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Reviews Sixty Years History At Local Institute Meeting

Last Wednesday thirty - three culture was beginning its members of the Women's Institute for improvement of farm met at the home of Mrs. R. T. mals. Mrs. Hoodless felt Peal for their regular meeting, bealth and well-being of the The meeting opened with the In- man family was of more vital art Collect. Two minutes' silence ed the department of education, was observed in memory of Mrs. urging that the rudiments the organization who died recent-schools.

ing a pioneer custom or showing spend money to study the feedsomething and by telling its ing and care of hogs. history. This proved very inter- About this time Mr. Erland esting. A committee was ap- Lean, a broad-minded and public for the sixtieth anniversary of the cultural College and a member of bistitute. Mrs. Damon Roberts Farmers' Histitute., heard Mrs. be held on March 4th. Members on "The Need, of Domestic were asked to save clothing for Science and Sewing in Our crippled civilians and to leave any Schools." He was so impressed lantine: Mrs. Ernie Pearce read Hoodless to speak at next meetpoera entitled "After Pour", ing of the Farmers' Institute. Mrs. Victor Torrance and Mrs. The 35 women present promised William Cromar sang a duet to attend a meeting to form Mrs. E. R. Robinson gave the fol- women's organization similar lowing paper on the history of the men's. On Friday, Feb. 19 the Women's Institute:

spread single organization for who acted as chairman. women in the world" even we formed a true sisterhood far above with the Farmers' Institute we can be forever proud of On- stitute.

taxio's gift to the world. County after the death of her followed a short time later. first child, which she felt was due In 1903 the first convention was largely to lack of knowledge of held at Guelph in the new Macproper infant feeding. About donald Hall, not then completed.

stitute Ode and the Mary Stew-portance. She therefore approach-A. Semple, a long-time member of home-making be taught in rural

She received no encouragement Roll call was answered by giv- the men being more willing to

pointed to arrange a celebration spirited graduate of Ontario Agriconditions with Mrs. Annie Bal-, by her address, he invited Mrs.

1897. Mrs. Hoodless was amazed If some one were to ask, "What to find 101 women at Squire

Here was organized the first Institute members might hesitate. Women's Institute in the worldscarcely realizing the answer is using the name Women's Dept. of the Women's Institute. It has Domestic Economy in affiliation the prejudice and pettiness of South Wentworth. The first rerace and creed, and has set a gular meeting was held Feb. 25. shining example of unity. During 1897, when the name was chanits entire 60 years of existence ged to Stoney Creek Women's In-

The second Institute was or The Institute was originated by ganized at Whitby in June 1897 Mrs. John Hoodless of Wentworth Kemble Institute in Grey County

this time the department of agri- It was Laura Rose Stevens, the

suggested the motto: For Home Wednesday Evening Feb. 13, 19 and Country, which was adopted n. 1902

In 1903 a committee was chosen to select an emblem for an Institute pin. The design of the pin was copied largely from a signet ring worn by Laura Rose Stephens. In 1925 leaders were trained to conduct short courses in a number of subjects.

The Women's Institutes first demonstrated the need of medical inspection in schools. At the first inspection 433 pupils were found in need of some attention among 900 inspected, and that fall a resolution was passed requesting the department of education to establish a system of medical and dental inspection of school children. The first clinic was held in Peel County in 1918 and 90% of explained the extension course to Hoodless give a stirring address the children were found to need

> In the early days circulating libraries were formed but were soon outgrown and the travelling library system took their place.

In 1925 music was added and in that year Halton County Institutes brought musical instruction to the schools. This proved very popular with 1800 taking part in less than four years. This led to the schoral festivals in largest and most wide- Hall, Stoney Creek, also Mr. Lee, 1926 in which five counties took

There is a great work yet to be done in our Women's Institutes. To even mention each of the hundreds of fine projects carried through in recent years would take too long, but we must mention the war work so wonderfully carried on the one hundred and twenty-two thousand four hundred and sixty pounds of jams and jellies sent to Caradian military hospitals, to victims of bombing raids and crippled veterans helped and befriended.

Our founders had the courage to blaze new trails, and we can do no less.

Mrs. G. Campbell extended a vote of thanks to all those who had made it such an enjoyable meeting. It was a brought to a close with the singing of the Queen. The committee served a delicious lunch.

THE MAIL BAG

ASKS ACTION ON RAILWAY CROSSINGS

Georgetown, Feb. 4, 1957 Dear Editor:

In this troubled old world of ours one is furnished with a variety of thoughts on the ailments, and the cures applied are some times worse than the disease.

With the resignation of Sir Anthony and the inauguration of President Eisenhower, one took in hand to wreck the world and the other to build a sound and secure world if it is possible. This seems to have been the case since the world began, and with all our experience, education and science, we don't seem to have advanced much in the salvation of a suffering world.

When one hears so much about the misery and want caused by the domination and enslavement of the less greater powers throughout the world, with nothing but self-interest at heart, these great powers are trying to set the world free, or at least relieve the suffering that still remains a problem for humanity,

If these great powers were to operate as promptly and efficient ly as the Georgetown Fire Dept. the world would be a paradise for all, rich and poor alike. The same would apply to council and board of transport, if they were interested enough or cared enough to eliminate the level crossings which still and will remain a men-

ace to road and highway traffic. Nevertheless, I must say that we are fortunate at least to have the Georgetown Fire Dept. on call day or night, Saturdays and Sundays included. They are always on the job, ready and willing to do their utmost to relieve the suffeirngs caused by fire, whereever it may be. Honest action is what the world is yearning for. Yours truly,

G. Graham,

NINE BROWNIES IN ENROLMENT CEREMONY

Nine Brownies joined the First Georgetown Pack at an enrolment ceremony Wednesday in the parish hall of St. George's Anglican Church. Welcomed into the pack by Mrs. Norman Marchment, district commissioner, were Diane Schenk, Bonnie Saunders, Karen Reichards . Margaret Thompson, Lynn Bradley, Judy McCrea, Maureen Smith, Jacqueline Lince and

Judy Nash. During the evening, the brownles sang some of their songs and played a few games, to give parents an idea of how their meetings are conducted. Brown Owl Mrs. James Goodlet and Tawny Owl Mrs. Roy Bradley led the brownies in these, and Rev. Kenneth Richardson spoke a few words during the serving of lunch by ladies of the Local Auxiliary.

An added feature of the evening was presentation of Golden Bars to Several strik of the pack __ mil Rumbane Johnny Emery Joanette MacDingally John Manual Comments

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