

Secretary's Book

Grande Prairie Women's Institute

Jan./36

1936 Jan 2

The first meeting of the New Year was held at the home of Mrs. J.E. Thomson, Thurs. Jan 2nd/36. at 8 pm with 12 members and 3 visitors

Meeting opened with Pres. Mrs. O'Brien in chair and by singing "O Canada" and repeating Creed.

Minutes of previous meeting read & approved.

Treas. Report-

Bal. on hand. \$87.52

Tea money 1.60

Expenses-

Pd. To Central Relief (Drs.) \$20.00

" " Mrs. Morrison 14.00

" " United Church (Nov. meeting) 2.00

Bal. on hand \$53.12

Donations from Mrs. Hunter (\$5.00) for relief. Moved Mrs. Patterson-2nd Mrs. J.E. Thomson that it be given to Miss. Morrison for which Secy. was instructed to write letter of thanks.

Report of Welfare Secy. Miss. Morrison.

Spent \$14 & @2.50 (princ. Grant) on relief. 20 cents on hand. Packed 10 hampers & 3 bdles. Clothing for Xmas. Cheer. Sent 24 yds. Flette, Boracic acid, absorbent cotton, safety pins, thread etc to Crooked Creek Maternity-home; also 2 Baby Blankets. Moved by Mrs. Patterson, 2nd Mrs. Wishart, that report be adopted. Carried

Mrs. Wishart reported for Hosp. Conv: visits paid and Box Jap. Oranges donated. Secy. Read letter of thanks from J.E. Murphy, Secy. Hosp Board for Donations rec'd from W.I. during past year.

Moved Mrs. Bell-2nd Mrs. Nelson that Hosp. report be accepted.

Visiting com. for Jan. Mrs. Patterson: Mrs. Bell.

Mrs. J.E. Thomson reported on behalf of Program Com: that Com had met & made out program, some had been printed by Mrs. Shaver, and were available to members. Bill in connection: 50 cents for the material.

Letter of thanks Northern Tribune for Binding: moved by Mrs. Patterson-2nd Mrs. Peebles that Sec'y write same.

Bills: Morrison's (Fruit) 1.00 Flette 5.00

Moved by Mrs. Nelson-2nd Mrs. Archibald that same to be paid (carried)

Feb. Meeting at Mrs. Peebles: Helpers Mrs. Akins & Charters

Moved by Mrs. Charters-2nd Miss Stevenson that sec'y procure new book.

A very fine talk on Better Lighting in Homes and benefits to be derived therefrom by Miss. McKinnon & Mr. Gunderson of C. Utilities was a very interesting feature of evening. Mrs. O'Brien moved vote of thanks, after which tea was served by Hostess, assisted by Mrs. Archibald & Mrs. Bell.

Dues. 3.00, Tea money 1.00

Meeting adjourned,

Eva B. Bell, secy

February

The February meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Peebles on February 6, with the president Mrs. O'Brien in the chair, 12 present in spite of very cold night. The meeting opened with the singing of "O Canada" followed by the Creed.

The minutes were read by Mrs. Patterson, Sec'y Prs Tem in the absence of Mrs. Bell. The treasurers reported a balance on hand of \$47.72, moved by Mrs. Morrison sec. Mrs. Nelson that report be adopted. Mrs. Patterson reported having visited the hospital with Mrs. McQuarrie. A bill for 86 cents for fruit was presented. Moved by Miss Stevenson, sec. Mrs. Peebles that bill be paid. Mrs. Morrison reported having received a bill for milk for Dec. & Jan. for \$5.20 which she paid with cash on hand. Letters of thanks from recipients of Christmas hampers were read. A letter from Mrs. Chappell was read, expressing appreciation of letter of sympathy and thanks for parting gifts.

It was moved by Mrs. Akin, sec. by Mrs. Morrison that bill for 45 cents for new minute book be paid.

Moved by Mrs. Nelson, sec. by Mrs. Stredulinsky that provincial fees be paid.

Mrs. Akin and Mrs. Stredulinsky volunteer to act as hospital committee for February. The Roll Call, quotation from Lincoln, followed.

Five members paid dues.

Discussion followed re raising money. It was finally decided on motion of Mrs. Wishart and Mrs. Morrison to hold a telephone bridge the third week in February, final arrangements to be left in the hands of the president and prospective hostesses. Mr. Vaughn delighted the meeting with two solos, accompanied by Mrs. Vaughan.

Mr. Cameron White then gave a most interesting talk on mistakes most common in amateur photography. Mr. White illustrated his talk by enlarged snaps illustrating faults most commonly made. An interested discussion followed after which Mr. White took photographs with a miniature camera. The president thanked Mr. White for his instructive talks.

At the close of the meeting, tea was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Akin and Mrs. Charters.

R. Patterson, Sec Pres.

Pres.

March

The March meeting of the Grande Prairie W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Stredulinsky on Mar. 5. In the absence of Mrs. O'Brien, the Vice-Pres. Mrs. Sharpe occupied the chair. The meeting opened with the Creed, followed by minutes of previous meeting. On motion of Mrs. Wishart, sec-Mrs. Charters the minutes were adopted. The treasures reported a balance of \$19.57. Report adopted on motion of Mrs. Wishart, sec. by Mrs. Nelson.

Report on telephone bridge, receipts \$14.00, expenses \$3-net \$11. A bill for \$1.15 for gift for the president was presented, moved by Mrs. Nelson, seconded Mrs. Peebles, bill be paid, carried. Hospital committee reported no visit on account of quarantine, same com., Mrs. Adkin and Mrs. Stredulinsky to act again. Mrs. Sharpe reported to 2 patients in maternity waiting room, and 2 turned away. One mother used room on return from hospital for 5 days. A letter was read from Sec. Treas. of hospital, advising that grant would be continued for 1936.

The roll call was answered by names of Irish poets & prose writers.

Mrs. Lawlor read a paper on the changes taking place in public health, which must be made the chief concern of the state. A new concept is coming about in regard to the responsibility of the state of this vital matter. Much valuable and interesting information was contained in this report.

The question of the advisability of a compulsory garbage system in Grande Prairie was raised. It was decided to leave the question to the next meeting.

Miss. Saunders, of the local High School staff, then gave a paper on Modern Trends in Education. This paper gave evidence of much thought and research work, and was intensely interesting and comprehensive. New types of schools are experimenting in Europe and America to develop individuality in both cultural and practical lines. An animated discussion followed Miss. Saunders paper.

The question of milk for under-nourished school children was raised, and it was decided on motion of Mrs. Kenny, seconded by Mrs. Charters, that the supply be continued until the end of March.

Master Charlie Stredulinsky then delighted the meeting with 2 well played violin solos.

Moved by Mrs. W.J. Thomson that meeting adjourn. Helpers for next month-Mrs. Kenny and Mrs. Sharpe. Four members paid dues, and collection was 95 cents. The hostess served tea, assisted by Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Stephenson.

Rose Patterson

Sec. Pres. Tem

Pres.

Apr 2. /1936

The April meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Harry Shaver with 16 members and several welcome visitors.

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

Bill for milk for undernourished school children presented, Feb. \$4 & March, \$4.40. No patients occupying Maternity House at present.

Question of Garbage Disposal brought up at last meeting was debated, but no action taken.

Treas. Report- Receipts		Expenses
Cash in Bank	\$39.52	\$4.15
Bal. in Bank	\$35.37	

Due: 8 weeks rent for Maternity House to Apr 1st.

The following members paid dues: Mrs. F. MacDonald, Mrs. Charters, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. J. Adkin, Mrs. J.E. Thomson, Mrs. Clubine. A very interesting paper on Early Days in Grande Prairie was given by Mrs. J. O. Patterson, telling of her trip in over the Grouard Trail in 1911, and the early settlement of the town & District of Grande Prairie. IL recalled many fond recollections to those who were among the Pioneers and revealed to the new comers some of the Hardships undergone by those settlers of the early days and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mrs. Patterson also showed snap shots of such interesting events as the opening of The Katherine Prettie Hospital, the fine receiver of our uptodate Municipal Hospital. The roll call, in keeping with the address of the evening, was answered by "Date of arrival in Grande Prairie," and answering anecdotes connected therewith.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Patterson.

A delightful lunch, with the hostess assistants by Mrs. W.J. Thomson & Mrs. Kenny brought to an end a delightful evening. Col-1.25; Fees-6.00

Eva B Bell Sec'y

May 7th, 1936

The regular meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute was held on the evening of May 7th at the home of Mrs. D.W. Patterson with 13 members & 5 visitors present, among whom we were glad to welcome our convenor, Mrs. Roy Roberts and Const. Sec'y Mrs. Hall.

Meeting opened with singing "O Canada" and repeating creed.

Minutes of April meeting read and adopted.

Treas. Reported as follows

Bal. in Bank \$35.37

Receipts

Rec'd Fees 6.00

" tea Money 1.25

from Hosp. Board 45.00

re Mat. Home

Disbursements

Pd. Mrs. Peebles 20.00

" Milk (Mrs. Morrison) 8.40

" Exchange Capital Tax .25

Bal. on hand \$58.97

Moved Mrs. Nelson-2nd Mrs. Shaver that report be adopted (Carried)

Bill for Daffodils sent to Hosp. at Easter for \$2.00, moved Mrs. Nelson-2nd Mrs. Sharpe (Carried) that same be paid. Mrs. Sharpe reported for Mat. Home. Letter from Mrs. Peebles requesting raise of \$1.00 per week brought forth considerable discussion.

Moved by Mrs. Bell-2nd Mrs. Wishart that we cannot see our way clear to raise more money for this project at present and that Mrs. Sharpe draw up a set of rules that patients will be requested to conform with and so make it easier for Mrs. Peebles. (Carried)

As in previous years it was decided to support Musical Festival to the extent of granting \$5 for medals. Motion for this was made by Mrs. Wishart, 2nd by Mrs. Wilson.

Conference Business:

Moved by Mrs. Bell that date of Conf. be set by Mrs. Upton to suit her convenience, but preferably after 20th July. 2nd by Mrs. Nelson, carried.

Roll call was answered by Gardening Hints, moved by Mrs. Patterson, 2nd by Mrs. Charters that Const. convenor: Mrs. Hall, Mrs. O'Brien & Mrs. Wishart act as a com. to take care of details of Conf. Carried.

At this point, Mrs. Falconers Play group took charge of the meeting and presented a comic play, "Ladies in Linen" which was well received by the audience. Lunch was then served and meeting adjourned. Dues \$2, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Helman; Tea money \$1.45. E.B. Bell

June 4, 1936

The June meeting of the Grande Prairie W.I. was held at the home of the Pres. Mrs. O'Brien due to illness of Mrs. Clubine whose home the meeting was planned. Meeting opened with Pres. in chair by singing O'Canada, and repeating Creed. 11 members & 2 visitors. Minutes of May meeting read and adopted as read.

Treas. Report

Receipts		Disbursements	
May Bal. on hand	58.97	Pd. Ladies Aid (Daffodils)	2.00
Fees	2.00	Medals. Music Festival	5.00
Tea Money	1.50	Mrs. Peebles, rent to May 27	20.00
Bal. in Bank	35.47		

Moved by Mrs. Bell-2nd Mrs. Patterson, that report be adopted (carried)

Mrs. Akin reported visiting Hospital.

Re-Conference. Date of July 27 (?) will suit Mrs. Upton, if favorable to us. Dinner comm. to make arrangements for dinner. Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Patterson & Mrs. W.J. Thomson. Moved by Mrs. J.E. Thomson; 2nd by Mrs. Charter that we serve Ice Cream cake at 4 o'clock and arrange for Dinner at 7 o'clock, if, suitable to, convenor & Mrs. Upton. (Carried). Moved by Mrs. Patterson that conf. fee of 5.00 be paid, 2nd by Mrs. Hillman, carried. Moved by Mrs. J.E. Thomson that rent of Maternity Home be paid to Mrs. Peebles for 2 mos. from May 27th to July 27th. 2nd by Mrs. Wishart, carried.

Delegate to conference

Moved by Mrs. Patterson that Mrs. Charters be appointed Delegate, 2nd by Mrs. Adair. Matter of caretaker of cemetery was brought up by Mrs. Wishart. Moved by Mrs. Charters that sec'y & Mrs. Patterson draft resolution to the Mayor & Town Council for appointment of caretaker for cemetery. 2nd by Mrs. Wishart, carried.

Roll call "My Ideal Holiday".

A paper on Agriculture prepared by Mrs. Clubine was read by Mrs. W.J. Thomson and thoroughly enjoyed, covering as it did, practically every phase of agriculture especially that part dealing with our own famous Peace River District.

Sept. meeting at Mrs. Hillman's, asst. Mrs. Wishart, special. Fees 2.00, Mrs. W.J. Thomson, Mrs. Fisher; Tea money 1.15.

Meeting adjourned after which lunch was served by Hostess & Mrs. Bell. Eva B. Bell, sec'y

Sept. 3

The first fall meeting of the Grande Prairie W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. W.J. Thomson, Thurs. Sept. 3rd at 8 pm. Meeting opened with Mrs. O'Brien in chair, and by reading of Creed. Minutes of June meeting read and adopted.

Treas. Report-Bal. on hand	\$13.62
Cheques	18.00
Don. From Millarclon for Mat. Home	<u>5.00</u>
Present Balance on hand	36.62

Letter rec'd re: two boys taking treatment from Dr. Bach. Rev. Mr. Pierce has since made arrangements to have these boys sent to University Hospital for treatment.

Bill for prizes \$1.80 passed.

Nursing Home report-given by Mrs. Sharpe. 7 patients since May.

Letter from woman at Little Prairie asking for accommodation: in opinion of members, room should be offered her: Mrs. Sharpe to write to that affect.

Moved by Mrs. W.J. Thomson that pipe should be replaced (carried).

Mrs. Lawlor brought up matter of condition of Rest Room. Mrs. Lawlor appointed com. (Mrs. Lawlor & Mrs. Peebles) to look into this matter and report to Health Officer if necessary. Also authorized to buy curtains.

Mrs. Lawlor brought up matter of Baby clinic. After discussion it was moved by Mrs. Sharpe that we have a Baby Clinic. 2nd by Mrs. Wishart. Mrs. Lawlor to form her own com. Mrs. Charters & Mrs. O'Brien were selected.

Roll call: "School Day Memories".

Constituency Conference date - to be voted on. Report of Const. conf. given by Mrs. Charters.

Tea money \$1.15. Members present; Hosp. com. Mrs. Charters, Mrs. O'Brien.

Oct. meeting to be held at Mrs. Hillman's; Helpers-Mrs. Lawlor & Mrs. Sharpe.

Eva B. Bell (sec'y)

Oct. 2nd, 1936

The regular monthly meeting of the Grande Prairie W.I. met at the home of Mrs. A. Hillman, Thurs. Oct 2nd at 8 pm. Mrs. O'Brien in chair, 15 members & 3 visitors present.

Meeting opened with Creed.

Minutes of Sept. meeting read & adopted.

Treas. Reported

Paid out

Bal. on Hand

36.62

Chk. To Mrs. Peebles 10.00

Bal. on hand

\$25.77

Moved by Mrs. Nelson that report be adopted, 2nd by Mrs. Patterson

Report of Rest Room com. by Mrs. Lawlor. Reported interviewing council, who had Room cleaned. Floor still to be fixed up. Chair in need of upholstering. J.B. Oliver's price for repairing, \$5. Moved by Mrs. Bell that Mrs. Lawlor see Mrs. Connor re: this job and use her own judgement in having chair repaired. 2nd by Mrs. Stredulinsky. Report of Hosp. Com. by Mrs. O'Brien. Visited Hosp. and saw Mrs. Freebury, Mrs. Shaver & Mrs. Norman Erskine; all W.I. members.

Mrs. O'Brien suggested that both Mrs. Hunter & Miss Pearston be reimbursed in a small way as both are patients-Hosp. com. to attend to this. Hosp. Com. for Oct. – Mrs. Nelson & Mrs. Bell.

Baby clinic report by Mrs. Lawlor. Clinic postponed on account bad weather to next week. When it will be advertised.

Moved by Mrs. Patterson that bill for fruit for Mrs. Shaver be paid (N&A). 2nd by Mrs. Hillman.

Date of 1937 conf: Sec'y to write convenor, Mrs. Wishart, advising that our W.I. suggest the latter part of June, if that meets with the approval of majority of W.I.

Place of meeting for next meeting, Mrs. O'Brien to see about United Church basement.

Program to be left to discretion of Musical Club-Mrs. Patterson to represent both Musical club & W.I. Meeting to be held on Friday, Nov 6th at 8:00. Business meeting at 7:00, extra helpers: Mrs. Stredulinsky, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Hillman, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Spicer, Mrs. Thomson (cream), Mrs. Wishart to look after ice.

Moved by Mrs. Wishart that Mrs. Lawlor be given \$1.00 to give Mrs. Broughton for extra fines for Baby clinic & musical eve. 2nd by Mrs. Nelson.

Question of changing place for Mat. House was brought up by Mrs. Sharpe-moved by Mrs. J. Thomson, 2nd by Mrs. Wishart that com. be empowered to look for another suitable place.

Moved. Mrs. Patterson that com. get together to make Emergency Bdle. For use in new House.
2nd by Mrs. Wilson.

Roll call: "Recent Legislation". A very interesting paper on "New Laws enacted by the present S.C. Gov't" was given by Mrs. D.W. Patterson.

Col & Fees 1.75; Mrs. Falconer pd.

On adjournment of meeting, a very nice lunch was served by Hostess, assisted by Mrs. Shavers & Mrs. Lawler.

Eva B. Bell, Sec'y

Nov. 1936

The regular monthly meeting of the Grande Prairie W.I. was held on Fri., Nov 6th in the United Church parlor. Business meeting opened at 7:00 pm with Mrs. O'Brien in chair.

Minutes of Oct. meeting read & approved.

Treas. Report		Disbursements	
Bal. on hand (Oct)	\$25.77	Rent Mat. Home to Sept. 20.	15.00
Fee (Mrs. Falconer)	1.00		
Tea money	1.75	Mrs. Lawlor for Mrs. Broughton	1.00
Chk from Hosp. Board	27.00	Fruit (N&A)	1.50
		Stamps	.20
Bal. on hand	\$38.82		

Bills-

Fruit for Hosp. (N&A) 1.00 to be paid

Morrison's for Ribbon .35

Letter of thanks from Mrs. Pearston: Mrs. Hunter & Mrs. Sharpe.

Letter from Dept. Ext.: re Major Norbury's Lecture. Mrs. O'Brien kindly offered use of room & breakfast in her house, as the W.I. share of Major Norbury's entertainment. Baby clinic report by Mrs. Lawlor, 3 g babies examined. Letters of thanks to be written: Mrs. Black & Mrs. Miller for their work examining Babies & Mrs. Donald for slides.

Report of Maternity Home com. by Mrs. Sharpe. Saw rooms at Mrs. Hodges & Mrs. Morrison's. Owing to Mrs. Morrison not wishing to take over this work. Arrangements will be made with Mrs. Hodges. Rent to be paid 4 wks. in advance, as usual, so that Mrs. Hodges can have Phone installed. Moved by Mrs. Charters that 1 wks. notice be given Mrs. Peebles. Nov 18th, end of week and that Mrs. Hodges be paid for 4 weeks. 2nd by Mrs. Stredulinsky. 1 patient in Home.

Hosp. comm. Report by Mrs. Bell-Hosp. visited: saw several patients & sent fruit. Nov. Hosp. com: Mrs. W.J. Thomson & Mrs. Lawlor. No report of Rest room comm.

Nom. Comm.: Mrs. Charters, Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs. Bell. Business meeting adjourned & Musical Club took charge of program, which was very interesting & enjoyable. Vote of thanks moved for same, by Mrs. O'Brien. Lunch served by comm. And an enjoyable half hour of visiting followed. Col \$4.10.

Eva B. Bell, sec'y

Dec. 4 Annual Meeting 1936 (Business Meeting)

The Annual meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. K. Morrison, Thurs. Dec 4th at 8 pm. with Mrs. O'Brien, in chair and members present.

Meeting opened with singing "O Canada" and repeating Creed in unison. Sec'y read minutes of previous meeting which were approved as read.

Treas. Report		Disbursements	
Nov. Bal.	38.72	Rent (Mat. Home)	17.50
Col.	4.10	Fruit Hosp. (N&A)	1.00
		Ribbon	.35
		Butcharts	.35
		Pd. Mrs. Hodges	10.00
Bal. on hand	13.62		

Moved by Mrs. Nelson that report be adopted, 2nd by Mrs. Morrison, carried.

Hosp. report-by Mrs. W.J. Morrison: patients visited and Fruit sent.

Mrs. O'Brien reported that Rest Room com. had chair repaired by Mrs. Connor & curtains hung.

Mrs. Morrison as chairman of Relief Com. gave to Treas. Donations she had rec'd, as follows: \$1.00 for Xmas cheer, \$2.00 for Waiting Room and \$1.00 Bal. was given Mrs. Morrison towards Relief last year.

Bills presented

Guthries (wreath, Mrs. Clubine)	5.45
N&A Fruit (for Hosp)	.75
Mrs. Connors (Rest Room)	1.50
M.F. Lydell (sign on R.R. window)	5.25
Mrs. Bell (stamps & P.C's)	.75

Moved by Mrs. Morrison, 2nd by Mrs. Spicer, that bills, 13.70, be paid. (Carried)

Xmas. Hampers discussed: decided not to pack any as Central Relief is to be discontinued.

Moved by Mrs. Wishart that we donate \$2.00 to United Church for Heat & Light for Baby clinic & Musical evening. 2nd by Mrs. Nelson.

Mrs. Wishart was instructed to phone Mrs. Melness re: milk for school children.

Donations from Mrs. O'Brien, 1.00 towards wreath; Mrs. Nelson, 1.00, Mrs. Patterson, .50. Tea money .70

Annual Meeting. 1936

Minutes of last annual meeting read and adopted.

Treas. Reported Bal. on hand at end of year \$13.82, moved by Mrs. Patterson, 2nd by Mrs. Morrison that report be adopted (carried).

Secy's report moved by Mrs. Nelson that same be accepted; 2nd by Mrs. Morrison.

Report of Nom. Com.

Elected unanimously-Pres. Mrs. O'Brien, 1st vice president Mrs. Sharpe, 2nd vice president Mrs. Spicer, Treas. Mrs. Stredulinsky, Sec'y (?) Mrs. F. McDonald, Auditors: Mrs. Shaver, Mrs. A.C. Wilson, Welfare Mrs. Fisher, Program Com. Mrs. O'Brien (com), Mrs. Kowalsky. Director Home Economics (nom. Mrs. W.J. Thomson, 2nd Mrs. O'Brien, nom. Mrs. Nelson, 2nd Mrs. O'Brien that these ladies be asked to accept offices. Other directors to be nom. at Jan. meeting.

Jan meeting at Mrs. J.B. Oliver's. Helpers-Mrs. Akins & Mrs. Spicer.

Eva B. Bell sec'y

Jan 7, 1937

The Jan. meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J.B. Oliver, with 1st vice Pres. Mrs. Sharpe in chair.

Meeting opened with "O Canada" and Creed. Minutes of Dec. meeting read & adopted.

Treas. Reported		Disbursements	
Bal. on hand	13.82	M.F. Lydell	5.25
Don. To Nursing Home	2.00	Mrs. Connor	1.50
" to Mrs. Cove-Brown	1.00	United Church	2.00
" to Mrs. Shaver	.50	Wreath	5.45
" to Mrs. Sonjer-Davis	1.00	N&A (fruit)	.75
Tea money	.70 (?)		1.00
		Bal. on hand	(?) 5.32

Bills presented

Morrisons (curtains etc.) 2.66, Bell-Fleming (oil), .95, Thomson Hdwe. Ltd. (curtain rods), .50.

Mrs. Kowensky reported for Program com. and report was accepted as given.

Directors appointed-Education & Better Schools com. Mrs. Shaver, Publicity-Mrs. Charters, Home Economics-Mrs. Spicer, Agriculture-Mrs. Nelson, Legislation-Mrs. D.W. Patterson, Can. Industries-Mrs. Kowensky, Wilfox & Rebrt-Mrs. Fisher, Public Health & Child Welfare-Mrs. Lawlor.

Mrs. Shaver kindly volunteered to type Programs and see that they were bound.

Report of Mat. Room at Mrs. Hodges given by Mrs. Sharpe. 4 patients since Mrs. Hodges took over Home: some additional rules were approved and added to list.

Mrs. Wishart reported interviewing Mrs. Melness re: milk for school children. At present they are being supplied from another source, so nothing will be done for the time being.

Plans suggested for raising Funds. Moved by Mrs. Wishart that each member make as much as possible out of Talent money, within 2 months, 2nd by Mrs. Adkin.

Mrs. Charters & Mrs. Sharpe were appointed com. to interview Mr. Donald re: a show.

Roll call "New Years Resolution".

Hosp. com. Mrs. Adkin & Mrs. Sharp.

Paper on India by Mrs. Stome Donavin of the Nustry (cook): very interesting and enlightening paper on some of the cultures of India as regards cooking & con of kitchen.

Mrs. Kowensky extended an invitation to hold Feb. meeting at her home, with Mrs. Bell & Mrs. Hillman assisting.

15 Members: 1 visitor. Tea money 1.30.

Following paid Dues: Mrs. Kowensky, Mrs. Wishart, Mrs. Adkin, Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs. Hillman, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Peebles, Mrs. A Smith, Mrs. Shaver, Mrs. Patterson.

