

WOODDALE

1929-1979



50

YEARS

WITH

ALBERTA WOMENS INSTITUTE

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1956-59 Marie Donnelly
1960-61 Mabel G. Mellis
1962-63 Florence Broderson
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~~1970-79~~

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1939-55	Ruth Wiley

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1973-79	Elsie Heilemann

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1975-79	Edith Goings

MEMBERS

1929

1. Mrs. Pat Bowen
2. Mrs. M.S. Augner
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4. Mrs. T.A. Crommie
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13. Mrs. Ruth Wiley
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22. Mrs. E. (Annabelle) George
23. Dr. Beth Brunton
24. Mrs. Hiram Cutler
25. Mrs. H. (Ethel) Veefkind
26. Mrs. H. (Larue) Eckardt

1930

27. Mrs. M.B. Tuckey
28. Mrs. J. Lemon
29. Mrs. C.H. (Ruth) Smith
30. Mrs. F.J. Bell
31. Mrs. B.W. MacGillivray
32. Mrs. L. Saunders
33. Mrs. Simonson
34. Mrs. S.J. Byers
35. Mrs. E.B. Sisty
36. Mrs. A.J. Hayden
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38. Mrs. L. (May) Chaffee
39. Mrs. MacKinnon
40. Mrs. Quinn
41. Mrs. Thorvaldson
42. Miss Beulah Irwin
43. Miss Jenny Cook
44. Mrs. R. James
45. Mrs. I. Uhl

1931

46. Mrs. Farnham
47. Mrs. D.P. (Minnie) Adams
48. Mrs. Jess Lloyd
49. Mrs. R.G. (Kate) Dentman
50. Miss Lorna Dentman

1931

51. Mrs. S. Palfreyman
52. Mrs. P. Chapman
53. Mrs. A. Gwin
54. Mrs. Barnhill
55. Mrs. Pat (Ruby) Alter
56. Mrs. Edith Newsom
57. Mrs. Tom (Ina) Spinks
58. Mrs. A.R. (Vanessa) Schrader
59. Mrs. J.S. Burke

1932

60. Mrs. W. (Emma) Cotton
61. Miss Bernice Augner
62. Mrs. Halpin
63. Mrs. Bernice Frisken

1933

64. Mrs. C. (Ella) Rimbey
65. Miss Ida Odenbach
- 65.a. Marie Donnelly

1934

66. Mrs. O. (Muriel) Massing
67. Mrs. T. Wilton

1935

68. Mrs/ Fairbrother
69. Mrs. L.F. McLees

1936

70. Mrs. T.A. Iddings
71. Miss Mollie McLees

1937

72. Mrs. Lulu Francis

1938

73. Mrs. W.S. Muddle
74. Mrs. A. Norem
75. Mrs. L.J. Spooner
76. Mrs. R. Spooner
77. Mrs. J. Ralston
78. Mrs. J. Pringle

1939

79. Mrs. Beer
80. Mrs. Kriz
81. Mrs. R.G. (Tillie) Caldwell
82. Mrs. Wilton

1940

- 83. Miss Meredith
- 84. Mrs. Harriet Mayner

1941

- 85. Mrs. Birkness
- 86. Mrs. F. Ausmus
- 87. Mrs. S. (Florence) Tschabold
- 88. Mrs. V. (May) Parker
- 89. Mrs. Glen (Ina) Chiles
- 90. Mrs. I.D. Taylor

1942

- 91. Mrs. W. (Lena) Slyter
- 92. Mrs. Askeland
- 93. Mrs. Reba Hurcomb
- 94. Mrs. O. Wagner
- 95. Mrs. Ben (Ruth) Gunn
- 95. Mrs. Glen (Edith) Goings
- 97. Mrs. Robert Lewis

1944

- 98. Mrs. B.M. (Effie) Burchna11
- 99. Mrs. J. Whitworth
- 100. Mrs. F. Johnsman
- 101. Mrs. Howard Gimby
- 102. Mrs. Stringer
- 103. Mrs. Robert Watts
- 104. Mrs. Ethel Garrett
- 105. Mrs. Schultz

1945

- 106. Mrs. Warren Connelly
- 107. Mrs. O. Simon

1946

- 108. Miss Marry Mellis

1947

- 109. Mrs. Hales
- 110. Mrs. Winiarski
- 111. Mrs. Esther Hemphill

1948

- 112. Mrs. J. Wetzler
- 113. Mrs. Stevenson
- 114. Mrs. Alice Odenbach
- 115. Mrs. H. (Hazel) Lofgren
- 116. Mrs. J. (Mary) Duke
- 117. Mrs. Geo. (Rita) Irwin
- 118. Mrs. Voghell
- 119. Mrs. Chapman
- 120. Mrs. Ed. (Leola) Montalbetti
- 121. Mrs. A. (Anne) Montalbetti

