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December.

The annual meeting of the W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. W. S. Seash on Thursday, Dec. 4th, there being 15 members and 2 visitors present. We opened the meeting by repeating our creed, Mrs. Seash presiding.

The minutes were read and after a slight correction, were approved. The treasurer was then asked for her report which showed our balance as, \$126.73. Mrs. Swallow moved a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Card. Mrs. Tracy moved, sec. by Mrs. Patterson that Mrs. Howensky be repaid the 56 postage on the second Betty Bag.

The president then called for annual reports from various conversers.

Mrs. Swallow first gave the treasurer report showing total year receipts to be \$539.16 and expenditures \$466.36 leaving us a cash balance of

Mrs. Swallow moved the adoption of her report.

Mrs. Sharp reported on Canadianization and immigration referring to the

address given by Mrs. Carlisle from the book Canadian Mosaic, and moved the adoption of her report.

Mrs. Wickhart reporting on Child Welfare mentioned the Baby Clinic and some literature which was given mothers at that time. Adoption moved by Mrs. Wickhart.

Mrs. Kowensky reporting on Community Welfare reported assistance given to a local family in clothing and milk supplied for several weeks. Odd gifts of clothing were given where needed. Adoption

Educational report given by Mrs. Harris showed that field had not been overlooked - two meetings having been devoted to educational topics. Adoption of which moved by Mrs. Harris.

Mrs. Patterson reporting on Legislation and International Relations suggested value in keeping a scrap book on international relations, suggested value in study of Bowell Sirais report and other outstanding topics. Moved the adoption of her report.

Publicity report of Mrs. Knateuk gave her no opportunity except to say she had carefully done her work through the year.

She then moved the adoption of this report.

Mrs. Sharpe reporting on the Waiting Room showed 67 patients for the year, from widely separated points. She suggested placing literature from the Baby Clinic in the W. room for mothers to take home.

Adoption of this report moved by Mrs. Sharpe.

Mrs. Pebles mentioned the gifts to the hospital during the year of flowers & fruit and offered her subsidy in selection of gifts this year.

The library report by Mrs. Charters showed total book 600, total receipts 33.55 - total expnd. 34.05 - balance 18.07. monthly circulation 100. She then moved adoption of this report.

Mrs. Charters then reported on the Publicity Program from the moment it was thought of by Mrs. Seath to the time of becoming a reality. Appreciation was expressed for generosity of L. F. G. P.

The secretary then read her annual report and moved its adoption.

Mrs. Seath then gave a short report mentioning War Saving canvass last year, salvage work, and her privilege of attending the convention last year.

Mrs. Scarth expressed appreciation of the executive, directors and members for their years work. She concluded her remarks with a short article entitled "The farmer's wife has time for everything", greatly enjoyed by all. Mrs. Scarth also expressed appreciation of Herald Tribune, C.F.P. and Telephone Staff, and Canadian Utilities.

Mr. Patterson, as vice president expressed appreciation of our splendid years work under Mrs. Scarth's capable and entertaining leadership. The adoption of all reports recorded by Mr. Spier.

New Business included report on Bank question in town having taken action for better supervision.

Mrs. Scarth called for a report of library committee. Mrs. Charters explained the success met with when approaching the town council, told of entire work of library's date, and said they now had the petition ready to be signed by rate payers to make it a town library.

The nomination committee then presented this slate of officers for 1942. On motion of Mrs. Charters, sec. by Mrs. Tracy the entire report was adopted. The executive remained the same as last year.

The program committee was formed. Madames Carroll, Tracy, Patterson to act. Suggestions followed and members offered their homes for meetings.

Mrs. Sharpe suggested need of toys for children at hospital. Moved by Mrs. Kilman sec. by Mrs. McDonald we give \$2.00 to buy toys, to remain hospital property. Com. to buy composed of Mrs. Anatak, Mrs. Spier, Mrs. Sharpe.

The president then brought up the idea of opening homes to soldiers. Moved by Mrs. Harris sec. by Mrs. Kowensky that Madames W. Schart Card and Scarth, approach Major Younger to see the need of such entertainment and its possibilities.

Mrs. Scarth read a letter from Mrs. W. J. Thompson which all members appreciated.

Mrs. Anatak moved a vote of thanks to the executives of last year. Sec. by Mrs. Sharpe.

Mrs. Sharpe mentioned a needy family and offered to investigate.

Meeting adjourned on motion by Mrs. Card. Surprise won by Mrs. Harris brought 75¢ tea money brought \$1.95.

Rois M. Harris. Sec.
Lona Scarth. Pres.

January 8.

On January 8th the W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Wishart with an attendance of 16 members and 4 visitors. After the repetition of the creed in union the minutes were read and adopted. The treas report showed a balance of 184.22 Mrs. Swallow moved adoption of report. sec. by Mrs. Wilson.

Reporting on welfare work done in Mrs. McDonald's absence, Mrs. Scarth told of underwear purchased and some used clothing being included with the Elks hamper for a needy family. Moved by Mrs. O'Brien, we approve the action taken by Mrs. Sharp and our President and that we pay outstanding bills.

Mrs. Wishart reported an entertainment of soldiers at Christmas dinner. There were 40 homes opened to the boys and about 60 boys entertained. A letter of thanks from Maj. Young was read, thanking the committee and hostesses for their work.

Program committee had outlined a splendid program for the coming year, which was presented by Mrs. Patterson whose motion of adoption was seconded by Mrs. Swallow.

Mr. O'Brien representing the Red Cross, expressed thanks to the faithful workers who assist in packing, attiring etc. She also gave an impressive list of finished garments, shipped in past two months. Mrs. Charters library report showed balance of 13.26 - mentioned progress of petition to step payers and coming vol. Mrs. Scarth expressed appreciation of Mrs. Charters year work.

A letter read from Mymhuon requesting help for a needy family was given our welfare convener, Mr. McDonald, all members to assist if they could in finding garments suitable, Mrs. McDonald to draw on us if need be for funds as moved by Mrs. O'Brien sec. Mrs. Blair.

Letters were read from the recipients of Betty bags. also a letter of good wishes and encouragement from our coord. convener Mrs. Williams.

Mrs. Patterson reported the case of a child at Valhalla who has lost his hearing through accident. It was decided to keep in mind Dr. Hoyle next visit and meanwhile to enquire of him the cost

of an examination for the child and
the possibilities of institutional care
in case of continued deafness also to
visit Mrs. Burke & possibilities of the
child being brought to J. Prairie for examination.

The President brought up the matter
of further contribution to Merchant Marine
and on motion of Mrs. Bruin sec. Mrs. Swanton
we were to send a further amount of \$10.00

After a vote it was decided to ^{discontinue} ~~stop~~
the War & Stamp surprise packet for the present.

Moved by Mrs. Knutson, sec. by Mrs. Tracy,
that provincial dues be paid.

Mrs. Scarth then called on Mrs. Tracy
who delighted all present with her
entertaining book review on "The Timelless
Land" by Eleanor Park. This was a
most unusual and interesting account
of early settlement in Australia. Mrs.
Tracy gave a very clear picture of the
native in contrast to early settlers and
the effect on the natives of contact with
these early settlers.

On motion of Mrs. Wilson, meeting adjourned.
(Sea money brought 1.90), Tea ^{was} served
by our hostess assisted by Mrs. Blair. Lorna McHarris sec.
Rev. Lorna Scarth

Feb. 5/42.

The regular meeting of the W. L. League held
at the home of Mrs. Rowensky, Thurs. Feb. 5th.
The members joined in singing O'Canada
followed by repeating the creed. Mrs.
Scarth then called for minutes of previous
meeting which were read and approved.
Mrs. Scalloway treasurer's report showed
a balance of 73.67. This report sec. by Mr. Wilson.

Mrs. Patterson reporting on program
committee, thanked Mrs. Shaver who was
presented with a W. L. pin in recognition
of her work in making our program booklets.

Mrs. Scarth reporting on literary work, stated
a balance on hand of 16.00 and reminded
us of the vote to be taken. Committees were formed
to telephone rate payers to urge them to use
their vote.

Mrs. McDonald reporting on welfare
work told of the parcel sent to Lynburn
in answer to request from the teacher
there for clothing for a needy family. Some
60 suitable garments were sent and a
letter of thanks received to say they arrived
and were most suitable and welcome.

Motion to pay all bills made by Mrs. Rowensky
sec. by Mrs. Tracy.

After some discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Knateuk Sec by Mrs. Swallow that we make a knitted Afghan in blocks of 15"x15"

Mrs. Swallow read letter of thanks from Mrs. Montgomery for funds sent to Herbert Marine Fund and mentioning work done by this department

A letter from Mr. Carl Johnson expressed thanks to members for magazines. Several letters were read re the Hoberg boy and the matter tabled till Dr. Kemp's next visit.

Miss Dorothy Patterson, accompanied by Miss Elwood, delighted us with a solo. The "Whetstone" folio. Mr. Reid ^{guest speaker} then introduced and we were treated to an address on Persia. This was an account of his trip to Persia and many personal experiences, also insight into the native way of life and religion. The enthusiastic applause of those present showed how the members appreciated Mr. Reid's address. In thanking Mr. Reid Mr. Scarth said we might all wish to ask questions which he kindly offered to answer and a pleasant discussion followed. In motion of Mrs. Wilson we adjourned. Tea money 1.50

There were present 18 and 5 visitors.
Pres: Lorne Scarth Sec: M. H. A. Winslow

Mar. 5. The regular W.S. meeting came to order at eight o'clock Thurs. Mar. 5 at the home of Mrs. Carol, with a repetition of the Creed, the pres. Mrs. Scarth presiding.

There were present 19 memb and 2 visitors. The minutes were read and approved. The treas report given by Mrs. Swallow showed our finances rather low at a balance of 66.57, Mrs. Swallow moved the adoption of her report see by Mrs. Lawlor.

Mrs. Scarth said a word of welcome to visitors and new members. Correspondence followed - letter of thanks for plant from Mrs. Caird & a circular re suggesting co-operation of all women.

Mr. M. M. O'Brien's report on deaf child's education. Mrs. Scarth asked members named who wished to donate further magazines to rural schools. Mrs. Wishart reported on Afghan and a com. was formed to knit & crochet round the blocks on March 16 at Mrs. Harris home. Mrs. O'Brien offered wool donated to the R. Cross by Mrs. Reid to put Afghan together.

Mrs. O'Brien gave a report of years R. Cross work showing 2350 garments shipped also a recent shipment made.

Mr. Scarth reporting for library
told of surplus funds having been
invested in new books and mentioned
our library was being successful
and library is now incorporated
as a town library.

Mr. Sharpe sent a brief report of
waiting room, showing "patients in
gain & loss."

Moved by Mrs. Nelson see Mrs. Kowensky
to see be given 2.00 stamp money.
Suggested by Mrs. Patterson, a letter of
sympathy be sent Mrs. J. Nelson

Money making ideas discussed resulted
in a motion by Mrs. Tracy that each member
invite five friends to tea at a charge of 25¢
keeping tea very simple, on March 27.
see by Mrs. Kowensky.

Mr. Scarth called on Mrs. Estelle Miller who
really excelled her usual lovely reading in
giving "Benefits Forgotten" which delighted all
present as well as being most thought
provoking. ^{and} The applause showed our appreciation.

Mr. Scarth then called on Mr. Kittle, our
guest speaker who spoke on Parasites which
attack the human race. We were

warned of possible increase in formerly
rare diseases due to rapid transportation
between lands. In our home field we
were warned of need of thorough cooking of
all meats and more than careful
cleaning needed of ^{all} raw vegetables.

Mr. Scarth thanked Mr. Kittle whose address
was interesting to all.

On motion of Mrs. Patterson the meeting
adjourned. Tea was served by the
hostess assisted by Mrs. Spicer.
Tea money brought \$1.95.

Late a motion by Mrs. O'Brien see by
Mrs. Yule, requested a letter sent
to Council re the rain in price of
and information as to cleanliness
of tanks and those in charge.

Claris M. Harris Sec.
Pres: Lona Scarth.

April 2, 1943.

The regular monthly meeting of the Grande Prairie Womens' Institute met at the home of Mrs. Patterson on Thurs., Apr. 2, with 17 members in attendance. After the president, Mrs. Scarth, had called the meeting to order the members joined in the repetition of the creed.

The minutes were adopted as read.

The treasurer Mrs. Swallow in her report showed a balance on hand of \$6.52. Mrs. Swallow moved and Mrs. Card seconded the adoption of this report & carried.

Mrs. Swallow collected some more membership fees and also the talent money from the teas held by each member. Although there is still more tea money to be collected, \$27.00 was handed in. The ladies were glad to welcome a new member, Mrs. Sawyer.

The secretary read two letters regarding the case of the ^{four year old} deaf boy, Larry Loberg. One from Mrs. Loberg stating that ~~the~~ ^{the parents} would be very grateful for help and one from Mr. M. M. O'Brien, Secretary of the Department of Education stating that the government arranges for the education of such children after they are seven years old. It was suggested that a copy of Mr. O'Brien's letter be sent to Mrs. Loberg and that the matter be left there until we hear of Dr. Levy's visit.

The president gave us Mrs. Harris's report on the ice and water question. She had interviewed Mr. Broken and thought he would see need for more cleanliness in handling. He has received permission from Price Control Board to raise price of ice to

30 cents per block but no further.
The matter is also to be brought
up at the next council
meeting.

Mrs. Wishart reported on the
afghan and arranged to have
the committee meet at her place
on the evening on Mon., Apr. 13
to put afghan together.

The secretary read a letter
from a pupil of Cornwall school,
Crooked Creek expressing
appreciation for the magazines.

The secretary read a letter
from Mrs. Zabel regarding war work,
and the letter was given to
Mrs. Wishart who is to make
the quarterly report on war
work. In the discussion, which
followed, as to whether we
should do more ~~work~~ ^{hand} work for
the war effort it was
mentioned that many
members worked as
individuals for Red Cross and
Red Shield. Mrs. McIntyre volunteered

to knit the helmet and Mrs.
Flannagan the mitts for the
~~the~~ Merchant Marine.

A letter was read from
Rio Grande asking for the support
of a resolution from their
local regarding the establish-
ment of a travelling clinic
to inoculate children for
communicable diseases.
Moved by Mrs. McIntyre,
seconded by Mrs. Swallow
that we ^{send word that we} approve the resolution
and will ^{cooperate} communicate in
every way. Carried.

Mrs. Sharpe reported that
5 patients had used the
waiting room in March.
She also suggested that
we give one or two plants
to the hospital for Easter.
Moved by Mrs. McDonald
and seconded by Mrs. Spicer
that Mrs. Sharpe be given
authority to get what she
sees fit. Carried.

Mrs. Charters presented the final report on the library showing the expenditure of \$16.89 of the total \$17.89 which was on hand leaving a balance of \$1.00. Moved by Mrs. Swallow, seconded by Mrs. Tracy that this \$1. go toward cleaning the curtains. Carried. Mrs. Swallow volunteered to look after this matter.

Mrs. Patterson read the letter from Mrs. Montgomery expressing appreciation of the receipt of Mr. Reid's paper for the loan collection.

Mrs. Scarth brought up the matter of the organization of a Women's Auxiliary to D Company. Moved by Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mrs. Wishart that Mrs. Scarth be empowered to call the initial meeting. Carried.

