

Historic plaque

(Continued from Page 5) vances from the west to the east coast was carried to the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead in June 1967 when the FWIC Board Directors visited the Homestead for a symbolic tree-planting ceremony which marked the completion of a centennial project dear to the hearts of all Women's Institute members. Holding a spade to receive the soil the National President said, "As this soil from our great country unites, let us re-dedicate ourselves to working in unity in all our endeavours for home and country". The International President, Mrs. Aroti Dutt, placing a plaque beside the second sugar maple tree on the sloping lawn behind the house said, "This sacred spot where the founder of our world-wide movement was born — I bring you good wishes of 6,000,000 women living on six continents".



BARON AND LADY TWEEDSMUIR

Macdonald Institute was WI project

Macdonald Institute
In 1899 Mrs. Hoodless expressed the wish that the Women's Institute ask the government to make provision for the scientific education of women by establishing a women's department at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph. She approached Sir William Macdonald of Montreal. He was so interested that he contributed \$200,000 for the building at Guelph which now bears his name.
In 1903 the first Women's Institute convention was held in the new Macdonald Institute.

It is said that Laura Rose penned the words For Home and Country while sitting in her mother's parlor, that night.
When the committee met later that same year, this motto was selected and has since been universally adopted.

Tweedsmuir
In 1937, the cairn erected at the intersection of highways 5 and 24, commemorating the birth of Adelaide Hunter, was unveiled by Her Excellency Lady Tweedsmuir of Elford. Lady Tweedsmuir was the wife of the then Governor-General of Canada, John Buchanan, Baron Tweedsmuir, who served from 1935 until his death in 1940.
It was in 1940 that Lady Tweedsmuir suggested that the branch histories of the WI be compiled.

In 1972 more than 1,200 of them have been completed in Ontario.

At Macdonald Institute
At the first WI convention in 1902 a request for a motto and a pin resulted in the appointment of a committee to receive suggestions and make suitable selections.
The committee was made up of Dr. Helen MacMurchy, Miss Gertrude Gray, Miss Laura Rose, Mrs. E. E. Kitchen, and Mrs. J. E. Brethour. The judges were Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless and Miss Mary Urie Watson, dean of Macdonald Institute.

Wilvancrest WI
In March of 1953 a new branch of the North Norfolk women's Institute was organized, drawing its members from Wiltonville, Vanessa, and Hillcrest . . . For the 10th anniversary tea a hobby show was held and a unique item was sold . . . it was an historical map of Norfolk County and was designed and made by Wilvancrest members . . . Every year there is an exhibit at the Norfolk County Fair . . . Mrs. Norman Jamieson, 1972 president, has led 25 4-H clubs, something of a record.