Feb. 4

The regular monthly meeting of the Grande Prairie W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Kowensky, with Mrs. W. Sharpe, 1st vice Pres. in chair.

Meeting opened by reading Creed. Minutes of Jan. meeting read by Mrs. Charters, in absence of Mrs. Bell. Approved and adopted (2nd Mrs. Adkin).

Treas. Report by Mrs. Stredulinsky:

Bal. on hand	3.82	Expend.	
Fees	11.00	Morrison	2.66
Tea money	1.30	Bell-Fleming	.95
Chk (I.O.D.E)	10.00	Thomson Hdw.	.50
Bal. on hand	\$22.01		

Bill from Guthrie's for Plant (G. Wishart) .75. Moved by Mrs. Adkin that bill be paid. 2nd by Mrs. Charters.

Letter from Mr. Albright accepting invite to speak at April meeting. If unable to come, suggested we might get his assistant, Mr. Crossley. Hosp. com. reported no visiting, owing to quarantine.

Com. to interview Mr. Donald re-Show. Mrs. Charters said that Mr. Donald was willing to co-operate with W.I. in some such arrangement as before, but so far had been too busy to arrange a list of shows from which to choose.

Mrs. Sharpe reported on Waiting Home: Four patients were in residence last month. Everything satisfactory.

Mrs. Wishart reported that Mrs. Melness had phoned her to the affect that the school milk allowance fund would be exhausted by end of Jan. and suggested that a donation from W.I. for this purpose would now be accepted. Moved by Mrs. Kowensky that \$5 be donated, 2nd by Mrs. Hillman, Carried. In absence of Pres.-the need of signing cheques was discussed. Moved by Mrs. Wishart, 2nd by Mrs. Stredulinsky that Treas. & 1st vice be empowered to sign cheques, carried.

Mrs. Sharped suggested that this Institute take a greater interest in the Handicraft exhibit and prepare for it, as other neighboring Institutes carried off all the glory.

Mrs. Wishart informed the meeting that she was in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Upton, in Jan., stating that books for the Lady Tweeds, mind scheme would be forwarded shortly, about 25 books sent to her for distribution in her constituency for the present. No books had as yet, arrived here.

Roll call, answered by "Some worthwhile book recently read".

Canon Pierce then gave a most interesting & comprehensive review of "White Banners" by Lloyd Douglas. It deals with a philosophy of non resistance in living: it's purpose served to be to suggest that if we turn the other cheek, and consistently refuse to fight, we will win out in the end. "The weak shall inherit the earth". The plot and character are important and only used as a frame on which the author hangs his philosophy.

Mrs. Sharpe moved a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker, for his delightful paper. Mrs. Alice Kowensky delighted the members present with a piano solo. Moved that we adjourn. Feb. meeting at Mrs. Peebles: helpers-Mrs. Charters, Mrs. Stredulinsky. Tea money 1.30, talent money 4.25. Hosp. com. Mrs. Adkin, Mrs. Spicer. 13 members present. Mrs. O.B. Harris joined. Tea served by Hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bell.

Eva b. Bell sec'y

Mar 4

Regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Peebles, Mar 4 at 8 pm. 18 present, including 4 visitors. Meeting opened with Creed & "O Canada".

As Mr. Walker was present, we asked him to give his talk on "The New School curriculum" before proceeding with the business meeting. This was a very interesting paper dealing with the new school system, which makes the child the most important factor, instead of the system itself, and the system must be flexible enough to meet the needs of the individual child. He gave a review of the History of Education in Alta. Since 1902. The new system socializes the child's attitude, entices inquiry and understanding, and appreciation of what is being done. Mr. Walker gave a practical demonstration, by showing copies of one of the new enterprise projects, which made us feel as if we had been born too soon, and that going to school nowadays was a much more attractive proposition than in our school days.

An informal discussion followed, in which the need of adequate library facilities for the whole community was stressed. Vote of thanks by Mrs. Bell, 2nd by Mrs. Kowensky. Mrs. Newton favored us with two piano solos, Liebestrum and County Dance.

We were pleased to have as visitor, Mrs. Gordon Hamilton & Mrs. V. Mitchell & Mrs. Lewis.

Business, Sec'y report read & adopted.

Treas. Reported. Bal. on hand-63.31

Fr. Jan Bal. on hand	22.01	Pd.	10.00
Fees		G.P. Ministries	.75
Talent money		Milk	5.00
Chk. Hosp.	45.00		

Mrs. Charters reported Re: Show. Mr. Donald at first mentioned giving 60% of proceeds but changed to 40% of tickets, sold by ourselves, food for 3 nights, instead of one special night. Gave no choice of show, but stipulated 8th, 9th, & 10th of Mch. which did not allow anytime for advertising, as papers were already out.

As Mens Bonspiel was in progress, we felt we might have very poor attendance and on motion Mrs. Bell that owing to absence of officers and the above mentioned conditions, we relinquish the idea of show at present, 2nd by Mrs. Adkin. Mrs. Charters & Mrs. Spicer to interview Mr. Donald.

Mrs. Charters moved that Mrs. Bell be appointed Sec'y, 2nd by Mrs. Wilson. April meeting at Mrs. A.C. Wilson's. Talent money 3.00, Tea money (?) 1.30, Fees. Mrs. Peebles & Mrs. Wilson.

Eva B. Bell

Apr 1

The regular meeting of the Grande Prairie W.I. met at the home of Mrs. A. Wishart, Thurs, Apr. 1 with 2nd vice, Mrs. Spicer, in chair.

Meeting opened with Creed & O Canada.

Sec'y report read & adopted.

Treas. Reported Bal. of 57.11 on hand, moved by Mrs. Stredulinsky, 2nd by Mrs. Charters that report be adopted, carried.

Mrs. Wishart reported hearing from Rio Grande re: const. conf. that they preferred holding conf. about the middle of Aug.

Moved by Mrs. Nelson that Daffodils sent Hosp. at Easter be paid, 2nd by Mrs. W.J. Thomson.

Moved by Mrs. Bell that Prov. Fees \$17.00 be paid, 2nd by Mrs. Stredulinsky.

Matter of delegate to Convention in Calgary discussed – it was felt that if possible a delegate should be sent and Mrs. Charters was asked if she would consider going: matter to be further discussed at May meeting.

Mrs. Charters reported that there were 3 in Mat. Home during the month: all reports re-Home were very favorable.

Re: Coronation Commissioner-The Mayor had asked that our society be requested at a meeting called to meet in Town Hall. Moved by Mrs. W.J. Thomson that Mrs. O'Brien be appointed, with Mrs. W.J. Thomson as substitute, 2nd by Mrs. Nelson.

Mrs. Wishart reported that so far, no books had been received from the Lady Tweedsmuir donation.

Mrs. Nelson gave a very interesting paper on "Roses" and Miss Rhoda Patterson favored us with a reading "The Inconvenient Me".

Next meeting to be entertained by the Musical Club, in United Church parlor. 12 members, 1 visitor present. Fees 1.00, talent money.

Meeting adjourned, after which a delightful Lunch was served by the Hostess, assisted by Mrs. O'Brien & Mrs. Lawlor.

Eva b. Bell sec'y

May 6

The regular monthly meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. L.J. O'Brien, Thurs. May 6th, with Pres. In chair.

Meeting opened with Creed and "O Canada".

Minutes of April meeting read & adopted.

Treas. Reported. Receipts		Pd. Out	
Bal. on hand	57.11	Prov. Fees	17.00
Tea money	1.25	Rent Mat. Home	10.00
Fees	3.00	Daffodils	5.00
Talent money	7.00	Bal.	36.36

Report approved & carried,

Mrs. Sharpe reported for Maternity Home com., 6 patients in Apr. and 1 at present time.

Coronation Com. asked that the W.I. be responsible for payment of a picture of the King & Queen, to be presented to one of the schools in town.

Moved by Mrs. Fisher that 5.00 be donated for this purpose, 2nd by Mrs. Kowensky, carried.

Moved by Mrs. Nelson that rent of Mat. Home be paid to date, 2nd by Mrs. Charters.

Moved by Mrs. Lawlor that Mrs. Charters be appointed delegate to the Provincial Convention in Calgary May 25-29 and that a grant of \$25.00 be made towards her expenses, 2nd by Mrs. Patterson, (carried). Resolutions read & discussed and Delegate instructed how to vote on same.

Moved by Mrs. Nelson that sympathy be extended to Mrs. Bell and Mrs. McQuarrie in their recent bereavement, 2nd by Mrs. Patterson, carried.

Pleased to welcome Mrs. McQuarrie as a member, after some years absence from the W.I.

Talent money \$7.00, Mrs. Bell & Mrs. O'Brien & Mrs. Nelson, Fees \$2.00. Tea money \$1.35.

June meeting at Mrs. Patterson's, Helpers-Mrs. Nelson & Mrs. Sharpe.

Meeting adjourned after which Lunch was served; assistants Mrs. Bell & Mrs. Adkins (?)

Eva B. Bell

June 3, 1937

The regular monthly meeting of the Grande Prairie W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. D.W. Patterson, Thurs. June 3rd at 8 pm, Pres. Mrs. O'Brien in chair. Meeting opened with "O'Canada" & Creed after which sec'y read minutes of previous meeting, which were adopted as read.

Treas. Reported		Expenditures	
Bal. on hand	36.36	Mrs. Hodges (Rent)	15.00
Talent money	7.00	Mrs. Charters (convention)	25.00
Fees	3.00	Pictures (school)	3.50
Tea money	1.35	Stamps	.15
		Bal. in Bank	\$4.06

To date, Receipts for year \$110.07

Exp. 107.01

Moved by Mrs. Patterson that \$5.00 Const. fee be paid to Mrs. W.J. Thomson now for Delegate to conference at Rio Grande Aug. 18th, 2nd by Mrs. Adkin.

Moved by Mrs. Sharpe that Mrs. Patterson be appointed Delegate, 2nd by Mrs. Adkin.

Prizes for Handicraft to be left at Mrs. Wishart's.

Mrs. Sharpe appointed to interview Mr. Donald re: Picture show.

At this point, we were entertained by Miss Natilie Miller, with a beautiful reading "Voices of the Wildwood".

Suggestions of money making. Mrs. Sharpe kindly offered use of the Lawn & Home for a Garden party Tues. June 15th at which the Executive agreed to act as Hostesses and provide Refreshments. Mrs. Adkin offered Ice Cream. Com. to meet at Mrs. Sharpe's for final arrangements Tues., June 8th at 3 o'clock.

Re: Lady Tweedsmuir's Library- moved by Mrs. Bell that we ask Mrs. W.J. Thomson, who is acting as Librarian, to take charge of the books distributed to our W.I. members, 2nd by Mrs. Kowensky.

Appeal for exhibits for Handicraft at Conf. conv. for receiving & looking after prizes to be Mrs. McDonald & Mrs. O'Brien: also to provide part of program. (Don. \$1.00 from Mrs. McDonald, talent money \$2.00 (Mrs. Harris). Fees 2.00, Tea 2.15.

Re: Rest Room: moved by Mrs. Nelson that a com. be appointed to interview Town council re: cleaning & Kalsoming rest room. Mrs. Nelson & Mrs. Lawlor to ask as com.

Mrs. Charters report of Prov. Convention then read by Mrs. Bell. Mrs. Morrison & Mrs. McDonald gave Paper on Canned Foods by Mrs. Kowensky.

Eva B. Bell

Sept. 2

At the first "after holiday" meeting of the Grande Prairie W.I. held at the home of Mrs. W.J. Thomson, that chair was occupied by Pres. Mrs. L.J. O'Brien, with the goodly number of 21 members & visitors being present.

Meeting opened by singing "O Canada", repeating Creed. Minutes of June meeting read & approved.

Treas. Reported: Bal. in Bank \$4.06

Receipts

Disbursements

Talent money	2.00	Mrs. Hodges June 2-15.00; July 28-20.00	
Fees	1.00	Const. fee	5.00
Tea money	2.25	Medal Mus. Fest.	2.50
Lawn Party	16.80	Bal. in Bank	\$29.46
Don. Lawn Party	.75		
Hosp. board cheque	45.00		

Moved by Mrs. Patterson that report be adopted, 2nd by Mrs. McQuarrie, carried.

Rest room com: Mrs. Lawlor & Mrs. Nelson interviewing Mr. Oliver who is on Health Com. of Council. Mr. Tonsignant is told to look after sanitary conditions, especially on Holidays & Saturdays: and as Town is paying about \$120.00 per year, the W.I. should be exempted from all financial responsibility in connection with upkeep of Rest room.

Report of garden Party at Mrs. Sharpe's: the sum of \$16.80, don .75 cleared. Hand clap of appreciation given Mrs. Sharpe for use of her home, and trouble gave to in connection with this affair.

Nursing Home report: 8 patients since June, no complaints: Mrs. Hodges to be paid for about 8 weeks.

Money making schemes-Mrs. Kowensky explained a Lucky number surprise package, which is to be donated by each member in turn: each to pay 10 cents and put a number and lucky person receives prize.

Mrs. O'Brien explained the Idea of a Box sent to each member in turn and something put in, to be taken out by next in turn and value of article paid into box, and another pd, substituted.

Moved by Mrs. Sharpe that Mrs. Kowensky's scheme be adopted, 2nd by Mrs. Card. Mrs. Kowensky offered to supply first surprise at Oct. meeting.

Mrs. McQuarrie offered her home for a Tea to be sponsored by their members who did not assist at Mrs. Sharpe's: Mrs. Wishart con. Moved by Mrs. Fisher that Tea be given Sept. 10th, 2nd by Mrs. Wishart.

Baby Clinic to be arranged for by Mrs. Lawlor, ass't by Mrs. Fisher.

Miss June Thomson, at this time, favored us with a solo, "The 2nd Minuet", dressed in quaint old fashioned costume, assisted at piano by Olive Kowensky. Encore "The Apple Tree Fairy".

Mrs. Patterson read an account of "Trip through the Rockies south of Grande Prairie" by Count Nicholas Ignettieff.

Report of Rio Grande conf. by Mrs. Patterson

Roll call: an interesting incident in any trip I have taken brought forth many answering and interesting answers.

Dainty Lunch served, Hostess assistant by Mrs. Shavers & Mrs. A. Smith, brought meeting to a close. Oct. meeting at Mrs. Lawlor's: Helpers to be Mrs. O'Brien & Mrs. Card.

Eva b. Bell sec'y

Oct. 7

The Oct. meeting of the Grande Prairie W.I. met at the home of Mrs. T.W. Lawlor, Mrs. W. Sharpe, 1st vice Pres. was in chair.

In absence of Sec., minutes of previous meeting read by Mrs. Charters: moved by Mrs. Charters, 2nd by Mrs. Stredulinsky, that minutes be adopted, carried.

Treas. Report		Expenses	
Rec'd from Mrs. Charters (Refund Prov. Conf.)	5.00	Pd. Mrs. Hodges	20.00
Tea money	1.60	Bal. on hand	30.31
Tea at Mrs. McQuarrie's	14.25		

Convenor of tea at Mrs. McQ, Mrs. A. Wishart reported a very successful tea-\$14.25 realized, vote of thanks to Mrs. McQuarrie & committee. Moved by Mrs. Sharpe, 2nd Mrs. Charters, carried.

Mrs. Lawlor reported a Child Welfare Clinic, 12 children examined on Fri., 42 Sat. total 54 children. "A Howling Success" in every way. Only 8 required medical attention, one a child with Goitre; 3 tonsil cases; a few skin eruptions; Lovely Babies. Thanks to nurses, and those who brought Tea to help them out. Mothers came from Hythe, Beaver Lodge, Buffalo Lakes, Kleskun Hill, etc. Suggested a slight gift to nurse as well as a letter of thanks for this help. Moved by Mrs. Lawlor: 2nd by Mrs. Kowensky that we act on this suggestion; Mrs. Lawlor & Mrs. Sharpe to act on com. for purchases.

Waiting Room report by Mrs. Sharpe: 8 patients in Sept: 2 Ladies from Woking expressed appreciation of waiting room to Mrs. Sharpe. Mrs. Charters reported foul language written all over Women's Rest Room: discussion followed about preventing Town children from using Rest Room. Moved by Mrs. Wishart that sec. be instructed to prepare a resolution to be sent to Town Council to recommend that Town School children be prohibited from using Rest Room owing to the fact that there is no attendant in charge. 2nd by Mrs. Charters.

Paper on Household Ec. from annual Report by Mrs. Woods, read by Mrs. W.J. Thomson. Misses Flora Lawlor & Kathleen Kayes sang a duet, "I Found a Garden" and in response to encore "Santa Lucia". Mrs. Kowensky's surprise pkg. realized \$1.40 won by Mrs. Shaver, a kitchen set (Towel Holder). Mrs. Kowensky passed around questions & answers for Roll call. Moved that we adjourn-Next meeting at Mrs. Hillman's; helpers Mrs. Spicer & Mrs. Wilson.

Eva B. Bell sec'y

Nov 4

The regular monthly meeting of the Grande Prairie W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. A. R. Hillman, Thurs., Nov. 3rd at 8 pm. Pres. Mrs. L.J. O'Brien in chair. Opened with "O Canada" & repeating Creed. Minutes of previous meeting read & adopted.

No Treas. Report was given.

Re couch in Rest Room: Same being damaged in fire. Mrs. Connors gave \$1.35 for chair, to partly replace couch and said she would paint chair. Mrs. Sharpe moved & Mrs. Lawlor 2nd that money be applied to purchase of chair. Mrs. Patterson to see that same was bought and painted by Mrs. Connors.

Miss Margaret Dalgleish, representing I.O.D.E, spoke to Mrs. O'Brien re the Brown family, who so recently lost their mother by death. The I.O.D.E wished to know if the W.I. could co-operate with them to pay help so that children could attend school. The oldest boy is at present staying home but apparently has not much inclination to go to school and can help with work. The meeting sympathized with request but did not feel that they could assist financially. This was put as a motion by Mrs. Bell, 2nd by Mrs. Hillman.

Mrs. O'Brien & Mrs. Wishart were to interview Mayor Tooley re- Brown family.

Nursing Home Report by Mrs. Sharpe, 1 patient in Oct.

Bills presented: Fruit for Mrs. Hodges (Morrison's) 65 cents; cups & saucers for gifts to moms assisting at Baby Clinic, \$1.65 (R.H. Watchers). Moved by Mrs. Patterson that bills be paid, 2nd by Mrs. Nelson.

Mrs. Fisher thanked the W.I. for their gift to Mrs. Hodges and Mrs. O'Brien reported that Mrs. Miller had expressed her thanks for cup & saucer.

Mrs. Butchart favored us with two beautiful piano solos. Mrs. O'Brien gave thanks on behalf of the members to Mrs. Butchart.

Welfare com. Mrs. Fisher reported.

Mrs. O'Brien reported clothing rec'd from gov't which will be distributed through the co-op of the R.C.M.P at Hythe, Spirit River & Calais (Sturgeon Lake).

Paper by Mrs. O'Brien on "League of Nations".

Roll call "Xmas gift Suggestions".

Pleased to have Mrs. Scalley, a member of Rio Grande W.I. with us.

11 members, 1 visitor.

Moved by Mrs. Bell that Mrs. O'Brien interview Teachers asking their co-operation in the matter of town children be prohibited from using Women's Rest Room, 2nd by Mrs. Lawlor. Helpers Mrs. Wilson & Mrs. Spicer. Motion to adjourn.

Eva B. Bell sec'y

Dec.

The regular monthly meeting of the Grande Prairie W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. C. Stredulinsky on Thurs., Dec 2nd, at 8 pm. with the Pres. Mrs. L.J. O'Brien in the chair.

The meeting opened with the singing of "O Canada" followed by repetition of the Creed. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The Treas. Reported as follows:

Receipts		Disbursements	
Cheque from Hospital (re Maternity Home)	\$54.00	Rent	10.00
Surprise gift	1.20	Fruit (Morrison's)	.65
Tea Money	1.10	R.H. Watchers	1.65
		Gift for clinic (nurses)	
		Bal. in Bank	7.96

The report was adopted on motion by Mrs. I. Nelson, 2nd by Mrs. L. Kowensky.

Re Brown family, Mrs. L.J. O'Brien reported not having been able to get in touch with Mayor Tooley but will do so later.

Mrs. D.W. Patterson reported the purchase of a chair for the Rest Room for \$1.10.

In Mrs. Sharpe's report on the Maternity waiting home she said there had been four patients this month, totaling 43 since Dec. 8/36. A call for layettes was reported & a new sauce pan was required for the home kitchenette. Mrs. W.J. Thomson moved, 2nd by Mrs. I. Nelson that a new one be purchased. Moved by Mrs. Charters, 2nd by Mrs. Stredulinsky that this report be adopted.

Mrs. L.J. O'Brien reported on behalf of the Welfare Committee that letters received from Hythe & Spirit River called for help.

On motion by Mrs. W.J. Thomson, 2nd by Mrs. I. Nelson it was decided to send fruit to the value of \$1.50 to the hospital, these two ladies to act as committee for this Xmas cheer.

Mrs. W.J. Thomson, on account of going to live at the farm, wished to be relieved of her duties as Librarian of the Lady Tweedsmuir Library whereupon Mrs. McQuarrie very kindly volunteered to take over this work & Mrs. Nelson in the same helpful spirit offered to deliver the books to Mrs. McQuarrie.

As this was the annual business meeting, reports from the various committees were presented & duly adopted as read.

Mrs. Bell gave a very comprehensive report of her work as Secretary which showed a good years work.

The treasurer's report followed.

Received		Disbursed	
24 pd. Up members			
Capital Tax to be pd. On 18		Total Exp.	
Fees	24.00	\$196.81	
Tea Money	12.70		
Talent Money	24.75	Bal.	61.96
Hospital	90.00		
I.O.D.E.	10.00		
Tea & Garden Party	31.90		
Surprise gift	2.60		
Hospital cheque	<u>54.00</u>		
	249.95		

Money refunded by Mrs. Charters \$5.00. Report adopted.

The nominating committee reported as follows:

Pres. Mrs. W. Sharpe

1st Vice Mrs. F.E. Spicer

2nd Vice Mrs. A. Wishart

Treas. Mrs. C. Stredulinsky

Sec. Mrs. L. Kowensky

Chairman of Standing Committees

Publicity: Mrs. Charters

Canadianization & Colonization: Mrs. I. Nelson

Education & Better Schools: Mrs. G. Falconer

Legislation: Mrs. McQuarrie

Directors

Mrs. D.W. Patterson

Mrs. L.J. O'Brien

Mrs. A.C. Wilson

Child Welfare & Public Health: Mrs. T. Lawlor

Home Economics: Mrs. G.B. Harris

Agriculture: Mrs. Akin

Canadian Industries: Mrs. C. Ball

Auditors: Mrs. Card & Mrs. McQuarrie

Public Welfare & Relief: Mrs. C. Fisher

League of Nations: Mrs. L.G. O'Brien

The slate was adopted as a whole. Mrs. W.J. Thomson moved a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers. This motion was seconded by Mrs. D.W. Patterson.

Mrs. W. Sharpe, the new President, took the chair & continued with the business of the meeting.

Moved by Mrs. Thomson, 2nd by Mrs. McQuarrie that the executive committee draw up the program for 1938.

Moved by Mrs. C. Bell, 2nd by Mrs. L.J. O'Brien that we subscribe to the W.I. paper "Home & Country".

Mrs. O'Brien suggested the members be thinking of some suggestions for program for 1938.

Mrs. O'Brien moved, 2nd by Mrs. Wilson, that the new Pres. & treasurer be empowered to sign cheques, carried.

It was decided to contribute \$5.00 to the Night Hawks for Xmas Relief on motion of Mrs. Patterson, 2nd by Mrs. Nelson.

Moved by Mrs. O'Brien, 2nd by Mrs. Peebles that Mrs. Bell be paid 40 cents for postal cards. The surprise gift donated by Mrs. O'Brien was won by Mrs. Kowensky.

Mrs. Sharpe & Mrs. Kowensky offered to act as hostesses with Mrs. G.B. Harris for the Jan. meeting, at the latter's home.

Mrs. O'Brien & Mrs. W.J. Thomson paid fees of \$1.00 each.

In response to Mrs. O'Brien's suggestion re program, the following suggestions were offered: Mrs. Sharpe-origin of the name of some town or settlement in the Peace River District and historical connection therewith. Mrs. Patterson-History of early days of settlement or some person connected with it. Mrs. Bell-Talk by one of the local Drs. on Social Diseases. Mrs. Charters-Talk on Fashions of Old Days, Poems. Mrs. Kowensky-Mr. Albright to give his postponed lecture.

The meeting adjourned whereupon a delightful lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. McQuarrie & Mrs. O'Brien.

Mrs. L Kowensky, Sec.

Jan/1938

The January meeting of the GPWI was held at the home of Mrs. O.B. Harris on Jan 6th at 8 p.m.

The Pres. Mrs. W. Sharpe asked the members to rise & repeat the Creed after which the Sec. read the minutes of the Dec. meeting. After two corrections were made the minutes were approved.

Mrs. Stredulinsky, the Treasurer was then called upon for the report which she gave at the same time explaining the hospital cheque which had been mentioned in the Dec. report.

Mrs. A. Wilson received the adoption of the report.

Letters were read, one from a recipient of our Welfare work & thanking the W.I. for same, another from the Council acknowledging the receipt of the letter about the Ladies Rest Room & promising to act on the suggestion in the letter.

