Women's Institutes

SPRINGVALE W. I.

The Springvale Women's Institute held their regular meeting in the school house on May 4th. The meeting opened with a sing-song, after which the Creed was repeated in unison and all joined in a silent prayer.

The roll call was answered by thirteen members, and the minutes were read and signed.

The sick committee reported making several calls and sending fruit to four hospital patients. Thanks were extended to the Institute for all the fruit and also for cards received. The school committee reported purchasing towels and other necessities for the school.

A letter from the Salvation Army was read and discussed and on motion it was decided to canvass the district for the Red Shield appeal. The following volunteered to collect: Misses Edith MacLeod, Alice Dollar, Mrs. Hans Peterson, Mrs. Ivan Sentner, Mrs. Lester Johnstone and Mrs. Herbie Dollar. A letter received from Mrs. Violet F. Morris re the executive of the district convention meeting was discussed and Mrs. Ivan Sentner and Mrs. Hans Peterson were appointed to attend this meeting. It was also decided to prepare something for the program at the district convention.

Other correspondences consisted of an acknowledgment card, letters regarding the Red Cross blood donors' clinic, the Institute handicraft van, the contributions for the A.C.W.W. conference, dates and speakers for the district convention, a catalogue and the Institute News. A letter from Mrs. Neil Matheson was left over.

Mrs. Ralph Crabbe kindly invited the members for their June meeting, roll call to be answered with an exchange of flowers. The meeting closed with "The Queen".

BRACKLEY POINT W. I.

Due to the Musical Festival falling on the first week of May, the regular meeting of Brackley Point Institute was held in the hall one week earlier, on the evening of April 30th.

The meeting opened by reciting the Creed in unison, after which the twelve members present answered roll call by giving a "quick recipe".

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved, fololwed by the minutes of the special meeting held to discuss plans for entering the community in the Rural Beautification Contest.

The directors were asked to engage a play, or other entertainmen if possible to be presented in the hall in the near future.

Miss Irene Cahill was re-elected school visitor for May, and a committee appointed to inquire into the matter of obtaining playground equipment (swings), also the erection of a shelf in the pump-room.

$15.00 was voted to purchase shrubs and flowers for the school grounds.

The Red Cross convener reported the following list of completed articles passed in: 25 face cloths, 25 towels, one layette, nine pairs ankle socks, three pairs overalls, two pullovers, two tunics.

Members interested in sending woollens for re-weaving to Fairfields agreed to meet in the hall Wednesday night to pack shipment.

Two members were appointed to attend the executive meeting of the District Convention at the W. I. rooms on May 5th.

A portion of the correspondence was read and discussed, and the remainder left till the following meeting.

The coronation square received as a gift from the adopted English Institute, and beautifully framed by R. T. Holman Co., was placed in the hall, where it will adorn the wall and be admired by many.

The Government grant of $2.50 was received and as usual will be passed in to the Jubilee Endowment Fund. Collection for the evening was $3.30.

The June meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Earle Skeffington where roll call will be answered by naming something of interest about the royal family or the coronation. Mrs. Edward McCallum will be in charge of program.

Following the business period the ladies served lunch, after which the meeting adjourned.

KNUTSFORD BAPTIST W. M. S.

—The May meeting of the Knutsford Baptist Women's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Nelson Dennis, Thursday, May 7th, with thirteen members and three visitors present. The president, Mrs. Dan Smallman, and secretary, Mrs. Albert Smallman occupied their chairs.

The meeting opened by singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Scripture taken from Proverbs 31st chapter was read by Mrs. Lester Gay, followed by several readings, one by Mrs. Norton entitled "She is the Salt of the Earth"; one by Mrs. Stanley Wedlock entitled "You are Writing Your Own Story", and one by Mrs. Ralph Adams, "The Lighted School house and the Needs of Colored children in Nova Scotia".

It was then moved and passed by the meeting that $5.00 be donated to the two new missionaries, Miss Mildred Law and Miss Helen Allaby, who will be leaving for India in the fall. Correspondence was read and dealt with, also a thank-you card read from Mrs. Bliss MacDougall.

As the house-cleaning time is on hand it was decided that Mrs. Alex MacDonald and Mrs Robert Carruthers be appointed on a committee for the looking after the needs and re-decorating of the parsonage.

Roll call was answered by each repeating a verse of scripture. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and adopted. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Melvin Ellis the first Wednesday iin June. A quiz on home missions was led by Mrs. Dan Smallman.

The meeting closed by singing "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us" and all joining hands in a circle of prayer. This was followed with a delicious lunch served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. E. L. Norton and Mrs. Dermot MacLean.

