

Snowball

Tweedsmuir History Book

STORY

1949-1950 - 1951-1952

The Historical Research Committee appointed by the Women's Institute for the year 1949-1950 had as its members, Mrs. Norval Mitchell, Mrs. Herbert Patrick, Mrs. Edward Reddick, Mrs. Ernest Copson, Mrs. William Storey active members, and Mrs. Harry Mills Mrs. George Painter.

The active members met at Mrs. Norval Mitchell's home to plan this book and forthwith began to gather material for same.

We are indebted to Mrs. E. S. Reddick for the Branch Area Maps of Snowball Area and eight other Branches in Centre York District, as she supervised the photography of these maps taken from a large map of the County of York in 1860 and made possible by the Photographer Mr. Frank Diamond of Aurora, Ontario!

To Mrs. William (Emma) Farren a Charter member with a good memory of early churches, schools.

To Mr. Edward Reddick, Assessor for King Township.

To former Secretaries for their recorded information gleaned from seven Minute Books by our present Secretary Treasurer, Mrs. Ernest Copson.

To all our Members who have contributed to the History of the Farm they are living on or may do so in the near future.

We are happy to tell you this Book was on display at our Twenty Fifth (25) Anniversary celebration in Snowball United Church May 31st 1951.

N.B. written by Mrs. E. Copson.

R.R.



LORD AND LADY TWEEDSMUIR

"FOREWORD"

I am so glad to hear that the Women's Institutes of Ontario are going to compile village history books. Events move very fast nowadays; houses are pulled down, new roads are made, and the aspect of the countryside changes completely sometimes in a short time.

It is a most useful and satisfying task for Women's Institute members to see that nothing valuable is lost or forgotten, and women should be on the alert always to guard the traditions of their homes, and to see that water colour sketches and prints, poems and prose legends should find their way into these books. The oldest people in the village will tell us fascinating stories of what they remember, which the younger members can write down, thus making a bridge between them and events which happened before they were born. After all, it is the history of humanity which is continually interesting to us, and your village histories will be the basis of accurate facts much valued by historians of the future. I am proud to think that you have called them "The Tweedsmuir Village Histories".

—Written by Lady Tweedsmuir.



Braemar Castle -

Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

Home of Lord and Lady Suedsmuir.

Quote on back of card -

"This 'Fairy Tale' castle built in the 17th. century is of great historical interest. It is open daily to visitors from June until early October!"

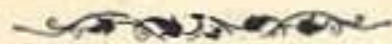
Card sent by Bewlah Swayze while on a trip to Britain in 1976.



Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless
founder of
The Women's Institute.

Stoney Creek, 1897.

Club Women's Creed



Keep us O Lord from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word and deed.

Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self seeking.

May we put away all pretence and meet each other face to face, without self pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses straight forward and unafraid.

Let us take time for all things: make us grow calm, serene, gentle.

Grant that we may realize that it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are one.

And may we strive to touch and know the great human heart common to us all. And, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

. . . Mary Stewart

Old Maps of York County,
King Township and Snowball Community.

The original map from which these photographs were taken was owned by the late Gladstone Lloyd of Schomberg. It was loaned by Mr. Lloyd to Mrs. Edward Reddick of Snowball for the purpose of taking photographs of it, of the township and spot photographs of their particular localities for the Women's Institute Branches of Centre York, to be inserted in their Ducessumier Histories.

Mrs. Reddick arranged for these photographs to be taken by Mr. Frank Diamond of Aurora, and they were distributed to the branches at the District Annual held in King June, 1952.



PLAN
the City
TORONTO



Tremaine's Map
of COUNTY
YORK
CANADA WEST
GEOR. TREMAINE
TORONTO
PUBLISHED IN 1860.

GEORGINA
NEWELLIMBURY

EAST
NEWELLIMBURY

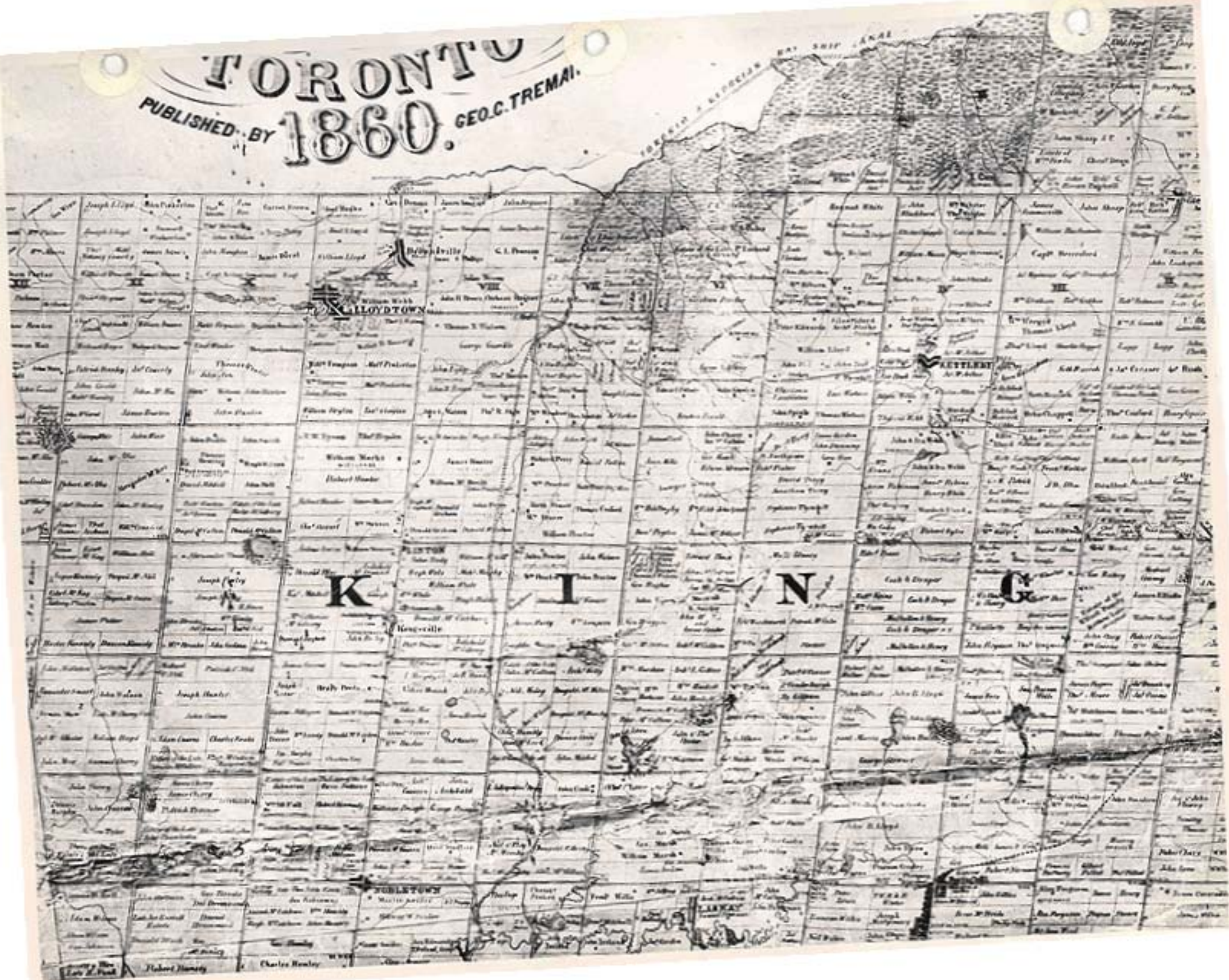
KING
WHITCHURCH

AUGHANN
MARKHAM



TORONTO

PUBLISHED BY 1860. GEO. C. TREMAI.



Original Land Owners in Snowball Area.

Copied from an old history and atlas dated 1878
found in Temperanceville school.

Con. 1. Lot 76. Alex Gardner's crown deed granted in 1799.

- 77 Hy. Harman. in 1802.
- 78. John Dean Fisk 1806
- 79 Wm. Kennedy 1803.
- 80 Wm. Dyer 1800
- 81. Thos. Phillips 1797.
- 82 Wm Mc. Callan 1797.
- 83. Jas. Body. 1802.
- 84. P. Body. 1802.
- 85 Wm. Hughes 1803.
- 86. Benj. Pearson 1806.
- 87. Jas. Gilbert 1806
- 88 Isaac Hallingshead 1803.
- 89 Isaac Phillips 1802
- 90 Nathaniel Gamble Jr 1802.
- 91-95 Rufus, Asa, Isaac
Ning and James Rogers

Con. 2.

- 15 Alex Gardner 1817
- 17-23. James Fulton 1803. East side at
Snowball Cor.
- 25 Rosannah Ferris 1817.
- 26 Jeremiah Taylor 1801
- 28 Mary Riety 1801
- 29 Rachel Rawson 1802.
- 30 N. Gamble 1830
- 31-38. Rogers Bros. as in
91-95 Con 1.

Original Land Owners - contd.

- Con 3. Rot. - 16. Alex Gardner 1799
17. Eliz. Ross 1801.
18 & 19 Pierre Protin 1802.
20. Chas Jobbin 1802. West side at
22. Jos. Gillie 1801. S. Snowball
23. Matthew Stern 1802.
24. Jennie Cairn 1802.
26 & 27 Jonathan Bells 1801.
no lot given 24 Catharine Walker 1802.
but we suppose *30 Fred Lewis Mills 1802.

Note 1. Lot 81, Con 1., known as the Appleton Farm
for over a century, was the first crown deed
granted in the Snowball area -
to Thos. Phillips in 1797.

Note 2. Snowball corner is at Lot 20. (South of corner
and lot 21. (North of corner) of Concessions 2 and 3. -
Con. 2. East of corner and Con 3. West of corner.

1 Snowball in 1950.

Snowball is the name given the corners at the Third Line and Twenty Sideroad in King Township, York County, Ontario, Canada. The small settlement is located mostly along the North side of the side road east of the corner and along the Third north of the corner in the West part of lot 24. Concession 2. and some along the west side of the Third north of the corner in the east part of lot 24. Concession 3.

In March 1950 when this account was presented at the Institute meeting at the home of Mrs. H. M. Farron Sr. the settlement ~~was~~ made up as follows -

On the north side of the sideroad, east of the corner, the corner property consisting of a booth and service station, living quarters and garage with apartment above it ~~was~~ owned by Mr. H. M. Farron Jr. His wife, Ollie and their children, Lois, Karen and Dale; the garage apartment was rented to Mr. and Mrs. East of the service station is the ^{sidroad} house of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Bonner, their son Allen and his wife Margaret. Next is the United Church of brown insul brick with

2. Snowball in 1950 cont'd.

white trim. The shed still stands unused. East of the church is a small field then then the stuccoed house of Mr. John Morning and his daughter Eena, living with him also are two granddaughters, Brenda and Barbara, motherless children of son Oscar. Next is the red brick, one-roomed Snowball school, S.S. No 10. King; there are thirty-four pupils registered, taught by Mr. Thomas McKeown of Allston who is completing his third year at Snowball. After this is the house and many chicken houses of Mr and Mrs Floyd Fowler, their children, Ronald, John and Linda, no chickens there now but one building houses the ^{one} year old industry "Modern Wood Products" of Floyd Fowler and George Bert-Gerans of Schomberg. This is followed by the cottage of Mr and Mrs H. H. Harding and music studio of daughter Sandra, who teaches music in the Snowball school. Next is the house and small barn and vegetable plot of Mr and Mrs Emile Kussmann, their sons Emile and Eddie,

North of the corner on the east side of the Third is just the white frame house and small barn of Mrs Frank

3. Snowball in 1950.

Hollingshead.

On the north west corner facing the sideroad is the small house and lot of Douglas Harrison of Aurora, rented to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Shenden and their three children.

The corner house faces the Third and is owned by Mrs. Lora Farrow Sr. whose grand daughter, Marie Cunningham lives with her. A small barn on a stone foundation is on this lot at the road side. Next is the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Gould, Bert and Barbara are still at home. A small lot lies between their house and the brick bungalow of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Storey which is built on a lot on the front of their hundred acre farm. The farm house is rented to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cutting and their four children.

and to Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Ellis

On the south side of the sideroad east of the corner there is only one set of farm buildings owned by the Cobble Leather Company of Aurora and rented by Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Storey, their son Norman, his wife Phyllis and baby son Lorman.

4. Snowball in 1950
on the south west corner is the
lot and house of Mr and Mrs.
Ben Kirtow and daughter Mary.

Continuing south is the fifty acre farm with brick
house of Philip Bridgman and wife Nina.
Facing that lot on the east side of the 3rd line
are no buildings; The corner lot being part of
the Collier Reicher farm and the next lot
south is the west end of the 200 acre farm
of Emerson Bateman whose buildings face
onto the 2nd line.

Such is the immediate vicinity of
Snowball in 1950.

A. R.

"How Snowball Got Its Name"

Away back in the year 1850 Samuel Thompson deeded a plot of land on Lot 35 Concession 2. to the Primitive Methodists in Vaughan Township.

They built a log church. A story is told that when the men were putting it up, they pegged the joints so full of snow that work was delayed until the snow melted. They thought Snowball would be a good name for the church.

Wm. Denton, father of Judge Denton preached in the church.

On the first Sunday in the month of May in the year 1870, the church was burned to the ground, caused by an overheated stove. The people set to work, got donations of money, lumber or labor and soon erected a new building. The contractor was Wm. Clifford of Markham.

When the frame work and rafters were up. Misfortune struck, a wind storm blew the structure down. It was rebuilt later, painted white and opened for service in the month of October the same year.

The cash outlay was Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

For several years the Primitive Methodists held Sunday services in the new church. Then the Salvation Army from Toronto began to come frequently and held evening meetings for a week at a time.

One of our members Mrs. George Case used to attend some of the meetings and joined in the singing of the "Spiritual Roll Chariot Roll". Gradually services were discontinued, many of the people joining the Methodist Church, which was one and a quarter miles North,

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at Temperanceville.

Our Snowball community purchased this building in the Month of October 1891 for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

A group of our men with horses and wagons left one morning at five o'clock, to drive the seven miles to tear down and bring back the old Church. Among these men were Arthur Snider, Wm. Appleton, Edmund Johnson, George Justian, George Hutchinson, George Garrow.

The carpenter's James Cairns and Archie McMill sawed the sides of the building in two pieces, the floor in four pieces and the end wall in two pieces.

Robert Evans loaded the timbers on his wagon and when he had driven almost home, an axle broke, and he had to go home for repairs.

It was raining and ten by the clock at night when they finally arrived at the new site, chosen for the Church. This was donated by George Justian and was located near the South West Corner of Lot 21 Concession 2. of King Township, and on the North Side of the Aurora Sideroad.

Carpenters soon had the Building standing on this site. It was painted white later on and a white picket fence built across the front.

A long shed was built at the back for horses and buggies.

Charles Blaker planed a board, printed the name "Snowball" on it, and nailed it high up on the front of the Church and that is the name it has been known by ever since.

J.L.C.

Early names of Snowball.

In 1827, according to a voters list, the local name was Hainestock's Corners, named for the people who lived on the east side of the third line on lot 21. Concession 3.

In 1849 there was a blacksmith shop on the corner of the same farm operated by James Coates and the corner was called Coates Corners. Note - James was familiarly called "Boss Blacksmith".

It seems to have been named for whoever lived at the corner, who was best known in the community; so it was with many of the side roads such as "The Gamble Road" between lots 20 and 21, named for the owner of the crown deed of the land in lot 20 from "Range St." to the third line, later it was called "The Mulock Road" for Sir William Mulock who bought a large acreage on both sides of the sidewalk. A great grandson of Sir William still lives ^{in 1972} in the log house built by Sir William.

The sidewalk between lots 25 and 26 has been in turn called The Cofford Road; The Capron Sidewalk, and St. John's Sidewalk.

NB. The names of Snowball were, R. Leadick provided by (Mrs) Elizabeth McClure Gilham.

Snowball Branch Women's Institute

A number of women, twenty four to be exact, met in Snowball (Methodist) Church on the thirty first day of May 1926. (United in 1925) H.K.

Miss Magee from the Department of Agriculture, Toronto, Ont. was present and spoke of the work of Women's Institutes, then the women decided to organize a Branch at Snowball.

Mrs. W.R. Steeper Mount Albert Ont. North York Women's Institute District President and Mrs. H. Charles Aurora, Ont. District Secretary Treasurer. were present at the meeting.

Miss Magee installed the following Officers.
President - Miss Bertha Ferguson. King R.R. ³/₂ Ont.
Vice President - Mrs. H. C. Webb -
Secretary Treasurer. Mrs. Josie Sloss -
Directors - Mrs. Robert Evans -
Mrs. Wm. Storey -
Mrs. Alfred Beckett -
District Director and Representatives,
Miss Bertha Ferguson
Mrs. Josie Sloss
Mrs. Elgin Evans King R.R. ³/₂ Ont.

The first regular meeting was held in the Snowball Church on June twenty third 1926 with nine members present. Fees paid 2.²⁵.

It was decided to hold their meetings on the fourth Thursday of every month at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

A motion to this effect was made by Mrs. Maud Lavelle and seconded by Mrs. Wm. Storey.

A motion by Mrs. R. Evans and seconded by Miss Dora Wood that the following members.

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act on the refreshment committee, Mrs. Wm. Storey
Mrs Maud Lavelle, and Mrs. Wm. Farren. Carried.

The next meeting was held at the home of
Mrs. Josie Sloss July 28th 1926.

A motion by Miss Annie Garrow, seconded by
Mrs. R. Evans that each one answer the "Roll call"
by a receipt or suggestion on "Canning" at the
August meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Storey.

A motion at this meeting by Mrs. Wm. Storey and
seconded by Mrs. Norman Teasdale that Miss Garrow,
Mrs. H. Webb, Mrs. Elgin Evans and Miss B. Steckley
act on the Program Committee. Carried.

A motion by Mrs. J. Sloss seconded by Mrs.
Harry Mills that Mrs. John Morning be our second
Vice President. Carried.

A motion by Mrs. Maud Lavelle seconded by
Mrs. H. Webb that Mrs. Harry Mills, Mrs. Roy Haines,
and Mrs. Norman Teasdale act on the Flower
Committee. Carried.

F.L.C.



"Mrs. W. R. Steeper, Mount Albert, Ont."
"North York, Women's Institutes District President", and
our Guest, when Snowball Branch, held their first meeting 1926
Organizer



Mrs. H.J. Charles, Aurora, Ont.

Mrs Charles was secretary of North York District Women's Institute

She assisted Mrs. H. Steeper, of Mt. Allent, the District President, to organize the Snowball Branch of the Women's Institute on May 31, 1926. and has continued to take a keen interest in the branch. She celebrated her eighty-fifth birthday Apr. 19, 1952.

Note - and her ninetieth birthday on Good Friday Apr 19, 1957.
Each year Snowball W.I. sends a little remembrance on her birthday and some members call.

Snowball Women's Institute.

Charter Members. - Fees paid in June. 1926.

Miss B. Ferguson
 Mrs J. Glass
 Mrs H. Storey
 Mrs G. Russell
 Mrs Wm. Farrer
 Mrs Robt. Evans
 Mrs Jas. Davis

Mrs Arthur Storey
 Mrs Clifford White
 Mrs Phylla Hunt nov.
 Mrs J. McMorris
 Mrs L. Steckley
 Mrs J. Mills Feb.

Mrs Ruth White

1927 Mrs F. Hallinghead ^{april 1927}
 Mrs Tom Ash ^{may}

Miss Dara Woods.
 Mrs Eva Glass - Paid in July.
 Mrs E. Evans

Mrs M. Johnson
 Mrs E. Reddick

Mrs H. C. Stebb

Mrs K. base June

Mrs H. Mills

Mrs H. E. Pearson Sept

Mrs R. Haines

Mrs S. Shank

Mrs N. Teasdale

Miss Dorothy Dennis Nov

Mrs J. Budget

Mrs H. Patrick

Mrs J. Manning

Mrs A. Garsden

Mrs Edna Glass

Mrs R. Steckley

Miss Eva Storey

Miss Mary Mitchell

Mrs L. Barrett Aug

Mrs H. Haines

Mrs Emma Teasdale

Mrs Alf Beckett Sept

Mrs Clifton Copson

Mrs P. Brown

Snowball Women's Institute

"Presidents"

Miss Bertha Ferguson	May 1926 to April 1936
Mrs. G. S. Reddick	May 1936 to April 1942
Mrs. Raymond Haines	May 1942 March 1943
Mrs. Harry Mills	April 1943 Nov. 1946
Mrs. Herbert Patrick	Dec. 1946 April 1953
Mrs. Howard Morning	April 1953 Mar. 1955

"Secretary Treasurers."

Mrs. Josie Sloss	June 1926 to Februy 1928.
Miss Hazel Webb	March 1928 - April 1934.
Mrs. Ernest Copson	May 1934 - May 1935.
Miss Jessie Bellatly	June 1935 - April 1936.
Mrs. Charles Casey	May 1936 - August 1936.
Mrs. Ernest Copson	Sept 1936 - Nov. 1936.
Mrs. Charles Casey	Dec. 1936 - Sept 1937.
Mrs. Ernest Copson	Oct. 1937 - April 1942.
Mrs. George Morton	May 1942 - Janry 1946.
Mrs. G. Birch	March 1946 - August 1946.
Mrs. Alvin Ridley	Sept. 1946 - April 1949.
Mrs. Ernest Copson	April 1949 - May 1951
Mrs. F. H. Browne	
Mrs. J. E. Collins	
Miss Eileen Casey	
Miss Marie Morning	

Assistants to Above S.T."

Miss Eileen Casey	1950
Miss Marie Morning	1951

"Secretary" and "Treasurer"	
Miss Hazel Webb	1928 Mrs. Josie Sloss 1928

Presidents after 1955.

Mrs. Owen Barr 1955 - 1958
Mrs. Geo. Wilson 1958 - 1961
Mrs. Allan Gellatly 1961 - 1963
Mrs. Lehas Grubbe 1963 - 1966
Mrs. Normal Mitchell 1966 - 1971

Secretary - Treasurers

Mrs. Herb. Patrick	1955 - 1956.	
Mrs. Allan Gellatly	1956 - 1958	asst. - Mrs. E. S. Reddick
Mrs. Marie James	1958 - 1962	asst. - Mrs. H. Snider.
Mrs. Frank Seardale	1962 - 1968	asst. Treas. - Mrs. J. H. Henderson.
Mrs. E. S. Reddick	1968 - 1969	
Mrs. Leif Smith	1969 - 1971.	

First President and Secretary



The First President - 1945-1986
Miss Bertha Ferguson with
her mother, Mrs. J. K. Ferguson,
and her brother, Harry.

The First Secretary,
Mrs. Josie Sloss.



Presidents. worth.



1926-1942
Mrs E. S. Reddick, 2nd President
and Mr. Reddick, taken on their twenty
-fifth wedding anniversary Feb 26, 1952.



Mrs Harry Mills - 4th President. 1943-1946.
and Mr Mills at 40th wedding Anniversary.

Presidents. cont'd



Mrs Howard Morning
6th Pres. - 1953 - 1957.

5th 7th



Mrs Herb. Patrick - 5th Pres. 1946-1953
and Sec. 1955-1956.

Mrs Owen Barr. 7th Pres. - 1955-1958
Taken at June Meeting 1955
at home of Mrs Harold Sveder

9th



Mrs Allan Sully Dec 1956 - and Pres. 1961-1963 - 9th Pres.
and Mrs Owen Barr Pres 1955-1958

Presidents, cont'd

Mrs Geo Wilson
8th Pres 1957-1961.