1949

- 122. Mrs. Wm. Broderson

1950

- 123. Mrs. K. Stoehr
- 124. Mrs. J. (Louise) Whitesell
- 125. Mrs. J. Manson

1951

- 126. Mrs. Zutter

1952

- 127. Mrs. A. (Mabel) Craig
- 128. Mrs. L. (Roslyn) McManus
- 129. Mrs. Loyek

1953

- 130. Mrs. L. (Ethel) Jensen
- 131. Mrs. R.G. (Tillie) Caldwell
- 132. Miss Evelyn Sholenko
- 133. Mrs. Sprott
- 134. Mrs. Mary Reaume

1954

- 135. Mrs. Jessie Alexander

1956

- 136. Mrs. Thomas

1957

137. Mrs. Florence Tschabold

1958

138. Mrs. A. (Lyla) Bennett

1959

139. Mrs. A. (Florence) Pierlot

1960

140. Mrs. Walker
141. Mrs. R. (Ethel) Bohlender

1963

142. Mrs. Rose Watson

1964

143. Mrs. Hilda Trenholm
144. Mrs. Joan Freeman

1966

145. Mrs. Leona Platt
146. Mrs. G. (Winnie) Gusek
147. Mrs. Lamb

1969

148. Mrs. V. (Mabel) Sorenson

1970 Mrs. Elise Heilemann

1973

149. Mrs. Amelia Thompson
150. Mrs. Alma Von Tettenborn
151. Mrs. W. (Sannie) McCrady
152. Mrs. Jean Bates

1975

153. Mrs. Francis Mills
154. Mrs. Theresa Riddiough

1976

155. Mrs. R. (Mary) Burrows
156. Mrs. Martha Lovlie

1978

157. Mrs. Diane Smith

1979

158. Mrs. Elizabeth Shubert
159. Mrs. Jean Goofers

OUR FIRST FIFTY YEARS - WOODDALE W.I.

June 15, 1929, was a very important day in the lives of many women in the Wooddale, Monte Vista districts and Rimbey area.

"A meeting for the organization of a Women's Institute at Wooddale School was called to order by Mrs. Fred Ellsworth, visiting president of Center Valley Women's Institute, who acted as chairman." (From Esta Stuart's minutes of that meeting.)

Officers elected at that first meeting were:

President	Mrs. Pat Bowen
Vice-President	Mrs. M.S. (Florence) Aunger
Secretary-Treasurer	Esta Stuart
Auditors	Mrs. Robert MacKenzie Mrs. T.A. Crommie
Directors	Mrs. D.A. Stuart Mrs. Crommie Miss Blanche Brooks

"A vote of thanks to the five Center Valley Ladies, Mrs. Fred Ellsworth, Mrs. Joe Diggle, Mrs. Ed Ellsworth, and Mrs. L.A. Gunnell, who so kindly helped us in our organization was carried unanimously."

Fifty years later, we are even more grateful to those five ladies (Mrs. Joe Diggle now lives in the Kansas Ridge Apartments in Rimbey).

Others signing the roll as Charter members were Mildred Crommie, Mrs. C.H. Stewart, Mrs. William Stuart, and Mrs. Johnson (by ...)

By motion the annual membership fee was set at 25¢ and "at each meeting we have a receptacle in a conspicuous place for free will offering."

Quilting activities were started that first year, and are even now a main project and source of funds. Since 1971, we have earned about \$2,100 and what good times we've had around the quilts! Through the years, we have given quilts to fire victims, cold bachelors - wherever we saw a need.

Our first bride was Mildred Crommie, one of our Charter members, who married Jack Manson. In September, 1930, included in "bills paid" was "set of knives - \$4.50." Lorna Dentman (Mrs. Ken Adams) and Mary Mellis (Mrs. George Grinde) were also members who married while they were in the Institute.

For several years, our meetings were held in the Wooddale School. Hiram Cutler Jr. was paid 25¢ per meeting for janitor services. We even bought an oil stove (\$16.50) after inquiring into the school board's insurance policy. \$12.50 was donated the school organ fund.

In June, 1933, Wooddale hosted the Conference for the Lacombe Constituency, of which we were a part. This was a real drain on our finances as we paid for the delegates noon dinner. (40¢ a plate at Harry Taylor's "Cottage Hotel"). By motion the Wooddale members paid for their own meals.

Eight years later the constituency conference was again held in Rimbey. By this time we had been spending much of our money on the war effort and were less generous. The meeting was held in the Eckardt building in the "lower town" and we provided the food ourselves. Lunch committee: Eckardt, Tuckey, and Slyter. Visiting delegates paid 35¢ a plate, with no charge to Wooddale members.

For several years after 1929, we contributed \$5.00 each year, to the school fair in Rimbey. When the U.N. summer course in New York was established, we gave \$15.00 per year toward sending the local High School delegate. Among those receiving our help were Anne King, May Gardner, and Norma Marchildon. Their reports to our Institute made interesting fall programs.