Mrs. Scarth had been approached by Mrs. Harper regarding opening homes to the soldiers in camp. A paper was passed

around to be signed by anyone who was interested.

Mrs. Sharpe had been asked by the nurses to find out how many members were interested in a home-nursing class sponsored by the Red Cross. A paper was passed around for signatures.

After this busy business meeting the members relaxed and fully enjoyed the delightful program given by the Women's Musical Club. Mrs. Kenning ^{meeting adjourn.} moved that the

tea was then served by Mesdames ^{Card, Kaylor} Kenning, Spicer and the hostess, Mrs. Patterson.

Helga Tracy - Sec'y
pro tem.
Pres.: Lorne Scarth.

May 7/42.

The regular meeting of the I.P.W. was held on Thursday May 7 at the home of Mrs. Harris, with an attendance of twenty two members and one visitor. The meeting came to order, Mrs. Scarth, presiding and members repeated the creed together.

The minutes were read and adapted. Mr. Glanngain had completed the navy mitts and Mr. McIntyre the helmet. Mrs. Scarth thanked these ladies for this work. Mrs. Anatriuk volunteered to do next month's article - seamen's socks.

Mrs. Sullow moved the adoption of her report showing a balance of 109.37 sec. by Mrs. Kowensky. Carried. Re the matter of price of ice. Mrs. Sharpe moved, sec. by Mrs. Tracy that Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Blair interview the health committee of council re. cleanliness and leakage of tanks.

A letter from P.C.W.W. requested a penny a member in their Million Eucids drive. Moved by Mrs. Patterson sec. Mrs. Wilson this amount be taken from our funds. and names listed by the Treas. carried

The sec. read a letter from Mrs. Thompson, pro. pres. in which she stressed need of leather lined jackets. Mrs. Tracy moved, sec. by Mrs. Lawlor each member bring a donation of leather next meeting.

In Mrs. Marton's letter we were reminded of need to save fats. Mrs. Zyle offered to put a notice in the paper & Mrs. Wilson volunteered to receive donations of cleaned and strained fats. Mrs. Kowensky will assist Mrs. Wilson.

Mrs. Sharpe reported for waiting R. Mrs. Hodges due to ill health has given up this work. All members were to try to find a suitable place to set up a waiting home & let Mrs. Sharpe know if any place was found.

The afghan was displayed and was to be shown in Red Cross rooms or possibly at conf. conference.

Mrs. Wishart suggested making a sailors quilt of sock tops. Moved by Mrs. Hillman sec. Mrs. Patterson we begin a sailors quilt.

Mrs. Snatuk speaking of Handicrafts,
read list of classes of work and
urged all members to enter at
least one article of ^{hand}work at Const.
conference at Six Mills.

Mrs. Scarth reported on Radio Broadcast.
The material from branches is really
starting to come in for broadcasts.

W. I. pins were mentioned and
some more members requested them.
Since our membership has become
twofold it was felt two should
serve instead of one but serve one
thing. Moved Mrs. Patterson Sec. Mrs. Yule
this custom be continued.

Mrs. Scarth offered her home for
June meeting.

Mrs. Munsinger moved the meeting
again. Quartette unable to attend - will later.

Since Mr. Sisson was unable
to be present Mrs. Scarth had asked
Mrs. Andrews to show her films
on Modern Dance. This she did
explaining its beginning and
progress to date. Her talk ^{and film} ~~was~~
enjoyed by all. Tea was served

Phone Mrs. Carl. Ellis

by the hostess assisted by Mrs.
Snatuk & Mrs. Mannigan. Tea
money brought 2.20.

Chair M. Harris
Sec.

Pres: Lorna Scarth.

June 4. The regular meeting of the W.S. was held at the home of Mrs. Scarth on June 4th with sixteen present.

The meeting opened with the Creed, Mrs. Patterson presiding. The minutes were read and adopted. Mrs. Swallow gave the treasurer's report showing a balance on hand of 103.56, moving its adoption which was sec. by Mrs. Yale.

The report on ice-water service was given showing the council taking action for greater cleanliness & the members were happy to leave the issue in their hands.

Mrs. Sharpe reported for the Waiting Room - no place has yet been found for this service by motion of Mrs. Bruin sec. Mrs. Wickhart the address to be put in Gerald Nelson again.

Re the case of Harry Hoberg Mrs. Scarth reported, thanking Mr. Hoberg for his services and unfortunately reporting lack of his being able to help Harry's hearing.

The sec. was requested to write Harry expressing our thanks for his help. Red Cross report given by Mrs. Bruin

showed an impressive list of finished garments shipped. It was mentioned that all knitters should gauge size of wool ^{stitches} so the finished garment would be a right size. Adoption moved by Mrs. Bruin sec. Mrs. Swallow.

Mrs. Wickhart as convener of War Work displayed the beginning of a sailor's quilt of sock tops & suggested two committees to function during summer to complete other quilts. Mrs. Wickhart also suggested buying wool for Navy League garments in larger quantities. Moved by Mrs. Bruin - Mrs. Wickhart be authorized to buy the wool as she saw fit. Sec. by Mrs. Gard. Mrs. Scarth offered to do the knitted garment for June. Mrs. Kowenky & Mrs. Wickhart were to convene two groups for quilts. At this point Mrs. Scarth took ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{meeting}.

Welfare work was reported by Mrs. McDonald. She asked if garments, utensils etc for a family at both who suffered complete loss of home through fire. She also reported a request from hospital

In children's picture books.
Moved by Mrs. Harris sec. Mrs. MacLennan
that Mrs. Blair convene of child welfare
be given \$2.00 to purchase some new
ones & collect others from members.

The correspondence included
another letter of appreciation
of magazines sent to country
schools. A letter from Mr. Williams
const. convenor asked us to appoint
a judge for const. conference handwriting.
Mrs. A. Thompson was our choice
if she agreed to do it.

or motion of giving the app. sec. by Mrs. Tracy.

At this point the business
was discontinued and all were
delighted with a reading by Mrs.
Sanger Davis - Work Worn. by
Pauline Johnson.

Back to business again, Mrs.
Kovinsky was appointed const. conference
delegate. Members offered cars. Names
were listed of those wishing to get
transportation left in the hands of Mrs. Smallman.

Mrs. Sanger Davis then gave a
second reading, also first Pauline
Johnson entitled "Lady Morgnetti".

Mrs. O'Brien suggested all would
like to hear "Big Steamers" by Rudyard
Kipling which Mrs. S. Davies
had given years before. She
was able to give the reading
in full after many years with
out reading the poem. Every one
appreciated its timely message
and Mrs. S. Davies' good humor
and generosity.

Mrs. Card moved we adjourn.
The money brought 1.50. Tea
was served by the hostess
assisted by Mrs. Hillman
and Mrs. Harris.

Louis M. Harris sec.
Lorna Seath - pres.

Sept. 3, 1942

The regular meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. N. McDonald in the evening of Sept. 3 with fourteen members present. It is presumed that the meeting opened in the orthodox manner with the repetition of the creed but since the secretary was late she cannot speak with certainty.

A motion of Mesdames Kowensky and Swallow was carried suggesting that Mrs. Tracy be secretary in place of Mrs. Harris was carried.

Mrs. Swallow moved the adoption of the treasurer's report showing a balance on hand of \$105.61. This was seconded by Mrs. Knatink and the motion carried. Mrs. Scarth inquired how much of that sum we owed to the hospital and Mrs. Swallow later reported that we owe the hospital only \$5.

The secretary then read letters of appreciation: 1st from Mrs. Duffield regarding a gift for children in the hospital. 2ndly from Maj. Younger regarding dinners arranged for soldiers during army week. 3rdly, from Mrs. Robertson thanking us for assistance given when their home was burned and (4th) two letters from school pupils (Valhalla Centre and Homestead) thanking us for magazines.

Regarding the matter of the selection of a convener for the Women's Advisory Committee for the War Time Prices and Trade Board sub-regional office, Mrs. Scarth reported that, since the interval, Mr. Stiles had chosen Mrs. Swallow, we have no further responsibility. Booklets were distributed by Mrs. Swallow. A letter from Mrs. Marton, Provincial War Work Sec'y was

then considered. She asked us to send the price of 1 tin of jam from each member and from any others who might be willing to contribute. Moved by Mrs. Wishart, seconded by Mrs. Spicer that we send \$25. from the funds for the purchase of jam.

Mrs. Marton also said that each Institute was asked to pack two ditty bags, one in September and one in November - both to be sent by Nov. 15. It was decided to leave the matter and pack them both in November.

Mrs. Wishart read acknowledgements for 3 quilts sent to the Navy League - one from our Institute and two given us by the Boulevard Red Cross sewing group. Mrs. Wishart also presented bills.

Various other bills were presented. Moved by Mrs. Lowensky, seconded by Mrs. Wilson that all bills

be paid. Carried.

A letter from our provincial president, Mrs. Thompson of Coaldale was read. She urged an increase of membership and mentioned girls clubs and radio programs. She also mentioned that Miss Edna Jaques was making a tour of the West and would be available to any Institute which provided \$10. and lodging for one night. The sec'y was asked to write for information regarding a possible appearance here on a Sunday night. Moved by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. Hillman. Carried.

The secretary was asked to write to Father McKenna, Capt. Lord and the W. M. S. of the United Church for their generous assistance in packing the boxes for the Robertson family.

It was reported that no place had yet been found for the waiting-room and Mrs. Scarth appealed to the members for suggestions.

Mrs. Tracy expressed appreciation for the gift of the baby spoon.

Mrs. McDonald reported a request by the Mounted Police for help for a needy man at Teepee Creek. Mrs. Anatik and Mrs. Swallow offered to give the some of the needed articles.

Mrs. Wishart displayed the Merchant Marine knitted articles for June. Seamen's socks, cap and gloves had all been beautifully knitted by Mrs. Anatik.

Volunteers were called on for the September knitting. Mrs. Flannigan offered to make the mitts, Mrs. Spicer the socks and Mrs. Scarth, the caps.

Mrs. Kowensky reported on the constituency conference held in Sexsmith Aug.

Mr. Scarth then gave a very interesting paper on "The Story of Wheat in the West." Afterwards Mrs. Swallow expressed our appreciation by moving a vote of thanks which was seconded by Mrs. Patterson.

During the meeting those present worked on quilt squares.

Arrangements were made for the annual Child Welfare Clinic. Moved by Mrs. Wishart, seconded by Mrs. Kowensky that the Child Welfare Clinic be held Sept. 25, 26 and that it be put in charge of a committee consisting of Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Spicer, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Carrol and Mrs. Sharpe, convened by Mrs. Blair. Carried.

Mrs. Flannigan moved the adjournment.

Tea was served by Mesdames
Spicer, Scarth, O'Brien and
the hostess Mrs. McDonald.

Helen Tracy Sec'y.
Lorva Scarth - Pres.

Oct. 1, 1942.

Seventeen members and ~~six~~^{seven} visitors
attended the regular monthly
meeting of the G.P.W.I. held at the
home of Mrs. M. Swallow on the
evening of Thursday, Oct. 1.

After the repetition of the creed Mrs.
Scarth gave a warm welcome to
the six members of the Boulevard
Red Cross Sewing Group.

The minutes were adopted as read.

Mrs. Swallow moved the
adoption of the treasurer's report
showing a balance on hand of
\$71.07. This was seconded by
Mrs. McDonald and carried.

Mrs. Swallow read an acknowledge-

ment of our \$25 contribution to
the jam-for-Britain fund.

The sec'y read a letter from
Edna Jaques indicating that
her visit will not be until
early in the new year.

The sec'y read a letter from
Mrs. Norton acknowledging the
receipt of a parcel of leather
from us. Members gave further
contributions to Miss Nishart.

Mrs. Blair reported on the
Child Welfare Clinic.

Mrs. McDonald reported on
community welfare.

Moved by Mrs. Proctor, seconded
by Mrs. Swanston that all bills
be paid. Carried.

The question of correspondence
paper was brought up. Moved
by Mrs. Patterson, seconded by
Mrs. Tracy that we buy
1000 sheets, ^{with letterheads} at \$6.25 from
the Herald Tribune. Carried. The
secretary was asked to inquire
from the provincial sec'y
regarding envelopes.

The members discussed the question as to whether or not we should get curtains for the library. Mrs. Wishart and Mrs. Wilson agreed to price material, measure windows etc. and report at the next meeting.

Mrs. Scarth reported that we had been approached regarding assistance to the Red Cross. Moved by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. Wilson that we organize a Red Cross tea to be held on Oct. 17. Carried. Mrs. Scarth appointed the following committee to take charge of the tea: Mesdames: McDonald, Tracy, McFarlane, and O'Brien to be convened by Mrs. McDonald.

Mrs. Wishart reported on war work and displayed the very fine quilt donated to us by the Boulevard Red Cross sewing group. Mrs. Kaatiuk offered to help Mrs. Wishart with the ditty bags.

The members then enjoyed two piano solos by Miss E. Gudlaugson.

Mrs. Tracy then introduced a discussion period on war problems. Mrs. Patterson introduced the subject of "Rumors" and Mrs. Proctor that of "Rubber." Because of shortage of time Mrs. Scarth spoke only very briefly on her topic of "A Short Guide to Great Britain" and Mrs. Tracy's topic "Nutrition" was omitted.

We then enjoyed another musical treat. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Goodier accompanied by Mrs. Newton delighted us with two vocal duets.

Mrs. Flannigan

Mrs. Scarth expressed our appreciation for the quilts donated to the Merchant Marine by the sewing group.

Mrs. Flannigan moved the adjournment.

Tea was then served by

Mrs. McDonald
Mrs. Patterson
Mrs. Maninich

assisted by Mrs. Lawlor and
the hostess, Mrs. Swallow.

Helen Tracy - Sec'y
Lorna Scarth - Pres.

Nov. 5, 1942.

On Nov. 5 sixteen members and three
visitors attended the W.P. meeting at
the home of Mrs. Hillman.

After the repetition of the creed the
minutes were adopted as read.

~~It was moved by Mrs. Swallow,~~
~~seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the~~ ^{adoption} ~~of the~~
financial report showing a balance
of \$69 and ~~some cents~~ ^{\$707.22} was moved
by Mrs. Swallow and seconded by
Mrs. Wilson. Carried.

A report on the tea organized
for the Red Cross showed that \$110.
had been the net receipts which
had been turned over to the Red Cross.

Moved by Mrs. Knatvik, seconded
by Mrs. O'Brien that the surplus
money (a little over \$1) collected since
the money had been given to the
Red Cross should be used to get

a little gift for Mrs. Jewfield showing
our appreciation for her help the
day of the tea. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Sharpe, seconded
by Mrs. Menninger that all bills be
paid. Carried.

Mrs. Wishart reported on the
library curtains and brought
samples. Moved by Mrs. Patterson,
seconded by Mrs. Spicer that 10 yards
of the striped material be bought.
Carried. Mrs. Swallow offered to
make the curtains and
Mrs. Wishart volunteered her
assistance.

Mrs. Wishart reported the
shipment of 2 well-filled ditty
bags, leather and one quilt.
She mentioned that two other
quilts were nearing completion.
Moved by Mrs. Proctor, seconded
by Mrs. Wilson that Mrs.
Wishart be authorized to buy
what she needs for her quilt.
Carried.