11th Pres. -



Mrs Chas. Isakke
Pres. 1963-1966 - 10th

← Mrs Normal Mitchell - 11th
and
last,
1966-1971

Former Secretaries



Miss Hazel Webb
Grand Secretary
1928-1934
with sister Ruth



3 Mrs Ernest Lopsion 1934-1935
1937-1942, 1949-1951



4 Miss Jessie Lelandy
1935-1936



Mrs Lucy Morton. 1943-1946

Secretaries -

May 1961.
Mrs Harold Snider, asst.
Mrs Corne James Sec
(In Redneck's driveway)
1958 - 1962



Mrs Frank Leasdale. 1962-1968
with Mr Leasdale at fiftieth
Wedding Anniversary May 1966.



Mrs L. J. Smith. 1968-1971

1926-27 Summary 1950-51

Years	Meetings	Members	Visitors	Total Attendance
1926-27	12	181	32	213
1927-28	12	290	16	306
1928-29	12	187	08	195
1929-30	12	181		181
1930-31	12	234		234
1931-32	12	232	21	253
1932-33	12	262	27	289
1933-34	11	251	13	264
1934-35	12	268	118	386
1935-36	12	270	94	364
1936-37	12	165	81	246
1937-38	12	156	46	202
1938-39	12	166	70	236
1939-40	12	156	66	222
1940-41	12	164	84	248
1941-42	12	200	109	309
1942-43	12	144	23	167
1943-44	11	144	28	172
1944-45	11	127	33	160
1945-46	12	137	55	192
1946-47	12	151	51	202
1947-48	12	129	57	186
1948-49	13	154	28	182
1949-50	12	218	76	294
1950-51	11	198	98	296
1951 25 Years	297	4765	1234	5999.

DATE	PLACE OF MEETING	MEMBERS	VISITORS	
May 31, 1926	Snowball Church	24		
June 23	Snowball Church	9		
July 28	Mrs. J. Sloss	23		
Aug. 26	Mrs. W. Storey	17	11	
Sept. 30	Mrs. H. Haines	17		
Oct. 20	Mrs. R. Haines	12		
Nov. 26	Mrs. C. Steckley	17	3	
Dec. 16	Mrs. R. Evans	10		
		<u>129</u>	<u>14</u>	
Feb. 3, 1927	School-open meeting			
Feb. 24	Mrs. E. Evans	19	10	
Mar. 24	Mrs. C. Barrett	17	3	
Apr. 28	Mrs. H. Webb	16	5	32
May 31	Mrs. Ferguson			213
June 30	Mrs. H. Mills	9	4	
July 28	Mitchell's lawn	150 picnic		
Aug. 25	Mrs. Badger	20	12	
Sept. 22	Mrs. Clara Storey	25		
Oct. 27	Mrs. A. Beckett	18		
Nov. 24	Mrs. W. Farren	15		
Dec. 29	Mrs. J. Morning	14		
Jan. 1928	School-open meeting			
Feb. 23	Mrs. Barrett	15		
Mar. 22	Mrs. Ferguson	7		
Apr. 26	Mrs. T. Shanks	17	16	306
May 23	Mrs. Wm. Ash	15		
June 28	Mrs. H. C. Webb	24	8	
July 28	Mrs. M. Johnson	12		
Aug. 23	Mrs. J. Badger	18		
Sept. 27	Mrs. C. Copson	22		
Oct. 25	Miss P. Hunt	15		
Nov. 22	Mrs. W. Farren	17		
Dec. 27	Miss Ruth White	16		
Jan. 24, 1929	Mrs. Ferguson	box social		
Feb. 28	Mrs. C. Barrett	18		
Mar. 28	Mrs. Painter	15		
Apr. 25	Mrs. R. Haines	15	8	195
May 23	Mrs. J. Morning	25		
June 21	Snowball Church			
June 27	Mrs. W. Farren	16		
July 25	Mrs. O. Shanks	picnic		
Aug. 22	Mrs. G. Case	18		
Sept. 26	Mrs. Badger	18		
Oct. 24	Mrs. C. White	15		
Nov. 21	Mrs. Painter	20		

From Minute Books by
Mrs. Ernest Copson
Typed by Miss Hazel Webb
1951

DATE	PLACE OF MEETING	MEMBERS	VISITORS	
Jan. 3, 1930	Mrs. F. Williams	14		
Feb. 27	Mrs. C. Barrett	16		
Mar. 27	Mrs. Sloss	18		
Apr. 24	Mrs. Ferguson	21		181
May 22	Mrs. E. Copson	15		
June 26	Miss M. Wice	16		
July 24	Mrs. O. Shanks	picnic		
Aug. 28	Mrs. Badger	20		
Sept. 26	Mrs. Sloss	22		
Oct. 23	Mrs. C. Casey	27		
Nov. 21	Mrs. Painter	26		
Dec. 30	Mrs. Ferguson	22		
Jan. 23, 1931	Mrs. Farren	14		
Feb. 26	Mrs. Barrett	20		
Mar. 26	Mrs. A. Morning	19		
April 23	Mrs. Hollingshead	23		234
May 28	Miss R. White	22		
June 25	Mrs. Farren	20		
July 23	Mrs. Bateman	picnic		
Aug. 21	Mrs. O. Shanks	15		
Sept. 24	Mrs. Wm. Ash	23	3	
Oct. 22	Mrs. C. Casey	24		
Nov. 27	Mrs. Painter	28	1	
Dec. 29	Mrs. Farren	21	1	
Jan. 28, 1932	Mrs. Badger	26	3	
Feb. 25	Mrs. Barrett	16	6	
Mar. 31	Mrs. J. Morning	17	7	
Apr. 29	Snowball Church	20		253
May 26	Miss R. White	21	7	
June 29	Mrs. Farren	28		
July 28	Mrs. E. Copson	picnic		
Aug. 26	Mrs. W. Ash	18	3	
Sept. 28	Mrs. G. Case	24		
Oct. 26	Mrs. C. Casey	21		
Nov. 23	Mrs. Painter	16	4	
Dec. 28	Mrs. Badger	18		
Jan. 25, 1933	Mrs. Ferguson	25	12	
Feb. 22	Mrs. Barrett	21	1	
Mar. 22	Mrs. J. Morning	20		
April 25	Mrs. A. Storey	50		289
June 27	Mrs. Williams	22	5	
July 26	Mrs. E. Lloyd	picnic		
Aug. 30	Mrs. G. Case	31		
Sept. 30	Mrs. Teasdale	26	5	
Oct. 24	Mrs. C. Copson	16	3	
Nov. 22	Mrs. Painter	23		
Dec. 27	Miss R. White	22		

List of Members

1926-1928

- 1 Miss Bertha Ferguson. P
- 2 Mrs. J. Sloss. May 23 P
- 3 Mrs. G. Lavelle.
- 4 Mrs. Wm. Storey. 1956 P
- 5 Mrs. Wm. Farken. P
- 6 Mrs. Robt Evans.
- 7 Mrs. Elgin Evans. P
- 8 Mrs. Jas. Davis.
- 9 Mrs. H. C. Webb.
- 10 Mrs. H. Mills. P
- 11 Mrs. ~~A.~~ Haines.
- 12 Mrs. N. Teasdale. A
- 13 Mrs. J. Badger.
- 14 Mrs. Jno. Morning.
- 15 Miss Annie Garrow.
- 16 Miss Hazel Webb. P
- 17 Miss Dora Wood.
- 18 Miss Greta Sloss. P
- 19 Miss Ina Sloss. P
- 20 Miss Birdie Steckley.
- 21 Miss Elva Storey. P
- 22 Miss Mary Mitchell.
- 23 Mrs. C. Barrett. P
- 24 Mrs. ~~Harry~~ Haines.
- 25 Miss Orma Teasdale.
- 26 Mrs. Alf. Beckett. P
- 27 Mrs. Clifton Copson. P
- 28 Mrs. P. Brown.
- 29 Mrs. Arthur Storey.
30. Mrs. Clifford White. P
31. Miss Phyla Hunt.
32. Mrs. Jas. Mc. Morrin.
33. Mrs. Chris. Steckley.
34. Mrs. Fred Mills. Charter
35. Miss Ruth White Members!
36. Mrs. Frank. Hollingshead. P
- 37 Mrs. Wm. Ash.
38. Mrs. Merle Johnston.
39. Mrs. Ed. Reddick. P
40. Mrs. Geo. Case. P
41. Mrs. Ern. Pearson.
42. Mrs. Jelf. Shanks.
43. Miss Dorothy Dennis. P
44. Mrs. ~~Herb~~ Patrick (Carrie)
45. Mrs. Frank. Williams. P
46. Mrs. Orville Shanks.
47. Mrs. Geo. Painter. P
48. Mrs. Chas. Casey.
49. Mrs. Chas. Morton.
50. 1929-1930.
50. Mrs. Arthur Morning. P
51. Miss Mahala Weir.
52. Miss Ella Copson. P
53. Mrs. Hope.
54. Mrs. Ern. Copson. P
- 55 Mrs. P. Clarkson. P
- 56 Mrs. L. Mitchell.
- 57 Mrs. N. Jupp.
58. Miss Mary Robinson.

List of Members

1930-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-51

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 59 Miss Mable Gilpin P | 89. Mrs. Alvin Ridley P |
| 60 Mrs. Geo. Bateman P | 90. Mrs. P. Bridgeman |
| 61 Miss R. Hungerford | 91. Mrs. Albert Ridley |
| 62 Miss Evelyn Seaton P | 92. Mrs. E. E. Winch. |
| 63. Mrs. Harry Bovair | 93. Mrs. Nelson |
| 64 Miss J. Gellatly P | 94. Mrs. V. Carroll |
| 65 Mrs. J. K. Ferguson | 95. Mrs. B. Kirton P |
| 66 Mrs. Calvin Mitchell P | 96. Mrs. B. Smith P |
| 67 Mrs. Arthur Storey | 97. Mrs. F. Rothwell |
| 68 Miss Norma Ash. | 98. Mrs. Tom. Gould P |
| 69 Mrs. G. Beckett P | 99. Mrs. Arthur Evans |
| 70 Mrs. N. Morning P | 100. Mrs. H. Harding P |
| 71 Mrs. Geo. Morton P | 101. Miss Sandra Harding P |
| 72 Mrs. N. Mitchell P | 102. Mrs. C. Conner 1947 P |
| 73 Mrs. Palmer | 103. Mrs. Tom. Blum. P |
| 74 Mrs. Carl Lloyd | 104. Miss Eileen Casey P |
| 75 Mrs. M. Cunningham | 105. Miss Marie Morning P |
| 76 Mrs. Beauclerc. | 106. Miss Jean Booth |
| 77 Miss Dorothy Farren. | 107. Miss Joan Hall P |
| 78 Mrs. W. Follitt | 108. Mrs. Arthur Kerr P |
| 79 Mrs. R. Gellatly | 109. Miss Eleanor White |
| 80 Mrs. G. Gleave | 110. Mrs. J. Adams |
| 81 Miss Margaret Haines P | 111. Mrs. Aubrey Wood P |
| 82 Miss Hazel McBride | 112. Mrs. J. D. Storey P |
| 83 Mrs. Guy Wilson P | 113. Mrs. Tom Nesbitt P |
| 84 Mrs. J. A. Appleton | 114. Mrs. Robt. Cain P |
| 85 Mrs. Jack. Davis | 115. Mrs. Lloyd Fowler. |
| 86 Mrs. Emmett | 116. Mrs. W. F. Williams |
| 87 Mrs. Raymond Haines. | 117. Mrs. Wellington Willson |
| 88 Mrs. Abram | 118. Mrs. C. Williams P |
| | 119. Mrs. L. C. Carnew |

List of Members

1950 - 1952

- 119 Mrs H. M. Fuller
Miss Joan Leacey
Mrs Emerson Bateman
Mrs Galvin Mitchell
Mrs Allan Bonner
Mrs J. H. Braune
Mrs Ted Collins
Mrs D. K. Charlton

1953. Mrs Dale Borden
Mrs Bert Andrews
Mrs Chas. Gubbe
Mrs Keith Stephens

1954. Mrs Harold Snider
Mrs Roy Snider
Mrs Gannet Evans
Mrs H. M. Bodfish
Mrs Russ Haters
Mrs Harold Reid
Mrs M. S. Miley

1955. Mrs Clifford Steton
Mrs Gordon Reid
Mrs George Wilson
Mrs Jas. Gallock-Marshall
Mrs Allan Sclatly

- 1956 Mrs Geo Teasdale
Mrs Fred H. Raus

- 1957
and
1958 Mrs B. Herwith
Mrs Alfred Graff
Mrs Jas. King
Mrs Rennie Kern
Mrs Stuart Mills

1959. Mrs John Kell
Mrs Jas. Henderson
Mrs Frank Seabole

1960
1952. Mrs Lillian Hamilton

1953 Mrs. S. Tuttleberry

1954 Mrs A. Janson

1955 Mrs H. M. Pearson

1957 Mrs J. F. Swayze

1961 Mrs David Alsup

1959 Mrs John Brassens

1967 Mrs C. E. Smith

Mrs Walter Smith 1952

1970 Mrs Frank (Grace) Simpson

Remembrance Roll.

Before 1950.

- Mrs Kay Haines (Iva Ferguson).
Mrs. Robt Evans
Mrs. Henry Webb
Mrs Desmond Smith (Dora Woods)
Mrs Jas. Davis
Miss Annie Garraw
Mrs Fred Mills
Mrs Arthur Storey (Clara)
Miss Dorothy Farren
Mrs Geo. Kanelle
Mrs P. Brown
Mrs Norman Turp
Mrs Ernest Pearson
Mrs Chris Steckley
Mrs John Morning
Miss Mary Robinson
Mrs Harry Bonar
Mrs. Hope.
Mrs H Follith
Mrs Chas. Casey
Mrs J. K. Ferguson
Mrs Robt. Gellatly
Mr. Reek Gibson - Plot 31. Conv. a former
speaker and organizer for the Dept of Agriculture,
who was very helpful to Snowball W. S. in its
early years. Was given an honorary life membership
in 1933.

Remembrance Roll. cont'd.

- 1955- Mrs Geo Bateman
Mrs Jas. Badger - at King City
Mrs ~~Harriet~~ Rutledge
1956. Mrs. Merle Johnson - Post Credit
Mrs Herb Patrick (buried)
Mrs Alvin Ridley - Aurora
Mrs B. Mitchell
- 1957- Mrs Wm. Harding
Mrs Geo. Gleane
Mrs Howard Morning
Mrs Wm Farren.
1958. Mrs. Alf. Beckett - Willowsdale
Mrs P. Clarkson - Queensville
Mrs Geo Case
Mrs Bert Andrews.
- 1960 Mrs Orville Shanks
Mrs Frank Hollingshead -
Mrs Jessie Glass - Newmarket
1961. Mrs Wm. Stacey - Sharon
1962 Miss Hazel Webb - Toronto
- 1963 Mrs Calvin Mitchell
1967. Mrs Lucy Nelson () Aurora
1967. Deed Mrs Bert Smith
1968. April 23 - Mrs C. J. Seaton
" " Miss Jessie Gellatly.
1969 Jan Mrs Chas. Barrett
Mrs Harry Haines
Mrs Leo Padgett
Mrs Harry Mills
1972 Mrs Ernest Cuppan
1973

Removal of Members since 1949.

1949. Mrs. Raymond Haines to Newton Robinson.
Mrs. Alvin Ridley to Sharon.
Mrs. Albert Ridley to Whitechurch near Newmarket.
- 1950 Miss Jean Booth to Richmond Hill
- 1951 Mrs. Philip Bridgeman to Eversley.
Mrs. Fennel Rothwell to Toronto.
Miss Hazel Hehl to Toronto
Miss Eileen Casey to Weston.
Mrs. H. M. Fuller to Vaughan Township
Mrs. Geo. Painter to Aurora.
Mrs. B. Kinton to Toronto.
1952. Miss Marie Morning to Uxbridge - Returned
Mrs. H. M. Storey to Sharon
Mrs. H. M. Blum to Wallaceburg
Miss H. M. Gault to Cobocook - Returned 1954
Mrs. J. D. Storey to United States
1953. Mrs. Frank Williams to North Battleford, Sask. Returned 1954
- 1954 Mrs. Clifton Copson to Carman, Man.
Mrs. W. H. Williams to Newmarket.
Mrs. Wellington Hillson to Newmarket
- 1955 Mrs. F. H. Browne to Aurora
Mrs. Ed. Collins to Oakville
1956. Mrs. L. H. Williams to Newmarket
Mrs. Gordon Beckett to Newmarket
1957. Miss Sandra Harding to Oak Ridges
Mrs. Jack Davis to Bradford.

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1960

Mrs A. Sawley to Fergus. - Returned 1961

Mrs. O. Barr to Aurora in 19 but remained
a member until 1960.

1962 - Mrs Rose James - to Uxbridge.



Snowball Womens Institute 1929-1930

Front row - Mrs Frank Hollingshead (Laura)

Mrs John Morning (Mary)

Mrs Wm. Storey (Nanette)

Mrs Henry Hehl (Lida)

Mrs Jas. Badger (Maggie)

Back Row - Mrs Wm. Warren (Emma)

Mrs Wm. Ash (Effie)

Miss Ruth White

Mrs Elgin Evans (Jennie)

Miss Phila Hunt

Mrs Clefton Copson (Hazel)

Mrs Beaulere

Miss Bertha Ferguson

Mrs Ina Glass

N.B

Snapshot taken at the home of Mrs Harry Mills (Mabel)
and donated by Mrs Mills Jan 1972.

Baby Bank Books
Presented by Snowball W. J.

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|------|-----------------------|------|-------------------------|
| 1927 | Paul Johnson | 1939 | Sheila Davison |
| 1928 | Helen Haines | 1940 | Lora Morning |
| | George Appleton | | Margaret Rose Barr. |
| | Jean Morning | 1942 | Bruce Davis |
| | Norman Teaddale | 1944 | Nancy Ridley |
| | Helen Lloyd. | 1945 | Donald Barr |
| 1929 | Bernice Copson. | 1946 | Helen Ridley |
| | Vincent Casey. | 1947 | Marlene Haines |
| | Douglas Patrick. | | Alberta Ridley |
| | William Johnson. | | Linda Barr |
| | Kenneth James Gilham | 1949 | Verne Evans |
| | Marie Green | | Judith Haines |
| | Barbara Hines | 1950 | Peter Kerr |
| 1931 | Eileen Casey | | Norman Evans |
| | Blake Williams | | Susan Williams |
| | Doris Mitchell | | |
| 1932 | Donald Charles Morton | 1952 | Lauralea Anne Williams |
| | Marie Cunningham | 1953 | Judith Ann Kerr. |
| 1933 | Blanche Morning | 1954 | Janice Beatrice Collins |
| | Joan Casey | 1955 | Bryan Grubbe |
| 1934 | Howard Shanks | 1956 | Ellen Grubbe |
| 1935 | Joseph Casey. | | Penelope Williams |
| | James Morning | | Barbara Cain |
| | Shirley Patrick | 1959 | Frederick Mills |
| | Marilyn Hunt. | 1960 | John Mills |
| 1936 | Edward Casey. | 1961 | Robert Kell. |
| 1938 | Paul Davis | 1963 | Kathryn Kell. |
| | Dennis Casey. | | |

Snowball Womens Institute

World War Activities

1939 - 1946.

The following is a list of the Personnel, who served during the above War, and were the recipients of comforts, from the Womens Institute, and Community, of Snowball.

Emmett Mary, Taylor Albert, Jasper George, Little Charles, Brown Hugh, Haman Peter, Banks John, Banks Joseph, Cunningham John, Gleave Allen, and Donald Armstrong Harry, Simone D, Speziali J.A, Williams W.F, King James, Turp. Robert, Hunt Stewart, Harrison William and Harry, Teasdale Robert, Storey George, Case Robert, Woodham Fred, Wilson Douglas, Patrick Russell, Crane Wilbert, Adams John, Ash Gornet, Bingham John, Graham George, Mitchell Harold, Shanks Jelford, Morning Orlie.

Donations were handed to the Salvation Army, The Red Cross, War Charities Act Federated W.I. of Ontario, Cigarettes, Ditty Bags, British War Victims Fund, and the Womens Institutes Sugar Fund.

Expenditures 1939 - 53.38, 1940 - 73.97 and 6.50, 1941 105.³⁸, 1942 - 144.⁸⁶, 1943 - 224.⁴⁴, 1944 - 147.⁸⁸, 1945 - 312.⁵¹, making a Total of Ten Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars and ninety two cents, (1068.⁹²).

Work accomplished from 1939 - 1946.

Sox - 290 pr, Quilts 78, Seamen's Sox 9 pr, Sweaters 7, Pyjamas 19 pr, Scarves 4, Slips 63, pneumonia jackets 6, Hospital Gowns 6, Skirts 6, Waists 6, Combinations 6, Handkerchiefs 436, Mitts 10 pr, Gloves 3 pr, Pants Night gowns, Turtle neck Sweaters 3.

Summary May 23rd 1946. by.

Mrs. Ernest Copson.

Secretary Treasurer.

1937 - 1942.

Welcome Home Party For Snowball Veterans

May 24th 1946.

The Welcome Home Party for the above was held Friday evening May 24th 1946.

A banquet was provided for them and their Wives or Sweethearts in the basement of Snowball United Church, and the party in the Schoolhouse, where the Community welcomed the boys.

Mrs. H. Mills President of the Women's Institute was chair lady. She welcomed the guests on behalf of the Women's Institute, and Mrs. C. C. Copson, President of the Women's Association of the Church, Mrs. J. Adams, President of the Snowball Young People's Society brought greetings from their Members.

Mr. Elton Armstrong representing the King Township Council, brought greetings and Rev. C. E. Cragg representing the Snowball Church called for a two minute silence in memory of the boys who did not return, Robert Turp, Donald Fleaves, and Orley Morning.

Mrs. H. Patrick representing the "War Work Committee" gave a Summary of the work done by the Snowball Women's Institute and the Community.

Miss Doris Winch presided at the Piano for the Community singing.

A presentation of wallets was made by Mrs. H. Mills and Mr. Cragg to each veteran present and to the next of kin of the three who did not return.

There were 35 names on the list and only a few were unable to be present.

Snowball is proud of her Boys and Girls, and tried to express their feeling, in the care given to the details, in the decorations of both the Church and the School, the Table with her abundance of eats, tastefully displayed and the friendly party.

A dance to Norman Storey's orchestra completed the evening. Mrs. George Morton, Secretary
Treasurer

The Welcome Home Committee of
Snowball Community
request the honour of the presence of

_____ and one guest

at a banquet in Snowball Church

Friday, May Twenty-fourth

nineteen hundred and forty-six

at six-thirty o'clock, A.S.T.

Followed by a party at Snowball School to which all
friends are invited.

MRS. H. MILLS,
Chairman

MRS. W. H. WINCH,
Secretary, King R.R. No. 3

PLEASE REPLY BY MAY 4th

1. Anniversary Celebrations of
Snowball Homeus' Institute.

The First Anniversary was celebrated at the home of the president, Miss Bertha Ferguson, May 31, 1927. Mrs. H. R. Steyer of Mount Albert and Mrs. H. J. Charles of Turora, District President and District Secretary, who had helped to organize the branch were present and donated the birthday cake. Mrs. H. M. Aitken of Beeton, speaker for the Dept. of Agriculture Institute Branch gave a very excellent talk on Home canning of fruits, vegetables and meats. Vocal solos were given by Miss Jessie Bellately, and Mrs. Leighton Lapsen. A silver bell was presented to the Branch by the three ^{guests}.