In 1953, following a visit of Margie McCrea to our Institute we set up a \$50.00 scholarship to the Grade XII student with the highest marks in the June exams, in Social Studies and English. In 1969, another donor awarded a Social Studies scholarship and we reduced our award to \$25.00. However, since 1974, we have been giving \$50.00, and several times tie winners have meant we have paid up to \$80.00. We have watched with interest the progress of many of these students and wish we could have followed them all. Many have made us very proud to have played a small part in their lives.

Other donations to local youth projects have been made to 4H work, W.I. Girls Clubs, Brownies and to the Rimbey Band - \$50.00-- when it was first started.

For thirty years we contributed to the Alberta Cancer Fund, usually \$25.00. Mrs. F. Johnsman, for many years represented the Cancer Society in Rimbey and organized the annual campaign, many of the canvassers being W.I. members. Mrs. Johnsman also attended the Provincial

Convention of the Association several times. During this time, the Rimbeys Canvassers averaged between \$700.00 and \$800.00 for the Cancer Society.

The CNIB, the Salvation Army and the Rimbeys Community Appeal received regular donations for many years, with our members helping, too, in the local campaigns.

As we were organized in 1929, just before the "Hungry Thirties" we were soon faced with acute local needs. We were the only local service club and responded generously. Looking back, we wonder how we did anything else but welfare work.

Hampers were packed just before Christmas - sometimes this took the place of our regular meeting. They included fruit, candy, nuts, canned goods, etc. One year a turkey was included in every hamper. Merchants made generous donations, as did our members. Woollen mitts and other clothing were added. \$25.00 to \$20.00 was spent every December. Through the year we collected used clothing and received many calls, some of these were from local ministers and members of the council. We bought wool socks and felt hats to one meeting. "and several pairs of children's stockings, and felt slippers were made."

During the World War we spent much of our time and money on war projects, especially gifts to our men in the services. We sent leather for seamen's jackets, wool for heavy sweaters, parcels to prisoners of war, packed many ditty bags, and donated money to the Red Cross and other funds.

Beginning in 1946, we concentrated on CARE parcels to England, Vienna, Greece, Finland, Germany and other areas. Letters from the recipients were most rewarding.

We held our first short course on sewing in 1930, a 3-day event. This was followed by several 1-day and longer courses, generally open to the public, with the instructors coming from the Department of Agriculture.

Well-baby clinics and home nursing courses were well-attended. The Provincial Department of Health sent us efficient and understanding staff.

The first Mobile Blood Donor Clinic in Rimbey and the first X-Ray Chest Clinic were both sponsored by the Wooddale Institute. We were responsible through our efforts and financing for finally getting a Rest Room in the town.

Our efforts for Home and Country continue. In 1978 and 1979, we made the arrangements for Citizenship Courts to be held in Rimbey, largely through the initiative of Mary Burrows.

Wooddale's record in handicrafts could fill another book. Linda Betts was our first Constituency winner of the individual trophy. Other big winners were Florence Pierlot, Edith Goings, Joan Freeman, and Elsie Heilemann. In fact, most of us have had a part in bringing home the trophy.

We have had fifty happy and productive years and, though our membership changes, the Institute continues. For another 50 years? Or maybe 150?

THE W.I. 's 21st BIRTHDAY
(From the W.I. Records)

This was the largest meeting ever held by our Institute. Sixty ladies met at Mrs. J. Grinde's home to celebrate the 21st birthday of our organization, and it was indeed a happy and memorable occasion!

In keeping with W.I. tradition, all joined in reciting the Club Women's Creed, and in the song "The More We Get Together."

There was no formal business meeting but our President for 18 years, Mrs. Mellis, in her ever pleasant and efficient manner, carried out the program with despatch and graciousness.

We had a minute of silence in tribute to our 14 deceased members; Mrs. Wiley recited "Crossing the Bar" in their honour and rose leaves were dropped as their names were called.

Mrs. Herb Johnson, who was the real founder of the Institute, told of the organization of our club. There were 8 members and before the end of 1929, this number had been increased to 25.

Eight members of the old Chapel W.I. were honoured visitors. They told of their efforts in organizing our Institute, and their pride in our 21 year record.

Mrs. F. Hancher, Mrs. A. Hancher, and Mrs. Mason were quests from the former Leedale W.I.

The roll call included the names of all those who had at any time been members of our organization. Thirty-nine of those called were present and many humorous and heart-warming memories were recalled.

Mrs. Manson, one of the two charter members present, had joined as Miss Mildred Crommie, and was our first W.I. bride! She left the district for several years and did not rejoin the Institute until 1949, but was glad to be once again "back in the fold."

Mrs. Barnhill, who left 18 years ago, and Mrs. Auger, the second charter member present, were some of the farthest (from Edmonton). Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. F. Askeland from Wetaskiwin, Mrs. Bailey (Blanche Brooks) and Mrs. Ken Adams (Lorna Dentman) from Lacombe, and Mrs. E. George from Bentley along with Mrs. J. Ralston from Aspen Beach were other guests from a distance.

Mrs. Spinks, Mrs. R.G. Dentman, and Mrs. H. Johnsman were the local former members present.