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WHEATLEY RIVER W. I.

The Wheatley River Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. William Ling on Thursday evening, April 3rd.

The meeting opened by singing the "Ode" and repeating the Creed in unison. The roll call was answered by nine members and one visitor giving a "housecleaning meeting were read, approved and signed. The different committees gave their reports and the following were appointed for the next hint."

The minutes of the previous meeting: School, Mrs. Peterson; sick, Mrs. Alfred Axworthy and Mrs. Harry Ling; lunch, Mrs. Harold Chandler, Mrs. Gordon Andrews and Mrs. Fred MacRae.

The correspondence consisted of receipts from the European Relief Fund and the A.C.W.W. fund, and a note of thanks from a lady who had received a treat while she was sick; also a letter from the Home Economics convener. The Red Cross canvassers handed in their money and the amount of $38.00 was collected in the district. There was some discussion on having a ham supper but this was left over for another meeting.

Mrs. James Wares invited the members for the next meeting when the roll call will be answered by the exchange of flower slips or seeds. The offering amounted to $1.10.

The meeting closed by singing the "Queen" and during the social hour that followed a delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by the committee in charge.

AVONLEA W. I.

The April meeting of Avonlea Women's Institute was held at the Manse with an attendance of 18 members. The president, Mrs. Roy Woolner, presided and the meeting was opened by singing the Ode and repeating the Creed in unison.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. John MacNeill was appointed to act as same. Minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved, and signed by the president, and roll called.

The committees gave their reports. Cavendish school is in need of paper towels and a desk blotter, while Rustico school needs paper towels and cups. The sick committee reported several calls made. New committees were appointed as follows: Cavendish school, Mrs. George Gough, Mrs. John MacNeill; Rustico school, Mrs. Leigh Warren, Mrs. Roy Woolner; Cavendish sick, Mrs. Ira MacCoubrey, Mrs. Fenner Stewart; Rustico sick, Mrs. M. J. Doyle, Mrs. Ernest MacLure.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

Mrs. R. G. Flemming kindly extended an invitation to the members to meet at her home for the May meeting, when roll call is to be answered with a bulb, plant slip, or seed.

Mrs. Gough read a very interesting paper of John Fisher's entitled "The Boys Missed Something", which described a meeting of the Women's Institute held in Toronto last fall.

A programme, "That Reminds Me", which consisted of humorous jokes and stories told by the members, was carried out. Lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge, and the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

NEW HAVEN W. I.

The regular monthly meeting of the New Haven Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Neil and Mrs. Bud MacKinnon on May 6th, with an attendance of twenty-one members and one visitor.

The meeting opened by singing the Institute Ode and repeating the Creed in unison.

The president occupied the chair. Roll call was answered with an exchange of flower slips.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved, and signed. The secretary reported $41.20 as proceeds from the play staged in Clyde River Hall and $41.92 as proceeds from a pantry sale.

The sick committee reported three calls, treats taken and thanks expressed for same, the school committee reported that locks for windows, coat hooks for cellar hatches were needed for the school. It was moved and seconded to get same. It was also decided to buy a map and linoleum for the school.

It was moved by Mrs. Gus Tierney and seconded by Mrs. Hugh MacDonald that all bills be paid.

It was decided to meet in the school on May 11th to pack woollens to be sent away for blankets.

Correspondence was read and discussed, including a letter from Mrs. Neil Matheson, Agricultural Convener; also a letter from Miss Mary Robin, regarding a handicraft van. A letter from the Salvation Army was read. The Government Grant was received.

It was decided to give gifts to two new babies in the district.

The school committee for the next month was re-appointed. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Judson MacPhee. Roll call is to be nswered with a "dime."

Each member received a copy of the Institute News. Collection for the evening amounted to $1.15.

A humorous selection, entitled "Why the Editor Left Town," was read by Mrs. Thomas Devereaux. An orange contest, put on by Mrs. Duncan Gass, was won by Mrs. James Tierney.

The meeting closed with "The Queen." Lunch was then served by the hostesses.

NEW LONDON W. I.

Mrs. Harold Mayhew was hostess to the New London Women's Institute for the April meeting. The vice-president, Mrs. Ross MacEwen presided. Meeting opened by singing the Island Hymn, followed by repeating the Creed in unison.

Seventeen members answered roll call with a "Housecleaning hint". Two visitors were present. Minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed. The treasurer reported the sum of $64.25 as proceeds from card parties. It was decided to pack old woollens the first of May.