The Tenth Anniversary was held May 27, 1936, at the home of Mrs. Arthur Storey. The guests were Mrs. Arthur Boyd, Newmarket, District President, and Mrs. H. J. Charles, District Secretary, also Mr. Luke Gibbons, who through the first years of Snowball's inexperience had given much help and encouragement. Many charter members were present and were honoured at the head table whose

floral arrangements were in the blue and gold of the Institute colours. A gold birthday cake was presented by Miss Jessie Bullately. Miss Bertha Ferguson who was retiring as president after ten years in the office was presented with a silver flower basket in recognition of her years of faithful service.

The Fifteenth Anniversary was the only regular meeting held in the evening during the twenty-five years of the organization. It was at the home of the president, Mrs E. D. Reddick, while the men drivers gathered across the road, at the home of Mr. Gordon Beckett. Mr. and Mrs. Moffatt Lockburn of Newmarket were guests. Mr. Lockburn as Agricultural Representative of York County explained the new provincial law re. candling and grading eggs and demonstrated the method of candling eggs in the home. The only recognition of the Fifteenth Anniversary was in the lunch table which was decorated with lily of the valley and pink candles and centered with a cake presented

Anniversaries

3. by Miss Ella Capson.

The Twentieth Anniversary was held at the home of Mrs Owen Barr in June 1946. After the business the president, Mrs Harry Mills, gave a fine talk on The Women's Institute and its growth. This was followed by reminiscences of their years in Office by the former presidents, Mrs Leo Allen-Ferguson, Mrs Ed. Reddick, Mrs Raymond Haines. The First secretary, Mrs Jessie Sloss read the very first minutes and was surprised by the presentation of a life membership certificate and pin. Mrs Steyer and Mrs Charles were again honoured guests and recalled memories of Knowball's first Institute meeting and wished the branch much future success. Mrs B. Sinclair of Mount Albert, new District Secretary was also present and spoke on District work. A piano solo was given by Miss Doris Hinch and a vocal solo by Miss Eileen Casey. The beautiful birthday cake was presented by Mrs Frank Williams. Now we celebrate our Twenty-fifth anniversary and are very happy to

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welcome the new friends who are with us today but most especially the old friends, - old members and officers, and District officers both new and old. and particularly Mrs Steeper and Mrs Charles who have so faithfully helped us celebrate throughout the years.

Prepared and read at the (Mrs E. S.) R. Reddick
Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

Snowball Women's Institute
1926 - ACTIVITIES - 1951

A piano was purchased for their use.

From the July 28th 1926 minutes we find the first Program Committee was appointed, convenor was Mrs. N. Seasdale, with helpers Miss Hazel Webb, Mrs. E. Evans, Miss Mary Mitchell and Miss Bertie Steckley.

A fine of five cents was imposed if member failed to answer the Roll Call.

A motion appointing Mrs. H. Mills, Mrs. Iva Haines Mrs. N. Seasdale on the first Flower Committee.

Monies were raised to help York Co. Hospital in the year 1927 and at intervals throughout the years.

* Mrs. H. Charles of Aurora and Mrs. W.R. Steeper of Mount Albert presented the Branch with a cake for our first Anniversary May 31st 1927.

Mrs. Luke Gibbons, who helped organize the first Women's Institute in North York, twenty years ago, ^{in 1906} Mrs. J. M. Walton Mayor of Aurora, and P. B. Pearson M.P.P. for North York were the guest speakers at Snowball Women's Institute picnic held on Mitchell's lawn July 28th 1927 in honor of sixty years of Confederation. A three storey cake made by Mrs. Fred. Mills and iced by Miss Elva Storey (Now Mrs. Jack Lepard) was the centre of attraction. Tickets were sold at ten cents each on the cake, and Mr. C. Deavitt, Aurora, Ontario drew the lucky number (seven). The sum of seventy five dollars was realized to help pay for the piano. Guests were present from Newmarket, Aurora. * and Kettleby.

In 1927 we had a booth & plant sale at the Snowball School Fair!

In October 1927 a Bank Book was presented to Mrs. Merle Johnson's baby.

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Minutes 1927, A motion for the Ladies Aid of Snowball Methodist Church to have the use of the piano at the Hot Fowl supper concert and use any money towards the building of a basement in the church.

A motion carried we loan the piano to Snowball School for their Christmas concert, they to pay what they feel it is worth. Minutes 1927.

A motion to hold an Euchre December 29th 1927. Carried, and another motion to have a box social March 26th 1928 was carried.

April 26th 1928. Mr. Luke Gibbons had a Birthday. There was an April Sale also this month of aprons.

May 23rd 1928 a motion carried that each new Baby born be given a Bank Book and entry one dollar.

September 1928. six Bank Books were given to new Babies, names not given.

October 1928 gave Bank Books to Mrs. H. Patrick's baby and also to Mrs. Carl Lloyd's baby. (Green)

Motion carried to purchase a drinking Crock for Snowball School, have a hallowe'en treat for school children, have the piano insured, still 1928!

Members had a ten cent gift exchange at the December meeting.

Members requested to meet the School Board.

February 1929 had a box social at the open Meeting.

Bank books given to Kenneth James Kilham, and to ^(Bridget's) Bidie, and Audrey's babies 1929.

Donation was sent to Queen Mary Cot at Weston, Ontario.

Aurora Branch visited us in 1929.

Motion carried that we give Baby Bank Books to our Women's Institute members new babies only.

We donated money to Superintendent Mr. George Putnam's silver purse presentation.

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In 1930 we purchased a couch for Snowball School.
We had an analysis taken of the drinking water at the School.

We had an Auction Sale of Aprons at our meeting.
A display of antiques at Mrs. E. Copson's home.

In 1931 a donation was sent to the Women's Institute Peace Garden.

We planned and held picnics each year in July.
also Corn Roasts in season. The first Corn Roast was held at Mrs. Charles Casey's home in 1931.

Old woollens were sent to Chesley, Ontario, to be woven into blankets or rugs.

Miss Bertha Ferguson and Mrs. Ernest Copson were chosen to attend York County Hospital Women's Aid meetings held in the Council Chamber, Newmarket Ontario, on the first Tuesday of each month.

In March 1932. Mrs. H. Charles read a paper at our meeting on the "Holland Marsh".

We participated in a District Life Membership, for Mrs. Charles Doan. First District Pres. of North York -

We used the Hectograph in making our programs for the year.

Mrs. E. S. Reddick was appointed Convener of the "League of Nations" committee.

In 1933 Mrs. Luke Gibbons was made a Life Member of our Branch. Mrs. H. Charles visited us at that time and spoke a few well chosen words.

Motion by Mrs. H. Mills we send five dollars to York County Hospital for Life Membership. Carried.

Motion by Mrs. E. S. Reddick we donate five dollars to the Snowball football club. Carried.

From a Cup and Saucer and Spoon Shower our cupboard was the recipient of twenty seven each.
Mrs. Charles was our guest & gave a paper on "Housing".

In 1935 we participated in a District Life membership for Mrs. W. R. Steeper.

Mrs. Frank Hollingshead planted bulbs for use of the Flower fund, and when blooming sold to us for 10 cents.

For several years we sponsored the Temperance Study Course in our school and awarded prizes.

A Junior Girls Supper Club was formed with Mrs. Howard Morning and Mrs. Ernest Copson, Readers.

Congratulations were sent to Aurora also Kettleby Institutes on their twenty fifth Birthday in 1936.

June 24th 1936. Mrs. E. S. Reddick, our newly appointed President, presided over her first meeting.

In 1936. we learned Newmarket Women's Institute were planning to open a rest room, we were really interested, and when opened later sent a donation.

Mrs. H. Charles was our guest speaker at a meeting gave us the history of the "Mary Stewart Collect" also spoke on the Respect & Admiration held for the late Emily Guest.

A resolution was drafted and sent to King Corp. Council, asking for a suitable dumping ground. In October 1936. one was provided for North King on Mulock's side road.

In March 1937 we held our first Oyster Supper in School.

Mrs. Frank Williams and Mrs. E. S. Reddick made hand cleaner and lotion and donated for a sale and we realized a nice sum of money for our Flower fund.

In 1937 flowers were sent to Mr. Luke Gibbons on his ninety first birthday.

In 1940 Mrs. Charles again paid us a visit.

Central War Charities fund was established by the Department, and we responded by donations.

We had current events papers at many of our meetings.

Donations of money and clothing were sent to York County Children's Aid.

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Mrs. Earl Lloyd was Convenor of our Red Cross and War Work. Head quarters were in Aurora then moved us to Schomberg. Boxes were packed at intervals for our Boys overseas. We were helping by sewing, knitting for war work comforts.

Ernest Copson very kindly built a cupboard at the Snowball School for our dishes & utensils, movable.

Cash grants through the Government were given for school fairs.

Helped with relief assistance to flood sufferers in Western Ontario.

Gathered newspapers and magazines sold for 35 cents and 45 cents per 100 lbs. added money to our Treasury.

Participated in Home Economics program always in the District North York and quite often in the Branch.

Mrs. John Morning one of the Charter members of our Branch donated a doll for a draw to make some money for the Treasury.

We donated to Bolton Camp each year.

We joined with Kettleby Branch in a needlecraft course.

Mrs. E. Leddick attended a "Glove Making Course" and held a class for members to make their own gloves.

Farmer's Federation opened an office in Ottawa one dollar was forwarded for membership.

An electric hot plate was purchased for Snowball School to use for their hot lunches.

Our members entered in the Ladies Work at the Agricultural Horse Show at Aurora, Ont.

Visits were exchanged between Branches.

Our members made quilts, sold tickets on same for a draw, realizing monies for our Treasury.

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We sponsored Oratorical and other contests, giving prizes to the winners.

In 1940 there was a Poster Contest and Miss Ruth Webb sister of Miss Hazel was the Judge. She is a talented Artist and remarked the Posters showed talent. Prizes were awarded and presented by Miss Hazel Webb one of our charter members to Grade I first Norman Teasdale. Second, Patricia Smith. Grade II first Marie Morning Second Doris Mitchell. Grade III First David Beauclerc Second M. Eileen Casey

Kettleby and Snowball young girls enjoyed a dress making and tailoring course. They demonstrated at a meeting dresses and coats they made.

Barn dances were held in Fennel Rothwell's new barn and raised Two Hundred and Sixty one dollars and sixty cents from which we donated to the British War Victims fund.

May 27th 1942. Mrs. Raymond Haines our newly elected President presided over her first meeting, while Mrs. George Morton newly elected Secretary Treasurer read her first Minutes. Our annual picnic was held in July 1942.

At the request of the Price Control Board we appointed a Liaison Officer in the person of Mrs. E. A. Reddick to represent them at our meetings. She received the information from them for us regarding prices, ration coupons, sugar data etc.

Ditty bags for Sailors handed to members who personally attended to the filling of same.

Travelling Baskets filled with groceries cereals fruit sent to members and neighbors, help yourself. Pay for it, put something in its place and send along to another to do the same.

We donated to Russian Relief and received an acknowledgment of appreciation.

We were privileged to hold Booths & sold hot drinks etc at several Farm Sales.

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May 26th 1943 Mrs. Harry Mills our newly elected President, presided at her first meeting.

A motion that our Secretary Treasurer be paid five dollars a year. Carried.

We sponsored a salvage drive at Snowball School for our War Work.

Mrs. Wm Farren was appointed Convenor of the Red Shield Work for the Salvation Army. Vegetables were donated to them from many of our members.

A shower was given Mrs. D. Sheridan, an English war Bride come to reside in our Community.

April 24th 1947 Mrs. Herbert Patrick was elected President. December 27th 1946 she was acting President and signed the minutes.

A donation of money was given to Snowball Church in 1948.

We formed a Blue Cross health Insurance group and Mrs. K. B. Reddick was appointed Secretary and Treasurer.

We sent donations to Sick Children's Hospital, Cancer Institute for the Blind, York Co. Home for aged. Winnipeg Flood Relief. Welkie Fund. Visited and took treats to The Ontario Hospital and York Co. Home for aged.

Donated to Newmarket Women's Institute Rest room, and also Aurora Women's Institute rest room.

Mrs. C. C. Copson for several years made the bus arrangements for transportation to Exhibition at Toronto and also the Winter Fair.

Nestle's Food sent Nescafe coffee to us gratis, to serve at a meeting. Salada Tea Co. also sent us Salada Tea. They were both good products.

Historical Research Committee of our Women's Institute started in 1950 to compile a Snowball " Tweedsmuir Village History" book which is loose leaf and pages may be added as the years roll on.

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At our March meeting plans were made to celebrate our Twenty fifth Anniversary on May 31st 1951.

The program was to be in charge of the "Historical Research Committee" members. Mrs. N. Mitchell, Mrs. Herbert Patrick, Mrs. Wm. Storey Mrs. Edward Reddick, Mrs. Ernest Copson.

Lunch committee appointed were Mrs. Wm. Blum, Mrs. C. C. Copson, Mrs. Frank Williams, Mrs. W. Nesbit.

The Junior Girls Home making Club^{Scholarship} was established in Centre York District for our girls. Each Branch was obligated to donate to same at the rate of one dollar per member and as we had forty members the forty dollars was remitted to the District Secretary Mrs. Fred Hare.

A quilt of eleven Hundred and seventy six pieces was cut and pieced by Mrs. Leonard Hall, Mrs. William Farren, Mrs. Frank Williams, quilted by them and others. It was shown at the District Annual held at Pine Orchard in 1951 and was one of the prize winners.

Mrs. Charles Williams kindly offered her home on the second concession of King North for our Branch to hold an Anniversary Tea and Nursery Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5.30 June 20th 1951.

This information obtained from the seven Branch Minute Books in our possession by Mrs. Ernest Copson Secretary Treasurer.
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The Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

On Thursday afternoon, May 31, 1951 the Snowball Women's Institute met in the United Church with former members and District officers as guests to celebrate their Twenty-fifth Anniversary. The President, Mrs. Herb. Patrick was in the chair.

The programme in charge of the Historical Research Convener, Mrs. Norval Mitchell and her committee was of an historical nature. Mrs. Blifton Copson sang two beautiful solos, accompanied by Mrs. Ernest Copson at the piano. Then Mrs. H. M. Storey was called upon to tell how under the promptings of Mrs. H. J. Charles of Aurora, District Secretary of the Women's Institute, she had called the women of Snowball together to discuss organizing an Institute Branch, on May 31, 1926. Before she could take her seat she was presented with a life membership and pin by the president on behalf of the branch, assisted by Mrs. Norval Mitchell.

Mrs. H. A. Steyer of Mt. Albert, told of attending that first meeting as District President of North York and with the assistance of the District Secretary Mrs. H. J. Charles of Aurora, and Miss Mc Ghee of the Women's Institute Department, Toronto,

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary - cont.

organized the Snowball Branch of the Women's Institute in the same building - the Snowball United Church, on the same date, May 31.

Mrs. H. J. Charles, who assisted in the organizing, was also present, though eighty-four years of age, and offered her congratulations. Miss McEhee, unable to attend, sent a letter of regret and good wishes, which was read by the secretary, Mrs. Ernest Copson.

The first Secretary, Mrs. Jessie Glass, read her own minutes of that first meeting. followed by an expression of good wishes from the first President, Mrs. Cole, now of Newmarket, formerly Miss Bertha Ferguson, who had presided for the first ten years. She was followed by the second president, Mrs. Edward S. Reddick, who held the office for six years, and spoke of Institute work during the early war years. The third President, Mrs. Raymond Haines, now living near Bond Head, was unable to attend and we learned later that she celebrated the day by giving birth to a baby boy. Her term of office was one year. Mrs. Harry Mills, the fourth president, being a charter member, reminisced of the early years. She had presided for four years. Mrs. Patrick, now

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary. Cont.
in office has completed her fourth year.

The Secretary, Mrs Ernest Copson, read the complete list of those who had been members over the twenty five years. The remembrance roll was read by Mrs. Harry Mills, followed by two minutes of silence in their memory and prayer by Rev. D. G. Ray, M.A. pastor of the church.

Mrs E. S. Fiddick read a summary of past birthday celebrations and Mrs E. Copson read her account of past activities and achievements. Three young school girls, Sheila Davison, Lois Garren, and Vera Morsing, each gave piano solos, the latter accompanied by her teacher, Miss Sandra Harding, on the violin. The enjoyable meeting was closed with the National Anthem and a picture of the group was taken by Mrs. Southwood of Aurora.

A committee, convened by Mrs H.M. Blum, served lunch at tables in the basement, decorated in Institute colours. The Anniversary cake, made by Mrs Patrick and decorated by Mrs Frank Williams, was cut by Mrs. H. J. Charles, who had remained a helpful honoured friend of the branch throughout the years. Speakers at the luncheon were Mrs Richard Baycroft, District President of Centre York, to which we now belong, since ^{Grimley}

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary - cont.
 the division of North York in 1948; Mrs Fred
 Hare, Tempranceville, District Secretary;
 Mrs Elton Armstrong, Armitage, President of North
 York; and Mrs Beverley Sinclair, Mt. Albert, and
 Mrs Clarence Marchant, Schomberg, former
 president and secretary of North York, when
 Snowball Branch was one of the twenty-
 three branches comprising the North
 York District.

All speakers expressed their good wishes
 for the future of the branch.

(Mrs E. S.) Lila J Reddick

Photograph taken by Miss Knutson of Snow.



Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Snowball Women's Institute in front of Snowball United Church, May 14, 1921.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Photograph.
(Taken by - Chas. Southwood.)

1. Mrs. Norman Storey
2. Carman Storey
3. Mrs. Howard Morning
4. Mrs (Rev) D. G. Ray.
5. Judith Ray.
6. Mrs. Owen Barr.
7. Linda Barr
8. Mrs. Robt. Cain
9. Carolyn Cain
10. Mrs Norval Mitchell
11. Mrs. Geo. Morton (Ex. Sect.)
12. Mrs H. M. Storey
13. Mrs. Geo. Shoults (Dist. V. Pres.)
14. Mrs. W. Steeper (Ex. Dist. Pres.)
15. Mrs H. J. Charles (Ex. Dist. Sec.)
16. Mrs. Benj. Sinclair (Ex. Dist. Pres.)
17. Mrs. R. N. Corner (Ex. Dist. Pres.)
18. Mrs Leo. Bell. (First President)
19. Mrs Jennie Gloss (First Secretary)
20. Mrs. Wm. Farrow Sr.
21. Mrs. Chas Barrett
22. Mrs. Elgin Evans
23. Catherine Hood
24. Margaret Rose Barr
25. Marie Morning
26. Mrs. John Klees (Aurora Pres.)
27. Mrs Ben. Kinton.
28. Mrs. Dennis Storey
29. Mrs Robt. Harrison
30. Joan Casey
31. Mrs Merrill Johnson
32. Mrs Arthur Storey
33. Mrs J. M. Hood.
34. Mrs H. M. Nesbitt
35. Mrs. Gordon Beckett
36. Mrs Chauncey Corner
37. Mrs Jack Lepard.
38. Mrs Herb. Patrick (President)
39. Mrs Alfred Beckett
40. Mrs. Harry Mills (Ex. Pres.)
41. Mrs H. M. Davison
42. Mrs. Elton Armstrong (Pres. R. York)
43. Mrs Richard Baycraft (Pres. R. York)
44. Mrs. L. H. Marchant (Ex. Dist. Sec.)
45. Mrs. Chas. Barreth
46. Mrs H. H. Harding
47. Mrs Clifford White
48. Mrs Emil Kusmann Sr.
49. Mrs. Aubrey Hood.
50. Mrs Lucy Wilson
51. Mrs Frank Williams was occupied with an emergency with the car & not correct by her.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Photograph

51. Mrs. Howard Haines
52. Miss Jessie Gellatly (Ex. Sec.)
53. Miss Ella Copson
54. Mrs. H. M. Blum.
55. Mrs. Alvin Ridley (Ex. Sec.)
56. Mrs. Emil Kusmann Jr.
57. Mrs. Bert. Smith
58. Miss Sandra Harding
59. Mrs. Arnold Hurst.
60. Mrs. H. M. Foster
61. Miss Hazel Webb - Ex. Sec.
62. Mrs. Alfred Adams
63. Mrs. Arthur Morning
64. Mrs. Clifton Copson
65. Mrs. Pres. Clarkson.
66. Mrs. H. M. Gould.
67. Mrs. Calvin Mitchell
68. Mrs. Clifford Seaton
69. Mrs. Edward S. Reddick Past Pres.
70. Mrs. Ernest Copson - Secretary
71. Miss Evelyn Seaton

Guests at 25th Birthday
Anniversary

May 31st 1951.

Army Bateman Member

Mary Oliver (nee Mills)
Blanche Fussell Schomberg

Mabel Mills M
Carrie Patrick M

Jessie Gellaly. M
Vilva Reddick M

Lois Shoults (Schomberg - Third Vice Pres of G.C. District)
Olla H. Marchant Schomberg - Former Dist. Sec.

Ruby Morton M - Former S.W.S. Secretary

Margaret Armstrong - Pres of N York

Oliver D Steep - Former Pres of N York, who organized Snowball W.S.

May Sinclair - Former Pres of N York

Mabel Storey

Elova Shepard M (nee Storey)

Mrs Barrett M

Mrs Reinter M

Mrs. J. M. Hollingshead M

Mrs. Leonard Hall

Mrs Clifford White M

Mrs. Hazel Webb M

Mrs Y Crane

Mrs J. M. Wood. M.

- Ina Hurst M (nee Glass)
 Gretta Foster M (nee Glass)
 Mrs H W Harding M
 Mrs. L. Kusmann, Jr.
 Miss Kusmann
 Ruth Davison M (nee White)
 Mrs. Barker
 Ella Copson M
 Sandra Harding M
 Mrs. P. J. Neumann M (nee Neumann)
 Jennie Evans M (former speaker for Dept of Ag)
 Mary Cain M
 Hazel Copson M
 Mrs Ridley M
 Bertha Clarken M
 Irene Adams (nee Clarken)
 S. Connor M
 Annie Storey M
 Hilda Mitchell M
 Mabel Seaton M
 Eveline Seaton M
 Lenore Blum M
 Mrs A. Beckett M
 Mrs Harrison
 Mrs. S. Beckett M
 Mrs Guy Wilson M
 Rev & Mrs D. Shay and
 Judith.
 Mrs. M. Johnson M
 Mrs R. H. Corner (Aurora 1st Pres of C. Quik D.)
 Mrs H. J. Charles (Aurora former Theo. N York D.)
 Mrs R. E. Elliott Aurora
 Mrs. J. Klee's Aurora
 Mrs. B. Kirtow M
 Mrs J. D. Storey M
 Mrs M. Mitchell M
 Joan Casey M
 Bertha Cull M (nee Ferguson)
 Margaret Barr M
 Ann. Peshitt M.
 Emma Frarren M
 Mae Gould M
 Minnie Williams M
 Louise Judges Kettleby
 Margaret Wood M
 Maud Morning M
 Bessie a. Morning M
 Flossie L. Copson M

M - 46 members
 26 guests

Anniversary Tea.

On June , 1951 Mrs. Chas Williams opened her home on the east part of lot 28, Con. 2, King Township for an Anniversary Tea for the Women's Institute. The house had been beautifully decorated by Mrs. Tom. Davison and Mrs. Leonard Hall with garden flowers.

The secretary, Mrs Ernest Copson was in charge of the guest book at the door, Sixty-five guests were welcomed by the President, Mrs Herb. Patrick and Vice President Mrs. Howard Morning.