Mrs. O'Brien reported on Red Cross,

Mrs. Tracy on leather collection and
Mrs. Scarth on the tea for Mrs. Bard.

Four letters of appreciation of
magazines were read.

Mrs. Knatuk agreed to be
our representative on the War-time
Prices and Trade Board.

Mrs. O'Brien brought up the
matter of having the rent commission
brought to town. Moved by
Mrs. McDonald, seconded by
Mrs. Swallow that Mrs. O'Brien
and Mrs. Tracy be delegated
to find out the proper
procedure and act on it.

A nominating committee
consisting of Mrs. Sharpe, convenor,
Mrs. Hannigan and Mrs. Spicer
was appointed by the chair.

Mrs. Wishart offered her home
for the December meeting.

Mrs. Hayward-Smith,
accompanied by Mrs. Newton
then gave us two delightful
vocal solos.

This was followed by a paper

on "Women, West and East" by
Mrs. Crane-Williams.

Mrs. Swanston moved that
the meeting adjourn.

Mrs. Proctor assisted
Mrs. Hillman in serving
lunch.

Helen Tracy Sec'y.
Lorna Scarth - Pres.

Dec. 3, 1942.

The annual meeting of the Grande
Prairie Women's Institute was
held at the home of Mrs. Wishart
with sixteen in attendance.

As usual the meeting opened
with the repetition of the
creed.

The minutes were ~~the~~ adopted
as read.

Mrs. Swallow then moved the
adoption of her monthly financial
statement showing a balance on
hand of \$60.³⁶ This was
seconded by Mrs. Tracy and
passed.

Mrs. Tracy reported that a rental control officer had visited Grande Prairie without any request being made by the Institute. The proper procedure in case of rental complaints was outlined. The matter was then dropped. The meeting felt that the onus of registering complaints rested on individual renters.

Mrs. Swallow reported on the library curtains. The president, Mrs. Scarth, expressed our appreciation to Mrs. Swallow for having made all the curtains for us.

The secretary read a letter containing season's greetings from Mrs. Williams, our district convener. Letters of appreciation were read from Mrs. Phillips, Librarian, thanking us for the library curtains and from three school children expressing appreciation for magazines.

Mrs. Michart reported on war work.

She had ~~for~~^{on} display two quilts - one the result of her own individual efforts and one from Mrs. Kowensky's group. She also reported the shipping of thirteen pounds of leather and read a letter from Mrs. Marton, moved by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. Killman that we make an appeal throughout the district for fur and leather. carried. It was decided to publicize the appeal in the press and over the air. Mrs. Kowensky offered the use of their store as a depot for collection. It was decided to display the leather-lined seaman's jacket there.

Annual reports were then given. The secretary gave a brief summary of the year's work. The treasurer's report is to be left until the end of the month when the books are closed. Mrs. Scarth, the president, then

spoke on our year's work together and expressed gratitude for the fine spirit and generous coöperation she had found in working with this Institute. Mrs. Wilson, the convener of the nominating committee, then gave the state of officers as recommended ~~report~~ by the nominating committee. As no additional nominations were made by the meeting it was moved by Mrs. Wharwick, seconded by Mrs. Yule that the slate of officers be accepted as read. Carried.

And so we started a new year as Mrs. Scarth remarked, "with not much change of scenery."

Mrs. McDonald offered to work with Mrs. Spicer to get Christmas cheer for the hospital. Moved by Mrs. Kovensky, seconded by Mrs. Wilson that they be authorized to spend \$5. on this Christmas treat.

Some possibilities for the

maternity waiting room were discussed.

The chair appointed the following program committee: Mrs. M. Farlane, convener; Mrs. Proctor, ^{Mrs. Hillman} Mrs. Yule. Mrs. Scarth and Mrs. Tracy were to be ex-officio members.

It was agreed that we should make an effort to increase our membership.

A greeting card was read from Mrs. Thomson.

Five houses were offered for next year's meetings.

The matter of entertaining the ~~soldiers' wives~~ ^{and men} in the services was discussed at length. Moved by Mrs. Wishart, seconded by Mrs. Tracy that we entertain them on Wed. Dec. 16. Carried. The following committee volunteered to act: Mesdames. Tracy, Wishart, McDonald, Hillman.

Moved by Mrs. Yule, seconded by

Mrs. Menninger that all bills be paid.
Carried.

Tea money brought \$1.70.

Mrs. Howensky moved that
the meeting adjourn.

Tea was served by Mrs.
Wishart with the assistance
of Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Tracy.
Glen Tracy. Secy.
Lorna Scarth - Pres.

Jan. 7, 1943.

The regular meeting of the Grande Prairie
Women's Institute was held at the
home of Mrs. W. S. Scarth with twenty
in attendance. Four of those present
^{were} pleased to see were
new members.

After the repetition of the creed
the minutes were adopted with
two small corrections.

Mrs. Swallow then gave her
annual financial report showing
total expenditures of \$356.90,
during the year and ~~leaving~~ ^{indicating} a

cash on hand as being \$58.42.
Mrs. Swallow moved the adoption
of this report. Seconded by Mrs.
McDonald. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Swanston, seconded
by Mrs. M. Farlane that all bills be
paid. Carried.

Mrs. Wishart then gave a report on
war work. She reported the
shipment of 2 more quilts, read
a letter from Mrs. Marton and
spoke of the lack of response to
the appeal for leather and fur.
The leather lined and sheep-skin
lined jackets were at the
meeting for the members to
see. Moved by Mrs. Wishart, seconded
by Mrs. Swallow that the secretary
write community clubs
near Grande Prairie asking
them if they would like to
cooperate in the drive for fur
and leather. Carried.

Several members paid their fees.
Moved by Mrs. McDonald,
seconded by Mrs. Spicer that the

provincial dues be paid. Carried.

Mrs. Tracy reported on the tea for wives of men in the services held on Dec. 16.

Mrs. McFarlane gave the report of the program committee. It was explained that this year the programs were more practical than formerly, that they offered less in the way of straight entertainment and that several work meetings had been included. Moved by Mrs. Wishart and seconded by Mrs. Carrol that this program be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Kawensky, seconded by Mrs. Nillman that Mrs. Wishart be authorized to send ^{out} for quilt lining for three quilts and that she be voted \$10. to be used for this and other expenses in connection with the war work. Carried.

A letter of greetings from
much appreciated

Mrs. O. B. Harris was read and it was suggested that the secretary answer this friendly letter.

The secretary was instructed to write Miss Edna Jaques and say that we accept her date (May 13). The Institute will decide later what form the meeting will take.

Mrs. Charters was granted permission to ~~write~~ describe our year's activities in a press report.

Mrs. Macdonald reported on community welfare.

Mrs. Pickard then reviewed in a very interesting manner a fascinating book "Lord of Alaska" by Hector Ebleigny.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Seath, Mrs. Wishart and Mrs. Svallov.

Helen Tracy - Sec.
Lorna Smith - Pres.

Feb. 4, 1943.

Seventeen members of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Hugh McDonald for the February meeting. After the repetition of the creed the minutes were read and adopted.

Then everyone was set to work. Mrs. Wishart, as war work convener saw that everyone was either knitting or making quilt blocks.

The new programs were distributed. This year we are again indebted to Mrs. Shaver for typing the booklets and also to Mr. Scarth for doing the creeds.

Mrs. Swallow in giving the treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$29.47. She moved the adoption of this report which was seconded by Mrs. Hillman and carried.

More fees were paid.

The correspondence included

a letter from Miss Mac Gillvard, matron of the hospital, thanking us for Christmas gifts to the hospital, one from the Red Cross thanking us for the \$110. contribution, one from Mrs. Crane-Williams promising her cooperation in the fur and leather drive and one from Edna Jagues regarding her appearance her on May 13.

Mrs. Wishart then gave her report on war work. She read a letter from Mrs. Morton and reported having sent another parcel of fur and leather.

Mrs. Patterson read a letter of greeting from Mrs. Roy Roberts.

Mrs. McDonald in reporting on community welfare, told of helping a needy family. The meeting asked that the case be further investigated.

Moved by Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mrs. Kawensky that all bills be paid. Carried. These included \$2. to the secretary

and 50¢ to the Herald-Tribune office.

Moved by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. Knatvik the we have a concert ~~a week~~ from on Sun. Feb. 14 in aid of the Merchant Marine. Carried. The following committee agreed to take charge. Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Tracy and the president, Mrs. Scarth, as an ex-officio member.

Then our president called on Miss Isabel Kennedy to discuss with us "War Time Foods." She gave us a very practical, helpful talk which included several interesting war-time recipes.

Mrs. Knatvik then moved that the meeting adjourn and we all enjoyed lunch served by Mrs. Alt and Mrs. Wilson!

Helen Tracy Sec.

Mar. 4, 1943.

Sixteen members and three visitors were present at the Women's Institute meeting held in Mrs. Karwensky's home on Thursday, March 4.

After the repetition of the creed, Mrs. Scarth, who was in the chair, welcomed the visitors.

The minutes were adopted as read.

We were sorry to hear that Mr. McMillan, the speaker of the evening would not be able to come.

It was moved by Mrs. Swallow and seconded by Mrs. Karwensky that the treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$53.52 be accepted. Carried.

Two lovely quilts were on display. They had been made by members of the South End Sewing Group who planned to send them through us to the Merchant Marine.

In the correspondence two letters were read - one from the town of Grande Prairie expressing appreciation for the curtains and one from Mrs. Cranston who promised

support in the drive for fur and leather.

Mrs. Spicer gave the hospital report.

Mrs. Patterson, as convenor of the Sunday night concert committee gave her report. It was moved by Mrs. Kawensky and seconded by Mrs. Anahid that the net proceeds of \$45. be sent to the war emergency fund for the Merchant Marine.

It was suggested that the secretary write to thank the various groups which had assisted us in putting on the concert; viz., letter to Student's union thanking them for the piano, one to Epl. Waterman for the services of the band and one to the Catholic Girls' Choir.

Mrs. Wishart reported on war work. She gave a detailed account of her expenditures

and mentioned having sent three more quilts. She also mentioned that a nice collection of fur and leather was coming into Kawensky's store. It was suggested that another appeal might be made to the school children. The secretary agreed to look after this.

A meeting was arranged to take place at Mrs. Wishart's the following Monday evening for the purpose of finishing the quilt and ripping fur and leather.

Mrs. McDonald made a report on the Jefferson case. Moved by Mrs. Wishart, seconded by Mrs. McDonald that we make the next quilt for them. Carried.

The idea of a shower for the Proctors, who lost everything at Dawson Creek, was discussed. A committee

was appointed consisting of Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Proctor and Mrs. Flanagan. It was agreed that the members might give cash donations or useful articles to the committee.

The matter of sponsoring a minstrel show put on by the men ^{at} the barracks was discussed. Moved by Mrs. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the matter be left in the hands of the executive. Carried.

Mrs. Krutnik obliged us by moving that we adjourn so that we might enjoy the lunch provided by the hostess, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Gule.

John Tracy.
Lorne Scarth.

Apr. 1, 1943.

Nineteen members of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Lawlor. Of those present two were new members - Mrs. Loeve whom we are pleased to welcome as a ~~new~~ member and Mrs. J. Nelson a former member that we are ^{glad} ~~pleased~~ to have with us again.

The usual order of the meeting was somewhat reversed. After the repetition of the creed Mrs. Scarth introduced our guest speaker, Mrs. Nelson, who spoke with great enthusiasm and interest on "Gardening".

The members then got organized for work - some to knit and others to rip leather and fur. Mrs. Wishart gave her war-work report which showed 2 quilts donated locally, 2 quilts ~~sent~~ 1 pair socks and 1 cap to the Merchant Marine and

7 lbs. of leather sent to Vegreville.
The following committee volunteered
to go to Mrs. Anatriuk's home
the following Monday evening
to the two more quilts: Mesdames
McFarlane, Wishart, Kenning,
Kawensky, Wilson, Scarth
and Tracy.

Moved by Mrs. Anatriuk, seconded
by Mrs. Yuk that Mrs. Wishart be
granted \$5. to carry on war
work. Carried.

After the roll call the minutes
were read and adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Sewallow, seconded
by Mrs. Kawensky that the
Treasurer's report, showing a
balance of \$37.27, be adopted.
Carried.

Mrs. Scarth welcomed our
two new members.

In the absence of Mrs. Macdonald,
Mrs. Scarth reported on the
Jefferson case.

And Mrs. Anatriuk, in the
absence of Mrs. Wilson, reported on

the Proctor gift. The secretary also
read a letter of appreciation
from Mrs. and Mrs. Proctor.

Mrs. Scarth reported that
the Minstrel Show was not
yet organized.

After considerable discussion
it was decided to have
a supper meeting when
Miss Anna Jaques speaks. This
was moved by Mrs. Patterson,
seconded by Mrs. Sewallow
and carried. The appointment
of a committee to look after
this supper was left to the
executive.

The secretary read ~~the~~^a
letter from the Kinsmen
Club which had enclosed a
memorandum for the
improvement of Grande
Prairie. Nearly all those
present were familiar
with the text, and it was
moved by Mrs. Yuk, seconded
by Mrs. McFarlane that we

A letter of
appreciation
from Mrs.
Hillman
was read.

contains very comprehensive plan of much from improvement
heartily endorse the brief submitted by the Kinsmen, which
carried.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Thompson. Her letter was dealt with point by point. Moved by Mrs. Lowensky, seconded by Mrs. Knutik that we agree with the council's wish that in the ab since there is no convention they be empowered to carry on the business and fill vacancies. The matter of getting more subscriptions for "Home and Country" was also discussed.

Mrs. Scarth explained Mr. Donald Cameron's intention of organizing a "School for Community Life" here.

Mrs. Tracy mentioned a request made by Mr. Cameron that different organizations interest themselves in getting more current magazine subscriptions

for our local army camp.

Mrs. Swallow moved the adjournment of the business meeting and lunch was then served by Mrs. Lawlor, Mrs. Henning and Mrs. Tracy.

Allen Tracy.
Lorna Scott.

May 6, 1943.

The May meeting was held at the home of Mrs. D. N. Patterson with 18 members and 1 visitor present.

As usual the meeting opened with the repetition of the creed. The minutes were then adopted as read.

Mrs. Swallows moved and Mrs. Dawes seconded the adoption of the financial report showing a balance of \$32.17, carried.

A letter was read from Mr. Don. Cameron regarding the need for magazine subscriptions at the local camp training centre. Moved by Mrs. MacDonald, seconded by

Mrs. Swanston that we allocate approximately \$10 for that purpose. Carried. Mrs. Dawes and Mrs. MacDonald agreed to act as a purchasing committee.

~~A letter of appreciation was~~
The secretary read a letter of appreciation from the hospital, thanking us for the Easter gift.

It was mentioned that a ^{Dept. of Extension} demonstrator is coming again this year.

It was decided to have the conference in the week June 21-26, the choice of a specific date being left to Mrs. Patterson.

2 quilts were on display from the South End sewing group.

The greater part of the business meeting was then devoted to making detailed plans for the coming supper to be held on May 13.

We were then told of a most unexpected and

generous donation of \$25. from the High School Dramatics Club. It was moved by Mrs. Proctor and seconded by Mrs. Karvensky that this \$25. be sent to our Merchant Marine fund. Carried.

Mrs. MacDonald moved that the business meeting adjourn. We then relaxed and enjoyed the program given by our guests, the members of the Musical Club. Mrs. Scarth spoke for us all when she extended our thanks to the members of the Musical Club.