Letters read included those from Mrs. H. Cutler, Miss Esta Stuart, Mesdames L.S. Cutler, Ruby Alter, Jessie Kennedy, Halpin. Sibbald, Veefkind, Lemon, Bell, Tuckey, Byers, Chaffee, Loyd, Chapman, Frisken, Birkness, and Wynn.

Mrs. Bell generously sent a lovely cushion cover - hand-embroidered by herself and a towel set with tatted edging. Tickets were sold on these, netting \$15.15 for our Treasury. Mrs. J. Ralston and Mrs. J. Duke were the lucky winners.

Duets by Miss Mavis Manson and Miss Marion Wiley accompanied by Mrs. Baudais, were enjoyed.

As Handicrafts Convenor, Mrs. Grinde had arranged a beautiful display of handicrafts in the upstairs rooms. These were viewed following the program.

Mrs. Mellis then cut the beautifully decorated 3-tier cake made by Mrs. Ruth Smith, and a delicious tea was served by the hostess who was graciously assisted by Mrs. Manson, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hemphill, Mrs. Duke, Miss Manson, Miss Wiley and several other members.

Perhaps the most enjoyable feature of the meeting was the pleasure in meeting again many old friends, some of whom had not seen each other for years, hearing of or from those of our circle who were absent, and the wonderful feeling of friendship and fellowship which made us realize again the "in the big things of life we are one."

PROGRAMS

Our programs at the meetings have reflected our faithful following of our motto: "For Home and Country," and our concern that we be more than just a women's social club.

At the fourth meeting, Mrs. L.S. Cutler presented a paper on the Fundamentals of Parliamentary Practice as applied to Women's Institutes. From the minutes, "This paper was so full instruction that the secretary proposed by motion that it become the property of the society. Carried."

A year later L.S. Cutler, a Rimbey lawyer, spoke on "Women's Rights in Alberta," saying that he considered these rights were based on Christianity. He dealt with property rights, divorce, separation, and alimony laws, and the recent judgment of the Privy Council: "That women were persons, with the right to sit in the senate."

We became well informed about the work of the League of Nations. Rev. W.J. Moores of Bentley addressed us twice. Following his second speech, "Peace and the Work of the League," he was presented with a \$5.00 gold piece.

Other speakkers on the League included Mrs. O. Simon, Rev. Geo. D. Young, and L.S. Cutler, who dealt expecially with the League's preservation of peace. He cited major causes of war:

- (1) Private manufacture of armaments
- (2) Present economic system
- (3) Need for an outlet for expanding populations

As mothers, we were deeply interested in Education. Through the years many members of the Rimbey School Staff were guest speakers.

In May, 1934, Ottar Massing discussed Physical Education in the schools. Five years later his subject was "Problems in Modern Education." He outlined the new "Enterprise System", in which facts are learned as the need arises-as opposed to being presented as meaningless data.

Other Rimbey teachers who spoke to us on educational topics included: Margie McCrea, Louis Vaghell, Gordon Mattias, Lawson Dewar, Lyla Bennett, and Mabel Sorenson.

Several of our own members, too, have provided good programs on education and among these were:

Mrs. E. George: Major Problems in Education
Mrs. M.S. Aunger: The Mother's Part in Teaching Home Economics
Mrs. Lulu Francis: Advantages of the Large School Unit
(June, 1938)

In November, 1939, Dr. S.F. Carr read a paper on the Settlement of Canada from the earliest settlers to the present time, which according to our secretary "contained more data than is found in some history texts." A lively question and discussion period followed. The Roll Call was answered by naming a good Canadian citizen.

Our interest in education has not lessened. Our guest speaker at our meeting in February, 1979 was Walter Curtis, B.Ed., M.Ed. who is Director of School Services for the County of Ponoka. Mr. Curtis explained the services provided by the County, especially for handicapped students, and answered many questions. A real learning experience for us!

Many programs helped us in improving our homes. Several such programs were provided by members of the Lacombe Station including Dr. DeLong, who illustrated his lecture with slides at a meeting open to the public. Mrs. Ed. Connelly, an outstanding gardener gave "a very interesting and informative talk on her methods of raising flowers." She advised us to pour the weekly wash water on the sweet peas, and for perfect fertilizer, soak a tub of barnyard manure and use the drained-off water.

Mrs. Tillie Calwell discussed "Fruit Growing on the Prairies."

Several of our district home economists have advised us on interior decorating, and years before we had local D.H.E.'s, Mrs. Clarence Damron of Bentley visited us to give practical suggestions on beautifying our homes and gardens and later, invited us to her home, where we had one of our most enjoyable meetings.

Our programs continue to be interesting and timely. Observing "The Year of the Child" as declared by the United Nations for 1979, Mrs. Winnie Gusek arranged to have Annette Boorman show slides of children in Nepal and to lead a discussion on children in Canada-and children in Nepal- a comparison. A very interesting and enlightening program!