A letter was read from Mrs. A. Smith thanking the W.I. for the basket of fruit & kind wishes sent to her when she was ill. Mrs. C.E. Fisher reported on the Welfare work & discussion on one of the requests, followed this report. Mrs. O'Brien was asked to continue her kindly help on this committee as it entailed a lot of work. Mrs. Fisher & Mrs. O'Brien were instructed to use their own judgement with regard to the repeated requests from Mrs. Carpenter. At this point in the meeting Mrs. Sharpe asked for a volunteer to take on the supervision of the Waiting Home in her place. She reported four patients were in residence during some part of Dec. & accommodation was booked up for Feb. Mrs. Patterson moved, 2nd by Mrs. O'Brien that Mrs. Sharpe be re-imbursed for purchase of a saucepan for the Home kitchen. Discussion followed on the depleted emergency shelf in the Waiting home & a committee, Mrs. Sharpe & Mrs. Lawlor were appointed to attend to this matter.

The Secretary then read the program for 1938 & discussion followed. It was suggested that instead of a talk on Agri., Mr. Albright be asked to give a short history of the early days of the Peace River Country.

Mrs. O'Brien moved, 2nd by Mrs. Peebles that the President & Secretary finish up the program.

Mrs. Patterson moved, 2nd by Mrs. Charters that the same two ladies be empowered to get out the programs in readiness of the distribution.

Mrs. Wilson gave the auditors report finding all correct.

A bill from Nelson & Archibald was presented & was ordered paid on motion by Mrs. O'Brien, 2nd by Mrs. Spicer.

After much discussion on a money-raising event it was moved by Mrs. O'Brien, 2nd by Mrs. Charters that a telephone bridge be held on Jan. 21, the proceeds to go to the Monkman Pass Highway Association.

The following ladies offered their homes & help to put this event on.

Mrs. Charters assisted by Mrs. Sharpe

Mrs. O'Brien assisted by Mrs. Lawlor & Spicer

Mrs. Wishart assisted by Mrs. Card

Mrs. Patterson assisted by Mrs. Hillman, Peebles & Bell

Mrs. O.B. Harris assisted by Mrs. Falconer & Mrs. McQuarrie

Mrs. Kowensky assisted by Mrs. Stredulinsky & Wilson

It was decided to charge 50 cents each person. Mrs. O'Brien consented to convene this event.

Then followed the important event of the evening—a demonstration on the making of Divinity Fudge by Mrs. Harris, who preceded the actual candy making by a little talk with suggestions & helps to ensure a perfect product—one should choose a good day as the weather affects evaporation. Select a flat bottom dish to prevent sugaring, a heavier dish being preferable. These are only a few of the do's & don't and I am sure each member carried away valuable hints which will be of great help in her next venture in candy making.

After the talk we repaired to the kitchen to get further instruction. While the candy was cooling we were entertained to tea by our hostess, assisted by Mrs. Sharpe & Kowensky.

The following ladies paid their membership: Meadows, Spicer, Wilson, Patterson, Fisher, Sharpe, Harris, Thorpe & Kowensky.

The tea money amounted to \$1.50 & the surprise packet which was won by Mrs. Spicer realized \$1.40. Mrs. Spicer offered to furnish the surprise gift for the Feb. meeting which would be held at the home of Mrs. Peebles.

Mrs. Sharpe suggested that as far as possible the chairman of standing committees assist in procuring speakers for the program for 1938. Mrs. O'Brien was asked to bring items of League of Nations interest to each meeting.

After a vote of thanks to Mrs. Harris for her splendid demonstration, Mrs. Spicer moved we adjourn.

Mrs. Harris handed round the delicious result of her demonstration on Divinity Fudge which was much enjoyed by the members.

We were very pleased to welcome a new member in the person of Mrs. Percy Thorpe.

L. Kowensky Sec

Feb.

On Thur. Feb 3rd at 8 p.m., nineteen members and five visitors met at the home of Mrs. E. Peebles for the regular meeting of the GPWI.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. W. Sharpe, the Pres., who asked the members to rise & repeat the W.I. Creed. The Sec. read the minutes which were declared correct.

Mrs. Stredulinsky, the Treasurer, read her report & motion of adoption was recorded by Mrs. I. Nelson. Mrs. C.E. Fisher in her report on Welfare work said several needy cases had been cared for & announced that there was quite a quantity of clothing in the box, in case any members knew of other needy cases.

A letter of thanks was read from Mrs. Hodges, for the Xmas parcel sent by this branch.

Mrs. G.W. Lawlor reported the purchase of material for the Emergency shelf of the Waiting home, the amount being \$4.83. Mrs. Wishart moved, 2nd by Mrs. Harris that this bill be paid.

Mrs. Sharpe reported that there had been 5 patients in the Waiting home since the last meeting.

In the absence of Mrs. O'Brien, the convenor of the Telephone Bridge, Mrs. Charters reported that the proceeds from 30 tables amounted to \$65.00 with \$4.00 to be deducted for prizes. A little discussion followed as to how much of this money should be sent to Re: M.P.H.A. Mrs. Patterson moved, 2nd by Mrs. Wilson that \$60.00 be sent. On motion of Mrs. Kowensky, 2nd by Mrs. Akin it was decided to send a letter of thanks to the Matron & nurses of the G.P. Municipal Hospital for their great kindness in offering the Nurses' Home for seven tables of bridge.

It was decided to purchase two subscriptions to the "Home & Country" magazine of the W.I. since the cost was only 25 cents each & having two copies would allow all the members to read it each month & so the news would not be stale. On motion of Mrs. Nelson, 2nd by Mrs. Peebles the treasurer was asked to reimburse Mrs. Kerr for 50 cents.

A letter from Mrs. Wood, the Prov. Sec. of W.I. was read asking members to save Royal Yeast Cake box fronts to be sent to aid a student in getting four years University course free. On discussion it was discussed that people in G. Prairie were helping a local student in that way.

The Secretary read a letter from the Government of Alberta offering 15 coal oil lamps to be distributed to needy families, the names to be sent in for checking. As we already have more than we need at the present time it was decided that we did not need this gift.

A letter from the Girl's Work Board of Grande Prairie asking for help in erecting a cabin in Lake Saskatoon Camp resulted in discussion, after which Mrs. Patterson moved, 2nd by Mrs. Lawlor that the sum of \$15.00 be our objective for this worthy cause. The money raised by the surprise package to be used for this donation.

Mrs. Nelson announced that Mr. Albright had sent a letter & list of topics from which we had to select one which he would use in his talk to the G.P.W.I. in Mch. He also stated that Wed. Mar. 2nd would be much more convenient for him owing to the change in train service. Mrs. Nelson was asked to write suggesting a talk on Mr. Albright & his wife's early experiences in this country & also telling him that Wed. Mch. 2nd would be convenient. This date was also more convenient for Miss A. Bellwood who was to contribute a dance to the same program.

Mrs. Sharpe reported that owing to delay in arrival by the paper for the covers of the W.I. programs she was sorry that they were not ready for distribution. The members were assured that they would have these in time for next meeting.

The March meeting would be held at the home of Mrs. Hillman with Mrs. Card & Mrs. Falconer assistant hostesses.

Seven members paid annual fees and tea-money amounted to \$1.80 with the proceeds of the surprise package being \$2.30. This package was donated by Mrs. Spicer & won by Mrs. C. Fisher. Mrs. Fisher offered to bring the gift for the Mch. meeting.

At this point in the meeting the Pres. called upon Rev. A.W. Canon to give a talk on the lives of two of Scotland's writers namely Sir Walter Scott & Bobby Burns. One felt a desire to read or re-read the works of these writers after such a delightful paper. Mrs. Canon pointed out that Scott had no knowledge of such poverty as that which was the portion of Burn's life. Scott's early life part of which was spent with his grandmother affected his style of writing for his grandmother helped to develop his taste for literature even in very early years. After the President had thanked Mr. Canon for his splendid talk the roll call was answered by quotations from the two Scotch writers.

Mr. & Mrs. Vaughan sang delightfully a duet entitled "The Crooked Bowlers" after which Mr. Geo. Patterson contributed a solo "Many of Argyle" in his usual pleasing manner.

A delightful lunch served by Mrs. Peebles assisted by Mrs. Akin & Mrs. Charters. The meeting adjourned on motion by Mrs. Hillman

L. Kowensky Secretary

V.P. Sharpe Pres.

Mar. 2/38

On Mar. 2nd 17 members and 10 visitors met at the home of Mrs. A. R. Hillman for the regular monthly meeting of the GPWI. The Pres. Mrs. W. Sharpe distributed the programs to the members after which the meeting was brought to order by the singing of "O Canada" & repetition of the Creed.

The Secretary read the minutes which were duly approved.

A letter from the Monkman Pass Highway Association was read, thanking the members for the generous donation of \$60.00 to their cause.

A letter from the Government re: further gifts of clothing was turned over to the Relief & Welfare committee, on motion of Mrs. McQuarrie, 2nd by Mrs. Nelson. Mrs. O'Brien suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Jack Fisher for his work in connection with the relief bundles.

Regarding the bills for cartage of relief clothing Mrs. O'Brien moved, 2nd by Mrs. Kowensky that the bills be sent to the Government.

Mrs. O'Brien reported on a case of a relief recipient who tendered thanks to the W.I. & wished that a W.I. branch might at some future time be found in the district in which she lived. Mrs. Sharpe reported 6 patients had used the waiting room in the past month.

Mrs. McQuarrie reported that no new requests for books in the library had been made but wished that people who had books out & who were done with them would return them.

Mrs. Sharpe welcomed two new members, Mrs. A.W. Cann & Mrs. G.A. James & the visitors.

Mrs. McQuarrie asked if gifts of fruit were still being made to the hospital. It was reported that none had been made since Xmas & on motion by Mrs. Bell, 2nd by Mrs. Nelson to send fruit. It was decided that these ladies be a permanent committee to look after gifts of fruit or flowers to the hospital every month, to the amount of \$1.00.

Mrs. Sharpe announced that Mrs. Patterson with Mrs. Bell & Mrs. Card would be the hostesses for the April meeting.

The answers to the roll call proved very interesting and instructive being the names of towns in the Peace River Country with reasons for so naming.

Miss Valerie Ellwood delighted the members with a solo dance in costume "The Irish Lilt". Mrs. Lowe, one of our visitors graciously consented to act as accompanist.

At this point in the meeting the Pres. called upon Mr. Albright to give his talk on "Early Experiences in the Peace River Co". Mr. Albright first complimented the members of their ways of raising money and was proud to say that his mother had been a member & a very active one of the W.I. till her death at the age of 80. Mr. Albright thrilled his audience with his experiences

on his journey from Edmonton to his present home. He stressed the value of stocktaking annually, thrift & the absolute necessity of keeping free from debt. The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Albright after which a dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Hillman, assisted by Mrs. Fisher & Mrs. Falconer.

Fee money \$2.00. Surprise money \$2.00 won by Mrs. Campbell.

L Kowensky Sec'y

V. P. Sharpe Pres.

April 7, 1938

Seventeen members and thirteen visitors met at the home of Mrs. S.W. Patterson on Thurs. April 7th at 8 pm with the President, Mrs. Wm. Sharpe, in the chair. The meeting opened with the singing of O Canada followed by the repetition of the Creed. In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. C. Bell kindly consented to act in this capacity. The minutes were read and duly adopted, after which the treasurer Mrs. C. Stredulinsky gave her report, adoption of which was moved by Mrs. Stredulinsky & 2nd by Mrs. A. Wishart.

A letter of thanks from the Girls Work Board, for promise of a donation of \$15.00 toward the erection of a cabin for the Camp at Lake Saskatoon, was read.

Re: the bills for cartage of relief boxes donated by the Government, Mr. Wishart wished to donate the same to the W.I., moved by Mrs. Patterson, 2nd by Mrs. Charters that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Wishart.

Mrs. Bell reported that fruit had been sent to the Hospital. Mrs. Nelson moved, 2nd by Mrs. Akin that flowers to the value of not more than \$4.00 be sent to the hospital at Easter. Mrs. Sharpe reported that five patients had used the waiting home and that an emergency package had been added to the contents of the cupboard. She asked the opinion of the meeting as to the advisability of adding two nightgowns to this package. A suggestion was made that two nightgowns be taken from the Relief boxes at Mrs. Fisher's to fill this need. Moved by Mrs. Patterson, 2nd by Mrs. Lawlor that a letter of thanks be sent to Miss Pearston, Matron of the Municipal Hospital, for sterilizing the contents of the Emergency package.

The roll call was answered by the name of a famous artist and some picture painted by him or her.

Mrs. Sharpe welcomed the visitors and as the surprise package was about to be drawn for, she explained the procedure of it. The package was won by Mrs. Thomson & the proceeds were \$2.65.

The business being concluded, Mrs. Sharpe introduced the speaker of the evening, Miss Betty McNaught, who gave a most interesting talk on art, which she illustrated from her own very fine collection of paintings.

A dainty lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. C. Bell and Mrs. Lawlor after which the meeting adjourned.

The collection of tea money amounted to \$1.90.

L Kowensky, Sec'y

V. P. Sharpe, Pres.

May 1938

The May meeting of the GPWI was held on Thurs. May 5th at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Charters with the President, Mrs. Sharpe in the chair.

The meeting opened with the singing of O Canada & repeating the Creed.

In the absence of Secretary, Mrs. Bell read the minutes of the April meeting which were adopted on motion of Mrs. Bell, 2nd by Mrs. Charters.

Mrs. Stredulinsky read the treasurer's report.

A letter of thanks from the hospital for flowers sent at Easter was read, and also a letter from Mrs. Weicker of Sexsmith re the Handicraft exhibit of the Constituency Conference to be held at Sexsmith on Aug. 17th.

A letter was read from Mrs. Stewart re the F.W.I.C. Home & Country magazine. Discussion followed after which Mrs. Harris moved, 2nd by Mrs. McQuarrie that Mrs. Sharpe see Mrs. Kowensky & they could use their own judgement as to what should be done regarding this magazine.

A letter about the Extension Short-Course resulted in the discussion to dispense with it this year. This was moved by Mrs. Bell, 2nd by Mrs. Harris.

Mrs. McQuarrie moved, 2nd by Mrs. Akin that \$5.00 be given for medals for the coming Annual Festival.

Mrs. Sharpe brought to the notice of the members that an offer of a substantial donation of money had been made by the Ogilvie Flour Mills if the W.I. would sponsor a demonstration of their flour. The W.I. to make arrangements for a suitable hall. Mrs. Charters moved, 2nd by Mrs. Wishart that the offer be accepted and the following ladies kindly consented to act on a committee to arrange for the same, mesdames Harris & W.J. Thomson. Two dollars was voted for stamps & envelopes etc. for the Secretary, on motion of Mrs. Bell, 2nd by Mrs. Mitchell.

The flower committee reported that four plants were sent to the Hospital at Easter.

Mrs. Sharpe reported no patient in the waiting room.

There was no report from the Welfare Committee.

The business of the evening being completed, mesdames Newton & Caldwell entertained delightfully with a piano duet.

Mrs. Wishart, our Constituency convenor gave a most interesting & instructive talk on the W.I. Constitution & some of the By-laws.

Mrs. James lecture on "Life of the Bee" or "Story of the Hive" & Swarming was another interesting & educational item of the program and the members felt that the May meeting was indeed well worthwhile.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Card & Mrs. Stredulinsky.

Tea money 1.30 & Surprise package 1.40 made a nice addition to the treasury.

Mrs. Wishart offered to assist Mrs. Nelson as hostess for the June meeting.

L. Kowensky sec'y

V.P. Sharpe Pres.

June 1938

Seventeen members & one visitor met on June 2nd at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. I. Nelson. Mrs. W. Sharpe presided & called the meeting to order by repeating the W.I. Creed.

The secretary then read the minutes which were approved after a slight correction

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$24.45. This report was moved by Mrs. Stredulinsky & 2nd by Mrs. O'Brien.

On behalf of the Hospital Committee Mrs. I. Nelson reported fruit had been taken to hospital in early May.

Mrs. Fisher reported that clothing had been given out by the Welfare Committee & on behalf of the Waiting Home, Mrs. Sharpe said there had been four patients in during May. A request from Mrs. Hodges for help to pay telephone in connection with this waiting home was tendered. As our Treasury is very low it was decided that nothing could be done in that way.

The demonstration committee reported that a donation of \$25.00 plus five dollars for lunch expenses would be given to our branch for sponsoring the Ogilvie Flour demonstration. One hundred people had availed themselves of the opportunity to see this demonstration. Mrs. Patterson moved a vote of thanks to the committee in charge and this motion was 2nd by Mrs. Nelson.

It was moved by Mrs. Patterson, 2nd by Mrs. Wilson that Mrs. Charters be the official delegate to the G.P. Constituency Conference to be held at Sexsmith on Aug. 17th. All members were invited to attend & to get in touch with Mrs. Patterson with regard to transportation she having kindly consented to look after this matter. Mrs. Wishart kindly offered to receive & take to the conference any articles to be exhibited in Handicraft either for prize winning or exhibition purposes. Mrs. Wishart expressed the wish that as many articles as possible be sent in order to make a successful handicraft exhibit. The following ladies offered prizes, mesdames O'Brien, Sharpe, Nelson, Kowensky, Charters, Bell, Stredulinsky, Spicer, Wishart, Patterson, Card, Akins, Lawlor and Thorpe, the restricted value to be from thirty five to fifty cents.

The Roll call was answered by First Aid hints.

Mrs. T.W. Lawlor read the Child Welfare & Public Health report from the Convention report from which we got an insight of this important work in the whole of the dominion. She added several items of interest from her own observations including with the announcement of the honor of the Royal Alex Hospital being foremost in the Dominion in low maternal death rate.

Mrs. Sharpe in her talk on Social Diseases which was most interesting, made us realize how vitally necessary is the education of all classes of people in that subject. Mrs. Charters moved a hearty vote of thanks.

A matter of great importance having been forgotten during the business part of our meeting was at this point brought to the notice of the members. This was the money raising event for June. Several suggestions were offered but not accepted for various reasons, but Mrs. Fisher's suggestion seemed to be the choice of the meeting after discussion. Since June seemed to be a very busy month Mrs. Fisher suggested we each contribute fifty cents to the Treasury, Mrs. Peebles 2nd this idea & Mrs. Wilson & Mrs. Kowensky were appointed to collect this money. The following ladies paid their fifty cents: mesdames Wishart, Peebles, O'Brien, Thorpe, Fisher, Akins, Card, Lawlor, Patterson, Sharpe, Nelson & Philip.

The surprise package was won by Mrs. Philip & resulted in \$1.40 being added to the funds. Tea money amounted to \$1.20. Mrs. Nelson assisted by Mrs. Wishart served a delightful lunch which brought a very interesting meeting to a close.

L Kowensky Sec

V.P. Sharpe Pres.

Aug 29, 1938

An Executive meeting of the GPWI was held at the home of Mrs. L Kowensky on Monday, Aug. 29th at 3 pm.

The necessity of calling this meeting arose from the fact that the President, Mrs. Sharpe, had been approved by Mr. Porteous re the case of Mrs. Perley Sharpe who had asked the Council to transfer her relief allowance to Edmonton to enable her to move there where she hoped to secure work in a store & where her daughter could finish her Grade Twelve.

After much discussion, it was the decision of the meeting to recommend that the Council assist Doreen to complete her Grade Twelve & to suggest that Mrs. Perley Sharpe obtain work & be cut off relief.

The President, Mrs. W. Sharpe & Mrs. O'Brien were asked to submit this decision to Mr. Porteous.

Since Sept. 1st the date set for the regular meeting was inconvenient for the speaker, Mr. Sparby, it was suggested that the meeting be postponed till Sept. 8th. This date being more convenient for our hostess, Mrs. W.J. Thomson, it was decided to use that date, the Secretary to have it announced over the radio & in the local papers.

L Kowensky Sec.

V.P. Sharpe Pres.

Sept 1938

Seventeen members and two visitors met at the home of Mrs. W.J. Thomson on Thurs. evening Sept. 8th at 8 pm.

The meeting was called to order by the Pres. Mrs. W. Sharpe when O Canada was sung and the W.I. Creed repeated.

A suggestion was made to decide the winner of the Surprise package which had been donated by Mrs. Philip. Mrs. Nelson was the lucky member and \$1.60 was added to the Treasury.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the June meeting which were approved on motion of the Secretary 2nd by Mrs. Bell. Mrs. Stredulinsky read the Treasurer's report. Mrs. O'Brien 2nd the adoption of this report.

On behalf of her committee, Mrs. Nelson reported that no fruit or flowers had been sent to the Hospital in July or August owing to scanty funds.

Mrs. Sharpe reminded the members to hand in their 50 cents allocation for money raising event for June.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the Executive meeting held on Aug. 29th at 3:00 pm. Mrs. Sharpe explained the necessity for calling this special meeting & discussion followed.

Mrs. Fisher was called upon to report on the Welfare Committee & two letters of requests for clothing were read. Mrs. Spicer reported another family by the name of Brown, whereupon Mrs. Nelson moved, 2nd by Mrs. Harris that the Welfare committee investigate this case & report to the Health Officer.

The Baby Clinic was the next subject of discussion & it was decided to accept Mrs. Lawlor's offer to convene a committee with Mrs. Charters help. Several members offered help in supplying lunch for the nurses in attendance at the Clinic.

Mrs. Sharpe suggested that the school pupils have a health examination, this being customary in many towns. Discussion resulted in a motion by Mrs. Patterson 2nd by Mrs. Mitchell that Mrs. Sharpe and Mrs. Harris act as a committee to look after this matter. Mrs. Charters suggested that the Separate Schools be included in this inspection.

A suggestion was made by Mrs. McQuarrie that the W.I. approach the Town Council about the care of the trees planted by the W.I. years ago. The Secretary was instructed to write the Council to that effect.

As the hour was getting late it was decided to dispense with the report of the delegate to the Constituency Conference, the printed report to be passed round to those not having read it.

The President asked Mrs. W.J. Thomson, our new Constituency Convenor, if she had any comments on her new office whereupon she replied that she would like to suggest that before

the next election of a Constituency Convenor, a nominating committee be formed to act before the conference.

Mrs. Sharpe now called upon Mr. H.T. Sparby, the Principal of the G.P.H.S. to give us an address on the "Changes in the High School Curriculum". In his excellent address Mr. Sparby explained how in this new course, help was given to the pupil to choose his life work and a more varied curriculum helped him to realize his ambition.

New terms & new subjects made us realize what rapid strides had been made in this very important part of a child's education-the High School.

The larger administration unit was also explained and the advantages pointed out. Mr. Sparby closed with a humorous poem. Mrs. Sharpe, on behalf of all the members, thanked Mr. Sparby for his splendid address which was the result of much thought and preparation.

The roll call was heartily responded to by current events on Education after which a delightful lunch was served by our hostess, Mrs. W.J. Thomson who specially treated us to her lovely ice-cream.

Tea money amounted to \$2.10.

L. Kowensky Secretary

V.P. Sharpe Pres.

October 1938

Fourteen members and four visitors met at the home of Mrs. G.B. Harris on Oct. 6th at 8 pm for the regular meeting.

The President, Mrs. W. Sharpe led the members in the reading of the W.I. Creed. The Secretary read the minutes & moved the adoption of the same, Mrs. Bell seconding the motion.

The treasurer's report followed which was read by Mrs. Stredulinsky who moved adoption of same & 2nd by Mrs. Mitchell.

Mrs. T. Lawlor, convenor of the Baby Clinic committee, reported that all arrangements had been made & quite a quantity of literature was available for all parties interested. Mrs. A.V. Miller & Mrs. L. Bone, two local nurses, have kindly consented to help with the Clinic.

Mrs. T. Lawlor moved, 2nd by Mrs. D.W. Patterson that the Secretary write letters of appreciation to Radio Station, C.F.G.P. for their kindness in advertising the Baby Clinic & Bell-Fleming for loaning scales. Mrs. W. Sharpe reported several complaints, about the laxity of quarantine regulations & after discussion Mrs. I. Nelson moved that a committee be appointed to meet the Health Board of the Council regarding this matter. This motion was seconded by Mrs. C. Stredulinsky, Mrs. I. Nelson & Mrs. T. Lawlor were selected to form this committee.

The Secretary read an acknowledgement of the request made to the council re the pruning of the trees planted by the W.I. several years ago.

A letter from Mrs. W.J. Thomson, our new Constituency convenor, was read in which she told us that she felt that the W.I. & other Women's Organizations have played a great part in bringing about peace. She urged us to remember especially that part of our Creed which says "grant that we may realize it is the little things in life that create differences, that in the big things of life we are one".

On behalf of Mrs. Fisher, the Welfare Convenor, who was unable to be present, the Secretary thanked the members for their generous response to her appeal for clothing for this branch of the work.

The matter of the Radium Cancer Fund was next discussed. The members were asked for suggestions for raising money. Telephone Bridge, house to house canvas, teas were suggested but finally the feeling of the meeting seemed to be that a public appeal which would reach a wider field than the town, would be the best idea. Mrs. C. Bell moved that the Pres., Secretary & Treas. of the Exec. & Mrs. Patterson form a committee to approach both local papers & the Radio Station to sponsor this appeal. Mrs. A. Wilson seconded this motion. In the meantime, the Secretary was to write to the Prov. Sec. for all information regarding the Radium Cancer Fund with special regard for local appeal.

Mrs. A. McQuarrie reported on the library & made a request for return of books at the earliest convenience of the members. At this point Mrs. J. Charters suggested that we urge the formation of a town library. Discussion followed & Mrs. C. Bell suggested that Mrs. Charters make inquiries regarding the Carnegie libraries & perhaps when the information is available, other town organizations would cooperate to make such a library a reality.