Tea was then enjoyed by us all. The lunch was served by the hostesses assisted by Mrs. Dawes, Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. Hillman, and Mrs. Amatiel.

Helen Tracy
Lorna Scarth.

June 3, 1943.

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. M. Swallow for the June meeting. There were eighteen members and one visitor present.

After the repetition of the creed the minutes were adopted as read.

Mrs. Swallow moved and Mrs. Wilson seconded the adoption of the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$54.12.

Mrs. Swallow as convener of the Edna Jaques banquet also reported on that. The figures showed a profit of \$20.80 on total receipts of \$58.03.

Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Dawes reported that they had arranged to get subscriptions to "The Saturday Evening Post" and "Life" for the local training centre. Mrs. Morris had generously given them to

us at cost.

It was moved by Mrs. Patterson and seconded by Mrs. Anatuik that notes of appreciation be sent to "C.F.G.P." and the "Herald-Tribune" for the publicity they gave us in connection with the Edna Jaques' supper.

A letter was read from Mr. Donald Cameron, thanking us for our interest in sending magazine subscriptions to the local training centre.

Mrs. Anatuik then asked that we send contributions to the handicraft exhibit for the conference. It was suggested that we might exhibit one of our quilts. A meeting was arranged for Monday evening at Mrs. Wishart's to assemble this quilt. Mrs. McFarlane, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Henning and Mrs. Anatuik volunteered to help.

Mrs. Patterson then reported on conference plans. Detailed plans for the conference were then made. A lunch committee volunteered: Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Boucher and Mrs. McFarlane were to make the sandwiches. Mrs. Barth, Mrs. Knutik and Mrs. Tracy were to plan the lunch. It was agreed that we could billet the ladies from Cherry Point. It was decided to ask Mrs. Thomson if she would serve again as judge for the handicraft exhibit. Mrs. Proctor and Mrs. Dawes agreed to arrange a few program numbers.

It was moved by Mrs. Nowensky, seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the \$3. be paid for the crest.

Mrs. Nowensky then moved that the ^{business} meeting adjourn.

Mrs. Scarth then introduced Mrs. Croken who spoke

wartime
to us on the shortages in clothing and materials. Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. McFarlane and Mrs. Lawlor.

Helen Tracy (Sec.)
Louise Scarth (Pres.)

Sept. 2/43.

The W.S. met at the home of Mrs Search for Sept. meeting, there being only ten members present. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted.

It was moved by Mrs Patterson and seconded by Mrs Swallow that Mrs Flanagan act as secretary for the balance of the year.

Mrs Swallow read the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$36.91 and moved the adoption. The motion was seconded by Mrs McDonald.

The secretary was asked to write a letter of appreciation to Mrs D.W. Pratt re judging of handicraft exhibits at the Conference held in July.

It was moved by Mrs Boucher and seconded by Mrs Anstuit that Mrs McDonald arrange for flowers to be sent to Mrs Wishart.

A discussion then took place regarding the visit of the Governor General and Princess Alice ^{on Sept 18th}

the latter wishing to meet all ladies of the W.S.

Mrs Lowe was asked to arrange for all posters regarding ~~advertising~~ exhibits, etc.

Three committees were appointed as follows:

1st Exhibit of handicrafts -

Mrs Thomson and Mrs Anstuit.

2nd. Unpacking and repacking of exhibits - Mrs Swallow, Mrs Henning and Mrs McFarlane.

3rd. Arranging for tea - Mrs McDonald, Mrs Boucher and Mrs Bell.

The secretary was asked to write Len Smith W.S. for 12 dozen cookies, assist in serving and entertaining, also flowers would be appreciated.

Mrs Sharpe was to be asked to take charge of the canning exhibits, Mrs Nelson to arrange flowers and Mrs Search to take charge of the publicity.

It was suggested that Mrs Wilson take over the duties of war work

convenor during Mrs Wishart's absence. As Mrs Wilson was not present, this was held over until October meeting.

Mrs Search was asked to continue as representative for the Nestless Club, for the time being.

Moved by Mrs Henning and seconded by Mrs McDonald that we raffle the luncheon set. Mrs Swallow to take charge of the raffling. It was also moved by Mrs McDonald and seconded by Mrs Boucher that Mrs Patterson be paid for the set in question.

Mrs Stratnik was asked to take charge of the ditty bags and the displaying of one with other exhibits for N. R. W. visit.

Mrs Swallow moved that we adjourn.

F. A. Flanagan Sec.
Loma Search Pres.

Oct. 7/43.

The October meeting was held at the home of Mrs Bell with 23 members and 5 visitors. The meeting opened with the creed and the minutes were adopted as read.

Mrs Swallow read the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$36.59 and moved the adoption. Mrs Stratnik seconded the motion. Carried.

Moved by Mrs Kowensky and seconded by Mrs Wilson that Mrs Swallow pay all outstanding bills.

Letters of appreciation were read from Mrs Wishart, Mrs McDonald and Mrs Thompson of McLennan.

Mrs Patterson then gave her report on Princess Alice's visit and expressed her appreciation to the different members who spent so much of their time preparing for the visit. Mrs Search then

expressed appreciation to Mrs Patterson for her part both in the preparations and also during the afternoon.

It was moved by Mrs Lawler and seconded by Mrs Sharpe that the Welfare Clinic be held on Oct 15th and 16th with Mrs Cancell in charge. Mrs Spicer and Mrs Patterson offered to arrange for tea on Friday afternoon and Mrs Bell and Mrs Yule on Saturday.

Due to the fact that the secretary hasn't a phone, Mrs Kowensky was appointed to act as telephone secretary.

It was decided to fill as many as four ditty bags, those wishing to make donations were asked to hand them to Mrs Anatick.

Mrs Kowensky moved and Mrs McFetridge seconded that we hold a rummage sale on Oct. 16. A committee was formed consisting of Mrs McFetridge, Mrs Kowensky, Mrs Thomson

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Anatick. Mrs Yule was asked to attend to advertising of this and of the clinic in the Herald Tribune, Mrs Search over the air and Mrs Boucher on the screen.

The secretary was asked to write letters of appreciation to Sessmith W. S. and J. M. S. Howell.

After completion of all business Mrs Search then introduced Mrs Crane Williams, guest speaker for the evening. Mr Clark was on her travels in India and of a Hindu wedding ceremony. This was very much enjoyed by all present.

Mrs Procter and Mrs Mensing assisted Mrs Bell in serving lunch.

F. A. Staupau, Sec.
Lorne Search - Pres.

Nov. 4/73.

The regular W. I. meeting for November held at the home of Mrs Stratwick opened by singing "O Canada" followed by the Creed. There were 24 members present and one visitor.

The minutes for October meeting were read and adopted.

Mrs Swallow read and adopted the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$165.³³. This was seconded by Mrs Wilson. Mrs Swallow also reported that \$107.27 was realized from the rummage sale and \$29.45 from the raffle.

Moved by Mrs Spicer and seconded by Mrs Mensinger that all bills be paid.

Mrs McFetridge then reported on the rummage sale. It was decided that Mrs McFetridge and Mrs Patterson arrange to dispose of the articles left over from the sale.

Mrs Carroll reported on the clinic

and only 16 babies were examined. Mrs Carroll also expressed her thanks to the nurses who assisted.

The secretary was asked to write letters of appreciation to Mrs Vernon for candy and gum and Lieut. Buckles for pictures. A letter of sympathy was written to Mrs Howard of Jessmith by Mrs Patterson.

Mrs Search reported on a doll dressed by Mrs Kowensky to be sent to the Barnardo Home.

The matter of magazines for the Training Centre was again brought up. Moved by Mrs Carroll and seconded by Mrs Swanston that Mrs Dawes and Mrs McDonald continue to act on this matter and that they call on the Camp again regarding the magazines.

Mrs McDonald asked about having a box of clothing etc. sent to Smoky Skight. Moved by Mrs Spicer and seconded by Mrs Kowensky that \$10. be given

to the war work conveners to buy
wool and cover expenses.

A letter from Mr D. W. Pratt
regarding the Fifth Victory Loan
was read.

Mrs Swanston moved and
seconded by Mrs Thomson that
the following donations be made:
Merchant Marines \$57. Jam for
Britain \$25. Red Shield \$25.

Mrs Wilson was asked to
arrange for an evening to tie a
quilt. Mesdames Anatrik, McFarlane,
McTetridge, Hillman and Flanagan
offered assistance.

A nominating committee
was formed consisting of Mrs
Patterson as convener assisted by
Mrs Anatrik, Mrs Wishart and Mrs McFarlane.

It was decided to send pictures
of the visit to Mrs Williams, Mrs Thompson,
Mrs Zabel and Mrs Weicker as they
appeared in the picture.

At the close of the business
meeting Mrs Stebbins was introduced

and gave an interesting talk on
living conditions in the Sudeten
and Czechoslovakia prior to 1939.

Mrs Sharpe moved that
we adjourn.

Lunch was served by the
hostess assisted by Mrs Sharpe
and Mrs Scarth.

J. A. Flanagan Sec.
Lorna Reputh Pres.
Dec. 27/3.

The December meeting was
held at Mrs Carral's with 24
members present and one
visitor. The meeting opened
with the Creed and the minutes
for November were adopted as
read.

Mrs Swallow gave the treasurer's
report showing a balance of
\$41.62 and moved the adoption.
Mrs Dawes seconded the motion.

Letters of acknowledgment
were read by the secretary. Mrs
Swallow also read a letter of
acknowledgment from Mrs

Montgomery thanking us for donations sent in.

Mrs Wilson reported on the ditty bags sent in in November and Mrs Search expressed appreciation for the knitted articles in each bag.

Mrs Wishart is now our representative for the Vestess but in place of Mrs Search who was only acting temporarily.

Moved by Mrs Yule and seconded by Mrs Carrel that Mrs Lord be presented with a baby spoon.

Moved by Mrs Swallow seconded by Mrs Kelly that a letter of sympathy be written to Mrs Wishart and Grace.

Mrs Lawes reported on the magazines which were subscribed to for the Training Centre.

Mrs McFetridge, recently visited at Lawson Creek and she gave us a report on the

rest room which the W. I. operate there.

It was decided that the program for the January meeting be in the form of a book review by each member of a book they have read during 1943. This is to take the place of Mrs Patterson's book review.

Mrs Wilson reported on the quilts sent in in November. There were two from the south sewing group and one made by the W. I.

The annual reports were given by the various conveners and the secretary gave a summary of the year's work. These reports were all seconded by Mrs McFetridge. Mrs Swallow could not give a full financial report for the year until the next meeting.

The secretary was asked to write letters of appreciation to Herald Tribune, C. F. S. P. the Theatre and Canadian Utilities

for advertising which they have done for us throughout the year.

Mrs Patterson reported on the nominating committee. Moved by Mrs Wilson and seconded by Mrs Spicer that the slate of Officers be as read by Mrs Patterson. Mrs Swanston then asked that Mrs Patterson be made Honorary President. After a few objections, Mrs Patterson finally consented.

A program committee was appointed as follows:
Mrs Swanston convener, Mrs Miller, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Baucher and Mrs Dawes.

Mrs Kewensky expressed appreciation to Mrs Search for the splendid way in which she has conducted the meetings, etc. for the year. This was agreed to with a hearty applause.

Subscriptions were taken

for "Home and Country". Also those wishing extra copies gave their names.

Mrs Stratink moved that we adjourn.

Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs Swanston and Mrs Kelly.

F. A. Flanagan - Sec.
Loma Search - Pres.

Dec. 8/1943

An Executive meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs W. Scarth, Wednesday Dec 8/43. Those present were Mrs Scarth, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Spicer, Mrs McFarlane, Mrs A. Wilson, Mrs Anstuit, Mrs Carroll, Mrs Sharpe.

In her opening remarks the President, Mrs Scarth stated that she had prevailed upon the Vice-pres. Mrs Carroll to act in her place for the first six months of the year, as she felt unequal to the task.

As there was no Christmas cheer provided for at the regular meeting, for the hospital, it was moved by Mrs Carroll and seconded by Mrs Spicer that the sum of \$5.00 be allotted to purchase grapefruit and toys for adults + children. Mrs Spicer volunteered to make the purchases. In addition Mrs

Wilson promised to provide a Christmas card album for the children.

As Mrs Lowe was unable to accept the position of Directors, it was suggested that Mrs Haugan be asked to act.

Discussion followed re suggestions of policy to be followed by the Program Committee for 1944.

Mrs Scarth: That there be four work meetings during the year; also Roll Call for work meetings.
Mrs Sharpe: That the W. I. exercise the "To Do" portion of the motto by appointing a delegation to meet the Town Council regarding the upkeep of sidewalks, and additional lights in certain parts of town.

Mrs Spicer: Recommended that the W. I. also approach the Town Council toward co-operating with the W. I. to beautify the cemetery.

Mrs McFarlane: That one dutty bag

be packed each month or several
bags packed at one time in
three or four months.

Mrs Wilson: That the W. I. be
responsible for making one
quilt per month.

Mrs Patterson: Conveners of Standing
Committees to conduct a round
table discussion, each convenor
to make a five min. speech.

Mrs Scarth: That Mr. McMillen who
was to speak on Co-operation, be
requested to speak at one meeting.

Mrs Crane-Williams at another.
Suggested that Annual Reports be
ordered for each Convenor of
Standing Committees.

That regular W. I. Minutes and
Treasurers books be ordered.

V. P. Sharp
Secy.

G. M. Currier.

January 6/44
The regular meeting of the W. I.
was held in the home of Mrs.
J. E. Thompson with twenty
members present. Mrs Scarth
opened the meeting by introducing
Mrs D. O. Carroll who had agreed
to conduct the meetings for
the first six months. When the
meeting was then resumed by
repeating the Creed.

Mrs Carroll appealed to the
members for their full co-operation,
then called for the minutes of
the annual meeting and the
Executive meetings. The minutes
were adopted as read with one
correction. Mrs Swallow gave the
Annual Treasurer's Report which
showed total receipts of \$393.17
and expenditures of \$359.55. Cash
on hand and in Bank \$33.62.
Moved by Mrs Swallow, Sec. by Mrs Bell
that report be adopted as read. Carried.
There was then a short intermission
for members to pay fees. New members

were Mrs. Stewer, Mrs. R. MacMillan.
Mrs. W. Medlock, Mrs. Lisle.

It was moved by Mrs. Scarth, sec. by
Mrs. Wilson that Mrs. Medlock act as
our representative on the Red Cross.

Mrs. Spicer reported on Christmas
Cheer for hospital. Moved by Mrs. Mc
Donald, sec. by Mrs. McFetridge that
bills be paid, which included paying
Provincial fee, purchasing minute
& Cash books and 2 Year Books.

Letters of thanks were read from
Stanley Wigneshi, re welfare paid;
Miss Mac Gillivray re Christmas Cheer
for patients in the hospital; Major
A. Thomson for donation of magazines
and Mrs. L. Williams for co-operation
of the secretary and conveners of
standing committees.

