

The Village of Paisley was carved out of virgin wilderness by men and women who did not fear the privations of pioneer life. Hardships and labour were their daily lot, and they paved the way for the modern, clean, and beautiful village which we enjoy to-day. Many projects have been accomplished in Paisley in the past, which when undertaken, appeared very difficult. But the spirit of the pioneers, who performed the impossible, still exists in the present-day inhabitants, and every barrier has been surmounted.

One of the greatest achievements of the Village, the War Memorial Community Centre, was recently turned into a major disaster, by fire. This occurrence will try to the utmost, the spirit of the people. But I venture to state that the pioneers, could they see the re-building of this institution, would have no cause to feel ashamed of their descendants.

The Women's Institute of Paisley, which sponsored the preparation of this book, is an organization of which the village may be justly proud. Without the co-operation of many of its members, in the supplying of data about the former residents and industries of the village, this book would have been a virtual impossibility. My grateful appreciation is also due to Mrs. Poast, principal of the Paisley Public School, who so kindly loaned me her typewriter.

It is my intention to keep this volume up to date with events of community importance, as they occur from time to time. Thus it will truly be a "Village History", in the future, as well as the past.

Marion Parker.

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** A note from the Tweedsmuir Curator of the Paisley Women's Institute.*

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