Mrs. W. Sharpe reported four occupants in the Waiting Home for September. Miss Pearston, Matron of the Hospital, kindly offered to sterilize the bundle whenever needed.

The business of the meeting being completed- This being the grandmothers meeting, Mrs. I. Nelson read an article from the Home & Country Magazine of the W.I. about Queen Mary, who as we all know is a grandmother & who is the President of the Sandringham Eng. W.I.

Mrs. A. Thomson, a grandmother, gave a demonstration of rug-making & showed a beautiful rug in the making.

“Recollections of my grandmother” were the answers to the roll call & many interesting anecdotes were related.

The mystery box resulted in \$1.10 being added to the treasury and was won by Mrs. W. Sharpe.

Donations of jams, jellies & pickles were donated by the members & sale of these resulted in \$2.60.

The tea collection amounted to 60 cents. After a dainty lunch served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. V. Mitchell & Mrs. A. Wilson & Mrs. Akin.

L Kowensky Secretary

V.P. Sharpe Pres.

November 1938

On Thurs., Nov. 3rd thirteen members and one visitor met at the home of Mrs. L. Kowensky at 8 pm. The meeting was called to order by the members repeating the W.I. Creed after which the minutes of the last meeting were read. Mrs. I. Nelson 2nd the adoption of the minutes as read. Mrs. Stredulinsky gave the treasurers report, the adoption which was seconded by Mrs. D.W. Patterson.

A letter of thanks from Miss Pearston, Matron of the Municipal Hospital, for fruit was read by the sec.

Mrs. I. Nelson as convenor of the Health Committee was asked by the President to give her report. This committee had deemed it advisable to invite representatives from other organizations in town to meet with them when the matter of quarantine was taken up with the school board. Teachers, as a result, were sending home children with suspicious coughs and fifteen cases of whooping cough sent home.

Notices re: quarantine regulations were sent to the local papers warning parents. The committee took up the matter of having a school nurse but the board pointed out that it was more a matter for the larger school unit. Mr. Walker, the school inspector, felt that there was a possibility that at some future time a school nurse would be hired.

Mrs. W.J. Thomson, in her capacity of constituency convenor, had been asked to urge this matter in the schools of the district.

Mrs. Patterson suggested that a letter be sent to the larger unit of schools but Mrs. Wishart pointed out that perhaps a committee would be of more value. Mrs. Kowensky moved that the original com. Mrs. W. Sharpe & Mrs. T. Lawlor meet the larger unit School Board. Mrs. A. Wishart 2nd this motion. Mrs. I. Nelson moved, 2nd by Mrs. C. Stredulinsky that the secretary write to Mrs. W.J. Thomson asking her to urge the W.I. branches in her constituency to follow up the work already started to procure a school nurse.

Mrs. I. Nelson, on behalf of the Hospital Committee reported that a box of apples had been sent to the patients and asked the members to send to the hospital all the clean magazines they could spare.

Mrs. D.W. Patterson, as convenor of the Radium Cancer Fund reported that full cooperation from both local papers and the Radio Station had been promised and our publicity representative, Mrs. J.H. Charters, had prepared comprehensive articles for this purpose. Canvassing by Mrs. W. Sharpe, Mrs. D.W. Patterson & Mrs. L. Kowensky resulted in \$78.10 as a beginning for this fund. After some discussion, Mrs. A. Wishart moved, 2nd by Mrs. J. Spicer that a house to house canvas be made by the members willing to do so, the canvas to be arranged by the committee.

Mrs. W. Sharpe reported 8 patients in the Maternity Waiting Home in October, and she had placed in the home literature from the collection used at the Baby Clinic.

Mrs. T. Lawlor reported on Baby Clinic, 51 babies & children up to 6 years of age being examined. People from as far west as Hythe had come to have their children examined. Free literature was distributed and great interest shown by the mothers. This Baby Clinic was made the success it proved to be by the untiring efforts of Mrs. T. Lawlor in arranging it and the splendid work given by the two nurses, Mrs. A.V. Miller & Mrs. L. Bowen. This is the third year Mrs. Miller has so kindly served the W.I. in this capacity. Mrs. Lawlor moved 2nd by Mrs. I. Nelson that letters of thanks be sent to these ladies with special acknowledgement to Mrs. A.V. Miller in the shape of a membership to the W.I. for next year.

A small bill in connection with the Baby Clinic was presented and ordered paid on motion of Mrs. C. Stredulinsky 2nd by Mrs. I Card.

A nomination committee was formed the following ladies consenting to act, mesdames Akins, Card & Spicer to prepare a slate of officers for the election in Dec.

This being the end of the business of the evening Mrs. W. Sharpe called upon Dr. E.L Little to address the members on "The History of Radium and it's Uses". Discovered in 1858 by Prof & Mad Curie, at that time costing \$70,000.00 a gramme, radium is now procurable at \$15,000.00 a gr. One realizes its immense cost when it takes 15,000,000 tons of ore to produce 1 gram of pure radium. At present there are only 800 grams of pure radium in the world & this amount could be contained in a cube of 2 inches. It has been mined at the Belgium Congo & at Gt. Bear Lake but the world's supply is now chiefly mined at Gt. Bear Lake. The largest amount in any place is at Bellevue Hospital, N.Y. & they have 9 1/2 grams. Many places have only 1 or 1/2 gram. There is a possibility Synthetized product at \$2 or \$3 per gram but not much is known as yet about its value in medicine.

Radium kills cancer cells which Dr. Little spoke of as "gangsters of pathology". All cases do not respond but most do if treated early. Radium, while of great value in cancer treatment, is a dangerous weapon unless used by certified radiologists.

Asking pardon for digressing from the subject of Radium, Dr. Little said he would like to take this opportunity to urge members to combine their efforts to do all in their power to stamp out another dread disease "syphilis".

Mrs. W. Sharpe thanked Dr. Little for his splendid talk and called upon Mrs. A.W. Cann to sing. Mrs. Cann sang in her usual lovely manner "It is only a Tiny Garden" by Hagar Wood accompanied by Mrs. H.L. Vaughn.

The surprise packet donated by Mrs. Sharpe was won by Mrs. A. Wishart, added 80 cents to the funds and tea collection resulted in \$1.25.

Mrs. J. Akin and Mrs. McQuarrie served a dainty lunch assisted by the hostess.

L Kowensky Sec.

V.P. Sharpe Pres.

December 1938

Fifteen members and one visitor met at the home of Mrs. L.J. O'Brien on Thurs. Dec 1st at 8 pm. The President, Mrs. W. Sharpe, took the chair and opened the meeting by leading the members in repeating the W.I. Creed.

As this was the annual business meeting the Pres. called upon the Sec. to read the minutes of the last annual meeting Dec. 1937 and the minutes of the November meeting of this year.

After a slight correction the minutes were declared approved.

The Treasurers report read by Mrs. C. Stredulinsky showed a bank balance of \$276.85. This report included the Radium Cancer Fund which amounted to \$231.65. Mrs. Stredulinsky moved the adoption of her report & Mrs. Hillman seconded it.

Mrs. W. Sharpe spoke briefly on the work of the past year, thanking the members for their cooperation & support. Owing to the fact that the Secretary forgot, the annual report will be read at the Jan. meeting.

Mrs. Stredulinsky presented the Treasurer's Annual report-the total receipts in the year 1938 being \$479.70. This report was audited by Mesdames Card & McQuarrie. Mrs. Stredulinsky moved the adoption of this report & it was seconded by Mrs. Akins.

Mrs. D.W. Patterson gave the report of the Radium Cancer Fund committee and told of the generous response of the public and moved that notes of thanks be sent to Radio Station C.F.G.P. and the two local papers for their kindness in publicity regarding this project. The motion was seconded by Mrs. V.W. Mitchell.

As convenor of the committee on the problems of the school nurse, Mrs. Sharpe reported that she & Mrs. T. Lawlor had met the Larger School unit Divisional Board where this matter was received very favorably but would not be settled owing to lack of funds. Some members of the Board were of the opinion that the work of the nurse would be effective only if followed up with treatment by the local doctors.

Mrs. C.E. Fisher reported on behalf of the Welfare Committee that four letters and several calls at house for clothing had been received and had been attended to through gifts from the members of the W.I. and from stock of garments provided by the Gov.

No reports from the Hospital committee and librarian were made owing to absence of the representatives.

Mrs. O'Brien mentioned the success of the Monkman Pass Highway Association and hoped that in the coming year the local W.I. will be able to help financially as they did in this year. This surely can be considered part of the work of the W.I. since our slogan is "For Home & Country".

The President called upon the convenor of the nominating committee Mrs. Akin for her report & asked Mrs. D.W. Patterson to occupy the chair during the election of officers.

The following slate was submitted:

Pres.	Mrs. Sharpe	1 st . Vice	Mrs. A. Wishart
2 nd . Vice	Mrs. F. Spicer	Sec.	Mrs. L. Kowensky
Treas.	Mrs. C. Stredulinsky		

Directors 1-Mrs. Patterson, 2-Mrs. Wilson, 3-Mrs. Harris

Convenors

Agriculture	Mrs. Akin
Canadian Industries	Mrs. C. Bell
Canadianization & Colonization	Mrs. I. Nelson
Child Welfare & Public Health	Mrs. A. Wishart
Education & Better Schools	Mrs. D.W. Patterson
Home Economics	Mrs. G.B. Harris
League of Nations	Mrs. V.W. Mitchell
Legislation	Mrs. C.E. Fisher
Welfare	Mrs. L.J. O'Brien
Publicity	Mrs. J.H. Charters

Auditors-Mesdames Card & Hillman

Mrs. Patterson asked the wish of the meeting regarding election separately or acceptance of the slate as presented. It was moved by Mrs. Charters & 2nd by Mrs. Mitchell that the slate as a whole be accepted.

Mrs. Patterson before asking Mrs. Sharpe to return to the chair, took the opportunity to recommend that the members take as much of the work of the W.I. off the shoulders of the Pres., as possible, who would, even then have quite a lot of responsibility.

Mrs. Sharpe thanked the members for their confidence in her in again asking her to be President.

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. W.J. Thomson, Const. Convenor, expressing congratulations on success of the Radium Cancer Fund and concluding with cordial Xmas

greetings to all the members. Mrs. Patterson suggested that the Sec. write to Mrs. Thomson acknowledging the friendly greetings.

A letter from the Canadian Institute of the Blind soliciting the patronage of the W.I. members when purchasing brooms to be sure to purchase a "Blindcraft Broom" was read.

A note from the prov. Sec., Mrs. Wood reminded the members to send in the Prov. Fund promptly, a dollar per paid up member. Discussion on this matter resulted in a motion by Mrs. Harris, 2nd by Mrs. Wishart that the Prov. dues be paid at once which would amount to \$25.00 in this case.

Mrs. Sharpe called the attention of the members to the fact that our Prov. Sec., Mrs. R.E. Wood had been the lucky winner of a prize of \$5.00 for an essay on "Money".

A request that the W.I. cater to a banquet held by the Burn's Assoc. in Jan. resulted in discussion. Due to the fact of lack of equipment for such an undertaking Mrs. Harris moved, 2nd by Mrs. Akin that the Sec. write to Mr. Philip and thank him for giving us this opportunity which we were sorry we were unable to accept.

The matter of Xmas cheer was next on the program. Mrs. Sharpe suggested that Mrs. O'Brien be the W.I. representative on the Xmas Cheer Central Relief Committee & Mrs. Stredulinsky moved, 2nd by Mrs. Spicer that \$5.00 be the W.I. donation to the Night Hawks. Since this year may not have the same response as last year due to poorer crops, Mrs. Kowensky suggested that a shower of Xmas fare be collected to be presented to the Central Relief. Mrs. Kowensky offered to receive the things at her home & members were asked to leave gifts on Mon., Dec. 19th.

The question was raised as to whether the surprise packet would be used as a moneymaking effort in the coming year & after discussion as to the pros & cons a vote was taken when eleven out of 15 voted in favor.

Whether visitors were to be allowed to pay the 10 cents for tea money was also discussed and it was felt that those desiring, should be allowed to do so.

The following ladies were suggested & kindly contacted to act on the program committee-mesdames Harris, Mitchell, Thorp & Swallow. Mrs. Swallow was welcomed to membership & she and Mrs. Wishart paid membership fees. Tea money amounted to \$1.35 & the surprise package donated by Mrs. Wishart and won by Mrs. Lawlor amounted to \$1.30.

Mrs. Scully & Mrs. Card kindly offered to act as hostesses assisting Mrs. A. Wishart for the January meeting.

L. Kowensky Sec.

V.P. Sharpe Pres.

January 1939

Fourteen members and one visitor met at the home of Mrs. Alex Wishart on Thurs. evening Jan 5th, 1939 at 8 pm for the regular meeting of the GPWI.

In the absence of our President, Mrs. W. Sharpe, Mrs. Alex Wishart presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order by the singing of O Canada accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Swallow. The members then repeated the W.I. Creed.

The minutes of the December meeting were read by the Secretary and declared approved after a slight correction.

The treasurer's report was presented and on motion of Mrs. Stredulinsky 2nd by Mrs. J.H Charters was declared approved.

At this point the Secretary was called upon to read her Annual report, the adoption of which was 2nd by Mrs. V.W. Mitchell.

A card of acknowledgement and seasons greetings from Mrs. A.V. Miller was read and also a letter from the Prov. Pres., Mrs. W. Stewart, expressing congratulations on our success in the Radium Cancer Campaign and also wishing all the members a very Happy New Year.

Owing to absence of the Welfare and Hospital convenors, no reports were available. Two patients were reported on behalf of the Maternity Waiting Home for Dec.

Mrs. O.B. Harris, convenor of the Program Committee, presented her report for discussion. This promises to be a year of delightful programs and after slight alternations re dates and hostesses & decision regarding the topic of Mrs. Prentices's, 2nd by Mrs. F. Spicer that the report be accepted.

A money-raising event was the next item of business which called forth a great deal of discussion. It was eventually the decision of the meeting to hold a bridge party and a committee comprising the following ladies was appointed to go ahead with plans, Mesdams Harris, Swallow, Patterson, & Kowensky. Final arrangements would be made at the Feb. meeting since the plan was to hold the Bridge party on Feb. 14.

Mrs. Charters presented facts & figures re a library for Grande Prairie which everyone agrees is a much needed thing. As most of the material was old, Mrs. Charters very kindly offered to bring up to date facts at the next meeting.

Mrs. Wishart then called upon the speaker of the evening Mr. T.W. Lawlor to give his talk on "Dominion Legislation". This was a very large subject but Mr. Lawlor handled it in his capable manner tracing the Dominion Parliament from it's very beginnings & showing the changes which have been made necessary from time to time to its present state.

The roll call was answered by "Suggestions for improving the W.I. meetings".

The surprise package donated by Mrs. Lawlor and won by Mrs. O.B. Harris, added \$1.40 & tea money \$1.50 to the Treasury. Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Patterson & Mrs. Scarth paid fees.

As the February meeting would be a large meeting Mrs. Patterson suggested that an extra hostess should be added. The following ladies, Mrs. C. Bell, Mrs. J.H. Charters & Mrs. F. Spicer will assist Mrs. Patterson.

We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Scarth as a new member.

L. Kowensky Sec.

Executive Meeting

On Jan. 10th, 1939, Mrs. Sharpe called her executive together in response to a request from Mr. O.B. Harris, the Pres. of the Board of Trade, that the W.I. sponsor the billeting of the students contemplating attendance at the Youth Training School to be held Jan 23rd to Feb. 1st in Grande Prairie.

After much discussion it was moved by Mrs. A. Wishart, 2nd by Mrs. J.H. Charters that we do our best to find suitable billets for the students requiring them.

A committee of the following ladies, Mesdames O'Brien, Spicer & Wilson was formed to take care of this matter.

L. Kowensky Secretary

V.P. Sharpe, Pres.

Feb. 1939

Fourteen members and two visitors met at the home of Mrs. D.W. Patterson on Feb. 2nd at 8 pm.

The Pres. Mrs. W. Sharpe called the meeting to order by asking the members to repeat with her the W.I. Creed.

The Secretary read the minutes of the January and Executive meetings and moved the adoption of same. This was 2nd by Mrs. J.H. Charters.

Mrs. C. Stredulinsky in her report showed a deficit of \$1.50. This report was 2nd by Mrs. O.B. Harris.

Mrs. O.B. Harris was called upon to give her report on the program committee. She distributed the programs, the material for which she paid out fifty cents. These programs are very neat indeed and thanks are due to this committee for their work and also to Mrs. Shaver for typing and to the Grande Prairie Herald for donating the material for covers and for assembling the booklets. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. Shaver & the Herald for their kindness.

Mrs. O.B. Harris as convenor of the Valentine Bridge party reported plans as to hall tables she completed and asked for a committee for the lunch for this event. Mrs. Harris wished to have the decision of the members as to whether or not the bridge be progressive. On a vote being taken by the President it was decided against progressive bridge. The following ladies consented to act on the lunch committee, Mesdames Wishart, Spicer, Stredulinsky, Wilson and Akin. Mrs. J.H. Charters consented to receive the names of players making up tables. Tickets made by Mrs. M.J. Swallow were distributed for sale by the members.

Mrs. L.J. O'Brien was called upon for her report on Welfare committee & Mrs. Sharpe reported 5 patients in the Maternity Waiting Home for January. Mrs. C. Stredulinsky was asked by Mrs. W. Sharpe to take her place as convenor of the waiting home & kindly consented to do so.

The surprise package donated by Mrs. O.B. Harris and won by Mrs. M.J. Swallow brought in 90 cents, the tea money \$1.05 & fees & papers were \$9.00. Several members paid their membership fees.

The business of the evening being concluded, Mrs. Sharpe welcomed the members of the Grande Prairie musical club who were to furnish the program of the evening.

Mrs. Sharpe turned the meeting over to Mrs. T.M. Newton, the President who introduced the various artists. A delightful program was enjoyed by everyone who decided that the people of Grande Prairie were indeed fortunate in having so much talent in their midst. Mrs. Sharpe thanked the musical club members for bringing such a lovely program.

A dainty lunch was served by Mesdames Spicer, Hillman & Charters.

L. Kowensky Secretary

V.P. Sharpe Pres.

March 1939

Mrs. M.J. Swallow was hostess for the regular monthly meeting of the GPWI where 14 members and two visitors met on March 2nd at 8 pm. The Pres., Mrs. Wm. Sharpe called the meeting to order and the W.I. Creed was read in unison.

The minutes of the Feb. meeting were read by the Secretary & duly adopted as read. Mrs. O.B. Harris in her report of the card party held on Feb. 14th, thanked the members for their cooperation & reported \$39.75 as the net proceeds. Mrs. D.W. Patterson suggested a vote of thanks to Mrs. O.B. Harris for her efficient convenorship of this committee.

Mrs. L.J. O'Brien in her Welfare report asked for clothing for a young man who had applied for admission to the Sanitorium. Several generous donations were promised.

Mrs. C. Stredulinsky reported the Radium Cancer Fund as \$247.65 and the general fund as \$34.69. Mrs. Wishart moved, 2nd by Mrs. James that the bills presented be paid. Mrs. A. Wilson 2nd the adoption of this report.

In her report on the Maternity Waiting Home, Mrs. Stredulinsky suggested that a bottle of Lysol be purchased. Mrs. L. Kowensky moved, 2nd by Mrs. D.W. Patterson that this bottle of Lysol be purchased and put into the Waiting Home. As the Cancer Fund had to be in the hands of Mrs. Montgomery of Wetaskiwin by April 1st, Mrs. Kowensky suggested that a note be inserted in the local papers naming Mar. 15th as the closing date for this fund and thanking the papers for their cooperation and also giving the amount raised to date. Mrs. V.W. Mitchell moved, 2nd by Mrs. O.B. Harris that the treasurer send the final amount to Mrs. Montgomery by Apr. 1st.

Regarding the Lady Tweedsmuir library, Mrs. A. Wishart reported a suggestion from Mrs. W.J. Thomson, the Const. Convenor, that each branch apply direct to Mrs. Ferguson for each shipment instead of the present way of depending on the books being shipped from branch to branch.

The president, Mrs. Sharpe announced that Mrs. E. Peebles had kindly consented to act as hospital convenor. Mrs. Sharpe also mentioned a suggestion from Mrs. I. Nelson to subscribe to magazines for the hospital instead of sending flowers. After discussion it was the decision of the meeting that the members send clean magazines from their own homes and that we send flowers or fruit as before. Mrs. O.B. Harris moved, 2nd by Mrs. J.W. Akin that four plants to the value of \$4.00 be purchased by Mrs. E. Peebles & sent to the hospital at Easter.

The Secretary read a letter of thanks from Mr. Scarth for the help given by this branch in billeting the students of the Youth Training movement.

A letter from Mrs. R.E. Wood re: the monthly Federated Women's Institute Magazine "Home & Country" resulted in four members Mesdames Wishart, Patterson, Sharpe & Kowensky expressing their wish to become subscribers, the fee being the small sum of twenty five cents

per year. Moved by Mrs. D.W. Patterson, 2nd by Mrs. M.J. Swallow that the sec. send for these magazines.

A letter from the Dept. of Agriculture re: the demonstrations was read & after much discussion it was moved by Mrs. L.J. O'Brien 2nd by Mrs. O.B. Harris that we do not have a demonstration this year.

Mrs. J.H. Charters put before the meeting her findings regarding the formation of a public library in Grande Prairie. Discussion resulted in a suggestion that Mrs. Charters, Mrs. D.W. Patterson & Mrs. G.A. James be empowered to interview the Town Council about the use of the Council room and any help they could give.

The business being concluded Mrs. T. Hassard delighted the members with a humorous reading entitled "Mrs. Poggleby's Juvenile Party" and this was followed by a splendid paper on "Adolescent Psychology" by Miss Jean Huston. Miss Huston pointed out that the adolescent child is much better fitted for life than they were years ago.

The Roll call was answered by question box.

One dollar and forty cents was the result of the surprise package which was won by Mrs. F. Spicer and donated by Mrs. Swallow.

The tea money amounted to \$1.40.

Several members paid membership fees.

A delicious lunch served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. T. Lawlor and Mrs. C. Stredulinsky brought the evening to a close. Mrs. J. Akin moved the meeting adjourn.

L. Kowensky Secretary

V.P. Sharpe Pres.

April, 1939

Eleven members and three visitors met at the home of Mrs. J.H. Charters on Thurs. Apr. 6th at 8pm for the regular meeting of the GPWI. The meeting opened with the singing of O Canada with Mrs. M.J. Swallow at the piano, after which the members repeated the W.I. Creed.

The minutes as read by the Secretary were approved.

In the absence of the treasurer, the secretary reported cash on hand as \$88.69.

Mrs. L.J. O'Brien was at this point called upon to give her report of the Welfare Committee. The youth for whom clothing had been requested at the March meeting, had been outfitted to meet his present need and one other call was reported, the clothing to be sent out by the Watkin's agent. Another consignment of clothing and lamps had been received and had been looked over by Mrs. O'Brien & Mrs. Fisher.

Mrs. Sharpe reported on behalf of Mrs. Peebles, convenor of Hospital Committee, that four plants would be sent to the hospital on Friday, April 7th. Mrs. Kowensky reported four patients in the Maternity Waiting Home in the past month.

Mrs. Charters was called upon at this point to give her report on the Town Library. The committee had interviewed the Town Council and permission had been granted to use the Council room as a Library. Mr. Spencer had very kindly consented to build shelves & Mr. Porteous had generously donated hardware for the purpose. A gift of Encyclopedia had been received from the Edmonton Bulletin and a six month subscription to the Literary Guild was a kindly gift from the I.O.D.E. Other donations of books had been received also. Discussion regarding a small fee for the loan of books resulted in a suggestion that this matter be left to the Library Committee. This committee was to draw up rules. Mrs. Wishart moved, 2nd by Mrs. O'Brien that \$5.00 be set aside for expenses of Mrs. Charters & her committee in the formation of the Library.

Several letters were read by the Secretary. Mrs. J.H. Charters reported a phone call from Mrs. A. Smith of Lake Saskatoon, who if the W.I. would lend their assistance to a fashion parade & picture show to be put on in Grande Prairie in aid of the Monkman Pass Highway Association. Discussion resulted in a suggestion that Mrs. Charters report to Mrs. Smith that the W.I. would stand behind their project if the Monkman Pass H.A. would benefit to any great extent.

A donation of \$3.50 for use of the Speke Hall at the W.I. Bridge party was approved by the meeting.

Mrs. Wishart brought up the matter of the call for assistance to the flood victims of the Murray River district. Since sufficient clothing had already been sent, Mrs. O'Brien moved, 2nd by Mrs. Wishart that \$5.00 be sent to the fund which is being handled by the local radio station, C.F.G.P.

The surprise package, furnished by Mrs. Spicer, was drawn for & won by Mrs. Akin and added \$1.10 to the funds.

Mrs. Sharpe now called upon Olive Kowensky to give a piano forte solo, after which Mrs. Geo. Russell gave a splendid paper on the art of quilt making tracing the history of the various patterns & suggesting suitability of designs & materials. To add to the interest Mrs. Russell displayed several beautiful quilts.

The president welcomed the visitors and our two new members, Mrs. Miller & Mrs. Lamb. Mrs. Miller thanked the members for presenting her with a membership.

The roll call of the March meeting "Recollections of Adolescence" added a spice of fun to the meeting & the tasty lunch served by the hostess assisted by Mesdames Patterson & Kowensky brought an interesting meeting to a close. Tea money amounted to \$1.10.