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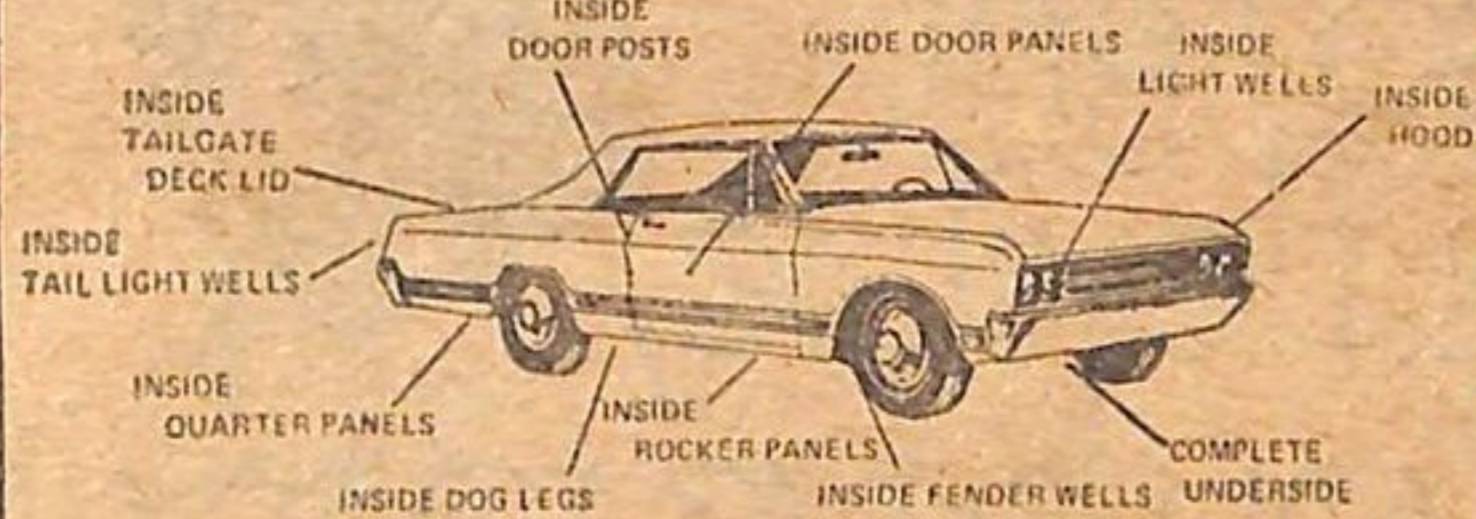
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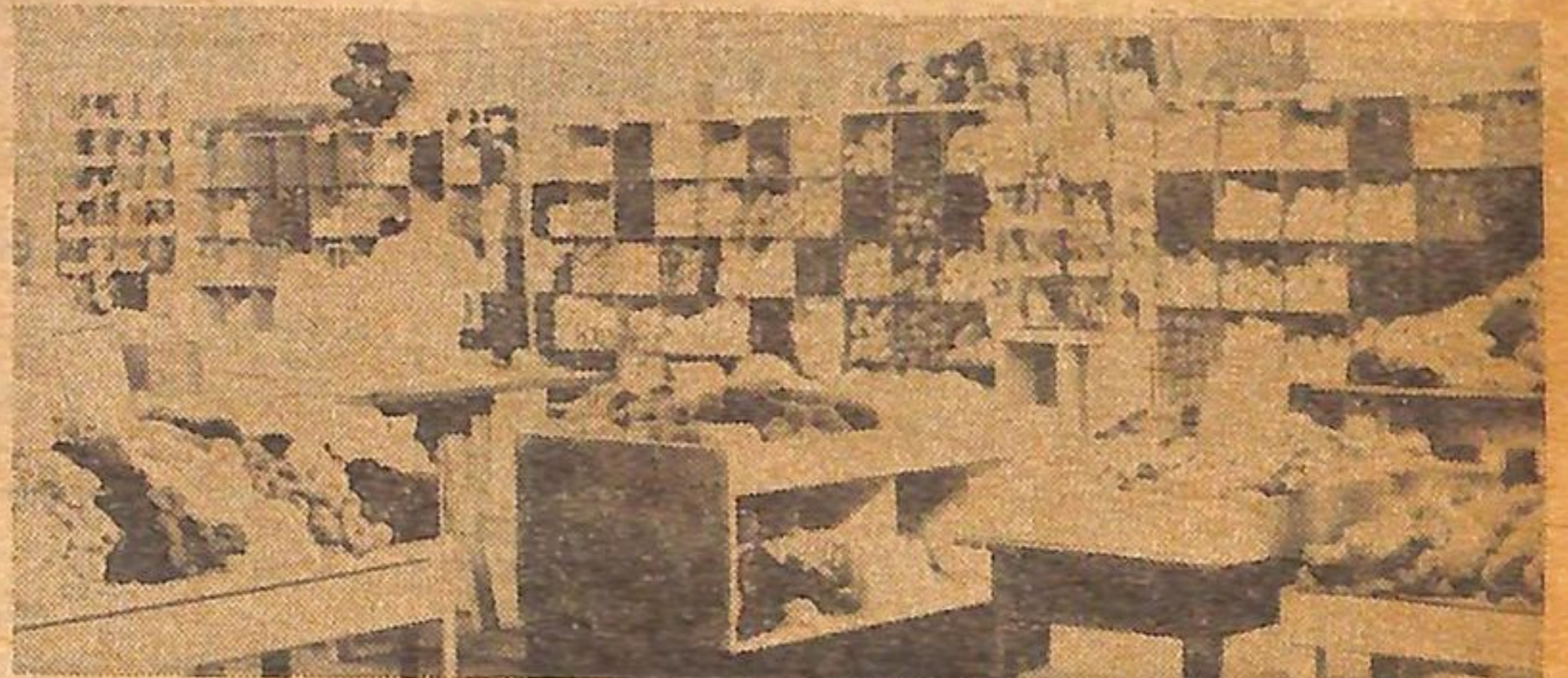
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