

On January 31, 1928, in compliance with the wishes of the ladies of the community, Mrs. L. B. Danard (County President) assisted by Miss V. Carrie (District President) organized the Woodford Branch of the Women's Institute which is in the Grey North District. The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Best. Mrs. Sam Doran was elected President with the late Mrs. James Morrison 1st Vice President. Mrs. George Best was Secretary Treasurer. The first year there were forty members on the roll call. These ladies joined at the first meeting:

Mrs. Sam Doran	Mrs. J. W. Johnson
Mrs. Stanley Laycock	Mrs. Chas. Laycock
Mrs. M. W. Laycock	Mrs. Alexis Duncan
Mrs. Elmore Woods	Mrs. J. J. Stinson
Margaret Best	Mrs. J. H. Rogers
Mrs. Jim Morrison	Mrs. Wm. Best
Helen Spence	Mrs. Stanley Carr
Mrs. Colin Spence	Mrs. Wellington Snider
Mrs. Lorne Snider	Mrs. Clifford Long
Mrs. Emerson Long	Mrs. George Best.

In October 1928 we helped to furnish a ward in the new wing of the Owen Sound General and Marine Hospital which is still in existence to-day. In 1929 a baby clinic in the community was sponsored. That year the branch joined the Prohibition Union. In 1930, along with other branches in this district, we helped to send a doctor to Tobermory, where previously there was no doctor. In 1930 the first Standing Committees were formed and we sent our first delegate to the area convention.

Through the years we have had doctors, lawyers etc. address our meetings on different topics as well as talks from other interesting personalities. Through the years we have sponsored classes for all the girls in our neighbourhood on topics such as gardening, preparation of vegetables for the table, cooking meat, making their own clothes, table setting, and entertaining guests. We feel these courses give the girls poise and a feeling of responsibility that better fits them for the future.

Our sunshine work has included cards, flowers, or fruit in times of bereavement or sickness. Shut-ins are remembered at Christmas. The poor in the community have been remembered with food boxes at Christmas. When fire brought destruction to a community family, assistance was given by a contribution of bedding, food, household supplies or money. Each new baby is presented with a dollar to start a bank account.

For years our branch has made donations to such worthy causes as Sick Children's Hospital, Cancer Society, C. N. I. B., Red Cross, Salvation Army, War Charities, Children's Aid Society, Save the Children Fund, as well as helping in local worthwhile causes.

The members take advantage of all the Senior Projects and Short Courses which has been very educational. Competitions have been entered such as local Fall Fairs, Sun-times Recipe contest (first prize \$20), Wardrobe (third prize), and Tweedsmuir History Book contest. In 1953 a very beautiful quilt was planned, stitched and quilted by the late Mrs. Norman Waterton, and the late Mrs. Lorne Snider, as well as Mrs. George Best and Mrs. Lloyd Laycock. This project also received the support of the other members. It was sent to the Coronation Celebration in England. Our Women's Institute friendship correspondent in Woodford England, Mrs. Knightly, visited us in July of 1954 when she was visiting in Canada.

The ladies of the Women's Institute were responsible for the starting of the Community Centre. Since it was built they have helped by putting dishes in the kitchen, piano in the auditorium, curtains for the stage. This year as a centennial project, flower beds were planted at the entrance to the hall.

Some of the ways the ladies make money for worthwhile efforts are: euchres, banquets, wedding dinners, 4H dinners, bazaars, minstrel show, plays, garden parties, pie socials and cooking school.

This year we had the privilege of giving a life membership to Mrs. George Best, one of the Charter members.