L Kowensky Sec.

V.P. Sharpe, Pres.

May, 1939

The May meeting of the GPWI was held at the home of Mrs. V.W. Mitchell with thirteen members present and the Pres., Mrs. W. Sharpe in the chair. The meeting opened with the repetition of the W.I. Creed after which the Secretary read the minutes of the April meeting. After a slight correction the minutes were approved.

The treasurer, Mrs. C. Stredulinsky, gave her report which showed \$72.74 cash on hand, the motion of adoption of this report being 2nd by Mrs. Akin. Mrs. D.W. Patterson moved, 2nd by Mrs. J.H. Charters that the treasurer be allowed fifty cents for stamps.

Mrs. E. Peebles in her report said five plants had been sent up to the Hospital at Easter being purchased from Mr. Guthrie for four dollars.

Mrs. C. Stredulinsky reported only two patients using the Maternity Waiting Home for the month of April.

Mrs. J. H. Charters gave the report on the progress of the formation of the Public Library. The bookcase built by Mr. Spencer was finished & held nearly around three hundred books. After these books have been filed & indexed the library will be ready. A fee of 50 cents per person & \$1.00 per family was decided as a suitable initial fee for membership. An appeal for magazines was made, anyone having any to donate, to get in touch with Mrs. Charters. Mrs. Charters suggestion that a tea be held at the opening of the library with a silver collection resulted in a discussion & a motion by Mrs. Kowensky 2nd by Mrs. Stredulinsky that this be done sometime in June, further details & date to be settled at the June meeting.

The hours suggested for the use of the Library were Wed. & Sat. nights & one hour on Sat. mornings for children.

The matter of the picture show & fashion show which Mrs. Smith of Wembley had asked our W.I. to sponsor in aid of the M.P.H.A., which was tabled from April meeting was discussed & decided made to drop the scheme till Fall when conditions might be more favorable. This motion was made by Mrs. I. Nelson & 2nd by Mrs. C. Stredulinsky.

The Sec. read a letter from Mrs. Weicker of Sexsmith asking for the wish of our members as to the purchase of a cup instead of prizes for the branch winning the highest number of points in the Handicraft in the Constituency Conference to be held in June at Beaverlodge. After some discussion Mrs. Charters moved 2nd by Mrs. V.W. Mitchell that we express our preference for a cup & that a donation be given towards this purchase.

Mrs. D.W. Patterson moved 2nd by Mrs. Peebles that \$5.00 be donated to the Festival Association for medals in the coming Festival.

Dates & hostess for the June meeting was the next matter to be settled, as present arrangements had proved inconvenient but no decision was made.

Mrs. W.J. Thomson announced that the date of the Const. Conference had been set for June 13th at Beaverlodge & asked that as many as possible sent contributions of work to the Handicraft exhibit.

The surprise package donated by Mrs. Akin was won by Mrs. W. Sharpe & added \$1.20 to the treasury. Tea money amounted to \$1.10 & \$2.00 in membership fees were paid by Mesdames Thomson & Nelson.

Dora Ann Spicer delighted the members with her dainty & graceful performance of the Irish Washerwomans Dance.

The president called upon Mr. R.H. Philip to give a talk on "Art" which proved both interesting & instructive suggesting how Art played a very important part in the planning of a home & arrangement of the furniture. Mr. Philip illustrated his talk with pictures. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Philip was moved by Mrs. D.W. Patterson 2nd by Mrs. I. Nelson.

Dainty refreshments served by the hostess Mrs. V.W. Mitchell brought a pleasant evening to a close.

L. Kowensky Sec.

V.P. Sharpe. Pres.

June 1939

On Thursday June 8th at 8 pm the President of the GPWI, Mrs. Wm. Sharpe called the meeting to order, seventeen members and one visitor being present. The WI Creed was repeated in unison after which the Secretary read the minutes of the May meeting which were adopted as read.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Stredulinsky reported a balance of \$57.69, Mrs. V.W. Mitchell recording as read.

Discussion on sending of flowers and fruit to the hospital followed Mrs. Peebles report & decision was made to follow the custom of last year, sending fruit or flowers four times during the year as funds did not allow us to do this oftener.

Mrs. Stredulinsky reported one patient in the Maternity Waiting Home in May. In her report on the library Mrs. J.H Charters said that with the generous help of members of the I.O.D.E., books had been repaired, the material for this being kindly donated by the local drug stores. One or two nights work would bring the library in readiness for the official opening. Discussion on the date resulted in a motion by Mrs. V.W. Mitchell seconded by Mrs. A. Wishart that Sat. June 17th be set and tea be served and with a silver collection. The following ladies offered to act on the tea committee, Mesdames Mitchell, Scarth, Wilson & Kowensky accepting the kind offer of help of the members of the I.O.D.E. At this point offers of cakes, sandwiches etc. were received from the members present & duly noted.

The election of delegate to the Constituency Conference of Tues. June 13th was the next item & Mrs. O'Brien moved 2nd by Mrs. Spicer that Mrs. Kowensky act in that capacity. Mrs. W.J. Thomson, the Const. Con. said that the GPWI had been asked by the Beaverlodge hostesses to provide a musical number for the program & Mrs. A. Willis Cann was suggested, the Secretary being asked to give this invitation to Mrs. Cann. A judge for the Handicraft Exhibit was also required & Mrs. A. Wishart was prevailed upon to act in that capacity. Mrs. Thomson announced too that the noon meal would be served at forty cents per member & the Beaverlodge ladies would be tea hostesses at the close of the afternoon session. Re the prizes for the Handicraft Exhibit Mrs. Whitlock had kindly offered to donate a cup to be given to the branch securing the greatest number of awards but prizes were needed. Several members offered to furnish prizes & were asked to leave these at the home of the Secretary to be collected by Mrs. Weicker on Sat., June 13th.

Mrs. Kowensky moved 2nd by Mrs. A. Wilson that \$5.00, the usual amount, be given to the annual Constituency fund. Mrs. O.B. Harris kindly offered to look after the transportation to the conference & took the names of the ladies who kindly offered cars & also names of the members planning to attend.

Mrs. Fisher, who was unable to be present at the meeting, sent a suggestion or request that assistance be given from the W.I. to send four girls to camp in July. After slight discussion Mrs. O'Brien moved, 2nd by Mrs. Harris that four dollars be contributed.

A letter of thanks from Miss Pearston, matron of the Municipal hospital, for flowers was read.

A letter from the secretary of the Pouce Coupe W.I. asking information about prices & shipping of cream on behalf of one of their members, was read & a suggestion was made that the Secretary inquire the price of cream at the local creamery & write to Pouce Coupe giving this information & the name of the Provincial authorities on this matter.

Mrs. O'Brien, the Welfare convenor, reported on help given to several needy cases, articles being given from the collection of clothing sent by the government & also made a request for help for a family of three, boys 15 & 9 & a girl 10.

Mrs. Thomson gave a talk on W.I. Activities telling us not only what is being done in our own Constituency but happening elsewhere in the Dominion.

Mrs. M.L. Prentiss gave a very interesting paper on the growing & care of Peonies & many valuable points were noted by the members. An interesting discussion followed. Mrs. Sharpe thanked Mrs. Prentiss for her kindness in coming.

The surprise package was donated by Mrs. Sharpe & won by Mrs. Thomson & added \$1.70 to the treasury. Tea money amounted to \$1.30.

The Roll call was answered by interesting items about other W.I. branches.

Mrs. Thomson moved the adjournment of the meeting & the members enjoyed a lunch served by Mrs. Sharpe & Mrs. Kowensky.

L. Kowensky, Secretary

V.P. Sharpe, Pres.

September, 1939

The September meeting of the GPWI was held at the home of Mrs. I. Nelson with twelve members and one visitor present. In the absence of the President, Mrs. A. Wishart, the first vice-Pres. took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The W.I. creed was repeated in unison after which the Secretary read the minutes of the June meeting, July & Aug. being holiday months. The minutes as read were adopted.

Mrs. Stredulinsky read the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$16.19 in the Treasury. After a slight discussion re: payment of the examination fee of a pupil in the Intermediate school, Mrs. I. Nelson 2nd the motion that the report be accepted as read.

In the absence of Mrs. J.H. Charters, Mrs. D.W. Patterson reported on the Library. The following ladies volunteered their services in the capacity of Librarian, Mesdames Harris, Patterson, Stredulinsky, Lamb, Kowensky, Wishart & Wilson the latter three for Wed. evenings & the others for Sat. evenings. A suggestion was made to make the hours 8-10 instead of 7-10.

Mrs. Stredulinsky reporting on the Maternity Waiting home said that there were two patients in June, three in July and three in August, one of the babies being born in the home the patient being removed to hospital later.

Mrs. Patterson moved 2nd by Mrs. Kowensky that the emergency kit be replaced Mrs. Stredulinsky being empowered to do this.

Mrs. Wishart suggested that flowers be sent to Mrs. Sharpe who is in hospital, and on motion by Mrs. Wishart, 2nd by Mrs. Peebles it was decided that a vase be purchased, the money being taken out of the proceeds of the surprise package. Mrs. Nelson kindly offered to furnish the flowers to send with the vase, the secretary to see that a suitable card be enclosed.

A suggestion was made to present Mrs. A.H. McQuarrie who is leaving Grande Prairie, with a small gift as a token of appreciation of several years of service in the W.I. Mrs. D.W. Patterson offered her home for the tea & Mrs. O.B. Harris & Mrs. L. Kowensky appointed to purchase a suitable gift. The following ladies offered lunch, Mesdames Wishart, Wilson, Cann, Spicer, Lamb, Harris, Thomson and Kowensky. Fri. Sept. 15th was selected as the date, Mrs. Harris to see Mrs. McQuarrie re suitability.

The matter of the Annual Baby Clinic was the next business to be discussed & a decision made to hold the clinic as in past years with Mesdames Wishart, Miller and Lawlor a very able committee.

Mrs. Kowensky was asked at this time to report on the special meeting called on June 19th.

As Mrs. R.E. Wood, Prov. Secretary of the W.I., was in the Grande Prairie district lecturing on behalf of the Agric. Extension Service, she was prevailed upon to address the members of the GPWI & although the notice was short, quite a large number of the members gathered at the

home of Mrs. Kowensky. Mrs. Wood had a number of subjects and the popular choice seemed to be "Food Values & Nutrition". This was an excellent address and the discussion which followed showed the keen interest aroused. A dainty lunch brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

In answer to a letter of thanks sent to the Dept. for the above lecture, Mr. Putnam expressed the hope that their Dept. may serve us again at some future date.

The Secretary then read a letter re: the coming Prov. W.I. Convention to be held Oct. 10-12 inclusive.

Discussion re: sending a delegate since funds were at such a low figure resulted in accepting the suggestion that Mrs. W.J. Thomson act as delegate since her plans were to go as Constituency Convenor, and as many members as possible attend at own expense if the weather permitted driving out. Resolutions were voted on & Mrs. Thomson instructed to use her own discretion in nos. 3, 7, 8 & 15.

Mrs. D.W. Patterson presented a request from the mayor of G.P., Mr. T.W. Lawlor, that we appoint a representative of our branch of W.I. to the Red Cross Central Relief which was to be formed in G.P. now that the Dominion of Canada is at war with Hitler.

Mrs. Wishart suggested that Mrs. W. Sharpe be our representative & this seemed to meet with the approval of the members.

The business being concluded Mrs. Wishart called upon Miss Natalie Miller for a reading entitled "A Woman in a Garden". This was a very charming poem and very beautifully rendered.

Mrs. Hunter, the speaker of the evening now was introduced by Mrs. Wishart to give her address entitled "National Emergency & Woman's Personal Responsibility". Mrs. Hunter clearly pointed out how the women of Great Britain were responding & how in Canada we may be called upon to serve in different ways during the war. However we must realize that when the war is over we must resolve that the women of Canada recognize wherein lies the first duty of National Preparedness and each fulfil her personal obligation to maintain the Freedom, Rights & Civil Liberties enjoyed by every citizen of our Land & Empire and to uphold law at home that it may prevail between the nations. Only upon such a foundation can we build a lasting peace in a world once again freed from the oppression and fear which leads to war.

Mrs. Wishart thanked Miss Natalie Miller & Mrs. Hunter for their splendid contributions to our meeting.

The surprise package donated by Mrs. W.J. Thomson was won by Mrs. D.W. Patterson and netted \$1.30 for the Treasury while tea money added another \$1.10.

Dainty refreshments served by the hostess Mrs. I. Nelson assisted by Mrs. C.E. Fisher brought the meeting to a close.

L. Kowensky Secty

V.P. Sharpe, Pres.

Executive Meeting

The members of the Executive of the GPWI met on Monday evening Oct. 2nd at 9:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. A. Wishart to discuss the matter of sending a delegate to the Prov. Convention to be held Oct. 10-12 inclusive as this convention was to be held jointly with the Federated, it was the general wish that a delegate be sent but funds did not suffice to pay full expenses. However, after discussion, the matter was left to accept the offer of any member willing to pay part express, Mrs. Kowensky being asked if she would care to go under those conditions.

Final arrangements could be made at the regular meeting on Thur. Nov. 5th. 1939. Mrs. Wishart served a dainty lunch assisted by Mrs. Kowensky.

L Kowensky, Secy

V.P. Sharpe Pres.

October, 1939

Twelve members and one visitor assembled on Thurs. Oct.5th at the home of Mrs. C. Stredulinsky for the regular monthly meeting. In the absence of the Pres. Mrs. W. Sharpe, the vice Pres., Mrs. Alex Wishart presided over the meeting.

The meeting opened with repetition in unison of the W.I. creed after which the Secretary was called upon to read the minutes of the Sept. meeting. After slight correction of the amt in treasury from \$16.19 to \$46.59, the minutes were declared approved.

Mrs. C. Stredulinsky reported a balance of \$36.36 in the treasury after bills & rent had been paid. Mrs. Stredulinsky moved the adoption of the report & this motion was seconded by Mrs. F. Spicer.

Mrs. Wishart announced that Mrs. L.J. O'Brien would be the W.I. representative on the Red Cross committee.

Mrs. O.B. Harris reported a very happy time at the tea for Mrs. McQuarrie when a cup & saucer was presented as a token of our appreciation of Mrs. McQuarrie's services to the W.I. during her residence in Grande Prairie.

Mrs. Stredulinsky reported five patients in the Maternity Waiting Home in September & said the Emergency Kit had been replaced.

As was customary at Thanksgiving it was decided to send a gift to the hospital the popular choice being a box of pears.

Mrs. A. Wishart as convenor of the Baby Clinic reported that on the two days Sept. 29th & 30th, thirteen & twentyseven babies & children had been examined. Great appreciation was expressed by parents at this service given to them by the W.I. Mrs. T.W. Lawlor, who had sent for literature on Child Welfare & Public Health distributed pamphlets to the mothers. Hearty thanks are due to Mrs. A.V. Miller, Mrs. T. Blair & Mrs. L. Bone for their services as nurses in this clinic. Supplies purchased at Mr. Butchart's drug store were ordered paid. Mrs. Wishart told of a suggestion made by Mrs. Miller that the book loaned by Mr. Butchart & used in the clinic for the part three years be purchased by our W.I. This matter was left over till a future date due to lack of funds.

Mrs. Wishart also reported the breakage of a pane of glass in one of the doors of the church basement & after discussion a committee, Mrs. Wishart & Mrs. Patterson, was formed to take care of this little matter. During the two days of the Clinic, Mrs. Wishart acted as hostess & Mrs. Miller looked after the examination of the children with the assistance of the two nurses mentioned previously. Tea was served to the committee in charge & Mrs. Wishart & Mrs. Charters were in charge of that feature. Letters of appreciation were to be sent by the Secretary to the nurses, Bell-Flemings & Butcharts for services rendered.

The secretary read letters of thanks from Lady Tweedsmuir for the flowers presented to her on the occasion of her visit to G.P. & from Mrs. W. Sharpe for the gift of vase & flowers sent to her while in hospital.

Mrs. Wishart reported the executive meeting held Monday Oct. 2nd to discuss matter of delegate to the Prov. convention since Mrs. Thomson had consented to act in that capacity for Beaverlodge W.I.

Further discussion re this matter resulted in the fact of Mrs. Kowensky acting as delegate paying part of expenses. It was moved by Mrs. Scarth 2nd by Mrs. F. Spicer that \$7.00 be given towards expenses.

A moneymaking effort was the next matter to be brought up & suggestions asked for by the President. Bridge parties, teas, talent money were some of them & the most popular idea proved to be talent teas to be held by interested members & the money to be turned in at the Dec. meeting.

In the Public Library report, Mrs. J.H. Charters said the total receipts to date were \$24.00 and disbursements were \$28.00 with cash on hand of \$6.00 with some outstanding bills.

New bookcases were needed but these would cost \$5.00 at the most. A suggestion was made to put on a membership drive. Miss Jean Huston & Miss Rita Robinson have very kindly offered to act as librarians for Saturday evenings. Volunteers were asked for Wed. evenings, Mrs. I. Card kindly offered to help Mrs. Charters in the membership drive.

The business of the evening being completed Mrs. Wishart called upon Mrs. A.M. Carlisle for her paper. Mrs. Carlisle had chosen for her topic a book review of one of the works of Nora

Wain "Reaching for the Stars". Mrs. Carlisle gave a short history of the authoress which helped one to understand the book, and her talk was so well given that I am sure we all wished we could read the book. Mrs. Wishart extended thanks to Mrs. Carlisle.

The roll call was answered by "The name of some prominent figure in World Peace & Why".

One dollar was the sum realized by the surprise package & ninety cents tea money. The package was donated by Mrs. Patterson & won by Mrs. Wishart.

Lovely refreshments served by the hostess Mrs. Stredulinsky assisted by Mrs. W. Scarth & Mrs. G.A. James brought the meeting to a close.

L. Kowensky, Secy.

V.P. Sharpe, Pres.

November, 1939

The November meeting of the GPWI was held at the home of Mrs. L.J. O'Brien Thurs. Nov. 2nd with sixteen members and three visitors present. The president, Mrs. Wm. Sharpe, called the meeting to order and members repeated together the W.I. Creed. Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted on motion of Mrs. W. Card, the secretary pro-tem.

It was moved by Mrs. D.W. Patterson, seconded by Mrs. M.J. Swallow that the bill for a pane of glass at the United Church be paid to Thomson Hardware. Carried.

The Secretary then read a letter of appreciation from Miss Lillian Kewley, thanking the Institute for pears sent to the hospital.

A letter was also read from Mr. W.S. Scarth, District Agriculturist, requesting the W.I. to arrange for billeting of the girls attending the Youth Training Short Course. Mrs. A. Wishart moved & Mrs. T.W. Lawlor 2nd that the W.I. make an effort to find the necessary billets. Carried. A committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements, Mesdames Lawlor, Sharpe, Akin & Scarth.

It was moved by Mrs. Akin, 2nd by Mrs. I. Card & carried that the bill for pears sent to the hospital be paid.

Mrs. W. Sharpe reported that four patients had made use of the Maternity Waiting Home in October.

The Library report by Mrs. J.H. Charters was most satisfactory. A membership drive had netted \$20.00 & there was \$15.90 on hand. Mrs. Charters agreed to continue her work till the end of the year. And several members volunteered for service in the library on Wednesday nights, the I.O.D.E. girls taking Saturday nights, unless a change was wished. It was moved by Mrs. O'Brien 2nd by Mrs. Wishart and carried that a bank account for Library funds be opened, cheques to be signed by the library convenor and the W.I. President.

Mrs. O'Brien reported on behalf of the welfare committee that several calls had been answered, although no clothing had been sent in except from the government.

Mrs. O'Brien also reported from the Red Cross as chairman of the work board. A work-room had been secured through the kindness of Mr. Evans, a membership drive had been initiated, wool was ordered for socks & mitts. A silver tea had been held at the home of Mrs. Swallow in connection with the United Church and Clairmont had been assisted in forming a Red Cross Organization.

At this point the members relaxed to enjoy greatly the Scotch dance given by Dorothy Patterson accompanied at the piano by Miss Valerie Ellwood.

The question of a correspondence course from the Extension Department was considered at great length. Mrs. Charters moved & Mrs. Spicer 2nd that we take advantage of the course on Foods, Nutrition & Health.

The suggestion that Dr. L.J. O'Brien give his address at the Annual meeting was adopted most gratefully.

A pamphlet was made available to members -an address on "Adolescence" by Dr. Geraldine Oakley.

A nominating committee for the annual meeting was appointed-Mesdames Wishart, Spicer & Wilson.

The Roll call was answered with welcome Xmas suggestions.

The president called the attention of the members to the honor conferred on one of our members, Mrs. D.W. Patterson who has been appointed provincial convenor of legislation and international relations at the recent W.I. provincial convention.

Mrs. A.W. Cann favored the meeting with two songs in her usual charming manner, "In the Garden of My Heart" and "The Little Damzel" accompanied at the piano by Olive Kowensky.

Mrs. Patterson suggested a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Kowensky.

Mrs. Charters & Mrs. O'Brien gave most interesting accounts of their Monkman Pass trip made even more vivid with splendid pictures. All members made at least mental reservations for such a holiday next summer.

The surprise package donated by Mrs. A. Wishart was won by Mrs. F. Spicer and netted \$1.20, tea money amounted to \$1.10.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. J. Akin and Mrs. A. Wilson acting for Mrs. L. Kowensky. Mrs. Card & Mrs. Wilson volunteered to assist with the lunch at the next meeting.

Secy. Pro-Tem.

December, 1939

Fifteen members of the GPWI met at the home of Mrs. E. Peebles on Thur. Dec. 7th at 8 pm to hold the Annual meeting. Mrs. Wm. Sharpe called the meeting to order by asking the members to repeat in unison the W.I. Creed.

The Secretary was called upon to read the minutes of the last Annual meeting and the minutes of the Nov. meeting which was adopted.

Mrs. C. Stredulinsky read the report of the Treasury for Nov. but was unable to give the annual report as some of the Talent money had not been handed in and one or two bills were still to be paid. Mrs. Kowensky moved that the books be completed and audited & the report presented at the Jan. meeting. Mrs. A. Wilson 2nd this motion.

Mesdames Wilson, Scarth, Harris, Patterson, Cann, Spicer & Swallow handed in talent money which totaled \$15.00.

Mrs. Charters presented her library report and took the names of helpers volunteering for librarian service for the month of December. She suggested that since the interest of children had been aroused it would be well to keep the hour of 7-8 pm for children.

Mrs. J. Akin presented the report of the billeting committee in the absence of Mrs. Scarth who thanked the members for their cooperation. All the necessary billets had been secured.

Mrs. O'Brien told of the activities of the local Red Cross.

On behalf of the Welfare Committee, Mrs. O'Brien reported she had not been able to fill all requests owing to a shortage of children's clothing.

Mrs. Kowensky brought to the notice of the meeting the case of a family in need at Hinton Trail but Mrs. Harris said this family was being cared for.

Mrs. Sharpe told of another case needing relief & a local family where the mother was crippled & need of medical attention besides clothing & bedding. Mesdames Akin, Stredulinsky & Wilson offered blankets, a quilt & pillow slips & on motion of Mrs. Akin 2nd by Mrs. Patterson that Mrs. O'Brien was authorized to purchase a pair of gray flannelette sheets, separate ones if possible for this family. A suggestion was made that Mrs. O'Brien meet with a representative of the W.M.S of St. Paul's United Church to approach the Town Council regarding medical attention for the mother of this family.

The Secretary read the annual report & after correction Mrs. W.J. Thomson moved, 2nd by Mrs. F. Spicer that the report be adopted.

Five patients used the Maternity Waiting Home in the month of Nov. & Mrs. Hodges requested a new saucepan & a larger allowance for the use of her room. The latter was voted down after

earnest consideration owing to lack of funds but Mrs. Wilson moved, 2nd by Mrs. Akin that a saucepan be purchased.

Mrs. E. Peebles reported having paid for the box of pears donated by the W.I. to the local hospital at Thanksgiving & Mrs. Stredulinsky was asked to settle this bill.

Mrs. Sharpe, at this point in a short speech thanked the members for their cooperation during her two years as President & then called upon Mrs. Thomson to take the chair during the election of officers. In the absence of Mrs. Wishart, Mrs. Wilson read the slate of officers prepared by the nominating committee.

Mrs. Thomson asked if they wished to adopt the slate as a whole or deal separately with the various officers. On motion of Mrs. O'Brien 2nd by Mrs. Spicer the slate as a whole was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Sharpe took the chair again, and called for someone to act as publicity convenor until Mrs. Scarth could take over that office. It was moved by Mrs. Patterson 2nd by Mrs. Charters that Mrs. Kowensky carry on this office for that time.

A letter from Mrs. Weicker of Sexsmith re: the Handicraft exhibit for the Const. Conf. of June, 1940 & enclosing an outline of the different classes of work was discussed & most of the members felt that extra classes in woollen knitting & crochet work would be an improvement. Mrs. Thomson offered to take up this matter with Mrs. Weicker & submit our ideas to her. This offer was gratefully accepted.

Mrs. Swallow moved, 2nd by Mrs. Spicer that the Secretary be allowed two dollars for stamps etc.

Mrs. O.B. Harris moved that the Prov. dues be paid & Mrs. Peebles 2nd the motion. The Secretary, however, was instructed to write the Prov. Sec. re: the Honorary members & also as to whether the per capita tax was payable only on members who had attended at least four meetings.

Mrs. Wilson moved, 2nd by Mrs. Charters that Mrs. Swallow, the new treasurer, be empowered to sign cheques.