Pouring tea were two former presidents, Mrs Edward Reddick and Mrs. Harry Hills and three charter members, Mrs. Wm. Faren, Sr., Mrs. Wm. Storey and Miss Hazel Webb.

Those serving were in charge of Miss Joan Casey and the kitchen group was convened by Mrs Wm. Nesbitt. A nursery was conducted by Mrs Robt. Cain and Miss Norma Hillson. Mrs Harry Squibbs of Aurora was kept busy telling fortunes from tea cups.

The names of the guests are recorded on the next page.

Guests at the Anniversary Tea
June 20th 1951

Sadie Conner
Ruth Davison
Margaret Wood
Gertie Kerr.
M. Hazel Webb
Isabel J. Colville
Elsie McBlure
Grace Walther.
Alta Harper
Barrie Patrick
Margaret Armstrong
Evelyn Lewis
Mable Proctor
Mrs. G. W. Williams
Francis C. Walker, Patricia
and Louise.
Jean H. Williams
Mrs. A. Penrose
Mrs. J. J. McNeol
Mrs. E. Geer
Mrs. Herb. Webster
Mrs. Gene Polkinghorn
Mrs. Fred Schmidt
Mrs. Carl Black.
Mrs. Kathleen Greensides
Mrs. C. Walton
Mrs. R. Jewitt
Mrs. J. Maginn
Mrs. M. Cook.
Mrs. F. Billings
Mrs. A. Rumble King
Mrs. C. Stewart
Mrs. H. Neill
Mrs. A. Farren
Mrs. E. West. Kettleby

Mrs. N. Blatchford
Mrs. C. Wilson
Mrs. Sabin
Mrs. Wm Farren
Mrs. Ernest Copson
Mrs. W. Wilson
Mrs. A. Harrison
Mrs. C. Copson
Miss Ella Copson
Ann Hess
Nan Bruder
Lenore Blum
Mrs. Will Storey
Mrs. N. Storey & Carmen
Grace Whyte
Rosemary Pettit.
Mrs. Nellie Haines
Mrs. Margaret Barr.
Mrs. Edith Haines
Mrs. Bert Smith
Mrs. Geer
Audrey Hilliard
Lila Reddick
Mabel Mills
Mary Cain & Carolyn
Joan Casey
Shirley Williams
Edythe Jupp.
Shirley Jennings
May Squibbs
Annie Nesbitt
Jessie Morning
Marie Morning
Mrs. Kinton 1.00
65 paid 35[¢]



Presidents of Snowball Women's Institutes
taken at the Thirtieth Anniversary held
in Snowball United Church May 30, 1956.
L. to R. - Mrs Harry Mills, 4th, Mrs Leo Bull (nee Ferguson) 1st,
Mrs. Raymond Haines, 3rd, Mrs Howard Morning 6th,
Mrs Edward Reddick, 2nd, and infant Mrs Owen Burr 7th.
Absent through illness - Mrs Herb Patrick 5th.

Thirtieth Anniversary May 30, 1956.

(Mrs) Mary Row.

- (Miss) Margaret Barr - Pres.
- (Miss) Eudine Seaton Betty Evans
- (Mrs) Joyce Snider (Mrs) Gertrude Kerr
- (Mrs) Mary Ann (Mrs) Ernest & Louise Copson - past sec.
- (Mrs) Ruth Grubbi (Miss) Ella Copson
- (Miss) Eleanor White (Mrs) Eleanor Terne
- (Mrs) Etta Foub (Mrs) Gene King
- (Mrs) Mary Snider (Mrs) Minnie Morning
- (Mrs) Bessie Morning (Mrs) Ruth Davison
- (Mrs) Bessie Lane (Miss) Latha & Pruth
- (Miss) Jessie Gellatly past sec. (Mrs) Donna Jefferson
- (Miss) Elsie White (Mrs) Mabel Mills - Past Pres Charter
- (Mrs) Emily Painter (Mrs) Eleanor Haines 2nd Pres.
- (Mrs) Ethel Burrett (Mrs) Bertha Lull 1st Pres. - Charter
- (Mrs) Anne Graft (Mrs) Maud James past sec.
- (Mrs) Clara Bowyer Mrs. Cary Keston
- (Mrs) Olga Wilson (Mrs) Edna Seardsale
- (Mrs) Mildred Mitchell (Mrs) Helen Waters
- (Mrs) Joanne Anderson Mrs. H. Reid
- (Mrs) Rita Evans (Mrs) Lila & Reddick 2nd Pres.
- (Mrs) Evelyn Ridley - Past Sec.
- (Mrs) Emma Gardner - Charter Mem.
- (Mrs) Lois Shultz - Dist Pres.
- (Mrs) Grace Powell - Dist. Sec.
- (Mrs) Hilda Mitchell
- (Mrs) Mabel Storey
- (Mrs) Mae Gault
- (Mrs) Sadie Bonner
- (Mrs) Idna Gellatly - Sec.

49 in attendance
 note 4 charter members
 6 Presidents
 5 Secretaries
 4 former members - now resident
 District President
 and Secretary
 2 visiting Branch Presidents
 24 members - 12 life members
 1 new member, now resident
 10 visitors

Thirty-fifth Anniversary.

The May meeting of 1961 was held in the home of Mrs Lillian Hamilton on the thirty-first of May, the date on which the branch was organized thirty five years before. The president, Mrs Allan Gullattly was in the chair with five past presidents in attendance, Mrs Leo Cull (1st) Mrs Ed. Leddick (2nd) Mrs Harry Hills (4th) Mrs Owen Barr (7th) Mrs Geo Wilson (8th). (Numbered in order in



picture. All six were presented with corsages. During the programme the activities of the past five years were read as prepared for the Inverclyde History, by Mrs E. Leddick, Conv.; the thumb-nail sketch of the life of the late Mrs Com. Stacey, a life member, was read by Mrs Leo Cull.

and Mrs Ed. Leddick, second President was presented with a life membership pin and certificate by Mrs. Allan Gullattly and Mrs E. Capson, also a life member.



Taken the same time a corner of the room Mrs H. Patrick, Mrs H. Snider Mrs C. Gubler and Ellen, Mrs N. Mitchell.



Catching up on Our Institute's History.
May 31, 1961.

This talk catching up on Our Branch's History needs a brief account of its beginnings not only for our new members but it is good for all of us to recall with pride the efforts of those women who pioneered the first years of the Women's Institute in this community.

They were brave women indeed who had never attended an Institute meeting ~~and~~ with trepidation, took office and learned through experience how to conduct their branch.

We give much credit to Mrs H. J. Charles of Adessa, who was District Secretary of North York W. D. at that time in 1926. For persuading Mrs H. M. Stacey of Snowball to interest her neighbors in attending a meeting in the Snowball Methodist church to hear about the Women's Institute.

It was arranged for May 31. and Mrs Charles brought with her the District President Mrs H. R. Steyer of Mt. Albert and Mrs Nege of the Women's Institute Branch of the Dept of Agriculture.

From her they heard of Adelaide Hodder of Stoney Creek, who having lost her little boy because of tainted milk decided that women needed to learn more of the care of their families

and homes than she men learn of the
 care of their stock. so she persuaded
 the president of the Farmers Organization
 who got acceptance from the Dept of Ag.
 to form a ^{club} ^{group} of women's group for the sake of
 caring for their families and homes and
 to help other women do the same.
 So in Feb. 1897. at Honey Creek the W.F.
 was first organized.

Our Snowball Mothers and ^{their} ^{person}
 up daughters of 35 years ago were so
 impressed with the aims of the W.F.
 who have no barriers of race creed
 or colour that they organized that
 they into the Snowball Branch.

Twenty four ladies attended that first
 meeting - a credit to Mrs Tom Storey's
 persuasive abilities.

Just here I am going to ask that
 first president who as Miss Ruthy
 Ferguson living south on the third
 at the farm house at the post,
 held that office and guided the branch
 through the first ten years of its history
 - to read an account she has written
 of Mrs Tom Storey - one of our life members
 who died at Sheron in March.

- Mrs Leo Cull - Belva -
 "Life of Tom Storey"

The other officers were -
 1st V.P. Mrs H. C. Webb Directors Mrs Hobt Evans
 Mrs J. Mosking Mrs Alf. Beckitt
 Sec. Mrs Mrs Jennie Pass Dutyp. Mrs J. Evans
 Mrs Elgin Evans

at the July meeting they chose a prog. com
 of Mrs Emma Garkaw, Mrs Hazel Leach, Mrs Egan
 Miss Birdie Steckley and Mrs Mary Mitchell.

Other names recorded in the activities
 of those first three months which it
 seemed to take for all the charter members
 to pay their dues of 25¢. are found the
 following -

Mrs Cawell, Mrs Wm. Brown, Mrs Jas Davis
 Mrs Dora Wood, Mrs H. Mills, Mrs Gilda Ross
 Mrs Ida Glass, Mrs Ray Harris, Mrs N. Jessdale
 Mrs Jas. Bagdon, Mrs R. Steckley, Mrs E. Lou Story
 Mrs L. Barrett, Mrs Harry Harris, Mrs Emma Jessdale
 Mrs Clifton Cooper, Mrs F. Beason, Mrs Arthur Story
 Mrs L. White. - and in Nov Mrs Phyllis Hunt.

Mrs J. M. Thomas, Mrs L. Steckley, Mrs F. Mills.
 and Mrs Ruth White. Making thirty five
 members by the end of the year
 thirty five years ago.

Since then the branch has kept up and
 spread up its activities, so my account
 of its activities of the last five years which
 I am not quite ready to read in full, covers
 interesting programs by members and
 outside speakers, trips and tours,

Short Courses and Training Schools, Members
 sent to conferences and conventions, support
 of Institute projects, F.W.D. and County,

Donations and collections for various
 appeals. Our Hospitals, Old Peoples Home, Child
 Projects for our Public School.

Remittances for our sick, shut-in and elderly
 at home. Members' special announcements

and new babies. Emergency help to needy.
Community parties of various kinds and
a variety of ways of raising the funds
required for our work.

All this to show us that

"We can build more solidly for the future
if we have the wisdom of the past
before us."

May we be as faithful as our
precious Charter Members of Thirty five
years ago — — — — —

And like the Charter Members present
Please stand. — — — — —

1. Activities from 1956-1961.

The Branch kept very busy during this five year period.

Each year there have been eleven regular meetings, a picnic and a Family night arranged by the standing committees with papers, demonstrations and exhibits by the members. Several interesting speakers have been brought in - Mr Outbridge of the Family Court, of the Ontario Roads and Forests Maple Branch, Mr. Geo Bert Murray of Aurora on Water Safety, Miss Florence Eadie from the Dept. of Agriculture Home & Economics Service who spoke and showed pictures of her trip to Ceylon in Ceylon and visits on the way. Miss Margaret Andrews of Aurora pictures and travel talk on Mexico. Mrs A W McRobson York County President of United Nations. Mrs Fred Caldwell on Flower Arrangements. Mr Joe Johnson of the Aurora Branch. Mr Casford of C. J. H. and on the Development of Hydro.

Short courses and local Reader Training Schools have been held every year and Officers have been sent to each conference and on Budget also delegates to the convention and the District annual. At least two other Branches have been entertained each year and some visited.

Trips have been taken - to hear Mrs. Marie Berry of Aurora Pres from Australia at the County Rally at Dulgell; To Toronto to visit Borden's and Mrs Neill's Rag House at Thornhill. There were Teams of Hands and Forests

Activities - 1956 - 1961 Contd.

Branch at Maple, Watson's Potato Chips at King City and The Pioneer Village and Dalziel Barn Museum at Black Creek.

The Branch has contributed to all the F.W.S.O. projects such as the aid to Caylow, 20 Refugee Babies, to Jamaica and Adelaide Hasdell's House. To the York County W. S. projects - furnishing a room in Deane House at Sharon Temple, Aprons to A.C.W.W. and sending a hay to Crippled Childrens Camp. Many outside charities have been assisted either by donations or canvassing - Mental Health, Salvation Army, Lakeview Fund and The Blind. Our Rural Hospitals - Ont. Hospital, York County Hospital, York Manor for the aged and the York County Children's Aid have regularly assisted by treats, flowers, cigarettes, knitting and sewing. Many needy local families were helped in emergencies by food, fuel and clothing and toys. Our own shut ins and elderly people are remembered at Christmas, fruit and flowers are sent to the sick and funeral flowers where needed in the community. Special Anniversaries of our own members are observed with flowers, besides many other friendly community gifts. Seven Baby Book Books were presented to our members' new babies.

The local public school is remembered with treats at Halloween; the Dr room was taken to Pioneer Day at the Dalziel Park

3.

Activities of 1956-1961 cont'd.

The First Aid Kits are refilled, a couch was donated and lunch provided at the Opening of the new school. The Sr pupils provided a programme on Birds at an Institute meeting.

Community parties and Euchres have been held in the old school and new furnishings have been provided for it. The use of the old school as a community hall and of the Church for special meetings has been appreciated by the Institute.

Money for these various projects has been raised by members' donations, by Euchres, Draws, rummage, bake and plant sales and by catering at Auction Sales and a playing match.

The popularity of this very active group is proven by the rise in membership, the highest in its thirty five year history - and this history is being recorded by pictures and hand written accounts in its *Succasunna History* volumes.

Lili Reddick,
Succasunna Hist. Com.



1926

1971

Snowball Women's Institute
invites you to attend the
**FORTY-FIFTH
ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES**

Saturday, June 5th, 1971
York Pines Church, Kettleby
2:00 p.m.

Mrs. C. J. Smith
R.R. No. 3, King, Ontario
Secretary
727-9102

R.S.V.P. by May 22

Mrs. N. Mitchell
President



Mrs N. Mitchell, Pres, and Mrs E. B. Reddick, a life member and the second Pres. greeting the guests. Rally Chairman, Mrs M. Kellam in the doorway.



Eighty-six year old Mrs Ernest Copeston cutting the cake, - a former Secretary and a life member.

Forty-fifth Anniversary



Mrs Frank Teasdale, past secretary at the table with the Tuolumne History Volumes. Reading one is Mrs Jack Lepach, Kettleby, formerly Elva Storup of Snowball, a charter member. In the background are greeting cards and pages from the Tuolumne History.

Mrs C. J. Smith, secretary and Mrs N. Mitchell, President, standing by the head table.



SNOWBALL W.I.

45th ANNIVERSARY.

GUESTS.

Velma Heacock King City Ont. Kettleby Branch.
Edna Teasdale King City Ont. Snowball Branch.
Elsie Shepard Kettleby Ont.
Hera Huyck. Bogarttown.
Jean Williams Bogarttown
Doris Dunn Bogarttown
Ruby Morton 263 Ontario St. Milton Apt. 201
Beatrice Boyd 289 Suttles Rd Sharon Branch.
Jennie Evans 304 Sutton Rd Sharon Branch
Jean Jackson York West Pres.
Agnes McCallum York West Sec. Treas.
Dybbin Yorke York North Past Dist Pres.
Eva Brown York North - former Pres.
May Magee Nobleton
Grace Snider Nobleton
Mellie Jewell Nobleton
Evelyn Jennings Amora
Eliza Hodgson Kettleby
Margaret Armstrong Newmarket.
Margaret Kellam Nashville Ont. Rally Pres.
Mary Burton, Elders Mills, York West.
Hwa Thompson Thornhill York East
25 Arne Jackson Thornhill York East.

Lily Frankland

Bertha Borden

Cora Stephens

W. M. Douglas

Alvan M. Hamilton

Dorothy E. Weldrick

Margaret Traff

Joan ^{and} ^{Walter} Palmer

Mernie Ellas

Erma Brown

Mrs. M. C. Morrison

Mrs. M. Alsop

John Rumbold

Bois W. W. W. W. W.

Mrs. E. E. E. E. E.

Mrs. Hazel Copson

Mrs. Florence White

Beth Dike

Margaret Casey

Dorothy King

Oliver Cross

Mary Snider

46
Lea Simpson

Vandorf

Aurora

Schomberg

" " "

Showball

Kettleby W. I

North Bay

Gormley

Gormley

Gormley

Aurora

Aurora

King

King

Aurora Ont

Aurora Ont

Pine Orchard

Pine Orchard

King Ontario

Aurora

Aurora

Kettleby

Aurora

Ruth A. Webb East Huron U.C.W.
 Thora Webb Lee Laneside U.C.W.
 Mrs Phila Pearson 12 Crewe Ave. Toronto 359
 Mrs Edna Munshaw Kettlebyont R.R. #1.
 Pam Hodgson 79 Don Mor Dr. Newmarket Solist ^{Piano}
 Ruth Davison 72 Eagle St. Newmarket.
 Elsie White 87 Hillview Rd Aurora
 Hannel Longhurst 10 Hugo Ave Toronto 169
 Marquet Barr 40 Kennedy St. E. Aurora
 Lee Williams 44 Harrison Ave. Aurora.
 Minnie Williams apt. 5, 24 Stellington St. Aurora.
 Margery Ball Vanderhof.
 Naomi Kelly Fisher Aurora ^{W. Paul}
 Annie Gaff. Powassan.
 Linda Brown Gormley
 Sadie Connor Snowville
 Lucie Gatenby Newmarket.
 Cathy Hall King
 Helen McClure Pine Orchard,
 Betty Hope " "
 Rhena Appleton Aurora, Ont
 Edyth Ings Aurora
 Mary Ann Richardson Vanderhof. Ted Geo. Dist. 70.
 Bernice Charles Aurora.
 Ella Copson Snowball
 Mildred Graham Snowball

13	Donna Stephenson	King Ont.
	Doris Payne	Maple St. Richmond Hill
	Vi Henderson	Snowball
	Helen Maguire,	King, Ont.
94	Mary Cain	Snowball
	M. Mitchell	Pres.
	Lila Reddick	Curator.
	Olga Wilson	Snowball
	Elsie Seaside	Snowball
	Eleanor Smith	"
	Beulah Swayze	"
	Blanche White	
	Karen White	
	Mae Patrick	
	Mrs Russel Harrison	Mt. Albert
	Beatrice M. Collins	Oakville, Ont.
59	Beatrice Bradbury	Oakville Ont.
	Gertie Kerr	R.R. 3 King.
	Edna Gellatly	Snowball W.I.
	Birdie Gassens	Snowball W.I.

Presidents - (Still living) 1971 - June 2.

Mrs E. S. Reddick - P
Mrs Raymond Haines
Mrs Harry Mills -
Mrs Owen Barr - P
Mrs George Wilson - P
Mrs Allan Gellatly - P
Mrs Charles Gubbe
Mrs Norval Mitchell - P

Passed on -
Mrs Bertha Ferguson Gull
Mrs Coraie Patrick
Mrs Bessie Morning

Secretaries Treasurers

Mrs Ernest Cooper - Present
Mrs George Morton - P
Mrs J. W. Brown
Mrs J. E. Collins - P
Eileen Casey (Mrs Ken Hymett)
Marie Morning (Mrs Ev. Mc. Vety) - P
Mrs Allan Gellatly - P
Mrs Frank Seaside - P
Mrs E. S. Reddick - P
Mrs G. J. Smith
act. Mrs Harold Snider
Mrs Joe Henderson - P

Passed on

Mrs Jessie Glass
Mrs Hazel Webb
Mrs Jessie Gellatly
Mrs Chas. Casey
Mrs E. Finch
Mrs Alvin Ridley
Mrs Hel. Patrick

Highlights of Forty-five Years

June 5, 1971

Madam President, Members and Friends of
The Snowball Women's Institute. —

For this first part I am supplying for
Mrs Harry Hills, who was called away to a
funeral and wished me to express her regrets and
her greetings to all friends. —

Mrs Hills is the only charter member yet
living in the community and is still a
contributing member. She was to read the
first minutes and add some of her memories.
Remember these minutes were the first
effort of a secretary who had never attended
a Women's Institute meeting —

Read from First minute book. —

Could any of our Charter members present
tell us of something they remember of that day?
Note (Mrs Elgin Evans, Mrs Jack Shepard and Mrs Phylla Pearson
told of some of their memories)

My contribution for to-day as Curator of
our Jewelmine History is to give the
Highlights of Our Forty Five Years.

I have tried to pick out the most
outstanding events for as all branches
Snowball has supported the projects of F.W.I.C.
F.W.L.O., the Rally and the District, has taken
advantage of the courses and Training schools
and above all has served the community
endeavouring to make it a better place in
which to live.

Of course that day May 21, 1926 was of the utmost significance when 24 were in attendance to help form a new branch - 36 were enrolled before the year was out.

July of the next year was very special.

I will read the account Mrs Ernest Copson wrote for our 25th Anniversary - One item first (see first Anniversary) (then account of Confederation Picnic)

Do not read
The piano for which that event finished paying served the community for ^{over} forty years! It was moved here and there, to Church Festivals, to Community parties, and to barn dances during the war! For many years it was used in the local church for its services, then in the old Snowhall School until 1968 when the Township School Board decided its space was required to make the school into an open class room with two teachers. Then for lack of a Community Centre we were forced to sell it, but happily to one of our members so it is still in this neighbourhood.

Getting that same school for use as a Community Centre had been a rewarding project over the years - a cupboard of dishes, a clothes rack, card tables and chairs. Oyster suppers were very popular for several years besides the usual community events.

The pupils too benefitted, - first by a stone crack for drinking water, a couch which, after

many years was replaced by one still in use, an electric plate for hot lunches. First Aid Kits, prizes for competitions and many more.

During the war the women were busy knitting, sewing and raising money, and sending boxes overseas to "Our Boys". At the LuLu Home Party thirty-five wallets were presented - 3 to "neat" of Kin.

We have had many outstanding speakers - from the family Council, The Dept. of Lands and Forests and of Agriculture, from the Fire Dept., The Medical and Legal professions, The Aurora Banner, C.F.R.H. and World Travellers.

Many girls have received training, first as members of The Supper Club then as 4-H Homemaking Club. Five have attained Provincial Honours and two leaders of 14 years and 9 years respectively were presented with gifts on their retirement. The branch was proud to contribute its quota of \$40 (one dollar per member) in 1951 to the setting up of a Scholarship given annually to a York County girl - The York County, Anna P. Lewis L.V. Scholarship. 54 babies born to members of the branch have received Baby Bank Books.

Our Tweedsmuir History was started in 1950 was the first in the District and didn't have the benefit of the sturdier books available later but the Provincial Curator seeing it at a workshop told us it was especially precious because it had the handwriting of

so many members. We are on our third volume with many more items we wish to add. *note* It is on display at the back.

Some of our greatest pleasures have been in the many bus trips taken. - In early days to the Esk and to the Winter Fair later to places of interest as Industries, Museums and Beauty spots. And especially to see and hear ~~three~~ A.C.W. presidents - Mrs Berry of Australia at the Dalziel Farm, now part of Pioneer Village; Mrs Guda van Beekoff of the Netherlands and Mrs Aarti Deeth of India at Guelph. Perhaps the most thrilling of all was to Canada Day when the A.C.W. met in Toronto with Pres. ^{Mrs Kaymark, Mayor of United States in attendance.}

Some special accomplishments we have worked for and won - In 1936 our branch prodded the Township Council into establishing a dump to eliminate the unsightly roadside heaps. It was opened on the Mulock Road west and later moved to its present location on the Third North.

More recently we urged the Township and County to erect signs designating the roads in the township. These you will now see at the many corners.

At our own instigation a School Bus Stop warning sign was erected near the top of a dangerous hill.

