Women's Day
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 ☾ NBWI - WI Scholarships & Branch of Honour Books
16 ○	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22
23 Palm Sunday	24	25	26	27	28	29 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
30 Easter Sunday	31 ☾					Good Friday

Coming together is a beginning, Keeping together is progress, Working together is success.