The matter of the usual Xmas parcels was the next business discussed & Mrs. Harris suggested that a box of Xmas food & gifts of clothing be collected, the members leaving their donations at the home of Mrs. Stredulinsky who very kindly offered this courtesy. The Secretary was instructed to have this announced over the air & to notify the Night Hawks that the W.I. would contribute this Xmas box to the Central Relief.

The Program committee was formed & the following ladies consented to act, Mesdames Scarth, Lamb, Harris & Swallow.

The President then asked Mrs. Kowensky to read her report of the Prov. Convention to which she was official delegate. As the evening was quite late only part of this report was read but will be finished at the January meeting.

Dr. O'Brien was unable to give his talk as planned but we hope to have this pleasure at the January meeting.

The surprise package was donated by Mrs. Wishart & won by Mrs. Swallow & added \$1.00 to the treasury, tea money mounting to \$1.20.

Dainty refreshments served by Mrs. Peebles assisted by Mrs. Wilson & Mrs. O'Brien brought a lengthy meeting to a close.

L. Kowensky Secy

January 1940

The January meeting of the GPWI was held at the home of Mrs. A.D. Wishart with seventeen members and one visitor present and the president, Mrs. W. Sharpe, in the chair.

The meeting opened with the singing of O Canada after which the Creed was repeated in unison.

The Secretary read the minutes which were approved as read after which Mrs. M. Swallow read the treasurer's report. Moved by Mrs. J.H. Charters 2nd by Mrs. J. Akin that this report be adopted.

On behalf of Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Sharpe reported that the hospital cheque would be sent in a few days.

Mrs. L.J. O'Brien in her report of the Welfare work said that Mrs. Ford had been examined by the local doctors & would need treatment by a neurologist but the Town council could not finance the cost. Mrs. Akin & Mrs. Wilson contributed bedding on behalf of the Red Cross. Mrs. O'Brien also reported, that garments had been completed and sent away while quite a quantity of wool had been given out. The office would be open at certain hours when knitters could procure wool.

Mrs. Sharpe reported three patients having used the Maternity waiting home during December. Regarding a larger allowance to Mrs. Hodges it was felt that the state of the W.I. Treasury would not permit it at this time but perhaps the Hospital might be able to give more grant to allow us to do this. Mrs. D.W. Patterson moved, 2nd by Mrs. A. Wilson that Mrs. W. Sharpe approach the hospital board to meet the cost of the telephone rent for Mrs. Hodges.

In her library report Mrs. Charters said that there was a balance of \$13.25. A new book had been purchased and \$10.00 had been ear-marked for the purchase of Juvenile books. Mrs. Charters asked that more care be used in making notes of rent for special books. Mrs. Swallow 2nd Mrs. Charters motion of adoption of the report.

Mrs. E. Peebles kindly consented to continue as Hospital convenor.

Mrs. Swallow, convenor of program committee, read the years program & Mrs. Charters moved 2nd by Mrs. I. Card that the program be adopted as read.

Three letters were read by the Secretary & regarding the letter about the Household Economics it was moved by Mrs. Akin 2nd by Mrs. Patterson that the choice of demonstration be as follows; 1. Knitting, 2. Weaving, 3. Rug making.

Mrs. Wishart & Mrs. Card each handed in two dollars of talent money. The following ladies paid membership fees, Mesdames Card, Patterson, Nelson, Sharpe, Kowensky, Swallow, O'Brien, Peebles and Thomas. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. Thomas as a new member.

Mesdames Swallow, Patterson, Scarth, Kowensky, Card & Wishart expressed their wish to subscribe to the magazine of the W.I. Home & Country, the Sec'y to write asking that these copies be sent separately.

The Secy, was asked to write to Mrs. Hunter expressing the thanks of the W.I. for her donation of \$2.50 to this branch.

Mrs. Kowensky finished reading the report of the Convention after which Dr. O'Brien was called upon to give his talk on "Prehistoric Alberta".

Dr. O'Brien illustrated his talk with specimens of rock from the Peace River Country & the Grande Prairie district and the lecture was indeed very interesting & all too short.

The surprise package netted \$1.25 & tea \$1.70.

Following this, dainty refreshments were served which brought an interesting meeting to a close. Mrs. Card & Mrs. Peebles.

L. Kowensky Secy.

February 1940

On Thursday Feb. 1st at 8 pm twelve members and five visitors met at the home of Mrs. C. Stredulinsky to hold the regular meeting of the GPWI.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. W. Sharpe, the meeting was ably presided over by the first vice-president, Mrs. D.W. Patterson, who called the meeting to order by asking the members to repeat the WI Creed.

The Secretary then read the minutes which were approved as read.

Mrs. Swallow presented the treasurers report motion of adoption of which was seconded by Mrs. A. Wilson.

Mrs. Swallow, convenor of the program committee distributed the programs. Mrs. D.W. Patterson suggested a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs. Shaver, a former member, for her kindness in printing the programs.

Mrs. O.B. Harris & Mrs. O'Brien reported on the case of Mrs. Ford whose case had been brought to the notice of the W.I. at a previous meeting. Mrs. Ford had been examined by a clinic of the local doctors who suggested examination by a neurologist so Mrs. Ford went to Edmonton. However, nothing can be done for her & so she will return to Grande Prairie. During her absence through the kindness of two members the children have had nourishing meals at noon & friends have helped with other meals. It was brought to the notice of the members that Mrs. Ford needed several articles of clothing & Mrs. O'Brien, O.B. Harris & W. Sharpe were appointed to follow up on the case.

Mrs. O'Brien reported having ordered a pair of gray separate flannelette sheets which would be sent to the Ford home on receipt. A call for clothing could not be filled owing to a shortage of articles.

Mrs. Charters reported on the library and drew up the following schedule for librarian service;

Feb. 7th-Mrs. C. Stredulinsky & Mrs. A. Wilson

Feb. 14th-Mrs. J.H. Charters & Mrs. Thomas

Feb. 21st-Mrs. A.R. Hillman & Mrs. J.H. Akin

Feb. 28th-Mrs. D.W. Patterson & Mrs. I. Card

Notes of greetings were read from Mrs. Stewart & Mrs. Montgomery. Mrs. Stewart explained the alteration of the wording of the Creed. She also expressed a wish for a copy of the program for 1940. Mrs. Patterson asked the Secretary to send one to Mrs. Stewart.

Mrs. O'Brien paid twenty-five cents payment for a subscription to the Home & Country magazine.

The following ladies paid their membership fees, Mesdames Wishart, Charters, Hillman & O.B. Harris.

Mrs. Wishart & Mrs. Hillman each paid two cents membership fee in the A.C.W.W. Million Members plan.

Mrs. C. Stredulinsky won the surprise package donated by Mrs. I. Card & \$1.30 was realized. Tea money amounted to \$1.60. The roll call was answered by naming a pioneer of science.

The business of the evening being completed, Mrs. Patterson called upon Mr. Tracy, principal of the Grande Prairie High School to give a talk on "Recent Scientific Advances". Mr. Tracy selected as his topic "Plastics". This was indeed an excellent address and Mrs. Patterson expressed the feeling of the meeting in her wellchosen words of appreciation to Mr. Tracy.

Lovely refreshments served by the hostess, Mrs. Stredulinsky, assisted by Mrs. Charters & Mrs. Harris brought the meeting to a close.

L. Kowensky Secy.

March, 1940

The regular monthly meeting of the GPWI was held on Mch. 8th at 8 pm at the home of Mrs. M.J. Swallow with seventeen members present and the president, Mrs. W. Sharpe, in the chair.

Mrs. Sharpe opened the meeting by asking the members to repeat the W.I. creed after which the minutes were read & duly adopted on motion of Mrs. J.H. Charters 2nd by Mrs. L.J. O'Brien.

Mrs. Swallow read the Treasurer's report & moved adoption of same 2nd by Mrs. O.B. Harris.

In her report on the Welfare work, Mrs. O'Brien reported that the pair of separate gray flannelette sheets noted at a former meeting had been purchased & delivered to Mrs. Ford. Mrs. Ford, who had returned from Edmonton, where she had been sent for treatment had since been treated at the local hospital & as a result is now able to use her hands but is on a special diet. Mrs. Harris suggested that this special diet was beyond the means of the family and wondered if it would be possible to give some assistance in this direction as it would be a pity not to follow up on the case.

Discussion resulted in a motion by Mrs. J.H. Charters to approach the Town Council for an allowance to cover the cost of the articles of special diet, the W.I. to offer to help purchase the same and failing that the W.I. empower a committee to purchase these articles to the value of \$5.00, the committee to be Mrs. Sharpe & Mrs. Harris. This motion was seconded by Mrs. A. Wishart.

Mrs. O'Brien reported a family needing help in Valleyview & this case had been cared for through articles given by the Government & the purchase of a pair of flannelette sheets. Flannelette had been bought and given to Mrs. Wilde of Grande Prairie and Mrs. O'Brien read a letter of appreciation for this gift. Bills for these things were presented & ordered paid on motion of Mrs. D.W. Patterson 2nd by Mrs. E. Peebles.

Mrs. O'Brien reported on behalf of the Red Cross that more completed articles had been turned in & packed & sent away.

Mrs. Charters was called upon for her report on the Library. The books had been audited through the kindness of Mr. Gerald Card & the Secretary was asked to write our thanks for this service. Mrs. Charters motion of adoption of her report was 2nd by Mrs. Swallow.

Several children's books had been purchased with the \$10.00 ear-marked for this purpose & which was given by the I.O.D.E.

The following schedule was drawn up for Library service-Mesdames Sharpe & James-Mch. 13, Kowensky & Lawlor-Mch. 20, Wilson & Spicer-Mch. 27, Hillman & Stredulinsky-Apr. 3, Charters & ??-Apr. 10, Akin & ??-Apr. 17, Patterson & Card-Apr. 24, Lamb & ??-May 1.

Mrs. E. Peebles, hospital convenor asked if flowers or fruit were going to be sent to the hospital at Easter as has been the custom in former years & Mrs. Patterson moved 2nd by Mrs. Spicer that flowers to the value of \$4.00 be purchased & sent to the hospital at Easter.

Mrs. Sharpe reported 4 patients in January & 5 in February in the Maternity Waiting home.

The Secretary reported having sent away subscriptions to the Home & Country magazine & explained the delay in receipt. Mrs. Spicer paid 25 cents as her subscription.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. Lorne Harron asking the consideration of the members on his potato peeler, one of which he sent as a sample. The following ladies expressed their willingness to purchase one at the price stated of 30 cents, Mesdames Wilson, Harris, Spicer, Hnatiuk, Card, Scarth, Patterson, Kowensky, Sharpe, Swallow, Wishart & Lawlor.

The matter of a money raising event was brought up but as March seemed to be a very busy month, this matter was left for consideration at the April meeting.

Two new members were welcomed in the persons of Mrs. A. Ault and Mrs. Hnatiuk. Mesdames Scarth, Spicer, Akin & Ault paid membership.

Mrs. A. Wishart and Mrs. C. Stredulinsky offered to assist Mrs. Card as hostess at the April meeting.

The surprise package given by Mrs. C. Stredulinsky was won by Mrs. Hnatiuk & added \$1.40 to the Treasury. Tea money amounted to \$1.40.

The business of the meeting being completed Mrs. Sharpe called upon Miss Natalie Miller to give her reading who responded with a charming poem entitled "A Woman In a Garden".

Mrs. W.S. Scarth further entertained the members with an interesting and educative paper on "The Origin of the Women's Institute", after which Mrs. O. B. Harris read a paper on the "Origin of the Club Women's Creed", both papers being greatly enjoyed by all.

Dainty refreshments served by Mrs. Swallow assisted by Mrs. Spicer brought a happy evening to a close.

L. Kowensky, Secy.

April, 1940

Sixteen members and three visitors were present at the April meeting of the GPWI which took place at the home of Mrs. I. Card.

The President, Mrs. Wm. Sharpe called the meeting to order by asking the members to repeat with her the Club Women's Creed after which the secretary was asked to read the minutes of the last meeting which were adopted as read.

Mrs. M.J. Swallow read treasurer's report, motion of adoption of same being made by Mrs. D.W. Patterson.

Mrs. E. Peebles as Hospital Convenor reported having sent five plants to the Municipal hospital and presented her bill of \$5.35.

Mrs. D.W. Patterson explained the purchase of the fifth plant, which had not been voted on at the March meeting & which was sent to Mrs. W.R. Roberts, the former Director of W.I. for this district & who had been a patient in the hospital since the March meeting.

A bill of \$3.20 from Mr. Guthrie for flowers for the funeral of the late Mr. W.J. Thomson was presented & Mrs. F. Spicer moved, 2nd by Mrs. A. Wilson that these bills be paid, carried.

Mrs. Sharpe reported three patients having used the Maternity waiting home for the past month.

Letters of acknowledgement of flowers and messages of sympathy from Mrs. W.J. Thomson and Mrs. W. Roberts.

A letter from Mrs. Tabel of Peace River, our new Director for Dist. No. 1, was read re: the date for the Constituency Conference in June.

Discussion resulted in a motion by Mrs. A. Wishart 2nd by Mrs. F. Spicer that June 18th be named subject to the approval of Mrs. Wm. Stewart who is to be the guest speaker.

Mrs. J.H. Charters reported on the Library adoption of which was 2nd by Mrs. Swallow. A schedule of Library service had been posted in the Library.

A money raising event was discussed & the members reminded to bring in talent money.

Mrs. O'Brien reported on Red Cross activities and read a list of things sent away since the last meeting. Shipments being made Mch. 14th & Apr. 4th. Mrs. O'Brien invited any members who cared to do so, to take work home or serve at the Red Cross rooms.

Mrs. Sharpe reported on the case of Mrs. Ford. At the request of the W.I., council had considered the case & would move the family into a rent-free house & give an allowance of \$25.00 a month if Mr. Ford would cooperate by digging a cellar & doing what he could with regard to getting the house moved. In the meantime Mrs. Ford was being well cared for by a

friend & her condition was improving. Articles of special diet had been purchased by the W.I. through the committee.

The business of the meeting being concluded Mrs. Patterson read a paper prepared by Mrs. Nelson on "Canadian Industries" dwelling chiefly on Fisheries. Mrs. Nelson pointed out that Canada was first named Bala Loos meaning cod-fish. The fish industry is one of the oldest & the Canadian fishing grounds are perhaps the most extensive in the world. This talk was most interesting and Mrs. Nelson very kindly offered to send for the special book of fish recipes for any members submitting their names. The following ladies expressed their wish to have a book-Mesdames Sharpe, Charters, O'Brien, Peebles, Hnatiuk, Stredulinsky, Spicer, Card, Lamb, Akin, Patterson, Wishart, Kowensky, and Misses Robertson & Deby.

Mrs. Sharpe welcomed Mrs. Bromley who was a visitor & who was a former member.

At this point we were favored with a delightful vocal duet entitled "Garden of Happiness" by the Misses Robertson & Deby & accompanied at the piano by Mr. H.L. Vaughn. Mrs. Sharpe thanked the artists for so kindly contributing to the evenings enjoyment.

The hostess Mrs. Card was assisted in serving a dainty lunch by Mrs. C. Stredulinsky & Mrs. A Wishart. The surprise package brought in \$1.00 and was donated by Mrs. Hnatiuk & won by Mrs. A. Wilson & tea money amounted to \$1.55.

The roll call was answered by Garden suggestions.

L. Kowensky, Secy

May, 1940

The regular monthly meeting of the GPWI met at the home of Mrs. I. Nelson with eleven members and two visitors present and the president Mrs. W. Sharpe in the chair.

The president called the meeting to order by asking the members to repeat with her the W.I. Creed after which the minutes were read & approved.

The treasurer Mrs. M.J. Swallow reported a balance of \$14.42 in the treasury & moved that this report be adopted. Mrs. O'Brien 2nd this motion.

Mrs. O'Brien in her Red Cross report stated that two shipments of completed garments had been made since the last meeting Apr. 16th & May 2nd. In her report on the Welfare work of the W.I. she said several calls for clothing had been made & filled from the Government donation.

Mrs. J.H. Charters presented the Library report and read a letter from Peace River offering some forty books for sale or exchange. Discussion resulted in a decision to accept this offer discretion re: solution to be left to the Library convenor. This motion was made by Mrs. D.W. Patterson 2nd by Mrs. A. Wilson.

Mrs. W. Sharpe reported three patients having used the Maternity waiting Room.

Mrs. J.H. Charters announced that the Constituency Conference would be held on May 31st instead of June 18th the date selected at the April meeting, this date being more convenient for Mrs. Stewart the guest speaker.

Nominations for delegate were called for and Mrs. Kowensky moved, 2nd by Mrs. Hnatiuk that Mrs. A. Wishart act. Mrs. Wishart kindly consented to do so. Since the Conference was to be held in Grande Prairie it was decided to ask permission to use the St. Paul's United Church using the basement for dinner & handicraft display. The secretary was asked to convene the dinner & tea with the following ladies as a committee, Mesdames Nelson, Wilson, Akin & Hnatiuk. Forty cents per plate was suggested & adopted as price of dinner. The following menu was suggested Cold Pork Roast, Salmon loaf, hot scalloped potatoes, peas, pickles, celery curls, radishes, rolls, pie & coffee. Tea, rolls, & cake & ice cream to be served in the afternoon.

Mrs. C. Stredulinsky was appointed to look after the handicraft display with the assistance of Mrs. A. Wishart & Mrs. J.E. Thomson suggested as a possible judge, Mrs. W. Sharpe to approach her. Several names were suggested in the event of Mrs. Thomson's inability to act. Mrs. I. Nelson moved 2nd by Mrs. Swallow that \$2.00 be set aside towards prizes for the handicraft.

Following the customs of the WI it was suggested that a baby spoon be presented to Mrs. W.S. Scarth's infant daughter. Mrs. I. Nelson moved that this be done & Mrs. J.H. Charters 2nd.

On motion of Mrs. A. Wishart 2nd by Mrs. J. Akin it was decided to send a plant to Mrs. C. Bell a former member, now in hospital, Mrs. C. Peebles as Hospital convenor to attend to this matter.

The Secretary read a letter from Miss. Dunham of Havelock, New Brunswick, re: the Home & Country magazine.

The business of the meeting being completed Mrs. Sharpe called upon Mrs. L.J. O'Brien to give her paper on "The Story of the Union Jack". She traced the use of the flag from the time when it was made of skins to used for signalling to the present time.

Mrs. A. Wishart contributed to the evenings enjoyment with a paper on "The Canadian Flag". These papers were delightful and very much enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Sharpe reported on the talent tea given by herself and Mrs. Charters & Mrs. Akin & contributed \$10.35 to the W.I. treasury.

Two new members were welcomed to membership, Mrs. W.G. Simpson & Mrs. T. Blair.

The surprise package donated by Mrs. A. Wilson and won by Mrs. I. Nelson added eighty cents to the treasury, tea money amounted to one dollar & twenty.

Refreshments served by Mrs. I. Nelson assisted by Mrs. Patterson & Mrs. M.J. Swallow brought a happy evening to a close.

L. Kowensky Secy.

Executive Meeting June 18th

Due to the fact that the W.I. Constituency Conference had to be postponed till June 7th the regular June meeting of the W.I. was called off, and an executive meeting was held on June 18th at the home of Mrs. W. Sharpe.

The following ladies were present, Mesdames Sharpe, Wishart, Card, Wilson, Spicer, Charters & Kowensky with Mrs. Sharpe presiding.

The minutes of the May meeting were read & approved as was also the Treasurer's report given by the Secretary in the absence of the Treasurer Mrs. M.J. Swallow.

A report of the Conference banquet & tea was given by the convenor of that committee.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Municipal hospital board asking for an extra grant of money to cover the cost of the telephone in the Maternity Waiting Home at Mrs. Hodges.

Mrs. A. Wilson moved 2nd by Mrs. A. Wishart that the bill of \$1.00 for a baby spoon purchased & presented to the infant daughter of Mrs. W.S. Scarth be paid.

The letter containing a request for clothing a family was to be turned over to Mrs. O'Brien the Welfare convenor.

A suggestion was made that the last person in charge of the library deliver key of same to the next person serving in that capacity.

Re: Home & Country magazine publication which has been suspended for an indefinite period. Mrs. Wishart moved 2nd by Mrs. Spicer that the Secretary write asking for a return of the subscription money paid out rather than have the money used to purchase reports of the Federated Biennial Convention which had been suggested by the Secretary of the magazine committee.

At this point in the meeting Mrs. J.H. Charters gave a report on the Library telling of the new bookcase & the receipt of three new books from the Literary Guild & a donation of ten new books from Mrs. A. Carlisle.

The business being concluded Mrs. Sharpe served a delightful cup of tea.

L. Kowensky Secretary

September 1940

On Thur. Sept 5th at 8 pm the members of the GPWI met at the home of Mrs. J.H. Charters for their regular monthly meeting.

The meeting was opened by the singing of O Canada followed by repetition of the Creed led by the President Mrs. W. Sharpe.

As this was the first meeting held since May the Secretary was asked to read the minutes of that meeting & the Executive meeting held June 18th. On motion of Mrs. A. Wilson 2nd by Mrs. Akin the minutes were declared approved as read.

Mrs. M.J. Swallow was called upon for the treasurer's report which showed a bank balance of \$50.62, acceptance of this report being 2nd by Mrs. A. R. Hillman.

In her report on the Welfare Work Mrs. L.J. O'Brien said she had been given a pair of wool blankets by the Night Hawks which she passed on to a needy family in Valleyview. Other requests for clothing had been filled. Mrs. O'Brien reported on behalf of the Red Cross that two very good shipments of articles had been made.

On behalf of the Library Mrs. J.H. Charters reported a balance of \$5.70 after several purchases had been made. Since the receipt of the very kind donation of books one donation of which was from Mrs. W.J. Thomson on her departure, another bookcase is needed. Membership has increased to nearly a hundred. Mrs. Charters suggested that now the summer season is over, the library be open two nights a week Wed. & Sat. Mrs. Charters motion of approval of her report was 2nd by Mrs. Kowensky.

In the absence of Mrs. E. Peebles, Mrs. Sharpe reported that flowers had been sent on several occasions throughout the summer to the local hospital.

Mrs. Sharpe also reported 15 patients having used the Maternity Waiting home since the last meeting. A request for a double boiler & nightgowns was made & Mrs. Charters offered a nightgown & Mrs. O'Brien said she would look through the consignment of clothing sent by the Gov't. to see what could be done to furnish the other. Mrs. O'Brien moved 2nd by Mrs. Mitchell that a double boiler be purchased.

The Secy. read a letter from Home & Country magazine telling of the return of membership subscriptions, whereupon Mrs. W. Sharpe & Mrs. L.J. O'Brien kindly offered to give theirs to the War Emergency Fund. A letter asking for a donation to this worthy object resulted in a motion by Mrs. O'Brien 2nd by Mrs. A. Wishart that \$10.00 be sent.

A letter from the Prov. Secy. asking for a donation of five cents per member to the National Project was read & after discussion Mrs. Mitchell moved 2nd by Mrs. Charters that we send this amount.

A letter re the purchase of Service Flags for re-sale was read & after discussion the secretary was instructed to write for more information on this matter.

Regarding a suggestion from the F.W.I.C. that all W.I.'s promote the sale of War Saving Stamps and Certificates by having speakers address meetings, workers handling the sale of the above Mrs. Mitchell suggested that perhaps our branch should concentrate its effort on one thing.

The Annual Baby Clinic came under the notice of the meeting at this point & Mrs. Charters moved that a Baby Clinic be held the committee to set date & make arrangements. With Mrs. A. Wishart convening the following ladies offered to assist Mesdames Hnatiuk & Card.

Mesdames Mitchell, O'Brien, Spicer & Card offered to assist Mrs. D.W. Patterson our hostess for the October meeting when we are to be favored by a program given by the members of the Women's Musical Club.

The business of the meeting being concluded we were given a splendid demonstration on Glove making by Mrs. W. Greene the guest speaker of the evening. I am quite sure all the members enjoyed this demonstration & were fired with a desire to make a pair of gloves.

Mrs. Sharpe introduced Mrs. Tennant, another guest and asked her if she would like to speak to the members. Mrs. Tennant in a few words told of a demonstration on Standard Brand articles to be held in Mr. Morrison's store, and invited all those interested to be present on Sept. 16th. On tasting the lovely cake made by Mrs. Tennant and which was part of the lunch served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. A. R. Hillman, the fifteen members and three visitors needed no further urging to be present.

The surprise package added 80 cents and the tea money \$1.50 to the treasury.

L. Kowensky Secy.

October, 1940

Fourteen members and two visitors gathered at the home of Mrs. D.W. Patterson on Thurs, Oct. 3rd for the regular monthly meeting with the President Mrs. W. Sharpe in the chair.

The meeting opened with the singing of O Canada & repetition in unison of the W.I. Creed followed by the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. After a slight correction the minutes were declared approved.

The treasurer Mrs. M.J. Swallow read her report which showed a balance of \$20.87 & Mrs. D.W. Patterson 2nd Mrs. Swallow motion of adoption of this report. Mrs. O'Brien reported no calls for clothing had been made, and on behalf of Red Cross said that a box of completed articles were packed ready for shipment.

Mrs. Charters on behalf of the Library reported a balance of \$9.09 after all bills had been met, she gave a list of classes of books, old books had been donated with the exception of \$10.00 worth which had been purchased from the Peace River Library. Discussion re: the new schedule of workers followed. Mrs. Charters motion of adoption of this report was 2nd by Mrs. W. Mitchell. Mrs. Sharpe thanked Mrs. Charters for her splendid & untimely work with the Library.