THE W.I. AND THE LIBRARY

The lack of any library service in Rimbey was an early concern of the Institute Women. The President, Mrs. P. Bowen at the meeting in October, 1929, urged the members to "begin thinking of the formation of a library."

Books were donated by members and Mrs. P. Bowen was appointed librarian. In November, 1930, she reported 18 books in the library and also a box of books from the University Department of Extension "for use of the Institute and the general public."

The next year 70 volumes were received from the Calgary Public Library - a gift of discarded books, and Mrs. Bowen asked for lumber to make a bookcase. Her request was gladly granted and the bill - \$6.15 ordered paid.

In September, 1934, Mrs. Sibbald took charge of the library at meetings in Mrs. Bowen's absence, and later became our regular librarian.

Mrs. J.P. Fairbrother made a generous donation of books and a box of books was secured from the Lady Tweedsmuir Library.

By January, 1938, our library had grown so large that Mrs. Sibbald and Mrs. Bowen were asked to sort the books and discard the oldest ones. (Should some of these have been saved for the Pas-ka-poo Museum?)

Interest in a Rimbey Library revived in the 1950's when a local Home and School branch was organized and showed a desire to work towards the establishment of a town library.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to have Miss Gibson of Lacombe, discuss possible library service for Rimbey. We wrote to Mr. Blake MacKenzie, Coordinator of Cultural Activities for the Alberta Government, and he advised us to send a delegation to a Rimbey Home and School meeting where an official will discuss Regional Libraries.

From there on, our library efforts consisted of assistance to the Home and School.

Our Roll Call at our meeting on March, 1953 was a book for the Rimbey Library. Committees from the Institute assisted in ordering books, and in mending donated books. In April, 1953, we made our promised donation of \$100.00 to the Library.

Once again, we Institutess were successful "instigators" and we are proud to have taken a part in the growth of our town's cultural development.

THE W.I. AND THE LEGION

These two organizations have had a close and cooperative relationship through the years. Less than a year after the W.I. was organized, the President, Mabel Mellis, asked the women at the April 30 meeting for donations of perennials or plants suitable for a hedge for the Legion park grounds, and in June a letter from the Legion offered the women free use of their hall at any time.

"The Institute felt that we should make a substantial donation to the Legion because we were using their hall so often," so \$10.00 was given, with the suggestion that if this were spent for paint and kalsomine, the women would help in redecorating the hall.

Feeling that our donation was inadequate, Mrs. Mellis wrote to T. Eaton Company, asking for a donation of paint. Eaton's proved very generous, sending gallons of paint, freight prepaid. Mrs. H. Veefkind convened a work bee and the paint was used on tables, cupboards, and even on the exterior of the hall. Mrs. E. George supplied curtains for the windows.

In November, 1932, at the Legion's request, we served a chicken supper on November 11th. For several years, this was an annual event.

In June, 1934, Mrs. Olive Whitesell was appointed "liaison person" to contact the Legion members regarding assisting them in a clean-up program of the hall and grounds.

In June, 1941, a letter was sent to the Legion commending their decision to not sell their land, but to hold it for a Memorial Park.

In October, 1938, the two organizations made a business arrangement. The Institute rented the hall on a yearly basis, at \$7.50 per month, beginning in January, 1939. At that time, Court was held regularly in the hall, at \$9.00 per meeting and the women hoped to make a profit. Unfortunately, we received this rent only once as another location was chosen for Court sessions, and the average rent received from other meetings was less than \$3.00. Total rent received was only \$39.50, while our rent, lights, wood, and janitor bills totalled \$113.91. Needless to say, we did not renew our lease.

However we continued to use the hall for many of our activities, and have held the annual Institute Handicraft Tea in the new Legion Hall several times. Also, our older members are guests at the Legion annual Christmas party and look forward to that happy event all year.

The old Legion hall was bought by O.B. Moore and moved to his business area behind the theater. At the O.B. Moore estate sale it was sold to James Jaffray, who moved it out to his farm.

THE HOSPITAL

The Wooddale Women's Institute and Rimbey's first hospital, St. Paul's (now the 3-way Auxiliary Hospital) both date from 1929, and their relationship was very close.

Preparing for the opening of the hospital, the Institute's first meeting in 1930 was held in the hospital. Quoting from the minutes of January 18, 1930: "It was a stormy and cold day for the meeting of the W.I. at the hospital. The purpose of the meeting at this place being to put in an afternoon sewing linens for the hospital."

Promptly at 2:00 p.m. work was begun, measuring and cutting sheeting and pillow tubing. 17 sheets and 27 pillow cases were completed and many more folded and taken home for finishing. Mrs. Annabel George and Miss Anderson had provided 4 sewing machines. Dr. Beth Brunton took the women on a tour of inspection. We all feel justly proud of our new building which will soon be in operation."

Our work for the hospital continued for many years. In October, 1930, Mrs. Sibbald, Hospital Convenor, reported a request from the hospital for old cottons and bedding, and that she had made several baby dresses for the nursery.

