

HIGHLIGHTS RIPLEY BRANCH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE, 1970 - 1977, cont'd

At the Dec., 1971 meeting Mrs. Outerbridge gave an inspiring message on "Hope."

1972 - 73

1973 - 74 PRESIDENT Mrs. Donalds McLean

At the May 5th meeting 1973; Mrs. Walter Locke, an elected representative since June, 1966, was appointed voting delegate to represent our Institute at Kincardine & District Hospital Meetings. Mrs J. A. MacDonald was appointed alternate.

At this meeting a moment of silence was observed for Mrs. SioEmerson, a faithful member who passed away April 22, 1972.

Mrs J. Kirkpatrick was elected President of our District for 1972 - 73 at the District Annual Meeting. She was presented with a corsage at the District Annual Meeting and with a Brief Case at our June meeting.

Bridge and Euchre parties were held on alternate Monday nights during the winter months.

The Tweedsmuir History Book was on display at the February meeting.

Our Institute made 35 plaid hats for the Bruce County Ploughing Match coming up in the near future.

Mrs. Francis Gemmell was elected a Provincial Board Director, replacing Mrs. Emerson Emcke in November, 1973, and was congratulated by the members.

At our January, 1974 meeting it was decided to play only Euchre at our Monday evening card parties.

At the May meeting, 1973 a moment of silence was observed in memory of Mrs. L. Outerbridge.

1974 - 75

1975 - 76 PRESIDENT Mrs. Graham Cook

At the March, 1974 meeting a letter of protest concerning the lack of information on advance polling, voting by proxy, and information necessary for those opposing the liquor vote, was signed by twenty five members of the Institute and sent to Prime Minister Davis, members of his cabinet and to Murray Gaunt, our sitting member.

The District Annual Meeting and Dinner was held in Ripley on May 21, 1974.

At the Dec., 1974 meeting a donation of \$100.00 was given to the new Medical Centre Bldg.

Card parties were held regularly on alternate Monday nights at this time.

At the April, 1976 meeting we donated \$10.00 to the Bruce County Ploughing Match. (International).

At the November, 1975 meeting Donalds McLean reported \$482 had been collected for the Blind.

1976 - 77

1977 - 78 PRESIDENT Mrs. Ross Cumming

At our May meeting, 1976, Mrs. Ross Martyn reported the Legion Hall needed a new piano. A committee was appointed namely: Mrs. R. Martyn, Mrs. D. Blue and Mrs. F. Gemmell, to look into this. At the September 3rd meeting we paid our share for a new piano for the Legion Hall which was \$143.00. Actually they secured a second hand piano. Our March 1976 canvass for the Cancer Fund brought in \$482.00.

After our Christmas Pot-luck luncheon on Dec. 3, 1976, Mrs. Lock auctioned a sale of articles brought in by the members, which net \$32.00.

Jan. 7 1977, we held a morning meeting at the home of Mrs. Nick Peet, which started off with a coffee party at 10:00 A. M. It was the Curator's meeting and she had Mrs. G. Sutherland tell about her trip in 1976 to the North west Territories, Alaska, Yukon, Whitehorse and British Columbia. She and Mrs. Ralph Elliott had a very interesting trip, which made it easy for us to share her enthusiasm. The book was on display (the history book) It was moved at the March meeting to have the meetings in the members homes for the coming year.

At the June 3, 1977 meeting Mrs. John Gamble who was in charge of the sale of tickets for the quilt made by the Institute, reported a sum of \$292.25. Mrs. Gamble and Mrs. Ken MacDonald took the Institute course on "Quilting" They worked very hard on this quilt, along with other willing helpers, and came up with a very fine looking quilt.

At the March, 1977 meeting it was voted to discontinue the card parties for this year. It was decided that we try holding our meetings in the homes.

Mrs Locke reported having been contacted by the members interested in the upkeep of the Township Hall, regarding new curtains. The Institute donated the curtains hanging in the Hall in 1938, and after some discussion it was moved and seconded that Mrs. Lock and Mrs. F. Gemmell be appointed to look into this project. It turned out that different local organizations were willing to help with this project, but The Ripley Women's Institute voted that they would like to take on the project and replace the curtains. The cost of the curtains was \$211.22, tax included. The above mentioned sum on the sale of tickets on the quilt together with \$41.97 taken from the funds financed the new Township Hall curtains, and the thanks of all our members were expressed to all who worked so diligently on these projects.

Following our very successful Hospital tea held in June a cheque was mailed to the Kincardine Hospital Auxiliary for \$239.00. This money was used to buy a T. V. for the patients' use in the main sitting room.