Our most recent accomplishment was School Bus Safety Patrols put into operation last fall on a trial basis - and I will next

a quote from The York County Board of Education news, "Contact" - The student safety patrols were introduced on a trial basis after members of The Snowball Women's Institute appeared at a Board meeting asking that some measures be taken to protect students who must cross the road after leaving the bus.

With these many reminders I think the Women's Institute Motto, 'For Home and Country' will always remain in the memories of all those who have worked in the Snowball Women's Institute during its Forty-five years.

R. L. Reddick, Curator
York Pine, June 5, 1971.
at S.W.I. 45th Anniversary.

Charter Members.

1926 -

- Mrs Ruth Ferguson
- Mrs. Jessie Glass
- Mrs. Wm. Storey
- Mrs Geo. Kaul
- Mrs Wm. Farren
- Mrs Robt. Evans
- Mrs James Davis
- Mrs Hazel Webb
- Mrs Doris Wood
- * Mrs Ina Glass
- * Mrs Berta Glass
- * Mrs Elgin Evans
- Mrs Harry Webb
- 1 * Mrs Harry Mills
- Mrs Roy Haines (wa)
- 1 * Mrs Norman Teasdale
- Mrs James Badger
- Mrs John Morony
- Mrs Annie Garraw
- Mrs Robert Steckley
- * Mrs Elva Storey
- * Mrs Mary Mitchell
- 1 * Mrs Chas. Barrett
- Mrs Alf. Beckett

Later the same year

- * Mrs Harry Haines
- + Mrs Orma Teasdale
- + Mrs Clifton Capson
- Mrs F. Braun
- Mrs Arthur Storey
- + Mrs Clifford White
- + Mrs Phylla Hunt
- + Mrs Jas. Mc Nasson
- Mrs Chris Steckley
- Mrs Fred Mills
- 1 * Mrs Ruth White

13 still living in 1960
 3 still in Community -
 - Mrs Mills
 - " Teasdale
 - " Barrett

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 One in community
 - Mrs Harry Mills

Charter Members (still living) 1971 June 5

Ina Glass (Mrs Hurst)
Greta Glass (Mrsum Foster)
Mrs Elgin Evans - P
Mrs Harry Mills
Elna Storey (Mrs Jack Shepard) - P
Mary Mitchell (Mrs Geo Gillham)
Orma "Peggy" Leadale (Mrs H. Bradley)
Mrs Clifton Copson - P
Mrs Clifford White - P
Phyll Hunt (Mrs - Pearson) - P
Mrs Jas. McMorris - P
Ruth White (Mrsum Davison) - P
Birdie Steckley (Mrs Geo Green)

There were 26 members
that first year -
those who have
passed on are

Passed on

Bertha Ferguson (Cull)
Mrs Jessie Glass
Mrs H. M. Storey
Mrs Geo Ravell
Mrs Wm. Faxon Sr.
Mrs Robert Evans
Mrs Jas Davis
Mrs Hazel Lachb
Mrs Dora Wood
Mrs H. C. Lachb
Mrs Kay Haines (Mrs)
Mrs Emma Leadale
Mrs Jas Badger
Mrs Mrs Morning
Mrs Anne Green
Mrs Robert Steckley
Mrs Chas Barrett
Mrs Alf Barrett
Mrs Perry Haines
Mrs P. Brown
Mrs Arthur Storey (Mrs)
Mrs Chris Steckley
Mrs Fred Mills



Mrs. Norval Mitchell, president of Snowball W.I. congratulates Wendy Fitkin and Ingelese Hansen on their good work with the 4 H Club, the "Snowball Snowbelles" during the W.I. Anniversary meeting last week.

Snowball WI, 40, hears of its start

Snowball Women's Institute celebrated its fortieth anniversary last Wednesday evening

in Snowball school house.

The program, organized by Mrs. Steve Turtlebury, began with a reading by Mrs. Fred Swayze of life in the times of Upper Canada Village.

Mrs. Harry Mills, a member of the 1926 institute reminisced about the earlier days in Snowball. She and Mrs. Jack Lepard of Kettleby were the only charter members present.

Harry Ferguson, whose ^{Sister} wife had been the first president of the group, spoke of the large part the institute had played in the lives of the district families.

He also reminded the members of the age of the school house where the meeting was being held. The school was built in 1866 and he hoped there might be some celebration of the centennial before the year was out.

Mrs. Turtlebury and guests Mrs. Jack Wrixon and Mrs. Tim Baker-Peace of Aurora, with Mrs. Charles Grubbe at the piano

entertained with a group of songs which were popular in the 1920's.

The president, Mrs. Norval Mitchell, presented crests and certificates to two Snowball 4-H club members, Ingelese Hansen and Wendy Fitkin who this year received provincial honors for projects completed in their club.

Aurora Women's Institute members were guests and Mrs. Jack Closs gave a humorous but thoughtful paper on the life and death of the chicken.

The birthday cake and refreshments were served to the gathering by the hostesses.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. L. M. Hamilton.

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Life Members
of Snowball Women's Institute.

No. 1.

Luke Libbons.

Mr. Luke Libbons was born and lived all his life on the family farm. - E part of lot 31. Con. 2. King Township. Active with the Department of Agriculture he had helped to organize the first Women's Institute in York County at Newmarket; So when a branch was organized at Snowball he became almost a godfather to it. Although already eighty years of age but very active our records show that he visited and spoke to the branch seven times in the following seven years. To honor him for his interest and help the branch gave him a life membership on his 88th birthday April 1933.

The Newmarket Branch was invited to the occasion and presented him with a flash light.

He died in Dec 1941 at the age of 96 - truly a grand old man and a great citizen.

NB His picture is shown on page at the Confederation Picnic.

Life Members no 2



Mrs Leo Cull, the former
Bertha Ferguson, first
President of Snowball
Women's Institute as she
was on its thirty-fifth
Anniversary when she
with President Edna
Hollaty (Mrs Miller) presented
the second president Mrs
Ed Redneck with a life
Membership

Bertha Ferguson Cull, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thos.
K. Ferguson, the sixth in a family of eight, was
born in 1895 on the E 1/2 of Lot 16 C&N 3. King Leap
When she was elected the first president of Snowball
Women's Institute when it was organized in May 1926,
she with her mother and brother Harry were
the only ones still living on the old home farm,
where "The Ferguson Pond in front of the house
was the happy meeting place for Community young
people for both swimming and skating and the
home was "Open House" for any community event.
Bertha was President for ten years and was greatly
missed when the farm was sold and they moved to
Aurora. She married Leo Cull in 1943 and lived in
Newmarket where the S.W.S. took a surprise party
one evening and gave her a life membership
She died November 1964

AURORA BANNER, DECEMBER 12, 1963

First president Snowball WI Mrs. Leo Cull dies suddenly

by Mrs. N. MITCHELL,
Snowball Correspondent

A well-known person in this community, Mrs. Leo Cull, passed away after a 24 hour illness with the flu, November 28, 1963, at her home in Newmarket.

Mrs. Cull the former Bertha Florence Ferguson, was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Ferguson, Lot 16 and 17, 3rd concession of King. She was born and raised there, attending Snowball school and Aurora high school.

When Snowball Women's Institute was organized in May 1926 Bertha Ferguson was elected president and held that office for 10 years. She was

honorary president of this WI. In 1946 she was presented with a life membership certificate and pin. She was organist at Snowball United Church for a number of years, and a member here. The family moved into Aurora in 1939 and lived there till 1943 when Miss Ferguson married Mr. Leo Cull of Newmarket, moving into a home here.

Surviving are her husband, Leo Cull, brothers Harry and his daughters Mary and Jane, Keswick; and George of Toronto. After the death of their mother, Iva Ferguson Haines, Bertha gave motherly care to her nieces and a nephew, Howard Haines, Pine Orchard, Mrs. Owen Barr (Margaret), Aurora; Mrs. A. Regnier (Or-

ma), Cooksville; Mrs. Bob Birrell (Helen), Richmond Hill.

Rev. R. N. Pick of Trinity United Church, conducted the funeral services at Roadhouse and Rose funeral home, with interment in Aurora cemetery.

Pallbearers were Howard Haines, Owen Barr, Bob Birrell, A. Regnier, Barney Revel, and Basil Blackburn.

5th Avenue, 1961

Handwritten notes and signatures at the bottom of the page.

Life Members no 4.

Mrs. Story was born south of
 Windsor in the fourth concession
 of Whitechurch, the daughter of Mr.
 and Mrs. Christopher Blechley, who
 moved to Snowfall when her
 she was known as a light. In
 1913, she married Tom Story, a
 native of Snowfall. They had one son,
 Norman. Mrs. Story was instrumental
 in calling together the meeting in
 which Snowfall Women's Institute
 was organized May 31, 1926. Mrs.
 Story was made a life member
 in 1951. She was a great reader,
 and until her death Feb. 1961, at
 the home of her son, Norman in
 Charco, took a real interest in
 living.



No 3. NB. Both accounts written by
 Bertha Ferguson Cull

Josephine Davis Glass was born

Aug. 4, 1897, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
 James Davis, on the third concession
 of King Lot 27, on the farm purchased
 by her Grandfather. She attended
 Snowfall Public School. In 1908
 she married Sam Glass who died
 May 1913, leaving her with three
 children, Jim, Leta and Ed. She sold
 the farm and moved to Snowfall to
 be near her parents. When the
 Institute was organized in 1926,
 holding that office for two years.
 She spent some time in Florida and enjoyed a trip to Vancouver to visit relatives.
 She died suddenly, Nov. 1960.



Show that she worked for the first secretary, holding that office for two years. She spent some time in Florida and enjoyed a trip to Vancouver to visit relatives. She died suddenly, Nov. 1960.

Life Members no 5.



Mrs. H.M. Farren, charter member of Snowball Women's Institute, at her 80th birthday celebration taken at the home of her daughter Mrs. Herb. Patrick Aug 13, 1954. A faithful member until her death at 83, June 24, 1957.

Mrs. Farren and her family - Albert, Mrs. Mary Cunningham Russell, Mrs. Herb Patrick (Carrie), and H.M.



Mrs. Farren cutting her birthday cake with granddaughters

Life Members: no 6



Mrs Ernest Capson receiving her life membership pin from Pres. Mrs. Olsoe Wilson, and certificate from former Pres. Mrs. Ed Reddick Aug. 1958. at the home of Mrs. Clif. Beaton

Flossie Capson was born and raised in Aurora, daughter of Mr and Mrs George McConnell. She was married to Robert Turp but as a young widow she returned to Aurora from Beaumont with her two children Edythe and Robert. For many years she kept the books for the Whimster store. In 1932 she married Ernest Capson and moved to the Capson farm, N. pt. of lot 26 Con 2, King Township. She joined the Scandinavian Women's Institute and was an energetic worker in all its activities holding the office of secretary for three different terms. In 1958 she was made a life member in appreciation of her faithful support. -
* -> Mr Capson died in _____ and his son had been killed in the second world war. She and Edythe moved to Aurora in 1966. but is still interested in S. W. I. Much of the Swedish History is her work.

Died Apr 18, 1973 aged 88.

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Mrs. Copson dies



MRS. COPSON

AURORA — Long time resident Flossie Copson died last week at the age of 88.

Mrs. Copson, born Flossie McConnell in January 1885, lived in Aurora all her life except for a few years spent in Toronto.

George Street, in the older part of town, was named after her father.

Mrs. Copson worked as a clerk and bookkeeper in several businesses in town and was a lifetime member of the Snowball Women's Institute.

She is survived by a daughter, Edith

Life Members note



Mrs Edward S. Reddick, receiving a life membership pin from Pres. Mrs. Allan Gellatly and certificate from Mrs Ernest Capron, a former secretary and life member at the Thirty-fifth Anniversary, May 1961, at

the home of Mrs Helen Hamilton, St John's sideroad Cor. 1. Whitechurch. - Lila Reddick was born near Stajner Pt., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Morrison. After graduating from Hamilton Normal School she taught public school in Simcoe County and in Saskatchewan. In 1927 she married Edward S. Reddick of Toronto and Bell Ewart and settled in King Township on a small fruit farm W. pt. lot 89, Cor. 1. She joined the Snareball Women's Institute the same year, became president from 1936 to 1942, was President of Centre York District 1953 to 1956 and President of York County Rally 1959 & 1960. In 1953 they built and moved to a new house on the N.W. cor. lot 81, Cor. 1, then to another house built on the same lot in 1961, where Mr Reddick died in 1970, having been assessor for 32 years. Mrs Reddick continues to serve as Branch Succession History Curator, as she has for many years 1971.

Local Events - Activities

August 21, 1953.

Ten Snowball members, - Mrs N. Morning, Pres; Mrs Herb. Patrick, Past Pres, Mrs Ann Furrow SA, Mrs Owen Bass, Mrs Edif. Gypson, Mrs Bert Smith, Mrs Robert Cain, Mrs Le Mitchell, Mrs Geo Painter and Mrs Ed Reddick, joined a busload of H. Men's Institute members from, King, Raskay, King Ridge, Temperanceville and Aurora and Newmarket. and attended the A. C. W. W. Triennial Conference in the Grape Leaf Gardens, in Toronto. Doors open at 1230.

Mrs Hugh Summers, F.W.I.C. Pres. was chairman. the Provincial Presidents and delegates from twenty-five countries were introduced. Special Speakers - Hon. Stuart Saxon, Min. of Justice, Mrs Raymond Sayre, retiring Pres of A.C.W.W. of U.S.A. the new president, Mrs Alice Berry, Australia. Special Attraction Pageant "Dominion of Destiny" in the evening.

On the costume Committee for the pageant were Mrs Ed Reddick and Mrs Owen Bass of Snowball.

Inserted is the A.C.W.W. programme for Canada Day and the pageant.

R.R.

Life Members. no 8



Mrs Harry Mills received her life membership at October branch meeting 1966 at the home of Mrs. Chas. Grubbe, the president. Mrs Grubbe made the presentation. Mrs Ernest Coprow, fastened her pin on and Mrs Ev. McVety presented her with a corsage.

Mabel Mills was born in King Township and has resided in it all her life. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Genas Black. In 1914 she married Harry Mills and they lived and raised their family; Allan, Stuart and Mary on ~~Wpt~~ lot 29, Con. 3. When the family married and Stuart took over the home farm, Mr. and Mrs. Mills moved to Wpt lot 26, Con 2 where Mr Mills died in 1960. Now one or two of her seven grandchildren keep her company. As a charter member of her branch she helped get it established, and was President 1943-1946. Even after her 80th birthday and as the only charter member still in the community her papers on the early days are a great source of interest to the members and are excellent contributions to the Snowball Fieldwork History.

Presentation of Flag to Snowball School



May 27, 1955. Dedication by H. J. Pres. - Mrs Owen Barr.
Committee - Mrs Wm. Gauld, Mrs R. Cain, Mrs N. Mitchell, Mrs.
E. Reddick, Mrs C. Williams (Mrs Barr. Pres) and
Convener of Com. - Mrs H. Morning (holding flag)
Flag donated by H. J., Pole by Mrs Ches Williams
and Mrs Wm. Glee. Posts by Mrs H. Morning and
cement base by Mrs. Owen Barr.



Accepting flag on behalf of School Board -
1. Mr. Robert Cain - speaking. 2. Mrs H. Patrick representing
her husband, chairman of the board, 3. Mr. Allan Bellamy
- Mrs Owen Barr - husband of Pres - (donated cement base.)

The Confederation Picnic.

July 28, 1927.



At the Snowball Women's Institute picnic held on the Mitchell Row to celebrate sixty years of confederation. Standing around the twenty-three pound fruit cake were Miss Elva Storey, who iced it;

P. W. Pearson, M. P. P. of North York, who made the draw on the cake; Mrs. J. Fred Mills, who made the cake, Mr. Luke Libbons, speaker for Agricultural Department; Mr. J. M. Walton Mayor of Aurora and Miss Bertha Ferguson, President;



P. W. Pearson, M. P. P. of North York.
Mr. Luke Libbons, of 3rd of King who organized the first Women's Institute in North York at Newmarket 1906.
Mr. J. M. Walton, Mayor of Aurora

The Confederation Cake.

Made by Mrs. Fred Mills, a charter member, and iced by Miss Elva Storey; decorated with sixty candles and topped with two Union Jacks





*Flag Raising
by - Mrs Owen Barr
and Mr and Mrs Howard
Manning.*



Activities of The Women's Institute.



A bus trip to the Canadian National Exhibition

Part of the load that assembled at Snowball
Corney Miss Marie Morning, Mrs Ernest Looper, Mrs Howard
Morning, Mrs John Morning, Mrs Wm Gould, Mrs Frank Hollingshead.



Snowball Women's Institute Booth and Committee in charge
at a Cockshutt machinery demonstration on the
Howard Morning farm, Sept. 5, 1952. Sitting on benches were
Mrs J. D. Storey and Donnie, Mrs Howard Morning, Vice Pres.,
Mrs Ed. Reddish, Mrs F. W. Browne, Sec., Mrs Gordon Beckett,
Mrs Ernest Looper,
In front - Mrs Ralt. Cain and Carolyn, and Mrs Ben Kirton.

Mar. 1955.

At an open meeting in the School the Women's Institute had Mr. Frank Fog of the 4th Con. of King as special speaker.

Mr Fog is an artist and had been commissioned by the Ontario government to prepare a book on Historic Ontario. He travelled to all parts of Ontario seeking out spots of Historical Interest, some of them nearly forgotten and almost obliterated. He showed coloured slides taken on his travels and gave a most interesting talk on his trips and finds.

His booklets were sold to the audience with profits going to the Women's Institute



Snowball Delegation to First York County Rally
on lawn of Mrs Ches. Agnew, Pres. at Dalziel Park
July 1955.

L. V. R. Peter and Judith Kerr, Mrs Althaus Kerr, Mrs Harold
Snider and Nancy, Mrs Keith Stephenson and Kathy, Mrs Bert Smith
Mrs Norval Mitchell, Mrs Owen Barr, Mrs Lloyd Fowler.
Picture taken by Mrs E. Reddick



June Meeting 1955: at Mrs Harold Snider's Home.
Front - Mrs H. Snider, Nancy and Murray, Mrs A. Kerr, Peter and Judy,
Mrs C. Snubbe, Mrs R. Carr, Mrs O. Barr (Pres.),
Back - Barry Snider, Mrs Geo Case, Mrs Lloyd Fowler,
Mrs Geo Fish - Aurora (Speaker) Mrs Norval Mitchell,
Mrs H. M. Dawson, Mrs Herb. Patrick (Sec.) Mrs M. Smiley,
Mrs Norman Seaside, Mrs Allan, Gellatly, Mrs Howard Morning
Taken by Mrs E. Reddick

"International Day" At Snowball



Last week the Women's Institute at Snowball held its annual "International Day" when Mrs. Marjorie Helgerson and Mrs. Sjell Styrmo provided an exhibit

of Norwegian handicrafts, and spoke to the members on interesting facts about their native land, Norway. Pictured above are Mrs. Helgerson, left, and

Lorna Wilson modelling native costumes and admiring a small section of the many crafts which were displayed.

Photo — F. J. Diamond, Aurora

Norway Subject Of International Day At Snowball W.I.

Annual "International Day" of the Snowball Women's Institute featured Norway when the members had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. H. K. Styrmo and Mrs. N. Helgerson, both native Norwegians, speak on their country, its crafts, industries, sports and beautiful scenery. The meeting was held at the home of Miss Joan Casey and the president, Mrs. H. Patrick, conducted the business session and introduced the speakers.

Both Mrs. Styrmo and Mrs. Helgerson had gone to considerable trouble to collect a wonderful exhibit of pottery, metal craft and weaving. Mrs. Styrmo also provided the refreshments which she had made from her native recipes. These included a delectable concoction called by the humble name of "crumb cake" which had been baked in a round skillet and while still warm, wound "Norwegian fashion" about a funnel shaped gadget to form a cone. She also served sand tarts the recipe for which Queen Elizabeth, when she was here on her official visit to Canada, had requested that she might take it back to Eng-

land in order that the Royal chefs could concoct this delicious shortbread type of cookie.

Native ski costumes were modelled by Mrs. Helgerson and Miss L. Wilson while Mrs. Styrmo explained that skiing was the chief sport and pleasure of her countrymen.

Snowball W. I. Ladies Enter Many Snapshots For Contest



Blanche Morning, shown above with a background of Muskoka scenery, was the subject of a winning entry in the portrait class. The picture was taken by her mother.



One of the winning pictures in the portrait class was that of Bruce Davis, pictured above. The snap was taken by his brother Paul.

entry in each group but in two of them—portrait and scenic—entries were so good that the judge named the two best in each class.

Best in the portrait class were a picture by Paul L. Davis of his six-year-old brother Bruce, and one taken by Mrs. Howard Morning of her daughter Blanche.

In the animal class a picture of a deer in Algonquin Park taken by Mrs. L. Reddick scored the highest points. A picture of Mrs. Howard Morning in Halloween'en masquerade costume, taken by Mary Cain, was adjudged best in the humorous group.

A colour picture of a garden of lilies, taken by Mrs. F. W. Browne, and a picture of house, trees and water taken by Miss Sandra Harding were declared best in the scenic group.

The entries were judged by Col. F. J. Picking, publisher of the Aurora Banner. Winning entries in the portrait class are reproduced herewith.

Keen interest was aroused among the ladies of Snowball Women's Institute last week when an amateur photographic contest was held as part of the

organization's regular meeting. Many entries were submitted for the four groups—portrait, scenic, animal and humorous. A prize was awarded for the best

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At The August Meeting, Snowball Women's Institute
1957



1st Sec Mrs Josie Sloss
1st. Pres Mrs Leo Cull. -
(Bertha Ferguson)



Standing - Mrs Am Bodfish, Mrs Calvin Mitchell, Mrs Monte Appleton
Mrs Chauncey Conner, Mrs Bert Smith, Mrs Frank Williams, Mrs
Allan Bellamy, Mrs Owen Barr (Pres), Mrs Harry Mills, Mrs Leo
Wilson (1st Sec) Mrs Wm Davison, Mrs. Norma Seaside, Mrs. Beaton
Sitting - Mrs Wilford Elliott, Mrs A. Storey, Arthur Storey, Mrs.
Josie Sloss, Mrs Ida Tregill, Mrs Dill Stephens, Mrs Mabel
Chappell, Mrs Leo Cull, Mrs Leo Painter
In front - Mrs Ed Keddick, Mrs Allen Conner.



Historical Research Committee
in charge of meeting -
Mrs Arthur Manning, Mrs Ed Keddick conv.
Mrs Leo Cull, Mrs Wm Davison, Mrs Harry Mills.



* Snowball W.I. Display Antiques, AURORA HORSE SHOW. 1953. IN TOWN PARK,
Mrs. HOWARD MORNING, Pres. Mrs Ernest Copson- Convenor.

At The August Meeting, Snowball Women's Institute 1957.



She Taught Them Golden Rule

Happy to be renewing school days at Snowball School after more than 70 years are Arthur Storey of King, Mrs. Josie Scloss of ~~Snowball~~ ^{Winnipeg} and their teacher, Mrs. Charles Magill, Oxbow, Saskatchewan, who was the first woman teacher engaged by Snowball School Board in 1889. Her maiden name was Ida Bell

Chapel and she attended this school before going on to High School. Her family were pioneers at Davis Corners, and her two pupils were children of former pioneers in the area.