The school committee reported

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soap and Bon Ami needed. The new school committee, Mrs. Murray MacKay and Mrs. Oscar MacKay. The sick committee reported seven calls made and treats given.

The new program committee for next meeting: Mrs. Harold Mayhew and Mrs. Claude MacEwen. Correspondence consisted of thank you notes, Government grant, and a letter from the Home Economics convener, Mrs. Howard Wood. It was moved and seconded to send for more get-well cards.

Mrs. Lorne Campbell extended an invitation to meet at her home for May meeting, when the roll call will be answered by exchanging plants. Collection amounted to $1.90.

Program consisted of a guessing contest put on by Mrs. Murray MacKay and reading "Institutes in England" by Mrs. Oscar MacKay.

Meeting closed with the Queen. Lunch was then served by hostess and committee.

NEW ANNAN W. I.

The May meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Walter Moase and opened by the Institute Ode and Creed.

Roll call was responded to by 13 members handing in seeds or plant slips. The members were pleased to have three visitors from an adjoining district.

Minutes were read and approved and bills ordered paid. Correspondence was read and secretary is to send the $5 for Handicraft Van. Canvassing is to be done for Salvation Army as soon as receipt books are received. Several members volunteered to clean the school windows on Saturday afternoon. $4 had been given by Institute for masses for the late N. J. McNeill. Sympathy cards to be sent to the family and to Mrs. McNeill who is a charter member of the Institute. School committee reported articles bought for school amounting to $1.95. Sick committee reported 6 calls made and fruit taken.

Collection amounted to $1.60; bazaar articles sold for $2.55, and cards $1.25. Red Cross work was handed in and more taken out by the members.

Next meeting to be at the home of Mrs. Edson Dalzell with Mrs. William Waite and the teacher on lunch committee. Roll call to be a "grab bag" valued at 25c.

New sick committee, Mrs. Albert Moase and Mrs. Don Schurman. School committee, Mrs. Richard Wall. Program committee, Mrs. Edson Dalzell and Mrs. John Moase.

A reading in rhyme about our Institute was composed and read by a member and program committee had several contests.

Lunch committee served a delicious lunch and meeting closed with "The Queen".

READ'S CORNER W. I.

—The May meeting of the Read's Corner W. I. was held on Thursday evening, May 7th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Matthews.

The president, Mrs. Lyman Hall, opened the meeting in the usual manner. Roll call was answered by 15 members and four guests were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence was read and discussed. A letter was received from Miss Mary Robin, and two "thank you" letters were read. The sick committee reported making several calls and sending treats. A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Llewellyn and Mrs. Leeco, for making the Institute quilt, for a needy family. The members donated squares.

The treasurer gave her report, and collection was taken amounting to $6.15.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Robert Hogg, when the lunch committee will be Mrs. Heber MacQuarrie and Mrs. Bradford Yeo.

After the meeting eight tables of progressive auction were played. Prize winners were: ladies' 1st, Mrs. Ben Sharpe; 2nd, Mrs. Eldrid Simmons; gentleman's 1st, William LeFurgey and Mr. Lecco tied; 2nd, Hart Condon. The evening closed with a delicious lunch being served by the hostess.

HIGHFIELD W. A.

The members of Highfield W. A. met at the home of Mrs. W. B. Creed for their meeting on April 22nd. Mrs. Dennis Neal was leader of the devotional period, which began with the singing of the hymn "More Love To Thee", followed by the 13th chapter of Corinthians, read in unison. The leader then gave an interesting reading, and following prayer, the hymn, "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross", closed the period of devotion. The president took the chair for the business session which began with roll call responded to by 10 members. The minutes of last meeting were adopted as read. The Friendship secretary reported cards sent to sick. The treasurer's report followed and showed a gratifying balance on hand. The missionary leader, Mrs. Hardy, gave a most informative and interesting address on Africa with all its fear, superstition, ignorance and dire poverty. She referred especially to the work of Dr. Sydney Gilchrist and the crying need for more and more workers.

The president, on behalf of those assembled, thanked Mrs. Hardy for her splendid address.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Stanley Vessey on May 27th. Devotional leader, Mrs. John Weeks, and refreshment committee, Mrs. J. F. Townshend and Mrs. Stillman Frizzell. Following adjournment of the meeting lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Stanley Hurry and Mrs. Arthur Roberts.

SPRINGTON W. I.

The regular monthly meeting of the Springton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Ralph Thompson, on Wednesday, May 6th. The meeting was opened by the president with the Ode and Creed. Roll call was answered by eight members, with "A flower I have never grown but plan to try this year."

