

# Halton Branches

## Ashgrove

The Ashgrove W.I. was organized February 19, 1926 (55 years ago) and is comprised of members who live in south eastern Halton Hills—between lot 3 and lot 14 from the 5th Line to the 8th Line. Some members have retired from farming but live nearby and continue to join us for the monthly meetings held the third Tuesday sometimes at 1.30, sometimes at 8.00 p.m. When members are unable to host a meeting in their home they can host it in Hillcrest United Church.

When Ashgrove W.I. celebrated their Fiftieth Anniversary five years ago, there were only three charter members still living. Of these Mrs. C.B. Dick, the first president and Mrs. Clayton Wilson the first secretary, were able to greet the guests and join in the festivities, as did Mrs. Arthur Ruddell also.

Our group is representative of our community because many of our members' roots have been in Ashgrove for a long time. We have other members who have come to this district more recently and joined with us. We welcome newcomers to our area who wish to become acquainted in the neighbourhood and share in the learning experiences of the Women's Institute to get in touch with us and "try us out". Our community will be richer with your interest and support.

Our 1981-82 president is Mrs. G. Treviranus R.R. 2 Georgetown, 877-3087, and our secretary is Mrs. John Ruddell R.R. 2 Caledon East, 927-5609.

## Ballinafad

A Women's Institute was organized in Ballinafad in the old Grange Hall on 31st of January, 1906 and disbanded in 1921 because of lack of membership.

In October 1952 the women of the community gathered in the Temperance Hall and decided to reorganize the Women's Institute. One of the first big projects undertaken was to try to raise money to get a new Community Hall started. Money was raised in various ways. Mr. and Mrs. John Snow built a portable booth so we could cater to fairs and the Steam Era in Milton.

Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month in member's homes. January, February, March and April are afternoon meetings and the rest of the year are evening meetings. July and August are holiday months. We have members from the 6th line on the west to the 9th line on the east and from Peacock sideroad to just below the townline with one member in Acton.

We have a Tweedmeer History book and have current events of local interest to preserve

history and events for future reference.

Community projects through the years are too numerous to mention all—donation to Georgetown Hospital for an inhalator and sponsored foster children overseas. We have always had at least one 4H Homemaking Club and sometimes two and supplied the leaders. We recognize our girls' achievements with a gift when they achieve Provincial and Advanced Honours.

We try to remember our sick and shut ins at Christmas time with gifts and at other times with cards.

We chose as our Centennial project in 1967 to see if we could help the Trustees of Providence Burying Grounds on 8th line corner to restore the cemetery. After many meetings with the trustees and township council and much hard work, this was finally achieved. We erected a bronze plaque on the original gates. We instigated the investigations and contacted the Provincial Government and the Historical Board about having the government erect a plaque designating Ballinafad corner as a historical site in 1970.

We then worked with the Ballinafad Cemetery board and in 1972 erected a cairn with a bronze plaque to the first pioneer settler in Erin township. He had donated land for a school, a church, a manse, a Grange Hall and a cemetery to the settlement of Ballinafad. Both



of the above plaques are beside the cemetery in Ballinafad.

Our aim for the future is to continue to serve our community and our country in whatever way we can and so live up to our Motto "For Home and Country".

We owe a big thank you to many people in the community who though not members have always helped us when we have a special project big or small. For this we are very grateful.

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## Bannockburn

Bannockburn Women's Institute was organized March 14th, 1918 at the home of Mrs. A.G. Clarridge with

twenty-five members. The Bannockburn W.I. has never been without a member of Mrs. Clarridge's family since the day it was organized.

The members are from the Bannockburn district, east of Acton, some from Georgetown, Erin Township and Nassagaweya. The meetings are held the second Tuesday evening of each month at the homes of the members.

One meeting we had a speaker who showed pictures and commented on life in Peru and another meeting we saw pictures and heard of life in Australia.

In future we hope to be of assistance in any way possible in our community and to help the Cancer society with their yearly collection in April.

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## Campbellville

Campbellville W.I. was formed in 1909, disbanded from 1913 to 1939, and then reorganized. Our members come from the village and we meet in the different homes. Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. During the winter months we meet with a dessert luncheon at 1.30.

We are very active in all community activities. Our W.I. inaugurated the SPIN (Stop Pollution In Nassagaweya) program which is recycling tin, glass, and newspapers. The Depot is manned by W.I. members the first Saturday of each month from 9 till 12.

We were instrumental in having No Parking signs and flashing lights installed at the village's dangerous main corner. We sponsored a Korean child. Our aim is to interest more new residents in our W.I.

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## Dublin

Dublin W.I. held their organizational meeting December 12, 1925, at Dublin School, located at the corner of 22nd Sideroad and Highway 25. The members were residents of Esquesing and Nassagaweya Townships in Halton County. In more recent years, our members are from the town of Acton, as well. Our meetings are held in the homes of members, those whose homes will accommodate 35-40 people, on the third Thursday of each month, and although we usually have plenty of business, there is always time for a cup of tea, and a chat—we make the time!

One of the nicest things about our Institute branch is the compatibility of our age range, both Charter members and Juniors work and laugh together. There is a very special relationship between the young and the not-so-young.

We have various money-making projects, every year. Most frequently we cater to weddings, receptions and banquets. We have

booths at local auctions. Why, in 1974, we took on the ambitious task of supplying fresh-baked pies, tarts and cupcakes every morning for 6 days for the International Plowing Match. Our ovens didn't cool off for a week! For that particular project, we gathered recipes from our members, published them in a Cook Book, and sold them to visitors. Ever since then, these books have been a continuing source of revenue, and a popular item for purchase. We also organized the sale of W.I. Member signs for our District. One of our future aims is to attract new members to our genial group and involve more young women in our Community. Our funds are donated annually to various worthwhile community endeavours. This year alone, the "International Year for the Physically Disabled" our branch has donated \$800 to date, to ACTIVAN and Friends-in-Deed, a social group for adults who are physically disabled.

Along with all other District Branches, we canvass for the Cancer Society, entertain at various and sundry get-

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