Mrs. Sharpe the Mat. Waiting Home convenor reported four patients having used the home in the past month & said that the double boiler voted at the last meeting had been purchased & delivered the price being \$1.50.

Mrs. A. Wishart was called upon for a report on the Baby Clinic held on Sept. 27th & 28th announcing that this was the largest ever held in G.P., seventythree children having been examined in the two days, people coming from as far distant as Rycroft & one child was from Smith. Advice & pamphlets were given to the Mothers & great credit & thanks are due to the work of the volunteer nurses Mesdames Miller & T. Blair. Thanks were also due to the Church Board of the St. Paul's United Church, the various stores & Mesdames Scarth, Sharpe & Mitchell. It was suggested that the services of more nurses be obtained at next years clinic & a larger building be secured. Mrs. Wishart recommended that a suitable recognition of the services of the two nurses be made & moved that they be presented with W.I. pins. Mrs. Spicer seconded this motion.

At this point Mrs. Sharpe suggested that any member wishing to purchase a W.I. pin should give this order to the Sec'y who would purchase same.

As no definite word from Mrs. Wood re: the matter of the War Service Flags had been forth coming, Mrs. D.W. Patterson moved 2nd by Mrs. M.J. Swallow that the matter be tabled till next meeting.

Mrs. Sharpe reminded the members of their five cent contributions to the National Project.

Mrs. W. Scarth thanked the members for their kindly gift to her infant daughter.

Regarding the Lady Tweedsmuir collection of Library books it was decided to leave the matter over till the next meeting.

The surprise package donated by Mrs. Spicer & won by Mrs. Hnatiuk added ninety cents & the tea money \$1.60 to the treasury.

This being the conclusion of the business of the evening Mrs. Wishart was asked to read her report on the Constituency Conference held in June. This was a splendid report.

At this point in the evening Mrs. Sharpe gave the meeting over to Mrs. T. Newton the president of the Musical Club the members of which had kindly consented to entertain us. The program which followed was one of the best ever given in Grande Prairie & proved all too short. Mrs. Sharpe thanked Mrs. Newton & the members of the musical club for their lovely program & this was 2nd by Mrs. Kowensky.

A social hour followed with dainty refreshments being served by the hostess assisted by Mesdames Spicer, Mitchell, O'Brien & Scarth.

L. Kowensky Secy

November, 1940

The November meeting of the GPWI was held at the home of Mrs. O'Brien on Thurs. Nov. 7th at 8 pm with the President Mrs. W. Sharpe in the chair & thirteen members & 3 visitors present in spite of the very stormy night.

The members joined in singing O Canada followed by repetition of the Club Woman's Creed in unison.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which were declared approval after a slight correction.

The Treasurer reported \$11.77 on hand & motion of adoption was 2nd by Mrs. A. Wilson.

In her report on the Maternity Waiting Home, Mrs. Sharpe reported that the suggestion made by the W.I., that the Hospital pay the telephone rent, had been acted upon & the Secretary would no doubt receive a letter to that affect.

A letter of acknowledgement of the ten dollar donation to the Provincial Ambulance Fund sponsored by the W.I. was read.

Discussion on the purchase of Maple Leaf Service Flags which had been tabled from Oct. meeting resulted in a suggestion that the matter be dropped for the time being.

A letter from the Department of Agriculture offering a correspondence course to branches of the W.I. was read & the matter discussed & the members unanimously voted to accept this favor, choosing "How to Buy". The Sec'y was asked to send for twentytwo copies.

Mrs. M.J. Swallow, the W.I. representative of the Hostess Hut made a request for pictures, games, & magazines & a card table. Mrs. Scarth very kindly offered a card table & Mrs. Harris & Mrs. Akin magazines.

A letter from the Local Red Cross organization was read asking for a donation, same to be handed in no later than Nov. 15th. Since our treasury is very low a discussion followed as to ways & means of making money. It was unanimously decided to hold a Bean Supper in the United Church at thirtyfive cents per adult & twenty five cents for children, on Nov. 15th. Half the proceeds to be given to the local Red Cross. The President was empowered to phone to the Prov. President, Mrs. W. Stewart, for permission to raise the money for Red Cross. Motion by Mrs. Patterson 2nd by Mrs. Swallow. The following ladies consented to act on the committee: Mesdames Sharpe, Patterson, Harris & Kowensky, Mrs. Patterson kindly offering her home for meeting to arrange.

As the annual meeting was to be held in Dec. a nominating committee was formed when the following ladies consented to act, Mesdames Scarth, Hnatiuk & Kowensky.

The business of the meeting being concluded Mrs. Sharpe called upon Mrs. D.W. Patterson for her talk on Naturalizing of Women. Mrs. Patterson's talk was very good indeed and greatly enjoyed by the members. Mrs. Sharpe thanked Mrs. Patterson for the time & care she had put on her paper & for the very able manner in which it was presented.

At this point in the meeting, Mrs. Sharpe presented Mrs. A.V. Miller with a Women's Institute pin, a small token of our appreciation of Mrs. Miller's untiring work in the Baby Clinic for several years. Mrs. Miller thanked the President and the members in a few well-chosen words. Mrs. Blair was to have received a pin but was unavoidably unable to be present.

The surprise package was donated by Mrs. Hnatiuk & won by Mrs. Patterson & netted 80 cents & tea money amounted to \$1.30.

Delightful refreshments served by the hostess assisted by Mesdames Akin & Wilson brought the evening to a close.

L. Kowensky Secy.

December, 1940

The December monthly meeting was held on Friday, Dec. 11 at 8 pm with the president Mrs. W. Sharpe in the chair and fourteen members present.

The members repeated the W.I. Creed in unison after which the Secretary read the minutes of the Nov. meeting which were approved as read.

Mrs. Swallow, the treasurer, reported a balance of \$24.97 & adopting her report was 2nd by Mrs. A. Wilson.

Mrs. O'Brien reported no calls had been made for relief & read the report of Red Cross Work done during the year.

Mrs. Patterson was called upon for the report of the Bean supper & suggested that in future events tickets be made for children & that buns be used instead of bread. Another suggestion was that this bean supper be made an annual event. Special mention was made of the novel advertising of this supper by Mrs. Scarth.

Letters were read from the Prov. President & secretary and from Mrs. W.J. Thomson who extended good wishes of the coming Yuletide season.

No report of the Library was given owing to the absence of Mrs. J.H. Charters.

Mrs. D.W. Patterson suggested that the Sec'y send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Charters whose father had recently passed away.

Discussion re donation of Christmas cheer to the Municipal hospital resulted in a motion that the \$4.20 remaining from the money voted earlier in the year for relief purposes, be used to purchase one gallon tin of pineapple juice and one gallon tin of tomato juice for the patients in the hospital. This motion was moved by Mrs. O'Brien and 2nd by Mrs. Swallow.

The Sec'y was called upon to read the annual report motion of adoption of which was 2nd by Mrs. D.W. Patterson.

Mrs. O'Brien moved 2nd by Mrs. Card that the Prov. fund be paid.

Mrs. Kowensky was asked to read the report of the nominating committee which was accepted as a whole on motion of Mrs. O'Brien 2nd by Mrs. Ault.

Mrs. Patterson moved a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, Mrs. Sharpe in a few well-chosen words thanked the members for their cooperation during her three years as President.

At this point Mrs. W. Scarth, the new President, took the chair.

Mrs. A. Wishart 2nd a motion made by Mrs. Kowensky that the new Pres., Mrs. Scarth & the treas. Mrs. Swallow be empowered to sign cheques.

The matter of Xmas cheer to the Central relief fund was discussed resulting in a motion that since the Elks Lodge were raising money for this purpose that our W.I. refrain from making any donation this year owing to lack of funds. Mrs. F. Spicer 2nd the motion.

Mrs. L.J. O'Brien was persuaded to act again this year as W.I. representative in the local Red Cross Committee.

Discussion re: carrying on the surprise package as a means of money raising resulted in a motion by Mrs. Harris 2nd by Mrs. Sharpe that we carry on as before.

The surprise package was won by Mrs. O'Brien netting \$1.10 & tea money amounted to \$1.40. Mrs. Kowensky offered her home for the January meeting for Fri. Jan. 3 instead of Thurs. Jan. 2.

Mrs. Patterson & Mrs. Spicer kindly offered to act as hostesses.

L. Kowensky Secy.

January, 1941

The first meeting of the GPWI was held on Friday, Jan. 3rd at 8 pm, at the home of Mrs. L. Kowensky with the President Mrs. W.S. Scarth in the chair and thirteen members & two visitors present.

The meeting was called to order with the members repeating the Club Women's Creed in unison.

Then followed the reading of the December minutes which were adopted as read.

Mrs. Swallow read the annual report of the treasurer & moved adoption of the same which was 2nd by Mrs. Patterson.

Mrs. Sharpe reported three patients having used the Maternity Waiting home in December.

Owing to absence of the convenor of Red Cross, no report was read.

Mrs. Kowensky reported on behalf of the Welfare work, two calls asking for relief. Discussion disclosed that these two families did not need help.

Mrs. Kowensky, convenor of program committee read the program drawn up by the committee & moved adoption of same which was seconded by Mrs. F. Spicer.

A letter of acknowledgement of condolences from Mrs. Charters was read.

Mrs. Sharpe brought a message from Mrs. Charters, Library convenor, asking whereabouts of keys & that all library money be turned in so that she could make out her report.

Mrs. Scarth brought the matter of money raising to the notice of the meeting, several suggestions being made during the discussion & it was finally decided to hold a telephone bridge sometime in January, date to be decided by the committee. This motion was made by Mrs. Wishart 2nd by Mrs. Hnatiuk.

A suggestion was made that the prizes be in the form of War Saving Stamps. The following ladies kindly consented to act on the committee, Mesdames Wishart, Sharpe, Simpson & Blair.

Mrs. Scarth asked Mrs. Wishart to present Mrs. Blair with a W.I. pin in recognition of her work in the Baby Clinic.

The Roll call was answered by the members giving an interesting item of news.

The president then called upon Rev. C.E. Fisher to give his Book Review. Mr. Fisher had chosen Lord Tweedsmuir's book "Memory Holds the Door" and delighted the members with this very interesting review.

Mrs. T. Hassard gave a humorous reading entitled "That Peccadillo".

Mrs. Scarth in a few well- chosen words thanked Capt. Fisher & Mrs. Hassard for their kindness in contributing to the enjoyment of the evening.

The surprise package donated by Mrs. L.J. O'Brien was won by Mrs. W.J. Simpson & added \$1.30 to the treasury & tea money \$1.35.

Mrs. A. Wilson moved adjournment.

Refreshments served by Mrs. D.W. Patterson, Mrs. F. Spicer & the hostess brought the evening to a close.

Mesdames Scarth & Hillman kindly offered to assist Mrs. M.J. Swallow at the Feb. meeting.

L. Kowensky Secy Pro. Tem.

Feb. 1941

The Feb. meeting of the GPWI met at the home of Mrs. M.J. Swallow on Thur. Feb. 6 at eight o'clock. The Pres. Mrs. C. Scarth called the meeting to order and members repeated the creed. There were present 12 members and 3 visitors.

The minutes were read and adopted. Mrs. Swallow gave the treas. report showing a balance on hand of \$42.57 and moved adoption. The report sec. by Mrs. Sharpe. Mrs. Scarth then called for a report on Telephone Bridge which Mrs. Sharpe gave, in Mrs. Wishart's absence, showing thirty tables playing and 60.50 received less 8.25 expenses balance 52.25. This amt. being too late for treas. to include in her report.

Pres. then asked for various committees' reports. Mrs. Kowensky reported no calls for the Welfare com. & reported 35 cents owing on program material and also suggested a W.I. pin be presented to Mrs. Shaver in recognition of her work in preparing program booklets for several years. This was put in form of motion by Mrs. Kowensky and seconded by Mrs. Swallow. Carried.

Mrs. Sharpe reported eight patients at waiting room during January also the Hosp. Boards decision to increase yearly grant to waiting room to \$140.00 paid quarterly in advance, this included covering cost of telephone. Mrs. Sharpe requested rubber sheets and pads for the home and it was moved by Mrs. O'Brien, sec. by Mrs. Harris that these be purchased. Carried.

Red Cross report given by Mrs. O'Brien who stressed present urgent appeal for mitts, and gave a detailed account of goods shipped. In closing she mentioned the need of more workers in sewing and all types of work.

The Library report by Mrs. Charters showed bal. of 17.34 and mentioned the new book case being built, some new books and 9 new members. The I.O.D.E. had paid Miss Bertha Hodges to take the place of their members in keeping Library open.

Mrs. Peebles being absent no hosp. report given.

Moved by Mrs. Wishart sec. by Mrs. Kowensky that \$2.00 be given secretary for stamps & paper. Carried. Mrs. Patterson suggested use of War S. Stamps in place of surprise package. After lengthy discussion Mrs. Patterson moved that we continue as before, with the winner of the package providing two stamps the next meeting, sec. by Mrs. O'Brien. Carried. Then followed a discussion on purchase of War Saving Certificates. Moved by Mrs. O'Brien, sec. by Mrs. Hnatiuk that three certificates be purchased at a cost of 12.00. Carried. These were to be placed temporarily in the safety deposit box of Mrs. Harris. Moved by Mrs. Charters sec. by Mrs. Wilson. The sec'y write Mrs. Mitchell expressing regret that she was leaving and wishing her happiness in her new home. Carried.

The matter of roll call was discussed and members decided it should from now on be kept by secretary.

Owing to absence of Dr. Garth O'Brien who was to have given the address of the evening on Public Health and also of Mrs. Phatrim who was to have given a reading.

Mrs. Kowensky was asked by the pres. to read a report on Child Welfare and public health by Mrs. H.R. Evans of Innisfree. Then the third course in how to buy was discussed, each member taking a part. A most interesting and amusing half hour resulted.

The meeting adjourned and tea was served by the hostess assisted by Mesdames Scarth and Kowensky. Tea money brought 1.00 and surprise package \$1.40.

Doris M. Harris sec.

March, 1941

The March meeting of the GPWI was held at the home of Mrs. J.A. Charters, Fri. Mar. 7th at 8 pm with 14 members and 6 visitors present. Mrs. Scarth called the meeting to order and the members repeated the creed together.

The minutes were read and adopted. The treas. report showed a balance of 84.67. Adoption moved by Mrs. Swallow sec. by Mrs. Charters. Re: bill for nursing home supplies, moved by Mrs. Hillman, sec. by Mrs. Tracy bill be paid. Carried.

Reports from committees were received Mrs. Sharpe reported four patients in nursing home in Feb. and requested permission to buy two flannelette gowns for the home, motion to do so, made by Mrs. Patterson, sec. by Mrs. Aiken.

Mrs. Charters library report showed a bal. on hand of \$17.85. It was suggested some one be paid to keep library open Wed. evening to relieve W.I. members. After discussion it was decided to hold a tea in Council rooms on March 29 to raise funds to pay a librarian. Motion made by Mrs. Kowensky sec. by Mensinger. Moved by Mrs. Patterson sec. by Mrs. Wishart that Joan Charters be asked to take over library on Wed. at a fee of 25 cents per evening, for this month. Carried. A committee of three, Mesdames Charters, Tracy and Patterson was appointed to select some new books. A committee to arrange for Library tea included Mesdames Kowensky, Harris, Hnatiuk and Mensinger.

Roll call followed.

Mrs. Scarth then introduced Mr. W.D. Albright, the speaker of the evening, who gave us a splendid address on gardening in general, covering particularly, the soil preparation, seeding and insect control. Many questions were asked to which Mr. Albright gave his usual helpful answers. At the close of his address everyone was ready to begin gardening at once. Mrs. Scarth suitably thanked Mr. Albright on behalf of the members.

Mrs. Wilson moved meeting adjourned after which tea was served by the hostess, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Sharpe. Tea money brought \$1.55.

Doris M. Harris Sec.

April, 1941

On Thur. Apr. 3, the GPWI met at the home of Mrs. D.W. Patterson, there being present 17 members and several visitors. This meeting came to order with the singing of O Canada followed by the Creed. The minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted. The treas. report showed a bal. of \$77.33, motion for adoption being made by Mrs. Swallow and sec. by ????

Mrs. Scarth called for correspondence at which secretary read a letter from Mr. W.D. Albright concerning control of garden insects in answer to questions of previous meeting. Second letter dealt with constituency conference. Members felt they could have little influence in setting the date. The matter of prizes being discontinued for handicraft was discussed. Moved by Mrs. Hnatiuk sec. by Mrs. Kowensky that prizes be continued, carried.

The matter of Library tea came up. Moved by Mrs. Cann sec. by Mrs. Spicer that it be held later in summer, carried.

Mrs. Charters gave a library report showing a bal. on hand of 21.05 and reported a donation of \$12 from the Elks Ldg. to pay a librarian for Wed. evenings. Due to this help the tea was postponed. The new book case had been finished and committee of three had selected twelve new books ordered through James Drug Store. Moved by Mrs. Charters sec. by Mrs. Aiken that a letter of appreciation be sent the Elks. Moved by Mrs. Harris sec. by Mrs. Swallow, Joan Charters be asked to continue as librarian on Wed. evenings.

In reporting for Welfare committee Mrs. Kowensky gave account of help given the Ritchi family and milk supplied till Apr. 15th. Moved by Mrs. Patterson sec. by Mrs. Mensinger that this milk be paid for and continued if necessary.

Mrs. Patterson suggested a gift to hosp. for Easter. Moved by Mrs. Wishart, sec. by Mrs. Kowensky that Mrs. Peebles be allowed to spend five dollars for hospital.

Mrs. Kowensky was asked to act as secretary in Mrs. Harris' absence.

The surprise package was won by Mrs. Swallow. Tea money brought 1.20. Motion of adjournment made by Mrs. Hnatiuk.

The president then turned the meeting over to the musical club. Mrs. P. Newton introduced the different artists and the members enjoyed every moment of their delightful program. Mrs. Scarth very briefly thanked Mrs. Newton and musical club members for their interesting and various entertainment. Lunch was served by the hostess and Mesdames Tracy, Card and Mensinger.

Doris M. Harris Sec.

May, 1941

The regular meeting of the GPWI was held at the home of Mrs. W.S. Scarth on Thur. May 1st at 8 pm with an attendance of 15 members & 3 visitors.

The Pres., Mrs. W.S. Scarth called the meeting to order by asking the members to repeat in unison the Club Women's Creed.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Kowensky read the minutes of the April meeting which were approved.

The treasurer Mrs. Swallow reported a balance of \$57.98 & motion of adoption of this report was 2nd by Mrs. Sharpe.

Mrs. Patterson moved 2nd by Mrs. O'Brien that the Constituency fee of \$5.00 be paid.

Letters from Matron & patients of Municipal Hospital & from Mrs. W. Sharpe were read. Mr. Sharpe enclosed a cheque, balance of money collected for special relief in the case of Mrs. Ford. Mrs. Swallow moved 2nd by Mrs. Spicer that the secretary write a letter of thanks to Mr. Sharpe chairman of the Board.

Mrs. O'Brien announced that a wheel chair had been procured through efforts of the Red Cross & would be available for use by Mrs. Ford. In the report of the Welfare work Mrs. Scarth explained what had been done in the case of Mrs. Ritchie to whom the W.I. was supplying milk & would continue to do so until May 2nd. Motion of approval was made by Mrs. O'Brien & seconded by Mrs. Wishart.

Mrs. Sharpe reported on behalf of Maternity waiting home that 8 patients had made use of the latter in Mch. & 7 in April. A slight misunderstanding regarding the amount received by Mrs. Hodges in rent was cleared up & the matter of increasing this amount was tabled till the June meeting on motion of Mrs. Sharpe 2nd by Mrs. Blair.

On behalf of the Red Cross, Mrs. O'Brien reported that several serving clubs had been formed & an increasing amount of work was being accomplished.

On behalf of the purchasing committee of the Library Mrs. Tracy said that books had been bought from Mrs. Storm & three new ones through Mrs. Pickard.

Mrs. Charters reported a balance of \$24.65 in May, a membership of 100. The committee had re-arranged the books.

The election of a delegate to the Prov. W.I. Convention to be held in Calgary May 27th, 28th & 29th was next matter to be discussed, Mrs. Scarth being the unanimous choice with Mrs. Patterson as alternate, Mrs. O'Brien motion being 2nd by Mrs. Tracy. Mrs. Sharpe moved that \$25.00 be given towards delegates expenses as treasury did not allow of full amount. This was 2nd by Mrs. Charters. Resolutions were discussed &

opinion of members given to assist delegate at the convention. Mrs. Patterson rendered valuable assistance in explanation of some of these resolutions.

Mrs. Wishart brought to the notice of the meeting the matter of the coming Constituency Conference & the Handicraft display in connection.

In the absence of Mrs. Peebles, reported that flowers in value of 4.75 were sent to hospital at Easter.

The War saving stamps were won by Mrs. Kowensky & netted 1.00 & tea money 1.50.

Mrs. Swallow kindly offered to send for copies of the Churchill booklet which is 25 cents per copy.

The business of the meeting being at an end Mrs. Scarth called on Mrs. D.M. Carlisle to give her talk on Canadianization which is an important part of the work of W.I. Mrs. Carlisle dealt with this subject in a very interesting & capable manner by reviewing briefly the book "Canadian Mosaics" by John Murray Gibbon.

Mrs. Patterson moved adjournment.

L. Kowensky Sec. -Pro-Tem

June 1941

The June meeting was held at the home of Mrs. O'Brien on Friday June 6th at 8 pm with an attendance of seventeen members and three visitors. We were pleased to welcome Mrs. MacDonald into membership.

The meeting was called to order with the repetition of the Club Women's Creed in unison led by the President, Mrs. W.S. Scarth.

In the absence of the secretary the minutes were read by Mrs. L. Kowensky & were duly approved as read.

Mrs. M.J. Swallow showed a balance of \$26.48 in the report of the treasury, motion of this report being 2nd by Mrs. W. Sharpe.

Mrs. J.H. Charters gave the Library report & passed on a suggestion made by Mrs. Sanger-Davies that some books can be purchased by Libraries at one third cost from the publisher. Mrs. Wishart 2nd Mrs. Charters motion that the Library purchasing committee act on this suggestion. Mrs. Charters also reported a gift of ten books from Mrs. C. Fawcett who is leaving Grande Prairie & moved that a letter of thanks be sent. Mrs. Tracy 2nd this motion. Mrs. Spencer offered a gift of books to be selected at the convenience of the Library Committee.

A discussion followed re: the tea which was to be held in aid of the Library & which had been planned for June & was decided on motion of Mrs. Hnatiuk, 2nd by Mrs. Card that the tea be called a W.I. Tea, part of the funds to be given to the Library, & it be held Sat, June 14th in the Council Room, subject to the approval of the Town Council, & the same committee to act with Mrs. Sharpe taking the place of Mrs. Harris.

Mrs. O'Brien reported on the numbers of articles made by the Red Cross in the past three months & announced also that two new sewing clubs had been formed. Mrs. Wilson 2nd motion of adoption of this report.

Mrs. Sharpe reported seven patients had used the Maternity Waiting Home in May.

No calls had been made on the Welfare convenor for the past month.

A letter re: change of date of the Constituency Conference was read the new date being June 27th. Mrs. Hnatiuk was elected delegate to the conference & Mrs. Cann was to be asked to sing, Mrs. O'Brien moved, 2nd by Mrs. Swallow that we give \$2.00 toward prizes for the Handicrafts. Mrs. Wishart urged the members to help make the Handicraft a success by entering as many articles as possible the articles to have been made within the past two years and not having been exhibited before. Members were asked too to put in articles of interest for exhibit purposes only & a suggestion was made to have a table of articles of war work. List of classes can be had by getting in touch with Mrs. Wishart or Mrs. Scarth.

Regarding the matter of the Demonstration which was to have been given by Miss Switzer, Mrs. Scarth announced that Miss Switzer would not be available after June 15 until sometime in July. As June seemed to be a very busy month it was decided on motion of Mrs. Wishart 2nd by Mrs. Tracy that arrangements be left in the hands of the executive.

Following up a suggestion made earlier in the year that our W.I. hold a picnic at the Experimental Station at Beaverlodge, Mrs. Charters moved 2nd by Mrs. Swanston that this matter be brought up at the coming Conference when an invitation could be extended to the other branches to join us at a date to be decided there.

The business of the meeting being over Mrs. D.W. Patterson first vice-President called upon Mrs. Scarth to give her report as delegate to the W.I. Prov. Convention held in May in Calgary after which Mrs. Scarth returned the compliment by calling for a report from Mrs. Patterson. These were two delightfully interesting reports.

Mrs. Ian McIntosh accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Jack Stiles gave two lovely violin solos after which refreshments were served by the hostess Mrs. L.J. O'Brien assisted by Mrs. M.J. Swallow & Mrs. L. Kowensky.

The War Saving stamps donated by Mrs. Kowensky were won by Mrs. J.H. Charters & realized \$1.20 & tea money \$1.80 & a membership fee \$1.00.

L. Kowensky Sec. Pro-Tem.

Sept. 11, 1941

The Sept. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. O.B. Harris on Thurs. evening, Sept. 11, at 8 pm there being fourteen members and three visitors present.