Reading and signing of minutes and discussion arising out of same followed. The treasurer reported $14.80 made at the Hallowe'en concert held in Hartsville Hall, which was very much enjoyed by all. A bill of 40 cents for seeds was paid. It was decided to meet at the school to plant seeds, and it was moved by Mrs. Duncan MacIntosh and seconded by Mrs. Ewen Lamont that a new fountain be bought for the school; $6.50 was voted for same. The teacher was appointed to get the fountain.

Correspondence was read by the secretary. Mrs. Ralph Thompson and Mrs. James Bryenton are to attend the executive meeting to be held in Glen Valley School to make arrangements for the district convention. It was decided to leave the voting of $5.00 for handicraft van over till next meeting. The district convention is to be held in Hartsville Hall, with Glen Valley entertaining. It was also decided to leave collecting for Salvation Army over till next month.

Mrs. Murray then spoke very interestingly on building a new library in Breadalbane. It was moved that a bill of $18.00 be paid. A bill of 50 cents was presented for the A.C.W.W. fund. It was moved to be paid out of funds for this month.

Mrs. James Bryenton invited the members for next meeting, roll call to be answered with "A famous Canadian and why I admire him or her".

The meeting closed by singing "The Queen", after which a very delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by members. A flower contest was then presented, with Mrs. D. S. MacPhee and Mrs. Ewen Todd tied for first prize.

SHERBROOKE W. I.

—The May meeting of the Sherbrooke Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Leonard Pickering and Mrs. Earle Thompson, Thursday evening, May 7th. The president, Mrs. Charles Yeo, was in the chair and opened the meeting with the Island Hymn followed by the Creed.

Sixteen members responded to the roll call by an exchange of recipes or telling their mother's maiden name. Four visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which was followed by the treasurer's report. Business arising from the minutes included the report of the sale of candy at the play presented by the Calf Club, and Mrs Frank Townsend reported that a committee meeting had been held with the hall committee. The school and sick committees also reported.

The correspondence received during the month as read by the secretary was a receipt from sale of Audubon Screen Tour tickets, request from the Red Cross for blood donors, an appeal from the Salvation Army, a suggestion from Miss Robin that pledge of money be forwarded to help equip the Handicraft Van, and information regarding the district conventions. An interesting paper from Mrs. Neil Matheson, Southport, convener of agriculture, was also read. Five dollars was voted to be paid toward the equipment of the Handicraft Van.

An auction sale with Mrs. James Harris as auctioneer helped to increase the funds and created entertainment.

Mrs. ... Harris invited all to her home for the next meeting and the roll call will be answered by naming an English Monarch and telling something about him or her.

The National Anthem brought the meeting to a close. During the social hour delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses assisted by Mrs. Ray Harris and Mrs. Earle Chappell.

WESTMORELAND W. I.

The regular monthly meeting of the Westmoreland Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. H. Rogerson on May 5th.

In the absence of the president the vice-president presided. The meeting opened with the "Ode", followed by the Creed. Roll call was answered by seven members and one visitor was present. Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed.

Reports of committees were heard. One sick member was remembered with a treat. Noreen Oakes read a paper on "Don't spoil pretty hair with careless laundering," and on "Painting Plaster". Mrs. H. Canfield read a paper on "Newly married American couples". New committees are:

Sick, Noreen Oakes and Mrs. H. Rogerson; school, Mrs. V. Moore; educational, Mrs. E. Trowsdale and Mrs. Jas. Moore; social, Mrs. E. Leard and Mrs. R. Mayhew (re-appointed); lunch, Mrs. E. Trowsdale, Mrs. Roy Crossman, and Mrs. Wrixon Moore. Mrs. Verner Moore invited members for the June meeting. Collection amounted to 80 cents.

Correspondence was read, including an interesting paper from Mrs. Neil Matheson, convener of agriculture, and a letter regarding the district convention.

The social committee being absent, the meeting adjourned. Lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge.

RED POINT W.I.

The Red Point Women's Institute held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs Foster Garrett, East Baltic, on May 5 with a large attendance of members and visitors.

After the usual procedure took place and the meeting was called to order, Mrs. Charles McCormack, First Aid Instructor, North Lake, expressed her great pleasure at being able to be present at this meeting, and also to present five ladies with their Standard First Aid Certificates, namely, Mrs. T. J. Robertson, Red Point, Mrs. Colin Dixon and Mrs. Walter Dixon, East Baltic, Mrs. Foster Young and Mrs. John Robertson, Kingsboro. These ladies took this course a few weeks previously and Mrs. Charles Ching and Mrs. Major Young took the refresher course.