The next month, On November 8, a benefit tea was held at Mrs. E. George's home, netting \$19.00 for hospital work, in addition to "at least 27 jars of fruit, pickles, etc., and several sacks of vegetables."

Two dances were "put on" for hospital funds, early in 1932. Reporting on the February 10 dance Mrs. C.H. (Ruth) Smith said snow and cold weather had resulted in poor attendance and a net profit of only \$16.10. Added to this, however, was \$2.50 from raffling a scarf made by Mrs. I. Uhl, and pillow tubing and sheeting had been donated by T. Eaton Company and the NuWay Stores (We must have been effective beggars!)

The dance held on April 8 was more successful, with proceeds of \$109.30 and expenses of \$37.70 leaving \$74.50 for the Hospital Committee. In May a donated hall mirror was raffled for \$30.00. Purchases that year included 6 chairs, a rocker, bed linens and a nursery rack.

In 1934, two "For the hospital" dances were held as well as a tea at the hospital. This tea became an annual event and the fruit and vegetable showers were also continued for several years.

Other purchases included a bed table for \$26.50, a rug for \$11.00, a quartz lamp, and a bolt of flannelette for \$11.00, which we made into baby clothes.

One ward in the hospital was named the Wooddale Women's Institute Ward as the Institute had provided most of the furniture for the room.

In August, 1944, Mrs. Donnelly led a discussion on hospital aid, and a motion that, since it was too late to plan a hospital benefit tea, we make a donation of \$50.00 to the hospital. This motion, made by Mrs. Sibbald and Mrs. Grinde, was carried.

In the "thank-you" letter from St. Paul's hospital, we were informed that the money was being used to complete payment for the Metablor, recently purchased.

Two turkeys were given to the Hospital staff for Christmas, 1952, and a wheel chair was obtained in February 1953, by Wooddale W.I.

After the Rimbeay Municipal Hospital was established, St. Paul's Hospital was converted into an auxiliary hospital, officially named "Three-Way Chronic Convalescent Hospital." Opening ceremonies were held on Saturday, April 8, 1950, and lunch was served by the Institute.

We have continued our relationship with the hospital and a few years ago, made a supply of lined fortrel knee covers. We also continue to donate a Christmas present to each patient. Several of our members are also regular visitors to the 3-Way.

The present General Hospital, organized by the Municipality, was opened on April 8, 1950. That was a busy day for our Institute as we sponsored the reception and tea, with Mrs. Birkness as our Convenor. At our meeting on April 15, the Matron, Mrs. Graham graciously thanked us for this service.

INSTITUTE BABIES

1. May/30	Simonsen - \$2.00 Cheque
2. June/30	Gordon Johnson - silver baby cup
3. September/30	Shirley Anne Tuckey - \$2.00 cheque
4. June/32	Janet Wiley
5. August/32	Lloyd
6. August/33	Donna Frisken
7. March/34	Halpin
8. April/34	Marian Wiley
9. February/35	Patrick Donnelly
10. June/35	Donald Rimbey
11. August/35	Harvey James Hewitt
12. October/37	Hubert Wiley
13. September/38	Ruby Whitesell
14. April/39	Bobby Spooner
15. September/40	Dale Tuckey
16. June/40	John Melvin Francis
17. May/41	Connie Asmus
18. June/42	Judy Kriz
19. August/44	Trevor Calkins
January/47	Brian Birkness
21. December/47	Malcolm Wiley
22. September/50	Marlane Odenbach
23. November/40	John Grinde
24. April/51	John Whitesell
25. January/52	David Zutter
26. September/52	Richard Goings
27. May/53	Anne Grinde
28. November/53	Susan Irwin
29. December/54	Robert Michael Grinde
30. April/56	Stephen Irwin

QUILTS

During the fifty years of our existence our Institute Members must have made enough quilts to cover all the beds in our homes.

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1953	Robert Plank	\$ 50
54	<i>Luba Mishakoff</i>	\$ 50
55	Garry Gillund	\$ 50
56		\$ 50
57	Gladys Freeman	\$ 50
58	Marlaine Jordan	\$ 50
59	Joan Wilson	\$ 50
60	Iona Stearn	\$ 50
61	Beatrice Drinnan	\$ 50
62	Pat Van Humbeck	\$ 50
63	James Frank	\$ 50
64	Lurie May Smith	\$ 50
65	Michael Boorman	\$ 50
66	Patricia O'Connor, Heather Davies, Barry Collis	\$ 75 (\$25 each)
67	Patrick Fawcett, Anne Wild	\$ 50 (\$25 each)
68	Don Stanski, Jocelyn Palm, Elaine Larkem and Frank Van Humbeck	\$ 60 (\$15 each)
69	Carolyn Lloy	\$ 25
70	Colleen Kriz	\$ 25
71	Gayla (Langmuir) Duteau, Victor Leginsky	\$ 40 (\$20 each)
72	Barbara Palm	\$ 25
73	Heather More	\$ 25
74	Cheryl Langmuir	\$ 25
75	Nancy More	\$ 50
76	Corinne Stobbe	\$ 50
77	Doug Algar, Anne Stout	\$ 80 (\$40 each)
78	Anne Mickey	\$ 50
79	<i>Chris Irwin</i>	\$ 50