The president, Mrs. Scarth asked the members to repeat the club womens creed. The minutes were then read and adopted. The treasurers report showed a balance of \$61.57. Moved by Mrs. Swallow, sec. by Mrs. Card, report be adopted. Carried. The correspondence was then read. A letter of thanks from the Local Red Cross was read, on receipt of \$57.75, being proceeds of tea held by W.I. at the flower show. Also letter of thanks from Mrs. Cann in appreciation of A.W.I. pin sent her as a parting gift from the branch. A circular letter from Mrs. Morton asked us to make use of material in the year book-to subscribe to Home and County and to keep in mind the various war funds sponsored by W.I. including gifts of jam. Another letter mentioned the Queen's Canadian Fund. Re: the matter of gifts of jam, after much discussion, Mrs. Patterson moved seconded by Mrs. Swallow that in view of our recent donation to Red Cross, the matter be dropped and our efforts put toward one of the other funds. Carried. The Queens' fund was to be kept in mind and dealt with later.

It was suggested that the WI might do some sort of publicity program over C.F.G.P. with some one to collect and edit such material as interest to other branches. Mrs. Patterson reported having received permission for this venture from Mrs. Zabs, district director, if no funds were used. A committee composed of Mesdames Patterson, Charters and Wishart were appointed to interview C.F.G.P. and local firms to see if a sponsor for such a program might be secured.

The various convenors were then asked for their reports.

Mrs. Kowensky, welfare convenor, had no calls. Mrs. Sharpe reported seven patients having used the maternity home since June. Since Mrs. Hodges house rent had been increased it was moved by Mrs. O'Brien sec. by Mrs. Sharpe that we increase our rent to \$15 per month for waiting room. Carried.

Mrs. O'Brien reporting for Red Cross read a most impressive list of garments shipped since June. The small sewing groups have easily increased the finished work to three times our former amount.

Mrs. Charters report showed a balance on hand of \$14.29. There is a small bill outstanding for a book case built by Mr. Spencer. Moved by Mrs. Wishart, sec. by Mrs. Patterson. Joan Charters be paid up to date for librarian work. Carried.

Mrs. Hnatiuks report on Constituency Convention was left over till October meeting.

Mrs. Scarth then introduced Mr. C. Johnson, the guest speaker of the evening. Mr. Johnson took as his subject "Guidance". He said...The normal child is very eager to

know. It is for education to provide the guidance by which he may manipulate the environment in which he lives to suit his purpose, not forgetting of course his fellow man. We must help to adjust his surrounding so opportunity will present themselves through which he can make the most of his life. The teacher can and should be the chief guidance functioning, but only with the full co-operation of the parents. Mrs. Scarth thanked Mr. Johnson for his most interesting address.

The surprise packet of War Saving Stamps was won by Mrs. Card and realized \$1.20. Tea money brought 1.10.

Doris M. Harris Sec.

Subscriptions to Home and Country were requested by Mrs. Kowensky, Mrs. Wishart & Mrs. Swallow.

Oct. 2, 1941

On Thursday, Oct. 2nd 14 Institute members and 3 visitors met together, at the home of Mrs. Card, opening meeting by repeating the club Womens creed. Minutes were read and approved. Treas. report showing balance of \$44.87 was adopted on motion of Mrs. Swallow sec. by Mrs. Akin.

Mrs. Scarth reported on matter of welfare work, donation of underwear to as needy person, bill for which was \$1.75 to be paid. On motion of Mrs. Wilson sec. by Mrs. Hnatiuk. In absence of Mrs. Sharpe no waiting room report was given.

Mrs. Charters Library report showed a cash balance of \$16.15. Mrs. Charters expressed her wish to see the library progress to a town library properly incorporated. It was decided on consent of Library committee to have them go into Libraries act and interview the town council and report to the next meeting. Since monies from June tea to raise Library funds had not been turned over to Mrs. Charters it was moved by Mrs. Kowensky, sec. by Mrs. Wishart that \$10.00 be given to Library fund. Carried.

The date for Baby Clinic was set at Oct. 24, 25 on motion by Mrs. Wishart sec. by Mrs. Spicer. A committee of Mesdames Wishart, Spicer, McDonald, Blair and Sharpe was left in charge of arrangements for clinic.

Mrs. Patterson reported on the publicity program idea. Mr. Whitlock was willing to allow the Institutes 10 min. the first Monday in each month on the Canadian Utilities program, the first program to be Mon., Oct. 6. Moved by Mrs. McDonald, sec. by Mrs. Wilson that this report be gratefully adopted and the present committee continue to make arrangements for remainder of year with Mrs. Charters acting as Editor, to collect and prepare material for broadcasting. Carried. (I think this should be by Mrs. Scarth R.P.)

The secretary then read a letter from Mrs. Morton re: Ditty Bags for Merchant Marines. Bags were to be packed by Nov. 1st. A committee of Mesdames Kowensky, O'Brien and Harris were left in charge.

The letter further requested a donation of 10 cents per member for Federated War Fund. Moved by Mrs. Wilson sec. by Mrs. Card, this amount be sent by the Treasurer and collected from members to refund the amount.

It was the wish of the meeting that the secretary with the Extension Service requesting the Study Course of New Furnishing for Old.

Money making suggestions were called for, resulting in decision to hold a Carnival during October. A committee of Mesdames Swallow, Flannigan, Wilson & Hnatiuk were appointed, and the date chosen as Oct. 18th if date were found to be a free night and hall available, on motion of Mrs. Harris sec. by Mrs. Kowensky.

Lack of supervision at skating rink was dealt with but tabled till rink opened.

Mrs. Hnatiuk spoke on constituency convention. To members not able to attend the discussion was most enlightening.

On Mrs. Wilson's motion of adjournment the meeting closed. Surprise package given by Mrs. Card, won by Mrs. Harris brought 80 cents. Tea money amounted to \$1.50.

Much fun and information resulted from a puzzle contest prepared and conducted by Mrs. Scarth on various reports from Provincial Convention.

Tea was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Scarth and Mrs. Hnatiuk.

Doris M. Harris Sec.

November, 1941

The Nov. meeting came to order with singing of O'Canada and repetition of our Creed. There being present 12 members and one visitor.

Minutes read and adopted were followed by the treas. report, showing a balance of \$191.58. adoption moved by Mrs. Swallow, sec. by Mrs. Card.

Mrs. Swallow gave an interesting detailed report of receipts and expenses of carnival. Mrs. Scarth moved a vote of thanks to all those outside and within the Institute who helped in any way. Mrs. Wishart reported for the Baby Clinic committee, suggesting in future we advertise as Child Welfare Clinic as many thought it for babies only. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs. Carrol for their assistance. Mrs. Wishart moved that bills in connection with clinic be paid and include a donation to the church board for use of basement. Sec. by Mrs. Sharpe.

Mrs. Scarth reported sending of Ditty Bag and material on hand for a second one. She thought cash donations in future spent by committee to pack these bags might result in more suitable sized articles.

Mrs. Charters library report showed work done by the committee on looking in to possibility of library becoming a town library. The voters must of course decide to issue since it involved some public funds. It was moved by Mrs. Wishart sec. by Mrs. Card that the committee go ahead and interview the necessary authorities to have the library incorporated. Mrs. Charters reported receipt of book from Mr. Cann and Miss R. Robertson. Total is now 600. An appeal was made for children's books.

On motion of Mrs. Harris sec. by Mrs. McDonald the Merchant Marine Fund was to be given \$50.00 from carnival funds. Moved by Mrs. Charters sec. Mrs. Wilson that sec'y be given two dollars for stamps and supplies.

After some discussion it was moved by Mrs. Hnatiuk that effective Jan. 1st our lunch should be but one thing, was cake, cookies or sandwiches, that we serve in alphabetical order. Sec. by Mrs. Swallow, carried. Moved by Mrs. Wilson, sec. by Mrs. Sharpe that Joan Charters be paid monthly.

The subject of skating rink came up again and Mrs. Card and Mrs. Harris were appointed to investigate and report.

Mrs. Scarth then introduced Miss Ethel Gudlaugson, who delighted us with two piano solos. Mrs. Scarth expressed the pleasure of all members in thanking Miss Gudlaugson.

A nomination committee was formed of Mesdames Wilson, Sharpe, Wishart. On motion of Mrs. Card the meeting was adjourned. Tea money brought 1.20, Surprise 60 cents, won by Mrs. Carrol.

In the absence of a guest speaker a paper on post war education in Europe was read by Mrs. Harris. This was an address delivered by Reinhold Schairer, head of International Studies and Relations in London, to the Association of American Colleges.

Doris M. Harris sec.

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Mrs. J. Charters Paid-Helper Feb

Mrs. P.U. Clubine Paid

Mrs. G. Freebury

Mrs. Rev. Fisher Paid

Mrs. Falconer Paid

Mrs. Hillman Paid Hostess Oct, Hosp. Nov

Mrs. Kenney Helper Apr

Mrs. Lawlor Paid

Mrs. Morrison Paid

Mrs. F. MacDonald Paid

Mrs. Nelson Paid-Helper March

Mrs. J.B. Oliver Paid- Helper May

Mrs. O'Brien Paid-Hostess Helper June, Nov

Mrs. Patterson Paid

Mrs. Peebles Paid-Hostess Feb

Mrs. Sharpe Paid-Helper Oct

Mrs. Stredulinsky Paid-Hostess March Helper Nov.

Mrs. Shaver Paid-Hostess April

Miss Stevenson Paid-Helper March-Hostess Jan. Helper Nov.

Mrs. J.E. Thomson Paid

Mrs. W.J. Thomson Paid-Helper Apr. Hostess Sept

Mrs. A. D. Wishart Paid-Helper Sept, Nov

Mrs. A.C. Wilson Paid-Helper May, Nov.

Spicer Mrs. F. -Helper Sept, Nov.

Activities Grande Prairie Women's Institute Jan -Dec, 1936

Dec 1935-Packed 10 Hampers-3 bundles clothing for Relief, Groceries: Flotto

1936 -Jan-Baby supplies Etc. to Crooked Creek nurse. Spent \$14.00 & 2.50.

Box Jap. Oranges donated Hosp. Illustrated Talk on Better Lighting in Homes by Miss McKinnon & Mr. Gudmundson of Canadian Utilities.

Feb-Pd. \$5.20 for milk for undernourished school children. Had Telephone Bridge at which \$11.00 was raised. Talk on Common mistakes in Amateur Photography by Cameron White.

March-Gave small gift to those who were ill with Scarlet Fever. Paper by Mrs. Lawlor "Changes taking place in Public Health and responsibility of state towards this vital matter" and a Paper by Miss Saunders on "Modern Trends in Education".

Apr-Pd. \$8.40 for milk for Feb. & March. Paper on "Early Days in Grande Prairie" by Mrs. Jack Patterson telling of her trip into this country in 1911 via Grouard Trail. Sent daffodils to Hosp. at Easter

May-Gave \$5.00 towards medals for Musical Festival. Had visit from Convenor, Mrs. Roberts & Mrs. Hall re-conf. Play rehearsal by Mrs. Falconer Group of "Ladies in Linen".

June-Delegate to Conf. appointed Mrs. Charters. Pd. Const. for \$5.00 conv. Mrs. Bell-Patterson & W.J. Thomson to make arrangements for Conf. Dinner. Presented resolution to Town council to appoint contact for cemetery. Paper on "Agriculture" by Mrs. Clubine.

Sept-Report of Const. Conference. Com. appointed to see that Rest Room is put in good condition. Con. appointed to arrange Baby Clinic.

Oct-Paper on "Legislation enacted by new SC Gov't", given by Mrs. D.W. Patterson. Roll call. "Recent Legislation" arrangements made for Musical Club meeting.

Nov-Meeting with Musical Club entertaining in St. Paul's Church Parlor. Made arrangements for removal of Maternity Waiting Room from Mrs. Peebles to Mrs. Hodges. Nominating com. appointed.

Dec-Annual Meeting.

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Mrs. Kowensky

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Mrs. I. Card-Helper Oct.
Mrs. J. Charters Paid-Helper Mar.
Mrs. Fisher Paid

Mrs. O.B. Harris Paid-Helper Apr
Mrs. Hillman Paid-Hostess Nov, Helper Feb.
Mrs. Kowensky Paid-Hostess Feb. Helper Feb/37
Mrs. Lawlor Paid-Helper Apr, Hostess Oct.
Mrs. Morrison Paid-Helper
Mrs. Mitchell Paid
Mrs. F. MacDonald Paid
Mrs. Nelson -Helper June
Mrs. J.B. Oliver Paid- Hostess Jan
Mrs. O'Brien Paid-Hostess May, Helper Dec.
Mrs. D.W. Patterson Paid-Hostess June
Mrs. Peebles Paid-Hostess March
Mrs. McQuarrie Paid-Helper Dec.
Mrs. Sharpe Paid-Helper June, Feb/37
Mrs. Stredulinsky Paid-Hostess Dec, Helper Feb.
Mrs. A. Smith Paid-Helper Sept.
Mrs. Shaver Paid-Helper Sept.
Mrs. Spicer Helper Jan.
Mrs. W.J. Thomson Paid-Hostess Sept
Mrs. A. D. Wishart Paid-Hostess Apr.
Mrs. A.C. Wilson Paid-Helper Nov.

Activities Grande Prairie W.I. 1937

Jan-Paper on "India": domain of the Mistry (Cook) by Mrs. Storm. Com. report accepted. Mrs. Shaver to print programs. Plans for raising money Talent plan adopted.

Feb-Meeting at Mrs. Kowensky's. Book Review by Canon Pierce, on "White Banners". Donation of \$5.00 for milk for school. Piano solo by Olive Kowensky.

Mar-Meeting at Mrs. Peebles, 18 present. Paper by school Inspector Walker, on the "New School Curriculum". Piano solos by Mrs. Newton.

Apr-Meeting at Mrs. Wishart. \$5.00 pd. for Daffodils sent to Hospital at Easter. Mrs. O'Brien appointed to act on Coronation Celebration Com. paper on Roses by Mrs. Nelson. Reading by Miss Rhoda Patterson.

May-Meeting at Mrs. O'Brien's. Mrs. Charters appointed delegate to Prov. convention in Calgary. \$5.00 donated towards pictures of King & Queen for one of the schools.

June-Meeting at Mrs. Patterson's: const Fee \$5.00 paid. Mrs. Patterson appointed delegate to const. comp. at Rio Grande. Reading "Voices of the Wildwood" by Miss Natilie Miller. Preparations for a Garden Party at Mrs. Sharpe's June 15th, executive to be Hostesses. Mrs. W.J. Thomson appointed Librarian for Lady Tweedsmuir Library. Report of Prov. Cons. Read. Paper on Canned Foods by Mrs. Kowensky.

Sept-Meeting at Mrs. W.J. Thomson's. Arrangements made for Tea at Mrs. McQuarrie's Sept. 10th. Members not acting at Mrs. Sharpe's June Tea to be hostesses. Baby Clinic arrangements to be made by Mrs. Lawlor. Song by Miss June Thomson "The Second Minuet". Reading by Mrs. Patterson "A Trip Through the Rockies" by N. Ignettieff. Report of Rio Grande Conference by Mrs. Patterson.

Oct-Meeting at Mrs. Lawlor's. Report of Baby Clinic. 54 pre-school children examined. Mrs. Woods, Prov. report on Household Ec. read by Mrs. W.J. Thomson. Duet by Mrs. Lawlor & Kathleen Keyes.

Nov-Meeting at Mrs. Hillman's. Paper on "League of Nations" by Mrs. O'Brien. Piano Solos by Mrs. Bukhart.

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Members W.I. 1938

Mrs. J. Akin Paid-Helper Feb 3rd & Nov. Supplied cream Oct. 1938

Mrs. C.R. Bell Paid-May-Helper Apr.
Mrs. I. Card-Paid-May 5. Helper May & January 1939.
Mrs. J. Charters Paid-Helper Feb 3rd. Hostess May
Mrs. A.W. Cann Paid
Mrs. C.E. Fisher Paid-Jan. Helped Mrs. Hillman Mch. 2
Mrs. O. Falconer Paid-June 3. Helped Mrs. Hillman Mch. 2
Mrs. O.B. Harris Paid-Jan.-Hostess Jan. 1938 & Oct./38
Mrs. Hillman Hostess Mch.
Mrs. James Paid
Mrs. Kowensky Paid-Jan-Hostess Nov/38, Helper Jan/38, Served Exec. Meet Aug. 1938
Mrs. T.W. Lawlor Paid-Helper Apr
Mrs. McQuarrie Paid-Helper Nov. 3rd
Mrs. V.W. Mitchell Paid, Helped Oct/38
Mrs. I. Nelson Paid-Hostess & Helper June
Mrs. O'Brien Paid-Hostess Dec/38
Mrs. D.W. Patterson Paid-Jan.-Hostess Apr.
Mrs. Peebles Paid-Hostess Feb. 3/38
Mrs. W. Sharpe Paid-Jan-Helper Jan/38, Exec. Meet Jan/39
Mrs. C. Stredulinsky Paid-Helper May
Mrs. F. Shaver Paid-Jan-Dec. 1938
Mrs. Scully Paid-May-Helper Jan/39
Mrs. Thorpe Paid-Jan.-Dec. 1938
Mrs. W.J. Thomson Paid-Hostess Sept (acted alone)
Mrs. A. Wishart Paid-Helped June. Hostess Jan/39
Mrs. A.C. Wilson Paid-Jan-Helper Oct/38

Surprise Gift Grande Prairie W.I. 1938

Jan-Donated by Mrs. Shaver	won by Mrs. Spicer	\$1.40
Feb-Donated by Mrs. Spicer	won by Mrs. C.E. Fisher	\$2.30
Mch-Donated by Mrs. Fisher	won by Mrs. Campbell	\$2.00
Apr-Donated by Mrs. Shaver	won by Mrs. Thomson (Mrs. O.B. Harris)	\$2.65
May-	won by Mrs. James	\$1.40
June-Donated by Mrs. James	won by Mrs. Philips	\$1.40
Sept-Donated by Mrs. Philips	won by Mrs. Nelson	\$1.60
Oct-Donated by Mrs. Nelson	won by Mrs. Sharpe	\$1.00
Nov-Donated by Mrs. Sharpe	won by Mrs. Wishart	\$.80
Dec-Donated by Mrs. Wishart	won by Mrs. Lawlor	\$1.30

Surprise Gift Grande Prairie W.I. 1939

Jan-Donated by Mrs. Lawlor	won by Mrs. Harris	\$1.40
Feb-Donated by Mrs. Harris	won by Mrs. Swallow	\$.90
Mch-Donated by Mrs. Swallow	won by Mrs. Spicer	\$1.40
Apr-Donated by Mrs. Spicer	won by Mrs. Akin	\$1.10
May-Donated by Mrs. Akin	won by Mrs. Sharpe	\$1.20
June-Donated by Mrs. Sharpe	won by Mrs. Thomson	\$1.70
Sept-Donated by Mrs. Thomson	won by Mrs. D.W. Patterson	\$1.30
Oct-Donated by Mrs. Patterson	won by Mrs. Wishart	\$1.00
Nov-Donated by Mrs. Wishart	won by Mrs. Spicer	\$1.20
Dec-Donated by Mrs. Spicer	won by Mrs. Swallow	\$1.00

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Mrs. A.R. Hillman

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Legislation	-Mrs. C.E. Fisher
Welfare	-Mrs. L.J. O'Brien
Publicity	-Mrs. J.H. Charters

Members W.I. 1939 Fees \$1.00

Mrs. J.W. Akin Paid 1.00-Served Nov. 1939

Mrs. I. Card-Paid 1.00-Helped Jan/39 & January 1940.

Mrs. J.H. Charters Paid 1.00-Served Feb/39; Hostess April

Mrs. A.W. Cann Paid 1.00

Mrs. C.E. Fisher Paid Sept 7. Served September/39

Mrs. O.B. Harris Paid 1.00

Mrs. A.R. Hillman Paid 1.00, Served Feb/39

Mrs. G.A. James Paid 1.00, Served Oct 5th/39

Mrs. Kowensky Paid 1.00, Served Apr 6/39 & June, Exec. Meet Oct/39 Special Meet Mrs. Wood,
Served Nov/39

Mrs. T.W. Lawlor Served Mch 2/39

Mrs. Lamb Paid 1.00

Mrs. V.W. Mitchell Paid 1.00, Served alone at own home May, 1939

Mrs. A.V. Miller Paid

Mrs. I. Nelson Paid-Hostess & Served Sept. Mrs. Fisher

Mrs. L.J. O'Brien Paid 1.00-Sandwiches Dec/39. Hostess Nov/39

Mrs. D.W. Patterson Paid 1.00-Served Apr/39, Feb. Hostess

Mrs. Peebles Paid 1.00-Hostess Dec/39, Served Jan/40

Mrs. W. Sharpe Paid 1.00, Served June, Hostess Exec. Meet Jan, Served

Mrs. C. Stredulinsky Paid 1.00-Served Mch 2/39, Hostess Oct 5th

Mrs. F. Spicer Paid 1.00-Served Feb/39

Mrs. Scarth Paid 1.00-Served Oct/39

Mrs. M.J. Swallow Paid 1.00-Hostess Mch 2/39

Mrs. Thorpe Paid 1.00

Mrs. W.J. Thomson Paid 1.00

Mrs. A. D. Wishart Paid 1.00-Exec. Meeting, Hostess Jan/40

Mrs. A.C. Wilson Paid 1.00-Served Dec/39

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3.Mrs. A. Wishart

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Mrs. J. Lamb

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Legislation & International Relations -Mrs. D.W. Patterson
Agriculture & Canadian Industries -Mrs. I. Nelson
Canadianization & Immigration -Mrs. W.J. Thomson
Household Economics -Mrs. J.H. Akin
Child Welfare & Public Health-Mrs. A. Wishart
Community Welfare -Mrs. L.J. O'Brien
Publicity -Mrs. W.S. Scarth

Members W.I. 1940 Fees \$1.00

Mrs. J.H. Akin Paid-Served Nov/40

Mrs. A. Ault Paid-Served Dec/40

Mrs. Tom Blair Paid

Mrs. Ira. Card Paid-Served Jan/40, Hostess Apr/40

Mrs. J.H. Charters Paid-Served Feb/40; Hostess Sept 8/40

Mrs. A.W. Cann Paid, March

Mrs. O.B. Harris Paid-Served Feb/40

Mrs. A.R. Hillman Paid-Served Sept/40

Mrs. H. Hnatiuk Paid-Served Dec/40

Mrs. L. Kowensky Paid-Served Feb 6/41, Hostess Jan/41

Mrs. Mensinger Paid

Mrs. V.W. Mitchell Paid-Served Oct 3/40

Mrs. I. Nelson Paid-Hostess May/40

Mrs. L.J. O'Brien Paid-Hostess Oct/40

Mrs. D.W. Patterson Paid-Served Jan/41 & May/40, Hostess Oct 3/40

Mrs. Peebles Paid-Served Jan/40

Mrs. G. Simpson Paid

Mrs. W. Sharpe Paid-Served Exec. Meet June 18/40

Mrs. C. Stredulinsky, Served Apr/40, Hostess Feb/40

Mrs. F. Spicer Paid-Served Jan/41 & Mch/40; May Conf & Oct 3/40

Mrs. Scarth Paid-Served Oct 2/40 & Hostess Dec/40

Mrs. M.J. Swallow Paid-Hostess & Served Mch /40 & May/40

Mrs. W.J. Thomson Paid-Left District

Mrs. A. D. Wishart Paid-Hostess Jan/40 & Served Apr/40

Mrs. A.C. Wilson Paid-Served Nov/40

Surprise Package 1940

Month	Donated By	Amt. Netted	Won By
Jan.	Mrs. M.J. Swallow	1.25	Mrs. I. Card
Feb.	Mrs. I. Card	1.30	Mrs. C. Stredulinsky
Mch.	Mrs. Stredulinsky	1.40	Mrs. Hnatiuk
Apr.	Mrs. Hnatiuk	1.00	Mrs. A. Wilson
May	Mrs. A. Wilson	.80	Mrs. I. Nelson
June	No Meeting		
Sept.	Mrs. I. Nelson	.80	Mrs. Spicer
Oct.	Mrs. F. Spicer	.90	Mrs. Mrs. Hnatiuk
Nov.	Mrs. Hnatiuk	.80	Mrs. Patterson
Dec.	Mrs. Patterson	1.10	Mrs. O'Brien
Jan.	Mrs. O'Brien	1.30	Mrs. Simpson
Feb.	Mrs. Simpson	1.40	Mrs. Tracy
Mch.	Mrs. Tracy	1.30	Mrs. Scarth
Apr.	Mrs. Scarth	.90	Mrs. Swallow
May	Mrs. Swallow	1.00	Mrs. Kowensky
June	Mrs. Kowensky	1.20	Mrs. G.H. Charters
Sept.	Mrs. Charters	1.20	Mrs. Card
Oct.	Mrs. Card	.60	

Jan-Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Wishart

Feb-Mrs. Stredulinsky, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Peebles

Mch-Mrs. Shavers, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Lawlor, Mrs. Sharpe

Apr-Mrs. Clubine, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Akin, Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Charters

May-Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Hillman

June-Mrs. W.J. Thomson, Mrs. Fisher

Oct. Mrs. Falconer

W.J. Casselman, Beaverlodge

Tea Money-2.00

Surprise-2.00

\$2.00 voted May 1938

Stamps to Dec. 31-\$1.06

Tablet & Envelope-.35

Expenses to Nov (incl)-2.40

Rec'd 2.00 Dec 7/39

Paid out 11 cents 10/39

Stamps & envelopes to Jan.-1.59

Expense owing from previous year-.40

Total expense-2.10

Rec'd-2.00

Bal-.10