Standing beside the older teacher is Mrs. A. Connor, who is principal of Snowball School this year, its first as a two-room

Aurora Banner, Sept 5, 1957

Recall School Days Of Fifty Years Ago As Teacher, Former Pupils Meet Again

Three persons, whose ages totalled over 250 years, met after almost a lifetime when a teacher, Mrs. Charles Magill of Oxbow, Saskatchewan, spent last Wednesday afternoon with two former pupils who began school under her care at Snowball when she was a young teenager in 1889. To these pupils, Josie Davis (now Mrs. Saloss, Newmarket), and Arthur Storey, born, raised and still a resident of Snowball, the teacher was known as "Miss Ida Bell Chapell" whose family were pioneer farmers at Davis Corners, one and a quarter miles north of Snowball School. All three, teacher and pupils, attended Snowball School which was built on land sold by Joseph Spence in 1866.

Present to meet these interesting visitors at the first meeting of Snowball W.I. for the new season was Mrs. A. Connor, teacher of Snowball School for three years who this year will see the school extended to two rooms for the first time.

Members Reminiscent

The afternoon was arranged by Mrs. Edward Reddick, chairman of Snowball Historical Research Committee, and the program was composed of reminiscences of the times before 1900 in the Snowball school section. The hostess was Mrs. Clifford Seaton, whose farm was referred to many times during the afternoon as Snider's Bush, the place where many happy school picnics were held years ago.

Mrs. Magill, who has been staying with her sisters, Miss Mabel

Chapell and Mrs. Silas Stephenson in Aurora for the past two years since the death of her husband, was teacher at Snowball School for two years, until 1890. It seemed like modern times when she said that she had to return to High School after two years of teaching "because her third class certificate had run out". Now a straight and lively lady of over 90 years, she must have been a bright young teacher who admitted during the afternoon that her fear was not of the older boys who came to school in the winter months but of the first visit of the school inspector, A. B. C. Davidson. Anticipation of his visit was enough to make her sick, she recalled. After his day at Snowball School he handed her an unsealed envelope which she was to deliver to the School Board's secretary, Joseph Snider, who lived in the house where she was telling her story. "He found no fault with me," she remembered. Miss Chapell lived across the road

from Josie Victoria Davis. They walked to school together every day, teacher and little pupil. Both were glad, on winter days, when Josie's father brought his sleigh to the school door at dismissal time. Miss Chapell was first woman teacher at this school and her appointment seems to have been a happy experiment for several women teachers were engaged in the following years.

Happy Recollections

Mrs. Saloss, who celebrated her 80th birthday on August 4, and Arthur Storey, whose birthday in March makes him a few months older, recalled their school days with their teacher. Josie started in September and trotted off holding the hand of her young teacher and neighbour. Arthur Storey had been at the 4th school at Kettleby for a few weeks. This school had to be closed when the senior boys locked out the teacher (who wore long moustaches like a walrus, the little boy recalled) and refused to let him return. Arthur's grandfather paid taxes to both 3rd and 4th school sections and so Arthur was allowed to walk to Snowball School every day. The grandfather's house sat in a clearing on the 3rd concession of King and is now owned by Mrs. L. M. Hamilton.

Arthur was a good boy while at Snowball school with Miss Chapell who laughed when he said that "he had kept pretty clear of the strap in those days". Punishment to him was standing still for a long time with arms outstretched and holding a bottle of ink on a flat book. The arm got tired and wobbly but the ink must not be spilled.

Among reminiscences told during roll call was the statement by Mrs. Bill Davidson that three generations of her family went to this school: her mother, herself and her daughter, Sheila. Mrs. Rena Appleton, now a teacher at Oak Knives Public School, found her name, Rena ~~Appleton~~ at the bottom of the beginners' register, class of 1912. Mrs. F. Williams recalled with others, picnics at Snider's bush and afternoon school concerts at Snowball. History came into recollection when Mrs. Reddick remembered hearing Uncle Billy Appleton tell how his mother heard marching feet cross the bridge on the Schomberg Road when Mackenzie's men marched to Montgomery's Tavern.

History Repeats Itself

So the afternoon was spent in recalling many incidents. Some caused smiles to old residents

and surprise to new members of the community who scarcely realized that King Township was so primitive only 50 years ago. But

school books of 1889 and earlier, on exhibition, showed that boys in their books that modern boys wrote the same nonsense rhymes always use to identify themselves to book thieves. Allan Gellatly, who went to King School about 1910, wrote "Some Chicken" in fine round letters under an attractive young lady who decorated the frontpiece of his reader.

Three school registers were passed around. These were for the years 1907, in which were two dried beech leaves, and of 1911 and 1912. In the last book the teacher, Theo Harris, noted that on the last Wednesday in June the school went on an excursion to Guelph. On September 19 the pupils attended Newmarket Fair and two days later the King Township School Fair.

Corsages were pinned on the guests of honour who included Mrs. Magill, Mrs. Scloss, who was first secretary of Snowball W.I., and Mrs. Leo Cull, first president of this WI formed 26 years ago.

Tribute Paid

Before the afternoon closed with refreshments and more talk of old times, a few minutes of silence brought the memory of two former members back to the gathering. Remembered were Mrs. Howard Morning, immediate past president, and Mrs. Emma Farren, a life member of Snowball Institute, both having passed away since the group met last in May.



*Mrs E. Johnston, King City,
Aurora Banner Correspondent.
Mrs Aurora Relling, King City -
Newmarket Era and Express, Corresp.*



ONTARIO



MANITOBA



SASKATCHEWAN



ALBERTA



BRITISH COLUMBIA



QUEBEC



NEW BRUNSWICK



NEWFOUNDLAND



NOVA SCOTIA



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

**The Federated
Women's Institutes of Canada**

present

Canada Day

**In Honour of
The Triennial Conference
Associated Country Women of the World**

August, 1953



June meeting 1956 at home of Mrs E. L. Reddick

L. to R. - Mrs Arthur Morning, Mrs Ed. Reddick, Mrs Allan Kelly (Sec.)
Mrs. H. M. Farren Sr, Mrs Norman Deasdale, Mrs Owen Barr (Pres.)
Mrs Norval Mitchell, Mrs Geo Wilson and Melanie, Mrs Alvin Ridley,
Mrs Robt. Cain, Miss Ella Capson, Mrs Am. Gould with Clark Helms,
Mrs Howard Morning, Mrs Ernest Capson, Mrs Bert Smith,
and Mrs Alvin Mitchell. Taken by Miss Carol Morning

Note - Mrs Alvin Ridley, (no. 10) died July 27. a month after
this snapshot was taken. and this is her last picture.

Teacher, 88 And Pupils Aged 80 Talk About Old Days At School

Newmarket Express and Express, Sept. 2, 1937.

By Laura Rolling

Snowball—An 88-year old ex-school teacher with a merry twinkle in her eye and a sedate bearing, talked over old school days with two of her old pupils of Snowball school, at a meeting of Snowball Women's Institute. The meeting was at the home of Mrs. Clifford Seaton, August 28.

Mrs. Ida Chappell Megill, Aurora, put Mrs. Josie David Sloss, aged 80, of Toronto and Arthur Storey, 80 of Snowball, "right on the dotted line" when she told how she had been their teacher at SS 10 68 years ago (in 1889-90). ~~She was the first woman teacher of the Snowball school in King township, west of Aurora.~~

Mrs. Megill hasn't taught school for 55 years but at the WI meeting she fell right into the role of the disciplinarian who had taught not by rule and precept but with a keen understanding of human nature and love for her pupils. As Ida Chappell, a local girl, she was about 19 when she took the school and Art Storey and Josie Davis were 12 years old.

Under the historical research program arranged by Mrs. Ed Reddick, the purpose of reminiscing about school days before 1900 and events that happened in the community, was to make records for the Institute Tweedsmuir History Book. The human interest stories from old timers otherwise could be forgotten by the generation of children who will attend the new two-room school which is to be built at Snowball. The present white brick building was put up 91 years ago in 1866 and will be continued as a community centre.

The vivacious Josie Sloss who was the first secretary of Snowball Women's Institute said she didn't ever remember "getting the strap" from Ida Chappell nor of having to "stand in the corner" for punishment.

"Certainly not," chided Mrs. Megill. "Josie had wonderful training. Why would she need punishment when she was under her teacher's wing at school and walked home with her after school?" Mrs. Megill chuckled.

"Arthur was a good boy too," said the teacher. But Arthur wasn't so sure of the complimentary remark.

"At least I got clear of the strap," said the 80-year old man. "But I remember having to stand in the aisle, holding a text book at arm's length with an inkwell poised on the cover." This was probably worse than a strapping, he recalled.

Nevertheless, while Josie was a model young teenage pupil, she was a bit of a pill too. She told the Snowball ladies she remembered lively scraps with a classmate on the way home from school.

Mr. Storey also recalled the boyish pranks and the fun the scholars had tossing each other into huge snowdrifts. The boys in his class were Walt Robinson, Robert Farren and young Tom Cutting now aged 67). Mrs. Wilfrid Watson, a younger sister of Mr. Storey came from Bronte to tell how she had gone to Snowball school.

Oldest Pupil Is 94

Mrs. Jennie Chappell Stephens, 94, of Aurora was the oldest person at the WI gathering who had gone to Snowball school. The three Chappell sisters, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Megill and Miss Mabel Chappell who taught in Aurora for 20 years, had received their elementary education at Snowball and at the old Kettleby school, S.S. 11 ("Our father, Orlin Chappell had land in both school sections and we went to the school with the best teacher," said Mrs. Stephens).

Mrs. Reddick chaired the historical research program when corsages were pinned on Mrs. Megill, Mrs. Sloss, the first secretary and Mrs. Leo Cull, Newmarket, who was the Institute president for first ten years after the inception of the branch 31 years ago. Mrs. Allan Conor, the present principal of the school, was also honored with a corsage, as was Mrs. Owen Barr.

Mrs. Barr, president of the branch for the past three years, is a niece of Mrs. Cull, the former Bertha Ferguson who with her brother and sisters had gone to Snowball school from the farm of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Ferguson at "Ferguson's Pond", third concession.

Missing from the Institute gathering were Mr. Will Storey of Sharon, whose wife was instrumental in forming the branch as one of the charter members and Mr. Tom Cutting of Snowball.

The roll call was answered by recollections of former years at Snowball.

Bertha Ferguson Cull took the motto, "Hats off to the past, coats off to the future." She reminded the branch of its local heritage that makes the present possible.

Old Church Burned

She told of the first Methodist church on the Casey farm which was burned. The salvaged lumber was stored in her father's

barn and the church door was used by Mr. Ferguson on the outside cellar entrance.

Mrs. Ern Copson told of a "hand-me-down story" of olden days when the Methodist preacher said that "music would be boxed and float on the air". It seems that some ladies, some carrying babies, were walking to a church meeting at Mrs. T. K. Ferguson's when they heard music floating from the old graveyard. The eerie notes sent some of them back home, too frightened to continue on their way. The others were consoled by the preacher's forecast.

The old Mission Church at Davis Corners, where Lida Davis played the melodian organ, was remembered by several.

The school community picnics in Snider's bush and earlier in Gamble's bush were a highlight of childhood days. Mrs. Peter McKay (Dorothy Bateman) could recall the two beautiful maple trees in the picnic bush where she had the good fortune to find a dime.

Display Of Relics

Mrs. Conor displayed school attendance records: 1907, 1911 and 1912. In the school, she said, is a record book of the year 1896.

Arthur Morning's primary grade slate, Mrs. Reddick's pencil set given to her when she entered high school, old text books and school pictures were among the mementoes. Each article recalled a story from the past.

Winter Journey

Mrs. Harry Mills had a lively story to tell: how she and two school mates of the Glenville school (old S.S. 9) offered to direct a stranger driving horse and cutter south from the north townline on the third concession. Never before nor since has anyone made the grade through such an untravelled portion of road, she said.

The youngsters climbed into the goose-neck cutter. They were thrown headlong into a snowbank when the horse's belly band broke and the goose-neck broke away from the cutter frame. The children knew the stranger wouldn't make the journey.

"When we got to Jefferson's gate the Churchill Mann property now) we blithely jumped out and told him he had only another mile to go," she said. Mabel Black, Envers Jefferson and Frank Gibbons, the three youngsters, were late for supper at Mr. Luke Gibbon's place that winter's day. (Mr. Gibbons lived to be over 90 years of age and was a life member of Snowball Institute.)

Reminiscences of School Days
by old timers born and raised
at Snowball.

This was an interview at the Women's
Institute meeting Aug. 28, 1957 at the home
of Mrs. Clifford Eaton.

The following old timers were
interviewed -

Arthur Storey
Josephine V. Shors
Mrs Ida B. Megill
Mrs Jennie M. Stephens
Mabel Chappell

Mrs "Josie" Shors, nee Davis, 80 years old on August 4th.
was born on Ept. 7th of Oct 27, Con. 3. The farm her grandfather.

Davis possessed. Married to Sam Shors, she lived in
what old timers called the Blake house. She had
attended Snowball school, where one of her teachers
was Mrs Ida B. Megill, nee Chappell, from 1888 - 1890.

Mrs Megill, now 90 years old is living with her sisters,
Mrs Jennie Stephens, 93, and Miss Mabel Chappell 88.

in Aurora. Another pupil of Mrs Megill's was

Arthur Storey, who was 80 in March and the
only one of the group still living at Snowball.

He was born on Wpt of Oct 21 Con 3. He attended Kitching
school for a few months then changed to Snowball where
he got the rest of his education. When he was 10 years old
his father moved the family to Wpt. Oct 17 Con 2, where his

grandfather Storey had farmed. His sister Mrs
Wilford Elliott (Leda) who was born here also attended Snowball
School, and came from Parents for the meeting.

N.B. The sisters
were born
on Ept Oct 26
Con 3, in
Kitching Co. B.
but attended
Snowball
part time.

Roll call at Historical Research Meeting.
August 1957.

Reminiscences by members raised at Snowball
or stories heard from old residents by other members.

Mrs. DeLoe remembered the fire of the Appleton barn
in 1906. and the barn raising later.

Mrs. Grace Stass remembered her earliest
teachers - Mr. Johnston, Stass.

Mrs. S. Mills, told of herself (Mabel Black) and
Florence ^(Gibbons) Paston walking from Glenville to
the Luke Gibbons farm (Florence's father)
on W. side of third and Gamble sidewalk
(Lot 31, Eft. Car. 3.) A man in cutter overtook
them and inquired way to Davis Corner.
Gave the girls a ride but when the
horse's harness (lully head) broke straining
through the heavy snow, the naughty
girls deserted the poor man and
walked on leaving him to repair the
damage if he could.

Mrs. ^(Rutledge White) Dawson told of her mother (1859)
letting "Kimmie" cutting being in the first
class at the "new" school. (built in 1866)
The teacher, Mr. ~~John~~ Donald Mc Kay, who
lived.

has a very bad temper and one day his own
little girl, a pupil too, did something to

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annoy him and he started for her with the painter in hand, but she, terrified of her father's rage, jumped up on top of the desk to get out past the other pupils in the row and away from her father's wrath, but the painter was long enough to reach her and the blow broke one of her fingers. But her mother, ^{who} was a very big woman and unfraid of her tempery husband gave him such a tongue lashing that "settled his hack"; so the little daughter reported to "Minnie" the next day.

Mrs Rhena (Wood) Appleton reported her -in-law - was telling of the saw-mill that was located on the Appleton farm in the early days.

Mrs Frank Williams (Minnie Johnson) told of the local picnics being held in the bush on the farm where we were meeting that day (Lotif Sexton's) when she was a little girl. - Then called the "Snyder Bush".

Mrs & Mr Kay (Flo Bateman), Mrs W Davison (Ruth White) and Mrs Kes Bull (Bertha Ferguson) all remembered those picnics and the white birch trees particularly.

Others had heard of the old cemetery on the Casey farm on the East side of the Field.

Roll call Aug 157 Cant'd.

Mrs E. Lapson reported hearing Mrs Geo base who lived on west side of Second. Got 22.23 Can 2. tell of going to a woman's church meeting at J. K. Ferguson's, west side of Third at the "pond" and having to pass the old cemetery on the Casey farm. They heard music coming from the cemetery and were so frightened, one woman with a baby refused to pass the cemetery to get to the meeting.

NO. This cemetery has since disappeared, some bodies were removed to the Kitchley cemetery years ago. It was north of the house where the D. G. family live now.

Reminiscences of the Quets of Kanawha - Mrs Chas Magill (Ida Bell Chapell) now 90 of Oklaw Sash, (a former teacher of S.S. No 10. visiting her sisters Miss Mahel Chapell and Mrs Stephenson in Aurora), and two of her pupils Mrs Jessie Glass (Jessie Davis) 80 years old and Mr Arthur Storey 80. (the only pupil of those days still living at Snowball) - are in the clipping from the Aurora banner:

I - Elgin J Evans, oldest son of Robt A Evans born August 11 1892, one mile north of Snowball.

At seventy five years ones memory has faded, but I still have some fond memories of A, A, Number 10 Snowball school, situated on the Aurora sideroad, as it was called in my school years, one & one quarter miles from our home, and we walked that distance summer & winter, to get a ride was really a treat, and I am sure more snow was prevalent then, than at present.

I started school at the age of 6 yrs, 1898, the grades were differant then, than at present, four grades, first, second, third, & fourth, 2 pairs to each grade, I passed the entrance in june 29th 1906, Mr C W Mulloy was inspector of schools. After the above introduction I will endeavour to make some remarks concerning the memories of Snowball school Nu' 10. The three teachers I remember were Mr Elmer Richardson, Mr Sproule and Miss Margaret Cleland, finally Mrs Ibram Davis, not much remembrance about Mr Richardson but Mr Sproule always carried a pointer three ft long and never left his desk to come down the Isles without it, He used it on his own desk to draw attention, and when he spotted something wrong before him, and that was often, The noise was deafening and especially when hitting the desk where you happen to be sitting, The desks were made to sit two.

Miss Cleland was my final teacher, the attendance averaged 60 pupils and her salary was 300.00 per annum, always had a large entrance class, In 1906 nine wrote for their certificate and six passed, Miss Cleland also taught a

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large class in the winter months, giving High School subjects, I had the privilege of talking, arithmetic, book keeping and Algebra for two months during two winters.

I cannot remember any extensive building additions, as at that time the school was nearly new.

The desks were made to sit two and the only addition were two long duncie seats, one situated at each end of the platform, near the teachers desk, blackboards were the full width of the school in front, and were used for all the lessons given, each class were brought to the front and questions asked after the teacher had explained the lesson at hand, you were moved down or up in the class according to your ability of answering the questions, and if you were in the bottom of the class continually, you were slated for the duncie seat, to be by yourself and closer to the teacher, it was also used for bad behavior when school was in session. Slates in a frame about eight by ten inches were used for lessons, slate pencils and a sponge to wipe off the slate, an ink Well was also in the desks to be used for special occasions, but not very often.

Two large box stoves were used for heating, a long stretch of pipes near the ceiling were always a menace and a fire hazard, always a problem to keep enough wood in the "large" wood box, boys took turns bringing it in from a large woodshed, wood was bought in large quantities, and it was the boys duty to have a bee carrying it into the woodshed, sore fingers & toes went along with that deal.

The Trustees I remember were Messrs Tom Ferguson, Daniel Casey, John Edwards and Robert Evans,

Three generally were the ones in office.
 Speaking for the boys our sports were soccer and Hard ball.

Our entertainment was generally before Xmas, the whole school taking part in dialogues, recitations, musical selections, everyone was used according to his or her ability, we really looked forward to practice time and the special evening off the concert.

We as scholars & parents also enjoyed the Oyster supper generally held in the hall, Mr Geo Care always interested in organizing the concert and dinner, oysters bought by the gallon, and a good lot were demolished, Mr Care always gave a step dance, also a comic actor & singer, Mr Brodie from Aurora, orchestra was always there to liven the place up. The oysters were prepared on the two box stoves,

The special line of punishment was to be sent out to the Ante room, alone for a long period of time, on one occasion my good friend Edwin Johnston was sent out to the above room, he crawled into an empty barrel and pulled a cover over, Mr Sprout inspected all hideouts, and at last came across the barrel, I can ^{still} hear the teachers remarks, but he did not use the pointer,

Elgin J Evans
 Newmarket R R 3.

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4-H Homemaking Club.

The following was written by Mrs. Ernest Copson as a tribute to the "Snowball Snowbellies": -

Snowball Women's Institute members are very proud of their "Girls 4-H Homemaking Club" and their very fine enthusiastic leaders, ^③Mrs. Roy Snider and ^④Mrs. Charles Grubbe.

Their project this year of 1957 is "The Club Girl Entertains" and members taking part are as follows;

2 Carrol Snider, 3 Gloria Brown
1 Carol Sullatly, 6 Carolyn Dembeck
8 Lynette Patterson, 9 Gabriell Enderes
7 Toni Rous, 11 Catherine Hood.

The meetings were held at different homes and a special one, to which the girls invited their mothers, was planned, as a Tea Party.



Mrs. Grubbe graciously offered her home for the occasion, at Smoke Tree Farm, lot 26, Concession 2 of King Township. The Mothers were pleased to accept the invitation and Mrs. Arthur Kerr a vice-president of Snowball S.I. and Mrs. Ernest Copson, a former secretary were present also.

The girls' meeting was in progress around the kitchen table, while the guests were enjoying reading the girls' note-books and entertainment files in the living-room, when Miss Edythe Purp, a former leader of Snowball girls work, dropped in with her flash camera and snapped some pictures.

Mrs. Grubbe brought a centerpiece, (of) a flower arrangement they were working on as part of the project, into the living-room to decorate the tea table. Then the girls served the refreshments consisting of plain and fancy sandwiches, relishes and cookies - all made by them as part of their training on learning the art of entertaining. Mrs. Snider poured tea while Mrs. Grubbe presided over the kitchen.

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MRS. HAROLD SNIDER AND HER SISTER-IN-LAW, MRS. ROY SNIDER, retired from the 4-H Homemaking Club last week after long service in the club. Mrs. H. Snider, at left in photo, was a leader for nine years while Mrs. R. Snider led for 14 years. Presentations were made at the Snowball Institute meeting last week.

(Banner photo by Scanlon)

*4-H leaders
honored
at the home
of Mrs. C. J. Smith*

*as William Cupert award for Mrs. H. Snider
and an Institute Cupert award for Mrs. R. Snider*

Exhibits for Summer Day
of Rural Leaders Training Schools.



Apr. 1961. "Sewing to Save Dollars
and Make Sense".

Exhibit - Articles for a bazaar
made from 20 yds of print plus
four yards of yellow broadcloth
for bias binding trim.



Rural Leaders -
Mrs E. S. Laddick and Mrs Frank Seadek



Apr.
1962.

"143 Pounds
of Meat"

Exhibit - "Looking Back Then and Now"
Local leader Mrs Fred Seaway in
middle with two class members
Mrs Elgin Brown and Mrs David Alsup

in costumes of fifty years ago and present day.

Mrs Brown testing the meat
cooking in the old iron Dutch
oven on her black wash stone
and Mrs D. Alsup doing same
with her new style Corning
ware on her modern
electric stove.





Local Leader Training
School - Rugs - 1964
← Summary Day Exhibit
at Region Hall, Newmarket

At the start the girls were eager
To get going on their rugs,
But ~~that was~~ from the very first rugging par
We were seeing what was up.

But that was not our rugging

We were rugging, rugging, rugging,
We were scheming our designs,
~~and~~ with dogs and bulls and lobsters ~~and~~
We came out with colors fine. *scarlet*

We went home and cut up sweaters,
Trousers, skirts and socks galore,
But when ~~a friend~~ came in to visit
Rugs were hid behind the door.

We were still rugging, rugging,
Fleur-de-lis, ducks and ~~scrolls~~
And when lunchtime came ~~there was outside~~
~~and she served the stew and rolls~~

But aside from all our worries,
We enjoyed good fellowship,
And if ever we begin another
We will never make a slip.