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Nov. 16, 1929

	Br. Fwd.	\$67.40	\$17.00
Dues:	Mrs. Buchanan		
	Mrs. Veefkind		
	Dr. Beth Brunton	.75	
	Mrs. Cooper (quilt tickets)	.85	
	Free Will Offering	1.80	
	Janitor		.25
Dues	Mrs. Cutler	.25	

Dec. 16

	Mrs. Hayden Chocs. 85¢		
	Embroid. apron-60¢		
Adv. by sec'y post.	15¢		1.60
		<u>\$70.45</u>	<u>\$18.85</u>
Cash in bank			50.35
Cash on Hand			2.85
Outstanding Cheque		<u>1.60</u>	<u>\$72.05</u>
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M. Crommie
Mrs. Robt. MacKenzie

December, 1949

RECEIPTS

Bank Balance	\$288.75
Tea Money	\$1.65
	1.35
	1.60
	3.25
	1.45
	1.50
	1.25
	1.65
	.90
	1.85
	1.75
	18.20
Dues	24.00
Cards Sold	21.10
Dance Lunches	
	58.95
	63.33
	25.57
	7.00
	154.85
	<u>515.08</u>
O.S. Cheque	<u>8.00</u>
	<u>\$523.08</u>

EXPENDITURES

Sec'y	\$15.00
Cafeteria	.03
Sacks	14.02
Dues Prov.	21.25
Const.	7.25
Dist.	1.00
Home & Country	7.00
Skeels Fund	10.00
Salvation Army	25.00
Cancer Fund	25.00
Fruit, etc.	10.30
Prov. Conv.	15.00
Const. Conf.	6.00
Pins & Spoons	12.50
Sewing Course	1.00
Cards	16.27
Music	1.59
Clinic	20.80
Flowers	8.00
Stamps	3.00
	<u>220.01</u>
Cash & Bank	<u>303.07</u>
	<u>\$523.08</u>

R. Wiley,
Sec.-Treas.

January 1978

RECEIPTS

Bank Balance \$501.37

Dues	\$ 37.00
Quilts	465.00
Prizes	18.35
Tea Money	71.42
Gift	10.00

601.77

\$1,103.14

EXPENDITURES

Quilt Supplies	\$ 45.03
Bank Charges	6.35
W.I. Office	103.40
Delegate Exp.	110.55
Edmonton Trip	105.00
Social Welfare	155.00
Scholarship	50.00
Prizes	34.59
Misc.	74.83
	<u>684.75</u>

Bank	<u>418.39</u>
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R. McManus
Jan. 15, 1979

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Mrs. Herb Johnson
Mrs. T. A. Crommie
Miss Mildred Crommie
Mrs. Robert McKenzie
Mrs. C. H. Stuart
Mrs. Wm. Stuart
Miss Feta Stuart
Mrs. D. A. Stuart
Miss Blanche Brooks
Mrs. Frank Cooper
Mrs. Ruth Wiley
Mrs. Olive Whitesell
Mrs. L. S. Cutler
Mrs. Jessie Kennedy
Mrs. Mabel Mellis
Mrs. Sibbald
Mrs. Buchanan
Mrs. Jane Grinde
Miss Terry Anderson
Mrs. Annabelle George
Dr. Beth Branton
Mrs. Hiram Cutler
Mrs. Ethel Veefkind
Mrs. Larue Eckardt

1930

Mrs. M. B. Tuckey
Mrs. J. Lemon
Mrs. Ruth Smith
Mrs. F. J. Bell
Mrs. B. M. MacGillivray
Mrs. L. Saunders
Mrs. Simmonson
Mrs. S. J. Byers
Mrs. E. B. Sisty
Mrs. A. J. Hayden
Mrs. Mabel Hewitt
Mrs. May Chaffee
Mrs. MacKinnon
Mrs. Quinn
Mrs. Thorvaldson
Miss Beulah Irwin
Miss Jenny Cook
Mrs. R. James
Mrs. J. Uhl

1931

Mrs. Farnham
Mrs. Minnie Adams
Mrs. Jess Lloyd
Mrs. Kate Dentman
Mrs. Lorna Dentman
Mrs. S. Palfreyman
Mrs. B. Chapman
Mrs. A. Gwin
Mrs. Baruhill
Mrs. Ruby Alter
Mrs. Edith Netwson
Mrs. Ina Spinks
Mrs. Vanessa Schrader
Mrs. J. S. Burke

1932

Mrs. Emma Cotton
Miss Bernice Aunger
Mrs. Halpin
Mrs. Bernice Frisken

1933

Mrs. Ella Rimbey
Miss Ida Odenbach

1934

Mrs. Muriel Massing
Mrs. C. Wilton

1935

Mrs. Fairbrother
Mrs. L. H. McLees

1936

Mrs. T. A. Iddings
Miss Mollie McLees

1937

Mrs. Lulu Francis

1938

Mrs. M. S. Muddle
Mrs. A. Norem
Mrs. L. J. Spooner
Mrs. R. Spooner
Mrs. J. Ralston
Mrs. J. Pringle