These meetings were held each week in the Red Point School by the most capable instructor, Mrs. C. McCormack. All feel confident if the time arises when any of these ladies should be called upon to render first aid she would be most capable and pleased to do so.

Mrs. Walter Dixon expressed the thanks from the ladies who were presented with their certificates.

The pleasant meeting was brought to a close with "The Queen", followed by a most delicious lunch prepared by the hostess.

Exit Tony Blount

by Sydney Parkman

CHAPTER XIV

Continued

It was this last feature which struck him immediately, for it pointed to an obvious collaboration of interests between the late Resident and the trader. For example, it was plain to him that a law which prohibited native costumes for the women and decreed that they must wear print cotten dresses was one which must have been of direct benefit to the latter. And there were other regulations of a like nature.

He was not surprised, therefore, to learn from her that Porson had hardly drawn sober breath during the last two or three years of his life and had left things very largely in Strang's hands; and though it seemed that the entire system as it now was had been instituted prior to that period, it left no doubt in his mind as to whose purpose it had been designed to serve.

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In plain fact the lot of the fortunate Kanakas was little better than that of slavery. The whole principal of government had lent itself to their exploitation and by a system of extended credits they were all in debt to the trader to a hopeless extent — mainly for goods which they had been compelled to purchase. As the only means of paying such debts was by selling their labour, it followed that the entire population was being held in servitude indefinitely.

The official gloss of legality which covered the whole iniquitous system was sufficient to make a fair showing in the reports which had been periodically submitted to the Government, but his own superficial knowledge of the actual conditions had already given lie to these precious documents and M'fani's explanation of the means whereby all things tended to the trader's profit was a clear indication of the dominant position Strang had assumed in the nefarious partnership.

The girl had imparted the information in a matter-of-fact manner which seemed to indicate that she saw nothing unusual in the fact that the entire population could be held in subservience to commercial interests, but, oddly enough, she displayed a definite resentment at the mechanics of the situation.

It was not easy to see how Strang had been able to impose his will upon a virile native population in the first instance, but Thurlow discovered that his present methods of control were simple and effective. He had imported eight Samoan overseers from Apia, who were his deputies in the running of the plantation. Being foreigners these men were wholly indifferent to native grievances, and they could be entrusted to enforce his orders to the letter. They had all married native women, but they lived in a big vale slightly apart from the other houses, and by reason of their position of authority and their pride of race, they made no attempt to mix with the rest of the community. At the same time, however, their women kept them informed of everything that went on in the village, and any subversive move... was immediately reported to Strang.

By way of a double check, the house-boys were encouraged to maintain a similar system of espionage, and the result was to keep the bulk of the inhabitants in a state of cowed and su... subjection to the trader's authority.

It was this importation of foreigners which moved M'fani to the only signs of bitterness she displayed —though in Thurlow's view it was relatively a minor matter. What concerned him much more was the fact that the situation as a whole was one which would inevitably call for some sort of decision on his part — even though it was a negative one. He must make up his mind how he was going to react in his capacity as Resident, and now that he knew how things stood, the decision could not be deferred much longer.

So far he had given Strang no hint of the lines he had been working upon — though he had no doubt that the trader already knew of his attempt to question the houseboys, and their relations had remained much the same upon the surface. They still foregathered nightly, but he had already contrived to shorten these sessions by insisting on having his evening meal served to him in the Residency, instead of at the other's bungalow as Strang had suggested at first. Also, he had contrived that the trader should visit him on alternate nights — which served to establish a definite principle of independence. He had achieved this by the simple expedient of sitting tight in his own house and waiting for the other to turn up — and though there was something ludicrous about the formality proceeding, he stuck to it in spite of the other's pointed remarks, as to the superior comfort of his own bungalow.

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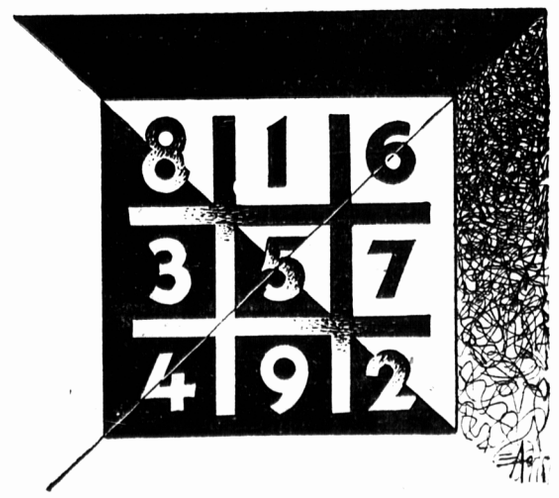

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