We'll ^{will} go on rugging, rugging,
'Till our rug looks ~~just like~~
And when we have finished, completely,
We will know just where we're at!
that it is good



Skits at Summary Day
by Rugging Class in
old time costume,
Singing their original
song to the tune -
"Seeing Nellie Home."

"New Lamps For Old"



Mrs. Geo. Wilson and Mrs. E. S. Reddick,
Local leaders for the short course
with the display of the class work
at the W. S. meeting Jan. 1958. at
the home of Mrs. Geo. Wilson.



Leaders and class with display
Mrs. G. Wilson, Mrs. A. Graft, Mrs. C. Mitchell,
Mrs. F. Williams, Mrs. D. Barr, Mrs. E. Reddick
Absent - Mrs. R. Snider and Mrs. H. Snider.

Trip to Pioneer Village. 1960



Left to right -

1 Mrs Jas Henderson,

2 Helen -

3 Mrs Kes. Kew

4 Mrs Cliff White

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6 Mrs Cliff Seaton

7 Mrs Fred Swagge

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9 Mrs Chas Leubke
and Ellen

10 Mrs Harold Snider

11 Driver

Taken by Mrs E. S. Reddick, conc. of T.H.

Institute Events.



In Edwards Gardens
June 22, 1961. on
a bus trip that
continued to the
Canadian National
Institute for the Blind
where lunch was
enjoyed in the
dining room, followed
by a guided tour.

Left to right Mrs Geo. Brown, Mrs Jim King, Mrs Herb Patrick, Mrs Murray Beys,
Mrs Lillian Kerr, Mrs Fred Swayze, Mrs Chas Grubbe, Mrs Roy Snider,
Mrs Frank Williams, Mrs Clif. Sexton, Mrs C. Mitchell, Mrs Thomas (Longford),
Mrs Art Kerr, Eleanor White, Mrs H. McIntosh, Mrs Bob Cain, Mrs Home Jones (Kerr),
Mrs H. Mitchell, Mrs Jim Henderson, (her mother - Mrs Melville), Mrs Eyles,
Mrs Eva Copson (sister) Mrs Hans - Children - Brown, Ellen Snider
not in picture Mrs Harold Snider, 8 yr old Ronnie James and Mrs Ed Reddick
(who took pictures)

Skit "Feb. 26th 1897" given
at the Feb meeting 1962.
in the Snowball School to
celebrate the Sixty-Fifth
Anniversary of the founding
of the Women's Institute in
Stoney Creek.

Cast included Mrs E. Reddick
Mrs Robt. Cain, Mrs Harold Snider,
Mrs John Grassens and Mrs Chas Grubbe.
(left to right in picture)



Back To School For WI Members

Don't Miss Telegram June 21/63

SIMPLE pumps and sensible oxfords pounded the campus of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, yesterday, replacing the sneakers and mocassins of regular co-eds. And about 3,000 women of the Ontario Women's Institute went back to school.

They were honoring the president of the Associated Countrywomen of the World, Mrs. Geerda Van Beekhoff of the Netherlands.

The gathering was part of the officer's conference at the college attended by more than 450 Ontario women.

Can Help

Mrs. Van Beekhoff stressed the importance of women working together—without any political affiliations—and said that the Associated Countrywomen of the World has done much to push forward the world food aid scheme by acting in a consulting capacity with the United Nations.

She has just come from Washington where she read a paper at the World Food Congress and will visit WI groups in Ottawa.

W.I. groups have much the same program in Holland as in Canada, said Mrs. Van Beekhoff at a press conference before the meeting.

Among their projects is the improvement of dress styles by adopting American patterns to Dutch use.

"And we've all worked on our husbands to get them to eat tomatoes—

they were just introduced to Holland in the '20s and many stolid Dutchmen refused to eat them, she said.

New Styles

She mentioned the help from abroad received during the great floods of '55 and said it started Countrywomen thinking about new furnishings to refurbish flooded-out homes.

"Now we have traveling furniture expositions to show what is available in good quality and a decorator and architect are available for advice," she said.

The Countrywomen were responsible for keeping the craft of embroidery alive—and adapted to modern needs.

"Now, it's all the craze!" she said.



Mrs. Geerda Van Beekhoff, from the village of Kerk Avezaath, the Netherlands, President of ACWW, spoke at the Ontario Womens Institute meetings yesterday in Guelph.

June 20, 1963.

Mrs Frank Tassie, Sec. was Snowball's delegate to the Officers' Conference in Guelph on Wed and Thurs. June 19 and 20.

Mrs Allen Giddley, Mrs Jas Henderson and Mrs E. Lesicko, joined a bus

load from Aurora and Imperanceville and attended the meeting Thursday afternoon in the Athletic Hall, O.A.C. to hear Mrs van Beekhoff. Visited the Shand Dam on the way over, lunch in Guelph, and supper in Brampton.

TO HONOUR THE PRESIDENT
of
THE ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD

Federated Colleges, Guelph

Thursday, June 20, 1963

1.30 P. M.

PROGRAMME

Chairman

Mrs. L. R. Trivers
President, Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario

Organ Music played by Mr. Ralph Kidd from 1 p. m.

The flags of the countries where there are Constituent Societies of
The Associated Country Women of the World
will be borne in procession by 4-H Homemaking Club members, Wellington County

Invocation

Dr. W. A. Young, Chaplain, Federated Colleges

The Hymn of All Nations

GREETINGS

The Minister of Agriculture, Province of Ontario
Honourable Wm. A. Stewart

The President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada
Mrs. James A. Haggerty, Napanee, Ontario

Guests of Honour

Music - Miss Anna McDonald, - Vocalist
Wingham, Ontario

*of CKMK - former Radio 680
Chair*

ADDRESS

MRS. GEERDA VAN BEEKHOFF
President, Associated Country Women of the World
The Netherlands

Ontario Pennies for Friendship
Mrs. Gerald Holder
Treasurer - Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario

REPLY

Mrs. Chester Nash
President, Stoney Creek - The Mother Institute

The Old Hundredth

Announcements - *Mrs. Winn Mitchell*

God Save the Queen

3600 people

AURORA W.I.

GUELPH BUS TRIP

Thursday, June 20, 1963

BUS LEAVES P.O. - 9.00am

Tickets - Bus only - \$2.50



Sept 9, 1963
 Y.C. W.S. Rally
 Woodbridge
 Legion Hall.
 Snowball Delegation -
 L-R. Lila Reddick
 Estelle Kerr
 Olga Wilson
 Ruth Gubbie
 Mildred Mitchell



June 1963
 Trip to Guilford
 to see ^{Mrs} Gerda
 van Beckhoff,
 A.C.W. Pres.
 Snowball group -
 Mrs E. B. Reddick
 Mrs Gus Henderson
 Mrs Frank Tassdale
 Mrs Allan Kelly
 (Jan Raydon,
 Ruth Bremer.)



NB The rest of
 the bus load
 had already
 gone into the
 restaurant for
 supper.

August, 1965.



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Bus Trip
to Midland
and the
Indian Village,
Museum,
Martyrs Shrine
and Fort Ste
Marie.
Temperanceville
Hamens Institute
accompanied
Snowball

Bath groups.



AUG • 65

Snowball.

Evelyn Seaton, Kila Reddick. — Mrs. Gaff (edge of white hat)
Joyce Sneider behind Mrs. Majors, Mrs. Mills, Margaret Wash.
May Nicoll, Mary Cain, Mrs. Carmen Nelson (Aurora) ^{someone} behind.
Mrs. F. Seaside, Dorothy King — Edna Keltally,
Mrs. Duntleberry, Ruth Gaubke.

1967.
Planting the Centennial tree at
Snowball School.



1967. Donated by
Snowball Women's
Institute. Planting
demonstrated by Joe Casey,
a graduate in Horticulture.
Members present - Mrs Harry
Mills (in costume), Mrs Leonard
White, Mrs Robt. Carr,
Mrs Naomi Mitchell, President
and Mrs Ed Reddick.
Back row - Joseph Casey and
Naomi Mitchell.
Children in Background
Teachers - Mrs Margaret Connor
Pien,

Mrs Ed. Reddick,
reading "Trees" during
planting ceremony →



1968.



Visitors from the
Netherlands women's
Institute on their way
to A.C. W.W. in Michigan will
entertain by bus about
Wed. in front of the
Reddick home - Sept 9, 1968

Mrs J. M. de Jager
Mrs de Kooijman
Mrs van der Haar
Koppens
entertained by Mrs C. F.
Smith, Mrs E. B. Reddick
and Mrs J. Grassons

With their hostesses
Mrs de Jager with Mrs Grassons
Mrs de Kooijman with Mrs Reddick
Mrs van der Haar with
Mrs C. F. Smith.
after arriving
from the air port
where they were met
by Mr and Mrs Smith.



With their hosts -
R. to K. - John Grassons
Ed Reddick and
Ted Smith



READY TO LEAVE for Lansing, Michigan members of Women's Institutes in Netherlands say goodbye to their hosts of three days. From left to right are Mrs. Edward Reddick (her guest, Mrs. de Rooy-Janse was

ill at the time the picture was taken) Mrs. C.J. Smith, Mrs. Van der Laan, Mrs. Jager-Van and Mrs. John Grassens. of Snowball Ws.
-Aurora Banner, Sept 4, 1968

Women host visitors from abroad

Several members of women's institutes in the Aurora area have been hosting visitors from women's institutes in Europe and Africa during the past week.

The visitors, members of the Associated Countries' Women of the World, are enjoying a three-day tour of southern Ontario before their annual convention, being

held in Lansing, Michigan. They arrived Wednesday evening and left Friday morning.

Mrs. Ross Walker, King City, is hosting a couple from South

Africa while three neighboring members of Snowball Women's Institute, Mrs. Edward Reddick, Mrs. John Grassens and Mrs. C.J. Smith are each entertaining a woman from the Netherlands.

The visitors are spending little more than the nights at their hosts' because of a rigorous sightseeing schedule which includes Niagara Falls, the Canadian National Exhibition, and downtown Toronto.

The first women's institute started in Stoney Creek, Ontario, more than 75 years ago.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

"Meet In Friendship's Circle Bright"

One of Canada's greatest gifts to the world has been the Associated Country Women of the World, offspring of the Women's Institute, founded at Stoney Creek by Adelaide Hoodless early in this century to teach women how to give the best possible care to their families.

This year the ACWW world-wide conference is being held in Lansing, Michigan, this week. A pre-conference tour of Ontario by delegates from many parts of the globe spent two days in the Toronto area.

Last Thursday, after a tour of Toronto and a visit to Black Creek Pioneer Village, the visitors were entertained at an outdoor barbecue at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Snider, corner of Kirby Sideroad and Jane Street, Vaughan Township.

With their Canadian hostesses, some of the group are seen above: (left to right) Mrs. W. G. M. Sutherland, Scotland; Mrs. W. Drew, Concord; Mrs. A. B. MacKay, Scotland; Mrs. A. Kempson, England; Mrs. D. Payne, Thornhill, bus co-hostess; Mrs. B. Snider, Maple; Mrs. J. Trimple, Belfountain, bus co-hostess; Mrs. Van Der Laan-Koppius, Holland; Mrs. C. Smith, King; Mrs. A. Hugo, Kroostaad, Orange Free State, Africa; Mrs. A. Train, Kleinburg.

ptember 5, 1968

Forty overseas guests tour the Highlands of York



A barbeque at the Bruce Snider farm, Maple, was included in a pre-conference visit to the Highlands for Associated Country Women of the World last week. Left to right

are Mrs. George Richardson of Vandorf, Mrs. Jane Shearer and Mrs. Lilian Udal of South Africa and Mr. and Mrs. Reid Brumwell of Victoria Square.

Pres. York Centre (W) District

MAPLE — There was little time for relaxing for the 40 overseas guests billeted in the Highlands last week.

The delegates, en route to the conference of Associated Country Women of the World in Lansing, Michigan, were guests of the local chapters of the Women's Institute.

Mrs. John Payne of Thornhill, organizer of the pre-conference tour, met the visitors Wednesday at Toronto's International Airport.

On Thursday the delegates and their hostesses visited locations of interest in Metro, ending with a barbeque supper at the Bruce Snider farm north of Maple.

About 140 people, including a dozen men, were treated to hot dogs, hamburgers, and corn prepared by York West chapters of the Women's Institute.

A few husbands were accompanying their wives on the trip.

The two-week pre-conference tour of Southern Ontario includes a visit to the home of Adelaide Hoodless in Stoney Creek. Mrs. Hoodless founded the movement in 1879. It now has 7,000,000 affiliated members in 67 countries.

Mr. Alexander Wall, Department of Agriculture representative for York County was a guest at the barbeque.

He was kept busy answering questions from the overseas visitors.

The Department had entertained the delegates at a luncheon at the Royal York Hotel earlier in the day.

Guests included representatives from Norway, all parts of the United Kingdom, Australia and the Netherlands.

On Friday they visited Bradford and the Holland Marsh area, then headed north to Collingwood and Owen Sound.



A TOM THOMSON is one of more than 200 in the McMichael Conservation Collection given to the

province by Robert and Signe McMichael. At right is Tapawingo, the large and beautiful house for the collection. With fine wooded grounds, it was part of the gift.

*Snowball
Harmer's
Institute
visited
"Tapawingo"
Sept 1966
to view the
art collection
and antiques*





AMONG THE JOYS OF WINTER... *Globe and Mail Dec 21, 1968*

A big snowfall can still be fun for those young enough to enjoy it — but to Russell Wright, at work on a large drift yesterday, and most other adults, it just means a lot of extra work. The grocery, which is aptly named for this time of year, is three miles west of Aurora.

Farm now owned by Herbert Patrick
1952

This farm of eleven acres, situated on South East corner of Lot 22, Concession 3, King Township, was purchased from the Crown in 1845, by Adam Wilson, to Joseph Elliott 1848, to William Webster 1854, to Henry Pegg 1871, to James Edwards 1883, to William Patrick and his wife Fanny Edwards Patrick in 1898. They had three children, Emily, Jesse and Herbert born here.

The house is solid plank, covered with clapp. board, and later with insul brick.

Herbert was born in this house in 1897. and was married to Annie Caroline Farren in 1921. They have three boys, Bruce, Russell, and Douglas, two girls Louise and Shirley all born and raised here.

Answer to Women's Institute Roll Call. "Give the History of your farm" by Mrs. H. Patrick.
"April 1952"

Later notes.



Great Day for Great-grandfather

Mrs. Jack Lepard of Kettleby planned a happy event for her father, Art Storey, on Saturday evening to celebrate his 70th birthday. Gathered at her home were members of the family, among them the four generations pictured above. With Mr.

Storey are his daughters, Mrs. J. Lepard, his grand-daughter (Mrs. Lepard's daughter) Mrs. Earl Heacock and his great-grand-daughter, Linda Heacock. Banner photo by George Keroff.

THE AURORA BANNER, THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1957

SPRING AURORAL

NOTE - Arthur Storey was born at Snowhall and spent all his life here. Now lives in a house he built on the front of his farm. Egt. Lot 21. Con 3.

Farm Land now owned by Aubrey Wood
1952

This farm of one hundred and five acres situated Lot 27, Concession 3. Middle part, King Township, County of York, was purchased from the Crown by Edward Heacock, and was sold to Seth and his wife Rachel, in 1855, for the sum of one thousand pounds.

In 1896 Seth Heacock sold to George Heacock and his wife, Hannah, who sold it to Washington Heacock for the sum of one dollar.

In 1915 William Wood purchased from George Washington Heacock for the sum of \$7000. He had been married three times.

Elizabeth Wells, his second wife bore six children, William, Rhena, Dora, Aubrey, Walter and Stanley. Dora, Walter and Stanley passed on.

In 1917 William died and his wife Huldah Lavelle Wood inherited for her lifetime. She passed away in 1938 and it was inherited by William's and Elizabeth's son Aubrey.

In 19 Aubrey married Margaret Robson daughter of Edwin Robson of King Ont. Their three children, William, Catherine and Roger were born on the farm.

"Oakland Farm"

Answer to Women's Institute Roll call "Give the History of your Farm" by Mrs. Aubrey Wood, April 1952.

at Oct 17 1963



SNOWBALL LADIES — Serving lunch at last Friday's View Hulloo dispersal sale were these ladies of Snowball United Church. From left to right: Mrs. C. E. Connor, Mrs. W. Farren, Mrs. J. King, Mrs.

A. Storey, Mrs. A. Kerr, Mrs. R. Snider, Mrs. W. Davison, Mrs. G. Teasdale, Mrs. N. Mitchell and Mrs. J. White.

Harry Fitch Mills

East half Lot 28, Concession 3. King Township.
The patent covering this property was secured
for the Crown Head, on the above farm
July 3rd 1856 by Seth Throok and his wife
Annah Halton Throok of King Township

June 6, 1870 this parcel of land passed into
the ownership of Edward and Washington sons
of Seth Throok.

June 10, 1881, it was sold to Seth Throok Jr
son of Edward and grandson of the original
owner.

March 26, 1896 it became the property of
Franklin Halfield and his wife Lizzie (Curtis)
Throok, a nephew of Edward and son of Seth
Throok Jr.

Aug 6, 1910 Franklin Halfield Throok deposed
of this farm to Samuel J. Bloss and
his wife Josephine Annie Bloss.

May 1913 Samuel J. Bloss died suddenly
and on October 6th of the same year his
widow sold these premises to Thomas
Frederick and his wife Mary Jane (Gale)
Mills, who farmed it for seven years.

November 20, 1920, the title of this land
was taken over by their only son Harry
Fitch Mills and his wife Mabel Florence
(Black) Mills who have two sons
Allan Frederick and Stuart William also
one daughter Mary, now Mrs Austin

Pt. A. 1/2. Lot 80. Box 1.



1956 Home of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Cain.

Who bought the two-acre lot from May Bolton in 1948 and built the house and moved there in 1949. From a record of original land owners we find that the crown land was granted to Wm Taylor in 1805 and Mrs. Robt. Hayes provided the following information - Mr. Robt. Hayes bought the 89 acres in 1906 from George Baulter who had bought from - Mosely. The Hayes sold the farm in 1946 to May Bolton who sold to Hill and after one year Hill sold to Wm Jans. Mr. Hayes had erected all the ^{present} farm buildings except the house which was there.

Over the years lots had been sold off the Wellington Street frontage to Wm Maunt, Daley Borden, Straus Real Estate, Straw, Mrs. Hogg, Stanley Walker, Maurice Harvica, Wm Smiley and to John Morning hands being built on all the lots, two on the Straus lot. Some have been resold.

Olin who resides on their farm on
Con. 6. Innocent Township in Linn County
Their daughter Susan Joanne Olin was
born June 8, 1955.

NB Judy Elizabeth Olin born Nov. 1. 1862. mo.

While Harry and Mabel Mills still reside
in their rural home, at the above location,
Harry Mills retired from active participation
in 1949 and the operation of this farm now
registered as Fox - View Heights, is conducted
by their sons Allan H. and Stuart H.

Official Registry Records through Mabel H.
Mills, a former Women's Institute President

written by
Mary A. Olin



"The Appletons"

A temperamental youth among the sons of the Appleton family in England was the source of the family of that name and owned and also occupied the farm ^{with} Lot 81, Concession I King Twp. for over a century.

Among the several sons, Thomas was the most studious and was planning to become a school teacher. He had advanced theories and ideas in political affairs and applied himself to their study. The more he read, the more he argued and expounded. This did not suit his conservative minded Father, and he remonstrated against his perverting his other sons. The exasperated Father finally told Thomas he had better go to America, and get away from the other boys with his wild and dangerous notions. The Father's final taunt "You Jacobite" "You'll never amount to anything here", was ringing in his ears as he turned his face to a new land to make his start in life.

He landed in "muddy York" and became one of the first school teachers. He was a close friend of Jesse Ketchum and other progressive citizens of that time.

His radical leanings and proclivities were again in evidence. He identified himself with the total abstinence cause, and was active for political reforms of the times. For this reason, when he applied for a grant of land from the Family Compact officials of the crown, he found he was not in favor in those circles. His application was held up which did not sweeten his disposition towards them.

He was ardent in religious and moral reform enterprises, and took a leading and useful part in these movements.

"Appletons" Continued (2)

Thomas Appleton's other brother later came out from England to Montreal, and became a building contractor in that city; another brother went to New York, and became founder and head of the great Appleton Publishing Co.

The fourth brother to come out from England settled in Illinois W.S.A. and the town of Appleton Ill. was named in his honor.

In 1822 we find Thomas teaching school on Yonge Street. His son Seville Cumberland was born on Yonge Street, on the farm opposite St. Andrew's College, which was once the home of the Gabriel Lount family.

This son married a daughter of Jacob Hollingshead a neighbor, who owned 200 acres. Lot 81, King Township.

At age of 16 this son was working the East. 100 acres of Lot 81, now known as the Collins farm.

Though he started young in farming he was 35 when he married Abigail the daughter of James Rush. They had nine children. Mary, Elizabeth, Willmot Cumberland, James, Abigail, Seville Charles, Walter, Robert, Richard & Susan died in infancy.

When they came here beavers were building dams on the stream that crosses their farm, Indian graves were to be found. They built the first primitive buildings, - houses, barns and fences. They also built a saw mill on the stream and operated it for many years.

At that time on a clear day, the hum of six other water power saw mills could be heard. Donald Kennedy's on the Richardson farm (once owned by John C. Davis)

David Mc Gaffin's on the Gilpin farm (once owned by Aaron Clark)

Irwin's on the Collins farm (owned by Irwin's)

"Appleton's Continued (3)

Phillip's saw mill on Phillip's pond.

James Lloyd's on the Cosford farm

Ferguson's on the Ferguson's farm (now Lady Eaton)

Those were the building days. New homes, barns, school houses, and churches were going up in every direction: and the lands were being cleared, roads and bridges built for the progressive settlements.

Seville Charles Appleton played a useful and important part in the young community. He was a leader in the Methodist Church and helped in the erection of the first Church at Mackell's Corners (now Aurora) when it was built with its burying ground around it, at the corner of Yonge Street and Tyler. Alfred Tyler gave them the land and the Street was named after him. He was on the Trustee board of School Section No 10 (now Snowball) when the new brick school was built. He was active in total abstinence work in those days when liquor was plenty. He was one of the party which included Nathaniel Pearson who started the Sons of Temperance Division at Kettleby in 1855. It was he and John Webb who reinforced the weakened high spire of the Aurora Methodist Church (now United) which was ultimately blown off by a cyclone that swept Aurora in 1903.

The Rebellion times did not involve this family, and they have pursued the even tenor of their way, a fine representation of pioneer stock.

James Almante a son of James Appleton married to Rhena Wood has a son George & a daughter Grace. He is the fifth generation to live on the same property.

N. pt. Lot 89, Con. 1.



Mr. and Mrs E. L. Reddick on lawn 1952.

They bought the best 25 acres of Lot 89, Con. 1. in 1927 from ^{the} H. M. Armstrong ^{farm} who lived on Yanga St. on the east end of the lot. They bought from Alfred Bickett who two years previously bought from Chester Hodgson who originally had persuaded H. M. Armstrong to sell the best 25 acres. He partly built a house which was finished in 1927 by E. L. Reddick.

The crown deed of lot 89 was acquired by Isaac Phillips in 1802. Who left the North $\frac{1}{2}$ to his son Oliver and the south half to son David. David sold the South half to Geo. Milgate, who raised his family there, then retired leaving son Benjamin and his wife Sophie to raise their family there. They in turn left the farm to their son Walter and his bride Meta.