1939

Mrs. Beer
Mrs. Kriz
Mrs. Tillie Caldwell
Mrs. Wilton

1940

Miss Meredith
Mrs. Harriet Wagner

1941

Mrs. Kirkness
Mrs. H. Ausmus
Mrs. Florence Tschabold
Mrs. May Parker
Mrs. Ina Chiles
Mrs. J. D. Taylor

1942

Mrs. Lena Slyter
Mrs. Askeland
Mrs. Reba Hurcomb
Mrs. O. Wagner
Mrs. Ruth Gunn
Mrs. Edith Goings
Mrs. Robert Lewis

1944

Mrs. Effie Burchnall
Mrs. J. Whitworth
Mrs. F. Johnsmann
Mrs. Howard Gimby
Mrs. Stringer
Mrs. Robert Watts
Mrs. Ethel Garrett
Mrs. Schultz

1945

Mrs. Warren Connelly
Mrs. O. Simon

1946

Miss Mary Mellis

1947

Mrs. Hales
Mrs. Winiarski
Mrs. Esther Hemphill

1948

Mrs. J. Metzler
 Mrs. Stephenson
 Mrs. Alice Odenbach
 Mrs. Hazel Lofgren
 Mrs. Mary Duke
 Mrs. Rita Irwin
 Mrs. Boghill
 Mrs. Chapman
 Mrs. Leola Montalbetti
 Mrs. Anne Montalbetti

1949

Mrs. Wm. Broderson

1950

Mrs. R. Stoehr
 Mrs. Louise Whitesell
 Mrs. J. Munson

1951

Mrs. Zutter

1952

Mrs. Mabel Craig
 Mrs. Roslyn McManus
 Mrs. Loyek

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Mrs. Ethel Jensen
 Mrs. Tillie Caldwell
 Miss Evelyn Sholenko
 Mrs. Sprott
 Mrs. Mary Reaume

1954

Mrs. Jessie Alexander

1956

Mrs. Thomas

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Mrs. Florence Tschabold

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Mrs. Lyla Bennett

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Mrs. Florence Pierlot

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Mrs. Walker
 Mrs. Ethel Bohlender

1963

Mrs. Rose Watson

1964

Mrs. Hilda Trenholm
 Mrs. Joan Freeman

1966

Mrs. Leona Platt
 Mrs. Minnie Gusek
 Mrs. Lamb

1969

Mrs. Mabel Sorenson

1971

Mrs. Elsie Heilemann

1973

Mrs. Amelia Thompson
 Mrs. Alma Von Tettenborn
 Mrs. Sammie McCrady
 Mrs. Jean Bates

1975

Mrs. Francis Mills
 Mrs. Theresa Riddiough

1976

Mrs. Mary Burrocos
 Mrs. Martha Toblie

1978

Mrs. Diane Smith

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Mrs. Elizabeth Shubert
 Mrs. Jean Goofers

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Mrs. Emily Benedict
 Mrs. Mary Grinde
 Mrs. Ann Heard

1981

Mrs. Edith Talbot

1986

Mrs. Beirdre Collis

1987

Mrs. Emily Halladay
 Mrs. Leila Bathe

1990

Mrs. Margaret Gaetz

1992

Mrs. Bernice Speer

1995

Mrs. Iris Rasmussen
 Mrs. Tillie Pohkay

1996

Mrs. Donna Hutchinson
 Mrs. Barbara McIsaac

1997

Mrs. Veronica Waller
 Mrs. Ida Pedersen

DEDICATION
of
MARION ROGERS PARK



Alberta Women's Institutes

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1982

2:00 P.M.

AT

100th Ave & 80 Street

FORT SASKATCHEWAN

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies: Dorothy Cameron-
President - Fort Sask
Women's Institute

1. National Anthem.
2. Introduction of special guests.
3. Introductory Remarks.
4. Remarks from:
 - Kaye Rowbottom - Provincial President
 - Her Worship Mayor Abdurahman
 - Honorable Dr. Martha Bielish - Senator
 - Kelly Daniels - Community Services
Superintendent
5. Dedication of Park & Tree;

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- Her Worship Mayor Abdurahman
- Kaye Rowbottom - Provincial President
- Marion Kowler - Grand-daughter of Mrs. Rogers
- Dorothy Cameron - Pres. Fort Sask W.I.

SPECIAL GUESTS

- Marguerite Withers, Director District II
 - Ruby Ritchie - Constituency Convener
6. Closing Remarks & Invitation for Reception:

LIBRARY CENTRE
10011 - 102 Street
Fort Saskatchewan

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O Canada!

Our home and native land!

True patriot love

in all thy sons command

With glowing hearts

we see thee rise,

The True North

strong and free

From far and wide,

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We stand on guard

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