There followed considerable discussion
about sidewalks, lights and the
question of beautifying the cemetery.
As the members were reluctant to
act as a delegation to meet the Town
Council, it was moved by Mrs.
Swallow and seconded by Mrs. Spicer

Mrs. Lovell

that the secretary write the Town
Council appealing for action
for repair of sidewalks, more
lights, also co-operation with
the W. I. toward beautifying
the Cemetery in the Spring. Carried.
Moved by Mrs. McFarlane, sec. by Mrs.
McFetridge that Mrs. Flanagan act
in Mrs. Lovell's place as director.

After some discussion it was moved
by Mrs. Macmillan, sec. by Mrs. McDonald
that we spend \$3.00 on two Ditty
Bags for February. Carried. Mrs. Wilson
said there were more quilt blocks
needed, and suggested an objective
of one quilt per month for 1944.

The report of the Program Committee
was read by Mrs. Scarth in the
absence of Mrs. Swallow. Moved by
Mrs. Scarth, sec. by Mrs. Thompson that
the program be adopted as read.

Roll Call took the form of a book
review, when several members
gave an outline of books they had
read in 1943.

On Mrs. Swallow's motion we adjourned

to enjoy tea and cookies served
by Mrs Thompson, Mrs Beck and Mrs
Bell.

V. P. Sharpe
Sec.
Pres. E. M. Carroll.

Feb 3/44

On Wednesday, Feb 2, the Executive
of the W. I. met at the home of
Mrs Carroll. Letters from Mrs
Thompson, Mrs Morton and Mrs
McFarlane were read by the
secretary. Ways and means for
raising funds for local purposes
and birthday gift to Federated
Institute were discussed. After
considerable discussion it was
suggested that we raise funds
by talent money, robes, tea or
chain tea if passed by the
regular meeting.

The possibility of each member
filling one dirty bag during the year
was also discussed.

V. P. Sharpe

Feb 4/44

The February meeting of the W. I.
was held at the home of Mrs A. R.
Hillman with twenty-six members
present, Mrs N. Miller, Mrs Forster
and Mrs Christianson being new
members.

The meeting was opened with
"O Canada" and followed by repeating
the Creed. The President, Mrs Carroll
then asked for the minutes of the Jan.
meeting to be read, same being
declared adopted as read.

Moved by Mrs Stautuit, seconded by
Mrs Kelly that the Treasurer's report
be adopted. Carried. The Treasurer's report
showed a balance of only \$7 on hand.

Visitors were welcomed by the Pres
and invited to join the W. I. at their
pleasure.

Moved by Mrs Swanston, seconded
by Mrs Kowensky that a letter of
thanks be written to Mrs Shave for
her kindness in printing the programs.

Moved by Mrs Scarth, seconded by Mrs
McDonald that March 11th be the date set

for the Red Cross Tea. Carried.

Letters were read from Mrs Thompson, Pres., Mrs Morton, War Convenor, and Mrs McFarlane Sec., with various ideas, and good wishes for the year.

Following discussion, it was moved by Mrs Messenger, sec. by Mrs Kenworthy that each member raise \$2.00 by talent money in the month of Feb. Carried unanimously.

The War Work Convenor, Mrs McFarlane reported that four quilts had been sent away in Jan. More material needed for quilt. Mrs Wilson reported that she had purchased 10 yds of material for lining for quilts. Moved by Mrs Wilson Swallow, sec. by Mrs Loiselle that bills be paid. Carried. Mrs Wishart reporting on the hostess but called for volunteers for Tuesday evenings.

Members were asked to replenish the tea pool by bringing a tea bag each at the March meeting.

With the majority of members Cusidy

working on quilt block and knitting, Mrs Carroll called upon Mrs D. Patterson for a talk on Reconstruction. A paper was read giving quite a complete outline of Post War Reconstruction as set forth by Committees and Individuals in England, United States and Canada. The Post War Plans of the Federal Govt. as presented in the Speech from the Throne were also endorsed by the speaker. The members showed their appreciation with hearty applause, and the Pres. expressed her thanks for a very fine paper.

Following Mrs Swallow's motion that we adjourn, a dainty tea was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs Kenning and Mrs ^{Carroll} ~~Carroll~~.

V. P. Serpe, Sec.

Pres. G. M. Carroll

March 2/44

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the home of Mrs G. Kelly March 2/44, with twenty of two members and two visitors present.

The meeting was opened with "O Canada" and repetition of the Creed, led by the president Mrs Carroll. The minutes of Feb. meeting were read and approved. Moved by Mrs. [unclear] 2c. by Mrs Forster that the treasurer's report be adopted. Carried. Roll call was answered by each member telling how she had raised her talent money. A total of \$37. was realized, with promise of more to follow in April.

Mrs G. McDonald volunteered as Convener of the Red Cross Tea to be put on March 11th, the following to assist: Mrs W. Scarth, Mrs Forster, Mrs Swallow

Mrs Loiselle, Mrs Medlock, Mrs Leach. The Tea Committee arranged to meet at the home of Mrs McDonald Saturday, March 4th at 2³⁰ p.m.

A letter was read from Catherine Young, C.F.T. kindly offering to give us time on the Bulletin Board for Publicity, suggesting Friday, March 12th. Mrs Kewenshy, as Publicity Sec. consented to broadcast.

It was moved by Mrs Kewenshy, sec. by Mrs Kelly that we donate \$5. to the Federated W.S.

In the absence of Mrs Patterson Mrs Scarth read an interesting report of the A.W. I Council which met in the Tallice Hotel, Calgary, Feb. 23, 24 & 25. Mrs Morton request that War Work reports be mailed each month to Mrs Thompson. The Council urged that every member subscribe to "Home & Country" as it is issued at a loss at the present time. The advisability of purchasing labels for our War Work was discussed & it

was decided to make an initial purchase of 5000 Labels if the price is suitable.

Mrs Montgomery is anxious to see the Loan Collection developed.

It was moved that we join the Adult Education Ass. with two representatives on that Council.

Mrs Wilson reported that six quilts had been mailed to Boy League, moved by Mrs. Scarth sec. by Mrs. Spicer that War Convalesc. be given \$10⁰⁰ for wool, lining etc. Mrs. Medlock reporting for the Red Cross appealed for clothing for the Greeks.

Mrs Wishart reported that a reading room was to be added to the Hostess Out. After some discussion re entertaining soldiers it was moved by Mrs Wishart that the Institute be responsible for one party at Hostess Out. Sec by Mrs Wilson. Carried.

Moved by Mrs McDonald, sec by Mrs Swallow that Mrs Shaver

be given membership to W. J.

The business of the meeting being concluded Mrs Swallow was called upon for a paper on Can. Industries and Agriculture. As a surprise Mrs Swallow then introduced Mrs L. Brown formerly of Calgary whom she had prevailed upon to substitute for her. Mrs Brown presented an impressive wood picture of Canada's part in War Industry; the gigantic task of converting peace time Industry to War-time Industry, and the speed in which it was done. One of the most important Industries being auto-motive, also Aircraft which employed 100,000 people. One of the important war time inventions, the Walkie-Talkie is Canadian; and precision instruments for the Navy are manufactured in Canada. Among the projects mentioned were the Alaska Highway, and seven airports. A new development in Quebec to further the Aluminium Ind.

The speaker touched briefly on Agriculture and the need of producing an abundance of good stuff. The President echoed the appreciation of all present in thanking the speaker for her instructive paper. Moved by Mrs. Hillman that the meeting adjourn. Lunch was served by Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Denning and the members enjoyed a pleasant half hour chatting together.

V. P. Sharpe
Secretary

G. M. Carroll Pres.

March 30/44

The April meeting of the W. I. was held March 30th at the home of Mrs W. S. Scarth with twenty-five members and one visitor present. The meeting was opened with "O Canada" and recitation of the Creed. Led by Mrs Carroll. The minutes of the March meeting were read and adopted. Moved by Mrs. Spatnik sec. by Mrs. Swallow that Treasurer's report be adopted. Carried. An additional \$10.00 talent money was turned in and the President welcomed one new member, Mrs G. Bishop. Mrs McDonald as conveyor of the Red Cross tea was called upon for a report. Mrs McDonald thanked the committee for their assistance and suggest that a letter of thanks be written to the Sisters of St Joseph for their assistance in making posters. Moved by Mrs. Bouché sec by Mrs. Lorcille that Bills be paid; carried. Mrs Wishart consented to convene

the Hostess Hut Party Committee,
the following to act on that commit-
tee: Mrs Lovell, Mrs McFarlane,
Mrs Bell, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Beucher. Date
of the party to be decided by the committee
Moved by Mrs Scarth, sec. by Mrs Swallow
that whatever supplies were needed for
the party be taken from funds carried.
A letter and questionnaire from Mrs A. J.
Rogers was read regarding broadcasts
of A. W. I. activities over C. K. A. As it is
difficult for people in the Peace River Country
to hear C. K. A. the questionnaire was
answered accordingly.

At this point Mrs Carroll announced
that as Mrs Scarth was leaving, it was
necessary to appoint a nominating
committee. It was suggested that Mrs
Carroll remain as president, but she
firmly refused, and appointed Mrs Swallow
Mrs Scarth, Mrs Lovell as nom. committee
Moved by Mrs Inatuk, sec by Mrs Wilson
that Mrs Rowensky be appointed Radio
Announcer to replace Mrs Scarth. Carried.
Mrs Rowensky demurred at first but finally
consented.

As Mrs McFarlane was absent due to facial
burns, it was suggested that a suitable
card of sympathy be sent.

Mrs Wilson reported three more quilts
mailed and two more ready - making
ten since January. ^{And five quilts made by}
^{Mr. Forster on display.}

Mrs Medlock reporting for Red Cross work
stated that two boxes of clothing etc
had been shipped for Great relief.

Mrs Wishart in her remarks about the
Hostess Hut stated that there was
a better attendance of soldiers

The Curings of the evening being
completed, the President called upon
Mrs Lovell, who gave a short paper
on Laughing. The paper contained many
helpful suggestions for growing both
flowers & vegetables.

During the evening the President
made two presentations, with a few
well chosen remarks Mrs Carroll presented
Mrs Forster, ^{with an A. W. I. pin,} and
Mrs Christianson, ^{with an A. W. I. pin,} and
Mrs Christianson, ^{with six tea towels,} a token of appreciation
On Mrs Inatuk's motion that the meeting adjourn,
delicious tea and was enjoyed by all.

J. P. S. Staple

Mrs Anstutz kindly volunteered to take subscriptions to "Home & Country."

Mr Wilson Reported receiving six lbs of wool for Merchant Marine knitting and a note was read from the Navy League that we may purchase wool from them for Ditty Bags at \$1.25 per lb. Suggested that Mr McFallan order wool for Ditty Bags (no marking).
V. P. D.

Our Executive meeting was held at the home of Mrs D. O. Carroll Tuesday afternoon April 4. Those present were Mrs Spicer, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Flanagan, Mrs Sharpe. The meeting decided to order four A. W. J. pins; one to replace a pin belonging to Mrs Scarth. (loaned). A tag was decided upon as a present for Mrs Scarth, and after some discussion the members present favored a presentation of Groom Army Cup & saucer and one Sterling

Silver A. W. J. spoon. The Sec was instructed to write to Birks, Edmonton for the gifts.

V. P. Sharpe
G. M. Carrol

May 4/44

On May 4th the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs D. O. Patterson with seventeen members and three visitors present. The meeting was opened with the "Creed", led by Mrs Scarth. The minutes of the April meeting were read and adopted, after which the roll was called. In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs Anstutz, the Sec was called upon to read the treasurer's report. Moved by Mrs Sharpe, sec. by Mrs Swallow, that the treasurer's report be adopted. Carried. Moved by Mrs Thompson, sec. by Mrs Bell that bills be paid. Carried.

Letters of appreciation were read from Mrs Bell, sec of St Pauls W.C. and Mrs E. Wishart. For spray sent from W.I.

Mrs Wilson, who had kindly consented to substitute for Mrs Wishart temporarily, reported on the party given by the W.I. for soldiers, in the vestry, Ont. She reported a good attendance and a very successful party.

At the request of Mrs Scarth Mrs Carroll reported that a tea had been given at her home for Mrs Scarth who is to leave for Edmonton soon. Mrs Scarth was also presented with a Crown Derby cup & saucer and A.W.I. spoon after an expressive speech by Mrs Patterson.

Mrs Scarth introduced Miss Mosesson Home Economics Instructor for the Grand Prairie district and asked her to say a few words. Miss Mosesson

gave a brief outline of her work stating that there were three courses offered, Sewing, cooking and home decoration, also film strip on canning.

Tentative arrangements were made for demonstrations. The Sec was asked to write Mrs L. Williams suggesting that Mrs Mosesson be asked to give a demonstration at the W.I. Conference in June.

At this time the Pres. announced that as Mrs Christianson was leaving immediately she had a little presentation to make. Mrs Christianson was then presented with an A.W.I. pin attached to a farewell card.

Mrs Hanna daughter of Mrs A.D. McQuarrie was introduced and convened at given \$10.00 per week.

Letters of appreciation were read from Mrs Bell, sec of St Pauls W.C. and Mrs O.D. Wishart for spray sent from W.I.

Mrs Wilson, who had kindly consented to substitute for Mrs Wishart temporarily, reported on the party given by the W.I. for soldiers in the hospital, Ont. She reported a good attendance and a very successful party.

At the request of Mr. Smith

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was asked to speak. Mrs Hanna told of working with the W.I. in Ontario, and expressed her pleasure in meeting the people in G.I.A.

gave a brief outline of her work stating that they were three couples offered, sewing, cooking and home decoration, also film strip on canning.

Tentative arrangements were made for demonstrations. The Sec. was asked to write Mrs L. Williams suggesting that Mrs Morrison be asked to give a demonstration at the W.I.

Conference in June.

Following upon an letter to the Council earlier in the year, Mrs Carroll reported that three or four citizens had gone to the Cemetery to help clean up, but suggested that individuals could improve the appearance considerably by caring for plots.

Mrs McFarlane reported two quilts donated and a single box of notions & pins donated shipped. Moved by Mrs Rowland, sec of Mrs Christenson that War Work Conference be given \$10.00 for wool.

Moved by Mrs McFarlane, sec.
by Mrs Lovell that Constitution
be paid. Carried.

On Mrs Christian's
motion, that we adjourn, Mrs
Spartan introduced the Mrs T
Newton and the Musical Club.
In an hour we were entertained
with both vocal and piano
solos and duets, also violin
reflections played by Mrs Jan
McIntosh. ~~The~~ The president
thanked the Club for so kindly
entertaining us each year,
and Mrs Newton in particular as
this was her last evening
with us, after many years.

A delicious ^{lunch} was then served
by the hostess and committee.

V. P. Sharpe - Secy.

June 1, 1924.

The Women's Institute met at
the home of Mrs M. Swallow June 1st
with sixteen members and four
visitors present.

With Mrs D. Patterson as Chairman
the meeting was opened with Canada
followed by the Creed.

The minutes of the May meeting
were read and adopted. In the
absence of the Treasurer, the Treasurer's
report was read by the Secretary,

showing a balance on hand of \$29.35.
^{moved by Mrs D. Patterson} ^{sec} ~~Moved~~ by Mrs Wilson that Treasurer's report
be adopted - Carried.

Mrs Wilson reported that a tea had
been given in honor of Mrs Loiselle on
May 5 at the home of Mrs D. Carroll.
Mrs Loiselle was also presented with
a silver arch cup and saucer.