After three years they rented the farm to Joseph Cooney finally selling it to William and Annie Armstrong.

Less could be learned about Oliver Phillips' North half. - but it was later owned for several years by Hillard Cook and his bride, who bought it from Thos Stewart. In 1919 Cook sold it to Wm Armstrong and his son Ellen. So the Armstrongs then owned all of lot 89 and in 1921 sold the best 25 acres to Chester Hodgson.

(Mrs E. L. Lila J. Reddick)

Arthur Morning Farms.
1952

These farms situated sixty Acres, lots 21 and 22, East half of Concession 2. King Township was owned by Thomas F. Heacock before 1851 when he sold to Absalam Baker.

In 1895 Absalam Baker sold to Charles Blaker, who rented it to James Morning and moved his family there in the Spring of 1897.

On March 1st 1904. James Morning purchased it and in May 1925 erected a new barn.

October 6th 1947. James sold to Arthur whose wife Minetta we are indebted to for this information. They have one daughter Jean.

A suitable name was chosen as one gets a grand view of the surrounding country from their windows and lawn. "Grandview Farm" it is.

Lot 82. West half. Concession I. King Township, Fifty Eight Acres, owned by D. E. Hamer was sold April 15th 1910 to James Morning, and on October 6th, 1947, his son Arthur purchased from him.

"Answer to Women's Institute Roll Call "Give the History of your farm" by Mrs. Arthur Morning April 1952."



East Part of Lot 24. Concession 2.



Jan. 1956

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Manning.

1847 Copson Farm 1952.

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The original dwelling place was moved and a verandah built along the South side and North on the East side.

A cook house was built away back of the original building to the East with the entrance from the West off the North part verandah. A preventative from fire Henry thought.

In 1860 a new house was built by Harris Brothers (two) Carpenters, the work was all done by hand, and it took two years to complete. Lumber was plentiful and the 24x36 ft. foundation had beams a foot square all around and two across. The house was two storey, eight rooms, two windows in every room, two long halls upstairs and down, a closed in stairway, fifteen doors, two large clothes closets.

In 1886 the log stable and the barn were struck by lightning and burned. Lost a few hens, saved the pigs. The sheep and cattle were out to pasture.

William the eldest son married Hannah Walker in 1862. They lived here and a son and daughter were born here. He moved to Sunnydale in 1866 another son & daughter were born.

Robert the second son bought forty acres of land and buildings middle part Lot 25 Concession 2 King Twp. but continued living here until he died in July 1918. He never married. Alfred purchased this land from Robert's Estate when it was settled in 1918.

Henry and Alfred were married to two sisters Sarah and Harriet Walker respectively, in 1876.

Henry's two sons and a daughter were born here and lived here until 1882 when they moved to Lot 85 Concession I King Township where another son and daughter were born.

Alfred and Harriet lived here and Ernest, his son and two daughters were born here, and when the baby was nineteen days old, Harriet passed away.

Henry's daughter "Anne Fox" died at the age of 15 and his wife Anne died in 1880 and Henry in 1888.

Their remains were interred in Aurora Cemetery.

1847 - Copson Farm 1952
(3)

The youngest son of Henry, and Ernest's Father was married again in 1889 to Elizabeth Ann Graham and from this union, a son Charles Clifton was born in March 1898. When Clifton was nearly ten years of age his mother and Alfred's wife passed away in 1908 leaving Alfred a widower again. Iris the elder daughter married in 1906, Hattie the youngest in 1909, and moved to their separate homes, leaving Alfred, Ernest and Clifton living here.

In 1922 Clifton married Hazel Billing from Carmen, Manitoba and made their home on middle part of Lot 25 Concession 2 King Township, where their three daughters were born, Gwen the eldest, May 6th. Beth May 10th. Bernice May 31st. Alfred died in 1928 leaving this farm to Clifton, and the Homestead 100 acres East half Lot 26. Concession 2 to Ernest J.

April 1929 Ernest married Flossie L. (McConnell) Turp the widow of Robert J. Turp, and she and her son Robert and daughter Edythe came to live here.

Robert, her son enlisted in Royal Canadian Air Force, became Pilot Officer 1942 and was killed in action, and buried in France.

Living at present May 1952. Ernest, his wife Flossie L. and daughter Edythe L. Turp.

"Lilacopse Farm"

Answer to Women's Institute Roll Call. "Give the History of your Farm by Mrs. Ernest Copson. April 1952"

"Copson Farm"

1847 - 1952

This farm of one hundred acres situated East half Lot 26. Concession 2, Township of King is owned now in 1952 by Ernest F. Copson, who was born here in 1878, lived here and is still living here as this is written.

Thomas Cosford purchased some seven hundred acres from the Crown about 1837.

Henry Copson, a Lawyer, his wife Anne and their four sons and one daughter came out from Atherstone, Warwick, England, in the year 1847, and purchased the above one hundred acres from Thomas Cosford's land.

It was half bush land with a two storey building 20 ft x 30 ft (used now as a woodshed) their dwelling place, with an entrance from both North & South sides. There was also a Barn 30 x 40 ft. and a log Stable North and West of the house, which they used as a cow stable. A neighbor Mrs. Ruth Davis gave them a cow the first winter they were here.

Henry was not a farmer but was good with the pen and a brush. Some of his sketches still hang on the wall.

A clipping from the "Aurora Banner" 1918 after the death of his third son Robert reads "Henry Copson his father taught school for some time in what was called "Mr. Lebd's school house, which stood on the old road just North of Aurora, and was attended by all the youths of the country about from Bond Lake to Newmarket, and included the Hartman's, The Trents, The Mosley's, The Phillips, The Pearson's, The Rogers, and the Lounts."

There was a log school house situated on East half of Lot 25 Concession 2. where services were held on Sundays, and was called the Atherstone Union Sabbath School. It had a library & Henry was Librarian in 1862-1863, as a copy of records shew names of scholars at that time and Ernest's father A. Copson is on the roll.

Farm Land now owned by Fred W. Browne
1952.

This farm of one hundred acres is situated on East half Lot 31-32 Concession 2 King Township. Tracing back the ownership we find we purchased from Mr. Edward Owens in 1938.

In 1900 or 1902 he purchased from Mrs. George Cutting, his wife's mother.

At that time most of the land was uncleared, and the house was on the North East corner of the farm. We found traces of a garden there, grapes, gooseberries, raspberries, roses and lilies, also an orchard, but no trace of a house.

Miss Edna Owens of Newmarket, tells me that the second was used for buggies but there was always a steep rise from the road up to the land into the house, and in her childhood, they went that way to the Glenville Church.

Early in the 1900's it was decided to build nearer the Mulock Side Road and much of the lumber from the old house was used in the new one. Mr. Owens cleared the land.

The house and barn were burned about 1927, and we built on the site of the barn in 1939 and used it for a summer home until 1951 when we made it a year round home.

The family consists of Fred W. Browne his wife Enide and a daughter Marilyn.

"Hillandale Farm"

Answer to Women's Institute Roll call "Give the History of your Farm" by Mrs. F. W. Browne, April 1952.

The Casey Farm.
(1952)

This property known as the Casey Farm since 1878 comprises fifty acres in the north west quarter of lot 17 and one hundred and fifty acres in the west part of lot 18 Concession 2, King Township.

These two hundred acres were bought from the crown in 1803 by James Fulton who lived there until 1844. In the next thirty four years the farm changed owners about thirty times. In 1878 it was purchased by Daniel Casey from Alexander Keith. It has remained in the Casey family ever since. The present owner Charles Casey has had it since the death of his father Daniel in 1922. His wife Anna died in 1939.

At present, 1952, living on the farm are Charles and his four younger children, Joan, Joseph, Edward and Dennis. His wife Anna O'Leary died in 1939 and the two oldest children Vincent and Eileen are married.

Note - This information was provided by Charles Casey from the crown deed of the farm which is in his possession.

H. pt. Lot 20, Con. 2.

The farm Lot 20 Con 2 King
was, fifty years ago owned by
the late Million Andrews
He rented the farm to Arthur and
William Storey

Afterwards it was sold to
the late Archie Mitchell after
his death two of his sons Calvin
& Novel Mitchell took over the
farm later Calvin sold it to
Zalmer Milijab of Aurora

It was again sold to Jim Ball
who in turn sold it to the

Collis Leather Comp. Aurora
They rented it to William Storey &
Son when again after 3 years
it has been sold to John Deew
of King City

Annie Storey



Was Originally Crown Land

Mother Nature Is Glorified In Beautiful Country Garden

Under an arbour and through a little white gate on the road between Aurora and Schomberg, which is a continuation of Wellington Street West, there is romance, history and beauty. It is found on the property of Mr. and Mrs. William Davison, on the bend of the road just west of Snowball.

More than a hundred years ago, the Crown deeded land to a family by the name of Davis. As each of her several sons up and married, mother Davis divided the land so that each one of her boys would have a farm of his own. Clayton Davis settled on the one where the hundred-year-old frame home the Davidsons now occupy, is situated. Later it was owned by a blacksmith, who plied his trade in a large barn, which has since given way to one of the prettiest corners in the Davidson's famous garden. For year Bill Davidson, as he dug the clay loam in preparation for planting perennials, would find horse shoes of every kind and size, nails and bits of iron. If he is at all superstitious about horse shoes, he must realize, he has discovered enough to assure him continued luck for all of his life time.

Native Daughter Wed

Ruth White was born and raised on the farm at the rear of this property. She was a member of the little community church, and it was here she met a young Englishman, who had come to the district from his homeland to learn farming. Bill Davidson and Ruth White were married eighteen years ago and were lucky enough to rent the pretty little white house and set up housekeeping. Both keen horticulturists, they went about developing flower beds, experimenting with various roots and bulbs and coaxing the difficult soil into production of their well known prize winning stock.

It wasn't however, until five years later, when they bought the property, that they undertook any major reorganization of the garden or remodelling of the quaint old home. Since then Bill Davison has shown his skill, not only in gardening, but in adding a kitchen, upstairs rooms, and opening up the livingroom into a spacious area which is the hub of their home life.

Favourite Varieties

They both have their favourite flowers. Mrs. Davison, who said all flowers were her favourites, admitted that tulips would be her special choice if she had to make one, probably because they are the first splash of colour in the garden after the winter-locked land was warmed sufficiently to waken the dormant bulbs. The hundred and thirty varieties of peonies are evidence of Bill's choice. Though their blooming season is a short one, they have been most rewarding for his hours of care and cultivation. Always among the top award winners at the Aurora Horticultural Society's early summer show, they have brought pleasure to a great many who regularly attend these events.

Members of the Horticultural Society for twelve years, they have both been directors and Mr. Davison is at present vice-president. He has been a member the staff of Collis Leather Co., for a number of years and they have one daughter, Shema, who attends Aurora and District High School.

From Aurora Banner 1954.



By Mrs. Jas. King 1961.

Corner lot at S. E. Cor
Lot 21. Can 3. King Prop.



at S.S. No 10, "Snowball", 1950
Born on 3rd Concession King Ont. 1871.



Among my Royal Illies
J. Hervey Rusch. 1953

story of my birth place etc

J. HERVEY RUSH
241 WANLESS AVENUE
TORONTO 12

N. 1/2 lot 26. box 2.

MS Written by J. Harvey Rush
1953.

Page 1

When I was seven years old, about 1878, in the spring I started to old #10 school to meet my much loved ~~the~~ teacher, the late Alfred Love. During the many times I walked up and down the third I would pass an old, small log house (later used for cows, later for pigs) opposite the Wm Clarkson home and I was told the fact that in that log building I was born July 22/1871. The house to the south west of the log and is still a lovely home, my father built for his mother. The frame house north of the lane which still stands, my father built about the same time ~~and we all moved in when I was an infant~~ ^{and we all moved in when I was an infant} ~~this left the log house empty~~ and I was two years old when father sold the farm and bought the one on the corner, lot 26 west, ^{concessional} where my life was spent until Jan'y 1887 when I received a letter from a firm (dry goods) in Orillia asking me to take a position with them as cashier and I left home, with all its love, hopes and best wishes, on the second Tuesday in Jan'y 1887. Now I will return for more about; first at the log house farm, its owners and our moves. I must explain here that my brother Leslie has, during past years, given considerable time and research to our family tree and to the moves up to the time father bought lot 26, our home for so many years.

J. HERVEY RUSH
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As I remember the history of events, I understand my father's uncle Nathaniel Pearson once owned the farm down the third facing on the third to the east and running back to the west clear through and facing on the fourth concession. The east-lot facing on the third, # 23, of 50 acres later known as the John Cutting farm. This was before I was born and I must explain just how this was. When my father and mother were first married there was a 2 acre lot on the third being the south west corner of lot 26 opposite Clayton Davison blacksmith shop & home, where Mr & Mrs Davison now live. On the 2 acre lot above mentioned was a log cow barn and a frame house and this was father & mother's first home. I believe Marshall was born there, Jan'y 1856.

(Now I must watch or I will get you mixed)
Records show that in 1864 father exchanged this 2 ac corner lot with John Cutting for the Log house farm No 23 referred to in page 1. which accounts for their living down the third where I was born in 1871

Now I refer you back to the red underlined explanation as to how we came to be back to the # 26 farm after father sold the Log house farm # 23.

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As I re-read pages one and two I seem to have put the cart before the horse, as following the two red lines I ran off telling a bit about myself instead of sticking to my ~~two~~ text about the places.

* In 1874 my father sold the Log house lot No 23, and bought from ^(to Sam Edwards) ~~from~~ Wm McGill 50 acres of lot 26, being the south west corner of the original big farm of megills. But this did not take in the corner 2 acres - Father & Mother's ^{first} home. This we bought some years after, which makes the homestead 52 acres. From here on you will know, how that as folk grow older and some passed away, Father was left alone on the farm and finally Marshall took over. After which Mary stayed for a while to help out, but when Marshall's wife died, ^{later} Mary was looking after Maude & the boys, ^{Marshall's children} until finally Marshall sold the farm and all made Niagara-on-the-Lake - Meda's home - their head quarters. First Jos Hilborn ^{Meda's husband} died, later Father, later Meda, later Mary leaving Marshall alone with Maude; and about 2 years later, in 1945 I think Marshall

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passed away. Following this the old Niagara home was finally sold and Maude made her home for a time with relatives in Toronto until she and Lou were married. This left Leslie in Ottawa and me in Toronto since Nov 46. Just 2 out of the once happy family of 9 including Father and Mother. Ben is in California and Maude in Philadelphia and of course Dr Winfield, the other brother died before I moved to Toronto.

And now going for a ~~little~~ distance back in our family history of both Father & Mother and their parentage, -

a co-incidence here - and I think I am right, my father's uncle Nathaniel Pearson - whom we mentioned as once owning the old farm from third to fourth, being lots 23, once owned as crown land the strip from the 3rd concession including Megills and ^{*Lot 26} Copsons, width of those present farms through to the second, then on east the same width including Jacob Buggs and

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Geo Walkers Farms through to Yongest,
My memory goes back to my Brides, as a
young boy, to Aurora with my father
and he used to show me a hollow, formerly
the cellar of a house on the north side of ^{E. part of} ~~the~~ ^{lot} ~~the~~ ^{cont.}
the road opposite the Thorosford farm
and about 20 rods or so from Yongest
near a huge willow tree. This hollow
he said was the cellar of the house in which
my grandmother Rush (his mother) was born.
She was Mary Pearson, and so my fathers
Parents were Peter & Mary Pearson. And
that is the connecting link with our
Family with Lambert & Robert and all
the Pearsons of those days.

In 1855 my father married Jane Edwards,
daughter of James ~~he~~ and Lavina Edwards,
who lived on the 9th just below Schomberg.

This closes the record up to and on the old farm 26

Another time I might trace my grandfather Edwards
beginning at Wm the Conqueror in England, Henry I
and immediately consecutive down to grandfather
and the Rushes John Rush (1620-1699) of Yorkshire Eng,
a troop, horse commander in Cromwells army
and in 1683 settled with his large family at Byberry
near Philadelphia. PA. A descendant of Johns was
Dr Benjamin Rush who signed American Declaration
of independance. See 24-1745.

Feb 21, 1956

West part of Lat 29, Con 2, King Township:

This farm was settled by the Late Dave and Margaret Lapp. It was still standing in bush when this couple came as bride & groom to settle and pioneer. A log cabin was built on the north side of the lane and made a happy home till the present brick house was built. In the mean time work went on clearing land, stumping, stoning, building fences, digging a well and building a barn. Later a stone wall was built under the barn. After farming the greater part of their lives, the Lapps sold to Fiske Lloyd, who remained only a few years and he sold to Jelf and Emily Shanks. The Shanks farmed this land for eighteen years and sold to Albert Barr's son Owen in 1940. After farming the land for twelve years Barr sold the farm to the present owner W^m Fitch in 1952. Owen Barr



David Lapp and wife Margaret
in front of farm house 1912.

History of the Ferguson Farm,
Lot 16, Concession 3,
King Township.

In 1790 Thomas Ferguson, my great grandfather, was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in the parish of Kirkmichell. Katharine Kerr, his wife, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1793.

They landed in New York in 1818, on their way to Canada. In 1819, their eldest son John, was born in New York. Their second son, Thomas, was born in 1820 in Canada, on the farm on Yonge Street, now known as the Jail Farm. A third son Alex, was born in 1822, but died in 1824. Their eldest daughter, Margaret was born in 1824, also on Yonge Street. Another son, also named Alex was born on Yonge Street in 1826.

On the fifth of June 1826, said Thomas Ferguson purchased Lot 4 and 5 on second ^{line} Concession of King. These lots were Crown Lands which had been granted to James Macaulay in 1802. In connection with the purchase, each party gave the other a bond, Mr. Ferguson binding himself to pay 2000 pounds by June 1834, Mr. Macaulay binding himself under penalty of 500 pounds to hand over the two lots, free from any encumbrances, both signed June 5, 1826.

The lots were at this time virgin forest, heavily timbered and abounding with swamps. Mr. Ferguson at once set about the building of a dwelling and the large frame house stands to this day. The only changes have been the removal of the spacious fireplaces, the substitution of weather boarding for rough cast and the placing of a cellar underneath.

NB There lots
4 & 5 had to be in
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Early in his life, Mr. Ferguson mastered the trade of a weaver. He set up his loom in a big room upstairs, half the size of the house and when not engaged on his farm, kept himself busy at his trade.

In this house his son Hugh was born in 1825, a daughter Catherine in 1830, the youngest son Mark Carmont in 1833, and daughter Mary Carmont in 1837. Mark was the father of the well known Alice Ferguson.

Mr. Ferguson felt the burden of 400 acres uncleared land a financial responsibility, so on June 12, 1832, he sold off 100 acres, each, to Henry Stewart and Barnes Bryan. The lots were divided crossways so that each farm consisted of one quarter of each lot. In 1844, 18 years after the original purchase, he completed his payments of his 200 acres farm. The clearing of the forest with axes by his sons was now large and a fruitful orchard was flourishing beside the house.

Thomas Ferguson died Nov. 7, 1849, Catherine, his wife Dec. 18 1857, their daughter Mary Apr. 5, 1860.

The Estate was left by will to the five sons, after providing for the mother for life. Rather than divide it, they all sold their shares to Alex, and all, except the youngest, Mark, left the old roof to make their own homes.

Alex, affected by the death of his sister Mary, decided to travel, and left his estate for Mark to look after. He disposed of his estate by a gift to his sister Catherine, 8 acres with a house and 92 acres with houses and buildings to Mark. The remaining 100 acres without buildings to John.

Mark married Agnes Scott in 1865 who lived until 1925 Maple Avenue Farm, so named from the avenue of maple

House, planted by Alex in the spring of 1858, was the home of Thomas A. and Miss Alice A. Ferguson.

Thomas J., the eldest son of John, and his son Lincoln lived on the adjoining half of the old farm. Other members of the family are scattered from Saskatchewan to Florida and even to China.

Now we come to the East Half Lot 16 Concession 3, King, where Thomas Ferguson, my grandfather, came from the old farmstead. There he lived with his wife, the former Frances Wade. The land was partially cleared and a small log house was built with a kitchen and two bedrooms. In this log house, Thomas Ken Ferguson (my father) was born in 1850, also other members of the family. My grandfather later rented this farm and purchased what is now known as Eaton Hall Farms, where the younger members of the family were born and where they grew to manhood and womanhood. As each son became 21 years of age he received a farm, my father being given the farm where he was born.

T. K. as he was called, was called, was married twice, first to Margaret McKellar to whom Edward and twins were born, Edward only surviving, his mother passing away at the birth of the twins. In 1884, his second marriage to Rosanna McKellar took place. Leonard, the eldest son, was born in 1885, Charles in 1887, Francis in 1889, George in 1891, John in 1893, butler 1895, Wilbur 1898, and Harry 1902.

In 1885 a barn was built, which was struck by lightning and burned in 1892. In this year, the present house was being built. Lumber being used for the house stored in the barn, was burned and it was necessary to

rebuild the barn and complete the house. Material for building had to be procured, so bees were formed, logs and lumber to be sawed at the Mill Pond on the John Ferguson farm at Lunsby. Neighbors and friends came to lend a helping hand many times. At this time, board was supplied and hence the bake-oven (as pictured) was built. As many as twenty pies could be baked at one time, and many loaves of bread were baked in this oven.

Flour was brought by the barrel, sugar by the bag, lard by the tub and Pork butchered and salted. The ^{present} house was completed by Thomas, 1872.

Much of the land was not cleared at this time, so the men were kept busy withing the site, taking out stumps and preparing the land for crops. Mother, with a small family was kept busy feeding the men.



In 1893, the first year in the new house, Eva was born, in 1895 Rutha, in 1898 Mildred and in 1902 Harry. Frances passed away in 1901 at the age of twelve, Mildred at the age of fourteen in 1912, Charles at the age of 22 in 1909, Leonard at the age of 33 in 1917. He was buried at sea, on his way to the first World War. Eva passed away in 1932. My father passed away at the age of 65 in 1915, my mother at the age of 86 in 1949.

When this property was purchased, it contained 125 acres, so about the turn of the century, when my father purchased an additional 25 acres Lot 17 South

East Quarter, making 150 acres in the farm, in the bargaining, a red cow with white legs was exchanged, as part payment.

The Selomberg Railway from Oak Ridges to Selomberg was built in 1902, passing through west half of the farm. Some years later when the road was demolished, the property reverted back to the farm.



← This is a picture of our home as it looked in the 1920's.



→ And this is the pond with a flock of geese as it was so many summers.

In 1940, the farm was sold to Mr. A. A. Emmett, with a family of three daughters. Mr. Emmett built an addition to the north side of the house, as well as making many changes inside the house. Mr. Emmett sold to Mr. Smith reserving five acres, south east corner, later selling same to Mr. George Linton who built a ranch house.

Bertha Ferguson Cull,
Newmarket, Ont.

Co. 3, Lot 21, Con. 3.

Con. 3. Lot 21

King Ontario
1954.

About one hundred years ago Mr James Edwards lived on this place. Then after that his son Will Edwards took over. Then Will's Brother Ely farmed for a few years. Will Edwards bought the farm from his father James.

Then later Herb Brown bought the farm from ~~James~~ Will Edwards then rented it to George Brown his Brother.

After that Art Storey bought the same farm from Herb Brown and farmed for thirty yrs. Then William Storey rented the farm for six years. Then we built a bungalow on corner of farm in six years time Art took over the farm again and has been farming since that time

Arthur & Mabel Storey.

The Thomas Leetting Farm.
-E. pt. Rait