Two letters were read from Mrs L.
Williams with regard to the forthcoming
Conference in Beaverlodge on June
17th. A card from Mrs Norton, expressing
thanks for fare received from our
W. C. was also read.

Mrs McFarlane reported two ^{more} quilts donated, and more wool received for ditto. Carried. Moved by Mrs McFarlane sec. by Mrs Spicer that report be adopted. Carried. The wool was then distributed to volunteers to knit socks and mitts.

Mrs MacDonald, Welfare Convener, being absent, her report of a burnt out family in Bad Start District was read. Mrs MacDonald told of collecting cooking utensils, dishes, pillows etc. and sending them to Mrs Parker. Moved by Mrs Sharp, sec. by Mrs Bell that Mrs MacDonald's report be adopted. Carried. Mrs Wishart requested that someone be appointed to take her place on the hostess Nat Comm. but finally consented to remain until Sept. as the hostess Nat was to be closed during the summer months.

A pleasant break in the routine was a little group singing conducted by Mrs N. Miller.

Business of ^{the} Conference was then taken up and the Secretary was appointed as delegate. As we were

It was left with the Sec. to find some one to assist Mrs Wishart with handicrafts at Conference.

requested to assist with the program, Mrs Muller consented to act as a committee of one to obtain numbers; Mrs Bell in charge of Transportation.

As the W. I. had been asked for their co-operation with the Board of Trade re Wapiti Park; Mrs McElbridge, Mrs Spicer, and Mrs N. Miller volunteered as a Par. Committee.

Moved by Mrs Thompson, sec. by Mrs Swallow that we have a birthday celebration on Sept. 25th. Carried. It being suggested that the celebration take the form of a W. I. play and concert, Mrs Swanson consented to convene.

After some discussion it was moved by Mrs Bishop sec. by Mrs Spicer that we ask Miss Myleson to give us an afternoon lecture on some decoration Tuesday, June, 20th. Carried. Mrs Wilson appointed to find suitable hall.

The business of the evening being concluded Mrs Peterson called on Mrs J. H. Dyer to give us the story of E. Sartain who painted the beautiful still-life pictures displayed in the room. E. Sartain is an English woman

who came to Canada just before the war in 1938, and is now living in Vancouver. Three of the Royal Family have pictures by E. Sartani, two being Queen Mary & Princess Alice. Among the pictures were "Christmas Roses," "Pansies Snowdrops, Gardenia.

Mr Melings, guest speaker, was then called on for his paper on Citizenship. He chose "The Flag" as his subject. He spoke of the flag as a symbol, which we need especially now. Our flag, though called the Union Jack, should be called the Union Flag, as it is only a jack when flying from the jack staff of a man-of-war. The history of the joining of the Union Flag was told, also its various uses. (Moved by Mrs Swanston that we adjourn.)

Following a few questions and answers about the flag and O Canada, Mrs Patterson thanked Mr Melings for his instructive talk. Moved by Mrs Swanston that we adjourn.

September 1944

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. H. M^{rs} Donald on Thur. Sept. 7th at 8 p.m. for their regular monthly meeting, Mrs. D. W. Patterson presiding in the absence of the President Mrs. D. G. Cairns. Mrs. L. Kowensky acted as Secretary in place of Mrs. W. Sharpe who was ill.

Mrs. Patterson led the members in repetition of the Club Women's Creed after which the minutes were read & approved.

Mrs. A. Wilson gave a brief report of the handicraft demonstration at the Constituency Conference held in June.

Mrs. M^{rs} Feltz kindly consented to act as Hostess & convenor.

Mrs. H. Nuttall treasurer gave her report which was seconded by Mrs. A. Wilson - Carried.

Mrs. Patterson told of the Navy League meeting which had been called & at which she represented the W. I. She explained the work of the Navy League & asked for a volunteer to take charge of the sale of memberships to this worthy organization. Mrs. H. M^{rs} Donald's offer was gratefully accepted as were also offers ^{of following ladies} to take books of tickets, Mesdames Patterson, M^{rs} Feltz & Kowensky. A letter was read from Mr. Jenkinson thanking the W. I.

for service rendered at the Hostess Hut.
Mrs. H. M^c Donald, welfare convener, read a letter of thanks from M^r Parker of Bad Heart for a gift of clothing.

In the absence of the delegate to the Constituent Conference, Mrs. W. Sharpe, Mrs. N. Miller gave a short account of the conference & Mrs. Patterson told about the illustrated lecture given by Miss Moreson.

Mrs. J. M^c Farland reported on war work done by the members.

On request of Mrs. A. Wilson for money to purchase lining material for Merchant Marine quilts it was moved by Mrs. Howensky, seconded by Mrs. M^c Ftridge that \$10.00 be granted. Carried.

Mrs. H. M^c Donald asked for suggestions of entertainment for the boys at the Hostess Hut. Discussion as to methods of celebrating the twentieth birthday of the G. P. W. I held the attention of the members for the balance of the evening.

Mrs. Patterson explained the reason for not using the play suggested at an earlier meeting on the grounds of unsuitability. Mrs. Knutson moved, seconded by Mrs. M^c Farland that a birthday tea be held on Sat. Sept. 30th in the basement of the St. Paul's United Church if ~~that~~

permission could be obtained for the use of the latter place. Carried.

It was suggested that a birthday cake be made, & M^r Spicer very kindly offered to have it iced, and Mrs. A. Wilson kindly consented to convene the tea. As an added attraction it was decided to have tea-cup reading & palm reading, Mrs. ^{N. Miller} Knutson to convene the same, Mrs. A. Stehrs to take charge of posters & Mrs. D. W. Patterson decorating.

Mrs. R. M^c Miller moved the meeting adjourn seconded by Mrs. A. Hanigan.

Delightful refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. D. W. Patterson & Mrs. F. Spicer.

L. Howensky Sec. Pro. Tem
G. M. Caswell

October 5th 1944

Nineteen members & one visitor met at the home of Mrs. Cecil Bell for the October meeting. Mrs. D. G. Carroll, president, opened the meeting by leading the members in repeating the Club Women's Creed.

Mrs. Kowensky acting secretary read the minutes which were approved as read, & then followed the calling of the roll.

Bank 75.95
Balance 51.95
Mrs. N. Knatiuk gave the treasurer's report & this was moved by Mrs. Lovell seconded by Mrs. M^c Millan. Carried.

Mrs. A. Wilson convenor of the Birthday tea reported on this event which realized approximately \$33.00.

The secretary was asked to write letters of thanks to Mr. Spicer for his kindness & generosity in icing the birthday cake & Mrs. Reid & Mr. Benn for helping out at the tea, in tea-cup reading & palm-reading.

Mrs. H. M^c Donald convenor of Navy League membership sale reported ten books sold & expressed the thanks of the Navy League committee for such good work.

Letters were read & correspondence dealt

with.

As three tiers of the birthday cake were still intact after the tea, it was moved by Mrs. ^{J. Macfarlane} A. Wilson seconded by Mrs. A. Wilson that the cake be raffled the tickets to be 10c each, or three for twenty five cents & the winning ticket to be drawn sometime in October.

The following ladies offered to take raffle tickets, Mesdames, Lovell, Knatiuk, Kowensky, M^c Donald, Spicer, Patterson, M^c Millan (2), Mrs. C. Wilson, Bishop, Hanagan, Miller, A. Wilson, & Baucher.

After a lengthy discussion ~~about~~ following a suggestion that a telephone bridge be held, it was moved by Mrs. N. Miller seconded by Mrs. D. W. Patterson that at least thirty tables of bridge be held on Oct. 25th. Carried. Fifty cents each person being ^{the} charge.

At this point a suggestion was made to have the lucky cake ~~staked~~ drawn on the night of the telephone bridge. Mrs. M^c Fetrige, Hostess Hut convenor, brought a request from Mr. Hobson of the Hut that our W. I. put on some form of entertainment for the soldiers. After some discussion it was decided to table this matter for a month.

Mrs. M^c Millan
Convenor \$5.00
to be spent on prizes
M. Mrs. Knatiuk
see Mrs. M^c Fetrige

Mrs. M^{rs}. Farlane war work convenor reported on materials for Dirty bags - asked for more money to finish up packing same & asked that knitted articles be handed in.

Mrs. Kowensky moved seconded by Mrs. Thomson that \$15.00 be given. Carried Mrs. Carroll presented Mrs. Hnatuk & Mrs. M^{rs}. Millar who have recently had babies with souvenir spoons.

The business of the evening be over, Mrs. Carroll called on the guest speaker Father Creane to give his talk on Poland. This was a most enjoyable & instructive address Father Creane having been in Poland for a year just before the war. Pictures of the country were an added interest. Mrs. Carroll expressed the thanks of the meeting to Father Creane for his delightful talk.

On motion of Mrs. Lovell the meeting adjourned.

Tea served by Mrs. Bell assisted by Mrs. Stehr & Mrs. C. W. Jones brought the meeting to a close.

L. Kowensky Sec. Pro. Tem.
G. M. Carroll

November.

Fifteen members & one visitor met at the home of Mrs. N. Hnatuk on Thur. Nov. 2nd. at 8 p.m. for the regular meeting of the W. I.

Mrs. D. B. Carroll, occupied the chair & called the meeting to order with the singing of O Canada & reading the W. I. creed.

In the absence of Mrs. W. Sharpe the secretary Mrs. L. Kowensky was called upon to read the minutes of the Oct. meeting which were declared approved as read.

Mrs. D. B. Carroll reported having sent a cup & saucer to Mrs. A. R. Hillman who had left Grande Prairie to make her home in Jessimith, & also a W. I. pin sent to Mrs. Dawes who has taken up residence in Dawson Creek. A card had also been sent to Mrs. J. W. Lawlor who is on the sick list.

Mrs. Kowensky was asked to give a brief report on the cake raffle ^{read a letter of thanks from middle class women of cake.} In her report of the Treasury Mrs. Hnatuk reported a balance of \$35.50 after bills had been paid & approximately \$63.00 receipts from the Telephone bridge & \$30.00 for cake receipts, ^{besides money not} ~~there was still~~ yet handed in. Mrs. Bishop

seconded Mrs. Quatricks motion of adoption of her report - Carried.

In response to a letter from Mrs. Morton ^{Prov.} was work convenor, articles of clothing to outfit a girl of thirteen were promised ^{also} a box of miscellaneous articles of clothing to be sent to the Greek relief.

An appeal for a gift of a dollar from each member, not to be taken from the funds, was made by Mrs. Morton ^{by Mrs.} & Mrs. Thomson of Coaldale, the Prov. President. This money was to go to a fund to buy Christmas gifts for the children of Britain who have been rendered homeless by the ravages of Robot-bombs. Several members responded, others promising to hand in to the Treasurer within the next day or two & absent members to be approached to give everyone a chance to make their own Christmas happier by thinking of others.

Mrs. A. Wilson reported that 12 ditty bags had been packed & sent away and also four quilts, Mrs. J. McFarland made a gift to put in each bag, and our sincere appreciation was expressed for this personal touch.

Mrs. M. F. Ftridge reported briefly re the Waters Naty

that since the Stajettes were putting on a party for the service men on the 20th it would not be necessary for the W.F. to do anything in the way of entertainment this month.

Mrs. McMillan reported that the Telephone Bridge had been quite successful, 29 tables accounted for.

Mrs. J. Thomson & Mrs. C. Bell were appointed to purchase a gift for Mrs. Shaver ^{an honorary} & former member, who has been as generous year after year in typing the programs & who is leaving Grande Prairie. Moved by Mrs. Swallow seconded by Mrs. Wilson that something in the neighborhood of \$2.50 to 3.00 be spent. Carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Kovensky, seconded by Mrs. Thomson that \$60.00 be sent to Merchant Marines & \$25.00 to Jam for Britain fund. Carried.

A nominating committee convened by Mrs. H. M. Donald with Mrs. M. J. Swallow & Mrs. M. F. Ftridge was asked to prepare a slate of officers for 1945 & to present same at the Dec. meeting.

Mrs. Swallow, the Grande Prairie representative of the Womens' Regional Advisory Board, who is expecting to attend a meeting of that body in Edmonton in the near future asked the members if they had any suggestions to make re the War time

Prices & Trade Board. Several suggestions were offered.

The President reminded all conveners of standing committees to bring their annual reports to the December meeting.

In the absence of Mrs. W. M. Millan, the guest speaker of the evening, Mrs. A. M. Carlisle very graciously agreed to give a book review & chose as her subject "My Life in Russia" by Markosha Fischer. This book gives a very true picture of Russia & the life of the people. Mrs. Carlisle handled the review in her usual interesting & capable manner. Mrs. D. G. Carroll thanked Mrs. Carlisle on behalf of all present & Mrs. M. Millan added her own personal thanks to Mrs. Carlisle on behalf of her husband. Mrs. A. Wilson & Mrs. R. M. Millan kindly offered to serve refreshments at the December meeting.

The meeting adjourned on motion of Mrs. M. F. Fritledge after which refreshments were served by Mrs. Swanton & Mrs. Manning & Mrs. Knutik.

L. Kowensky Sec. Pro. Tem.
D. M. Carroll.

December

Fifteen members met at the home of Mrs. D. G. Carroll for the ~~annual~~^{monthly} meeting of the G. P. W. I. on Thurs. Dec. 7th at 8 pm.

Mrs. D. G. Carroll, the president called the meeting to order by asking the members to repeat with her the Club women's creed.

Mrs. R. Kowensky, Sec. pro. tem, read the minutes of the Nov. meeting which were duly approved & read.

Mrs. N. Knutik gave the treasurer's report which showed a balance of 35.50 at the end of Oct. & receipts amounting to \$107.00 & expenditures of \$102.65 leaving a balance of \$39.85 & with a small bill to be paid. Mrs. M. J. Swallow seconded Mrs. Knutik's motion of adoption of her report. Carried.

Correspondence revealed letters of acknowledgment^{not} from Mrs. A. R. Hillman & Mrs. J. W. Lawlor & receipts & acknowledgement of donations to the Jam for Britain fund, Merchant Marine & Xmas gifts for Robert bomb victims.

Mrs. J. M. Farland reported on war work & that a box of fur & leather had been sent to Mrs. Morton & also denized the articles in the gift of clothing to the Greek relief.

Mrs. M. F. Fritledge in reporting re the Hostess Club asked if the W. I. would like to take their turn in giving a party to the boys in uniform.

This matter was left till later in the evening & it was eventually decided to entertain the boys on Thur. Dec. 28th with Mrs. M^{rs} Fetzke convening a committee consisting of Mesdames Carroll, Hnatuk & Wilson, on motion of Mrs. N. Miller seconded by Mrs. D. G. Carroll. ^{Carried}

It was announced that Mr. R. M^r Millan would be guest speaker for January meeting. As this was the annual ^{business} meeting the President asked for annual reports from the various conveners of standing committees, the Treasurer & the Secretary. In the absence of the Secretary Mrs. Kowensky read ^{the} her report prepared by Mrs. Sharpe.

Mrs. Swallow, in reporting on Agriculture & Canadian Industries showed that this branch of the work had been covered in the program of the year's meetings.

Mrs. R. M^{rs} Millan in her report on Citizenship gave a brief outline of work in that branch. Mrs. H. M^{rs} Donald told of families helped by our W-I in her report on Social Welfare. Mrs. H. M^{rs} Donald also reported on behalf of the Red Cross work in the absence of Mrs. Medlock the ^{W-I} Red Cross representative, & showed that a tremendous amount of work had been done during the year.

Mrs. J. M^{rs} Farland, War work convener gave an itemized report of the articles made by the members & also gave a detailed report on the Ditty bags.

Mrs. Swallow also told of the work of Lieut. Commander Watt who personally undertook to see that Ditty bags were sent to the proper parties. She also told us that \$1000.00 had been sent from Alberta to the Christmas Tree fund for Robot ^{bomb} victims.

Mrs. L. Kowensky publicity convener reported briefly on this department of the work & expressed thanks for free publicity by Herald-Tribune, - C. F. G. P., Canadian Utilities & Mr. Francis Donald.

The Secretary was asked to write letters ^{acknowledging} to these courtesies.

In her treasurer's report Mrs. N. Hnatuk told of ^{us} that \$430.82 had been raised during the year & \$390.97 of expenditures leaving a balance of \$39.85 with a small bill to be paid. This report will not be complete until the end of December. All conveners moved adoption of their reports which were seconded by Mrs. C. Bell. Carried. Mrs. H. M^{rs} Donald the convener of the nominating ^{Mrs. Swallow} committee presented her slate of officers & moved the adoption of same which was seconded by Mrs. Thomas. Carried. Following is the list of officers.

President - Mrs. D. W. Patterson.

1st Vice Pres. — Mrs. D. G. Carroll.

2nd " " — Mrs. F. Spicer.

Secretary — Mrs. H. M^c Donald.

Treasurer — Mrs. N. Hnatuk.

Directors

1. Mrs. Nilson
2. Mrs. Lanagan
3. Mrs. R. Kowensky.

Auditors. Mrs. Swallow Mrs. Bouché

Conveners of Standing Committees.

Agriculture & Canadian Industries — Mrs. Bishop

Citizenship Mrs. McMillan

Social Welfare Mrs. M^cFarland

War Work Mrs. M^cFarland & Mrs. Nilson

Publicity & Radio — Mrs. R. Kowensky

Red Cross Representative Mrs. Draetter

Mrs. M. J. Swallow expressed the feeling of the members in thanking Mrs. Carroll for her services in the past year.

Mrs. Carroll called Mrs. D. W. Patterson to the chair beginning her work as Pres. for the coming year. Mrs. Patterson added special thanks to Mrs. Carroll complimenting her on her capability as President & the smooth running of the branch during her term of office.

It was suggested that conveners of standing

committees form the program committee which included the following ladies, Mesdames McMillan convenor, Bishop, Hnatuk, Wilson, M^cFarland & M^cFelidge, the year's program to be drawn up & presented at the January meeting. Mrs. M^cMillan offered to type the programs & make the booklets.

Suggestions were asked regarding ^{the} programs. The president asked each member to try to gain a new member. ^{to the}

Mrs. Kowensky suggested that each member make a point of becoming a subscriber to "Home & Country" the W. I. magazine. Mrs. Hnatuk offered to carry on as magazine secretary & received several subscriptions. It was brought to the attention of the magazine secretary that several subscribers of this year had not received their copies. Mrs. Hnatuk offered to make inquiries about this matter & see that they received them for the coming year.

Mrs. Patterson asked the wish of the members regarding a gift of fruit to the local hospital as has been customary in past years. On motion of Mrs. Bell seconded by Mrs. M^cFarland it was decided to allocate \$5.00 to Mrs. H. M^cDonald, ^{M^cFarland} social service convenor to use at her own discretion in this matter.

In response to a call for volunteers to serve in the Red Cross Rooms on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays the following ladies offered, Mesdames Swanston, Bell & Kowensky - ~~Miss~~ Donald.

Mrs. Patterson read ^{items of interest from} a letter from the Federal representative of War Time Price & Trade Board Mrs. Dow.

Mrs. Hnatuk moved, seconded by Mrs. M^{rs}. Farland that we adjourn.

A dainty lunch was served by the hostess Mrs. Carroll assisted by Mrs. A. Wilson & Mrs. M. Miller.
L. Kowensky Sec. Pro Tem.

Minutes of the January meeting of the Women's Institute.

Jan. 1945 On January 4th thirteen members of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. N. Miller.

After the singing of O'Canada and the repetitions of the Institute Creed, the president, Mrs. Patterson asked for the minutes of the annual meeting, with one correction these minutes were adopted as read.

The treasurer's report followed, showing a balance as at the end of November of \$39.85 with \$2.65¢ receipts in December and \$4.88¢ expenses, leaving a balance of \$37.62. Mrs. Miller seconded Mrs. Hnatuk's motion of adoption of her report.

Correspondence read.

A letter from Mrs. Bolt acknowledging boxes sent at her request to a needy family in Lynburn.

A letter from Mrs. Shaver thanking the ladies for the nice gift she received from them on her departure from Grande Prairie, said it would always be one of her most cherished possessions, also wished the members Season's Greetings and best wishes.

Card of thanks from Miss Campbell, Matron at the hospital, on behalf of the

patients, acknowledging fruit received at Christmas.

Christmas Card of greetings from Mrs M^{rs}. Millan, Severnitch, wishing the members all every success for 1945.

Mrs. M^{rs}. Fetridge, Welfare Convener, reported that six boxes of clothing was sent to a needy family in Lynburn, and asked that a letter be written M^r. Reid who kindly saw to it that these boxes were delivered. Mrs Wilson seconded Mrs M^{rs}. Fetridge's motion of adoption to her report.

Mrs M^{rs}. Fetridge also reported on the Hostess Hut dance given by the Women's Institute for the new in uniform, said that altho the attendance was small those who were there were quite sincere in their expressing thanks to the ladies of the Women's Institute for a very enjoyable evening. A letter of Thanks was read from Capt. Betts of The American Army Base. Mrs M^{rs}. Fetridge then asked that all bills in connection with this dance be paid. Mrs Bishop seconded Mrs M^{rs}. Fetridge's motion of adoption of her report. Mrs M^{rs}. Fetridge then asked for

volunteers for the Hostess Hut. After much discussion it was decided that she ask ladies outside the institute to serve for this month, with perhaps a different arrangement to be made later.

Mrs. M^{rs}. Fairland, War Convener, said that she had nothing to report this month, but that more money would be needed to carry on the work. As it was not immediately necessary to have this money it was tabled for next meeting. Mrs Wilson asked the members if they would each make a quilt block 20x24 and bring to the next meeting, all the ladies agreed.

Mrs. Flanagan reported receiving a letter from the father of a boy who had received a Ditty Bag sent by the Women's Institute last year, telling of how pleased his son was with the contents of the Ditty Bag. Mrs. Patterson reported representing the W.I. at a meeting called by the Canadian Legion in connection with the proposed Memorial Hall to be built in Grande Prairie. She gave an outline of the suggestions and discussions pro and con in connection with the uses of the new

hall. Youth Center, Gym for High School pupils, dance and concert rooms, beverage room and many other suggestions for uses of benefit to this community. Mrs. Mae Millaw, program Convenor, read the very interesting program arranged for the year. The program shows that we are to be very busy as there are several work meetings - and the Roll Call Well - we just must have our answers ready - or else - she did not state just how much the fine was. Mrs. M^{rs}. Farland seconded Mrs. M^{rs}. Millaw's motion of adoption of her report.

Mrs. Patterson then asked the members who wished to pay their fees to give the money to the treasurer, thirteen members paid.

Mrs. Patterson again asked the members to each try to bring a new member, as many of the old members had left during the past year.

It was decided that the ladies to assist with the refreshments be notified by the secretary a few days before each meeting. The names to be taken alphabetically.

Mrs. M^{rs}. Farland made a motion to allocate \$2.00 to the secretary to purchase stamps. Mrs. Swallow seconded the motion. Mrs. Flanagan seconded Mrs. Wilson's motion that provincial fees be paid. All motions were unanimously carried.

Mrs. Patterson then introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Mae Millaw, and welcomed him with a few well chosen words.

Mr. Mae Millaw thanked Mrs. Patterson and said how pleased and flattered he was to address a meeting of the ladies of the Women's Institute, congratulating them on the splendid work they are doing. Mr. M^{rs}. Millaw took for his topic Co-operatives, outlining the work from its very beginning a hundred years ago at Rochdale in England, of its growth from the sixteen men who organized it on \$170.00 to its present standard throughout the world, he spoke of the foresight of these first organizers and their sound judgement of not only Co-operative but also the need of woman's vote. The president echoed the appreciation of the members in thanking Mr. Mae Millaw.

for his very interesting talk. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Mae Millaw was also moved by Mrs. Bishop, seconded by Mrs. Stoeck.

Mrs. M^{rs} Farland moved the adjournment of the meeting, to meet next month at the home of Mrs. Thomson.

Many questions and discussions was carried on with Mrs. Mae Millaw in connection with Co-operative work in different countries while a lunch of delicious sandwiches and coffee was being served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. L. Wilson.

L. Mae Donald, Sec.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

Minutes of The February Meeting of the Stomus Institute.

Feb. 1945

Twenty-two members and two visitors, met at the home of Mrs. J. Thomson on Feb. 1st. The meeting was opened with the singing of O. Canada followed by the Institute Creed. Mrs. Patterson the president presiding. The minutes of the January meeting were read and adopted.

The treasurer's report read \$37.62 as at the end of December, \$14.95⁴ receipts in January and \$43.09 expenses, leaving a balance of \$9.48⁴.

Correspondence.

Six letters read from soldiers who received Ditty Bags at Christmas, these letters expressed sincere thanks and appreciation of the contents in each bag - all hoping the war would be over by next Christmas and all back home. A letter to Mrs. M^{rs} Farland from Mrs. Morton acknowledging the wonderful box of clothing sent for European Relief, also fur and leather received throughout 1944.

A letter from Mrs. J. Simmie asking for details re the Memorial Hall. This letter was handed to Mrs. Kowinsky.

to reply to.

Letter from I. O. S. Co. asking for donations to the Book Fund for the Armed Forces.

Mrs Patterson read parts of a letter from Mrs. Dow, President of Federated Women's Institute, urging the members to beware of inflation after Victory, and stated that necessities for hot lunches for school children can be procured by applying to the War Time Price and Trade Board.

Mrs Wilson reported on war work ~~at~~ two quilts and six pair mens socks sent to the Navy League.

Mrs. Mc Fetridge reporting on the Hostess Hut, said she had nothing definite to report as a change was being made in the management of the hut, and a special meeting was called for Feb 7th to meet the new manager and discuss new plans and arrangements for entertainment, she asked for the opinion of the members on the proposed new arrangement, for each

organization to entertain once a week in preference to the present arrangement of hostess for each evening - all were in favour of once a week entertaining.

Mrs Mac Millan reporting on the Questionere in connection with reconstruction work, that twenty forms were distributed and collected duly filled in, with many useful suggestions of improvements added, these forms were returned to the Legion, the object of these questioners was chiefly to get an idea of the amount of work anticipated during the post war period that an estimate could be made of the number of jobs that could be provided for return men.

Moved by Mrs Wilson and seconded by Mrs Anatriux that a vote of thanks be given Mrs. Mac Millan on the splendid program prepared by her and distributed at the meeting.

A motion by Mrs. Anatriux that a letter be written the I. O. S. Co. in reply to their request re. Book Fund.

informing them that each member contribute individually as our finances were so low to make a worth while contribution, Mrs. Carroll seconded the motion.

A motion by Mrs. McFarland that clothing be collected for Russian Relief, clothing to be left at the Red Cross Room or Flemming's Hardware, this motion seconded by Mrs. Swallow.

Mrs. Swallow made a motion that \$5.00 be given Mrs. Wilson for War Work, Mrs. Spicer seconded this motion. Moved by Mrs. Bell and seconded by Mrs. Kowinsky that greetings and best wishes from the Grande Prairie Homeis Institute be sent to the new Homeis Institute to be formed at Crooked Creek at which our president will preside.

Mrs. Patterson asked for suggestions to be presented on the program at the Provincial Convention meeting in Edmonton. Moved by Mrs. Kowinsky that a recommendation to bring Compulsory pre-marital health examination be presented. Mrs. Wilson

seconded this motion. All motions were unanimously carried.

Mrs. Patterson then welcomed the visitors and new members.

Eleven members paid their fees, three of these were new members.

Mrs. Patterson introduced the Guest Speaker, Miss Campbell, Matron at the hospital. Miss Campbell gave a very interesting paper on Venereal Diseases, much discussion was carried on about the phasis of the disease. Mrs. Spicer moved a vote of thanks to Miss Campbell, Mrs. Stock seconded.

The president also voiced her appreciation to Miss Campbell for her very instructive discussion, assuring her of the Co-operation of the Homeis Institute in any way possible to the blotting out of this disease, the appreciation of all was shown by a hearty applause.

On a motion by Mrs. Swanson the meeting adjourned to meet next month at the home of Mrs. McMillan. The remainder of the evening was spent in friendly chat while we enjoyed the dainty lunch served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bell & Mrs. Swanson.

Mrs. Patterson Pres

lunch

Minutes of the March meeting
of The Women's Institute.

March 1945

With seventeen members present at the home of Mrs. M^{rs} Millaw, Mrs. Patterson, the president, opened the meeting with the singing of O Canada followed by the Institute Cakes.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and adopted as read.

In the absence of the treasurer, the secretary read the treasurer's report, which showed \$9.48, as at the end of January, receipts in February \$13.50 expenses \$5.54, leaving a balance of \$17.44. Mrs Bishop seconded the adoption of this report.

A letter was read from a soldier who received a ditty bag at Christmas. Mrs Mac Donald reporting on the Relief for Russia stated that the response to the appeal for clothing was splendid, two large boxes were packed filled with many good and useful articles of clothing, blankets, quilts, afghans, made special mention of the lovely layette donated by Miss Roberts pupils in Grade 7. and Mrs Devitt, also a goodly supply of lovely and useful baby and small

children's clothing, 211 articles were counted, this did not include baby bonnets, vests, booties and various other knitted articles, also mentioned the assistance given by Mr Flemming and staff. It was moved by Mrs Thomson and seconded by Mrs. Kowinsky that a vote of thanks be given the ladies who packed these boxes and a letter of thanks be written Mrs Fredette for her valuable assistance, also to Mrs Devitt, Miss Roberts and Mr Flemming and staff.

Mrs. M^{rs} Farlane, War Work Convener, reported that one large parcel of leather was sent to Mrs. Morton!

There were no other Convener reports. Mrs. Patterson told of organizing a Women's Institute Branch at Brookfield, Brook, said how pleased she was to find such enthusiasm among the members of this new group.

The president then spoke of the pressing need of funds to carry on our work, asked for suggestions for ways and means to raise money, many and interesting were the suggestions made,

bean supper, raffle, telephone bridge, bingo, tea, talent money etc. on a motion by Mrs Bishop seconded by Mrs M^{rs} Frettridge it was decided to have a tea on March 17th, a committee was then formed to make arrangements for the tea. Mrs MacDonald offered to convene it, Mrs Bishop, Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Skelton and Mrs Frettridge offered to assist. Another motion by Mrs Thomson and seconded by Mrs Carroll that we have a raffle in connection with the tea, Mrs M^{rs} Millan and Mrs Wilson kindly consented to take charge of the raffle in conjunction with the other members of the tea committee, the raffle to consist of two or three hampers of groceries and a fruit cake, tickets to be sold at 10¢ each, each member to donate to the hamper some small donation of groceries. Mrs Kowensky offered to make the cakes if she could get the fruit, Mrs Mac Millan gave her a package of peel, others offered

butter, fruit and eggs, Mrs Thomson said we could use the window of the Thomson Hardware Store to display the cake and hampers, M^{rs} Spicer was to be asked to ice the cake, Mrs MacMillan and Mrs MacDonald to make the tickets and arrange for a place to hold the tea, Mrs Skelton to help with the decorating, Mrs Stokes to make the posters. \$5.00 was allowed for any expenditures deemed necessary. Other arrangements were left to the committee. All the members agreed to put their shoulder to the wheel and give it a turn to making this tea an all out effort. All motions and suggestions were unanimously approved.

The President gave a brief outline on the Council meeting of the Prov. Women's Institute which she attended in Edmonton. Her description of each representative made us feel we were meeting and knowing them. Told of the splendid amount of War Work done by the Alberta Women's Institute throughout the

year, that approximate \$22,000 was raised, \$1200 sent to the Jam for Brittan Fund. \$1800 for bombed out British Areas. More quilts for Merchant Marines were made. Post war plans were discussed, x arrangements were being made for pre-marital health examinations, and plans for a convention to be held at the Mc Donald Hotel in Edm about the end of May.

The Roll Call followed and caused many smiles and laughter as each member answered her name with "How I met my husband"

Mrs Stoehr's answer thought to be the best.

Meeting adjourned on motion by Mrs Wilson.

A delightful lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs Carroll and Mrs Mc Fetridge.

Lena Mc Donald Sect.
Rose Patterson Pres.

x/Err.

Arrangements for pre-marital health examination taken up by the Government. Not by the Institute.

Minutes of the April Meeting of the Women's Institute.

April 1945

On April 5th the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs Kowinsky with eighteen members and one visitor present.

The meeting opened with the singing of O Canada followed by the Institute Creed. Mrs. Patterson, the president then introduced Mr. Stranathka, the guest speaker, owing to another engagement it was necessary that Mr. Stranathka give his address in the early part of the evening. He spoke for his subject Better Homes and Gardens. First giving an outline on the duties of the District Agriculturist, of the large territory he has to cover to reach the five thousand farms under his supervision. Told of forming two Junior Clubs, of sending one hundred sixteen men and six women to the harvest fields. He then discussed the beautifying of the home by giving care and attention to the lawn and garden, the advantage gained by sowing good lawn grass seed, recommended Kentucky Blue grass. The planting of shrub, ornamental and

shade trees, for best effect shrub trees be planted in groups of three or four near the house or in corners and along the fence, mentioned Spiraea, Cotoneaster, honeysuckle and lilac, for ornamental trees, flowering crab and Mountain Ash, white spruce for shade. Advised to be on the lookout for cut worms this spring as the moth butterfly was quite plentiful last fall. The president thanked Mr Stranitzka for his very interesting and instructive information. The appreciation of all present was shown by an applause.

The meeting continued with the reading of the March minutes, with one correction these minutes were adopted as read.

The treasurer's report followed showing a balance as at the end of Feb. of \$17.41
Receipts in March \$165.76 Expenses 9.70
Balance 173.47 ..\$152.51 of

That amount was the net proceeds of the tea. Mrs. Swanson seconded the adoption of this report. Correspondence consisted of letters in connection with the Convention in Edmonton and a letter from the

Canadian aid to Russia thanking us for the splendid boxes received, asked that we continue this worthy work but hold future shipment until advised, stated that ninety-eight cases of clothing was shipped in Feb. at an approximate value of \$37,500.00.

Mrs Patterson then thanked the Committee and all the ladies who worked so well and willingly to make the tea a success. Mrs. McFutridge Welfare Convener, reported packing boxes of clothing for a family near Depsmitz whose home was destroyed by fire.

Mrs. McFarland reported that a quilt was sent with the clothing for Russian Relief, she overlooked mentioning it in last month's report. Mrs. McFarland and Mrs. Wilson made this quilt themselves. Mrs Patterson then welcomed Mrs. Skisbart and Mrs. Boucher back, and Mrs. O'Brien as our guest, expressed a wish that she would become a member.

Mrs Stranitzka was appointed to represent the Women's Institute at Red Cross. The spending of the money proceeds of

the tea was discussed. It was decided we make a donation to the War Emergency Fund - to the War Work Conveners, the Constituency fees be paid and some kept in reserve for future emergencies.

Moved by Mrs Spicer and seconded by Mrs Melton that \$10.00 be given to the War Work Conveners. Mrs. Kowensky moved that the Constituency fees be paid Mrs Bishop seconded. Mrs Wilson made a motion that \$60.00 be sent to the War Emergency Fund. Mrs Bouchon seconded this motion.

Mrs Wilson seconded Mrs. Kowensky's motion that a letter of thanks be written Mr. Spicer for icing the cake raffled at the tea.

The President asked the opinion of the meeting if a delegate from Grande Prairie be sent to the convention in Edmonton.

Moved by Mrs. Spicer and seconded by Mrs. Miller that a delegate be sent. Mrs. Spicer nominated Mrs. Macdonald as delegate Mrs. Wishart seconded the nomination. Mrs Kowensky moved that nominations cease Mrs. Swanson seconded. Mrs. Miller made a motion that Mrs. Carroll be appointed alternate to the convention. Mrs. Strautis

seconded. Mrs Wilson seconded Mrs. Strautis's motion that \$25.00 be given the delegate for expenses.

Mrs. Patterson read briefs from The Federated News, and discussed the convention, hoped that each member do her part to making it a success.

The Blood Clinic was discussed for the purpose of recording the number of our members who took part. Eight ladies helped with the lunches, three in the capacity of nurses and two blood donors. The entertainment for the boys in uniform was discussed at length - it was finally decided to go ahead with the party as scheduled for April 10th. A Committee was formed with Mrs. Strautis as Conener.

Mrs Mac Millan, Mrs Melton, Mrs Ireland Mrs Bouchon and Mrs Bishop to assist. Mrs. Melton moved that \$5.00 be spent if necessary on the dance. Mrs Ireland seconded. All motions and suggestions were approved unanimously. Mrs O'Brien joined as a new member.

Mrs Miller moved the meeting adjourn. A lovely lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs Ireland and Mrs Reynolds. L. Macdonald Sec. Rose Patterson Pres.

Minutes of the May meeting of the Women's Institute.

May 1945

At the home of Mrs. Patterson 21 members of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute and 14 guests assembled for the May meeting. Mrs. Patterson, the president presiding.

After the singing of O'Canada and the repetition of the Institute Creed the minutes of the April meeting were read, with a small correction these minutes were adopted as read.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$173.47 as at the end of March, receipt in April \$ 9.90 Expenses 109.40 leaving a balance of \$ 73.97

Mrs. Patterson extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, expressed great pleasure in having the ladies of the Women's Institute of Seppsmith with us.

There was no correspondence.

Mrs. Brautix, convener of the Hostess Hut dance, reported that the dance was a much greater success than anticipated, that hot dogs, cake and coffee was served and enjoyed by all, she thanked the ladies of her committee and all the others who helped, made special mention

of Miss M^{rs}. Fetridge who typed all the invitations, she then made a motion that a letter of thanks be written Miss M^{rs}. Fetridge for this service, Mrs. Wilson seconded. Carried.

Mrs. M^{rs}. Farlane reporting on her work said that 5 quilts (2 in March and 3 in April) and 5 pairs of socks were sent to the Navy League. 1 of these quilts donated by the South end Sewing Club. said that she had received a donation of fur and leather for war work. Read a letter from Mrs. Morton in connection with old felt hats, Mrs. Morton stated that old felt hats made splendid lining for jerkins if cleaned and ironed flat, as there was no definite decision arrived at this will be discussed at our next meeting. Mrs. M^{rs}. Farlane also reported her supply of wool was about all used and more would be necessary for knitting for the Sitty Bags. It was moved by Mrs. M^{rs}. Fetridge and seconded by Mrs. Spicer that \$5.00 be given the War Work Convener to purchase wool. Carried. Mrs. Patterson spoke a few words on

The convention, as there was no correspondence or instructions we would proceed in the usual manner. She then introduced Mrs. M^{rs}. Millan Constituency Convener from Sexsmith Mrs. M^{rs}. Millan in addressing the meeting touched on many subjects of interest. As their meeting this month was their annual Grandmothers Day meeting, it was held in the afternoon, this afforded them an opportunity to come to the Grande Prairie meeting. Said there are 31 grandmothers and 3 great-grandmothers. Told of her visit to the Valhalla District N.S. of her difficulties getting there in a Cream-truck and very bad roads. was loud in her praise of the wonderful amount of work done by this small group, who have to overcome many difficulties to get to their meetings. In speaking of the Constituency conference said that no definite date was set, it was hoped it would be about the end of June, promised the conference would not be all work and no play as some fun was arranged on the

program, encouraged war work, that altho the war in Europe was near over there was yet much to be done. Gave helpful hints to the standing Committee, asking that each convener prepare new ideas and suggestions beneficial to their respective work to be read at the conference. Mrs. Patterson thanked Mrs. Mac Millan for her very interesting topics. She then told that the Sexsmith ladies kindly offered to take the boxes prepared for a needy family near Sexsmith Mrs. M^{rs}. Millan suggested that the boxes be given Rev. M^r. Penkerton to give to this family as he saw fit as they had already received many boxes of clothing. This suggestion was agreed to. Mrs. Patterson also reported that Mrs. Lovell asked for clothing for small babies, this was turned over to the Convener of that Committee.

Mrs. Patterson next spoke of Miss Elizabeth Christmas visit to Canada from England, in connection with Women's Institute work, that she addressed 500 institute members between Banff and Edmonton and that Mrs. Thompson had a record made of their talk in Edmonton, this record was sent

to Mrs Patterson and will be heard over C. F. G. P. Friday May 11th with Mrs. Kowensky's broadcast.

It was moved by Mrs Bell and seconded by Mrs Kowensky that a plant be sent to Mrs Swanson who is ill in hospital, Mrs Spicer to purchase the plant.

Mrs Patterson reminded those who purchased cake from the dance Committee to pay to Mrs Ancautic.

Now the moment that we were anxiously awaiting arrived, when the president announced the Musical Club, introducing them with a few well chosen words, then asked Mrs Caldwell to carry on. She were fully rewarded for our wait, each number was enthusiastically applauded. The president expressed the appreciation of all in her thanks to the club for a delightful program.

Mrs Manly is our new institute member.

Mrs Miller moved the meeting adjourn.

While refreshments were being prepared the members and guests mingled in friendly chat, then enjoyed the dainty lunch prepared by the hostess assisted by Mesdames Wilson, Kelter, Ancautic and MacDonald.

L. MacDonald Secy. Rose Patterson Pres.

Minutes of June meeting of the Women's Institute

June 1945

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs Swallow on June 7th. There were

22 members present. The president, Mrs Patterson was in the chair.

The meeting opened with the singing of O'Canada, followed by the Institute Creed. In the absence of the secretary Mrs Bell acted as secretary, the Minute Book also being absent the minutes of the May meeting were not read.

No Correspondence.

Gratitude expressed for V. Day in Europe. 5/11/45 Mrs Patterson brought news of Mrs Montgomerie's stay in hospital in hopes of regaining her health.

Constituency Conference to be held at Spenwich June 23rd was discussed - when Mrs Morton Provincial President will be the chief speaker. Mrs. Patterson hoped for a large handicraft exhibition at the conference - and a good representative of our members to attend. Said that Mrs Fish formerly of Peace River won the weaving exhibit at Edmonton Conventions. Moved by Mrs Stratton and seconded by Mrs Wilson that Mrs Bell be delegate to the

Conference at Sessmicks. Mrs. A. C. Wilson to look after transportation. Cars available - Mrs Miller's - Mrs Strautik's Mrs Carroll's and Mrs Thomson's.

T. B. Clinic arrangements made with Mrs Strautik as convenor for N. I. and Mrs M^{rs} Fetridge to assist - ten other members volunteered to help with the registration.

Treasurers Report. Cash as at the end of April \$73.97. Receipts \$44.45. Expenses \$5.70. Balance \$72.72.

Card of sympathy to be sent to Mrs Carroll on death of her father.

Presentation of N. I. pin to Mrs Reynolds on her leaving Grande Prairie.

Sketches of the convention in Edmonton by Mrs Patterson - highlights of the various meetings which was most interesting. Mrs M^{rs} Farlane reported one quilt from the South end sewing club and another one on hand.

Mrs Wishart and Mrs A. C. Wilson offered to help with lunch at Sept. meeting. Sister Eunice was guest speaker, her subject Home Economics Course as

given in the school at present. Cooking - washing and ironing - plan and budget meals at minimum expense - variety in meals - home-nursing - take temperature pulse & respiration - make beds - bath patients - trays and soft and liquid diet for patients. Dietician and meal planning. Home decorating - dressmaking - waitress and various other duties to help prepare the girls to make their homes a real home center.

Mrs Patterson thanked Sister Eunice for her very interesting talk.

A motion that the meeting adjourn. Mrs Boucher and Mrs M^{rs} Farlane helped the hostess with the dainty lunch served.

Mrs Bell, acting secy.
Rose Patterson Pres.

Special Meeting.

1945

June 21st

On June 21st a special meeting of the members of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs Macdonald.

This meeting was in the form of a garden party - chiefly to wind up our activities for the summer months and that the delegate to the Convention give her report.

There were twenty members present.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and adopted as read. A letter of thanks from Mrs Swanson for plant received when ill in hospital was also read.

A motion was made by Mrs Wilson seconded by Mrs Strantix that a plant be sent Mrs Mac Farlane who is ill in hospital.

Mrs Macdonald gave her report on the Convention. Mrs Patterson thanked Mrs Macdonald for her report.

Mrs Macmillan explained about a scholarship for Agriculture studies in the Peace River County that is being sponsored - to be known as the D. W. Albright Scholarship.

A motion was made by Mrs Whart seconded by Mrs Wilson that we donate \$10.00 to this Scholarship. Carried.

All plans and arrangements for the constituency Conference in St. Smith were completed.

As the evening was growing cold it was suggested that we go inside to partake of the lunch prepared by the hostess, Mrs Spicer and Mrs Strantix.

I also wish to thank Mrs Bell, Mrs Miller and Mrs Flanagan for the grand cakes and cookies they provided - and Yum-Yum they were good.

Lina M^{rs} Donald Secy.
Rose Patterson Pres.

Sept
1945

Minutes of the September meeting of the
Grande Prairie Women's Institute.

On Sept. 6th the first fall meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Hugh Macdonald, with Mrs. Patterson, the president presiding. There were eighteen members and five guests present.

The meeting opened with the Singing of O'Canada, the Institute Creed, was then repeated, in unison.

Minutes of the June meeting and special meeting were read and adopted as read.

Correspondence consisted of a letter of thanks from a member, a birthday card and greetings from Mrs. Mac Millan, Conv.

Convener, a letter from the Dept. Public Health in connection with a lecture trip through Northern Alberta, when they will lecture on Public Health Subjects, wished to know if the Grande Prairie Women's Institute would sponsor

a meeting when they were here in Oct. After some discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Miller and seconded by ^{Mrs} Kelter that we sponsor this lecture. The secretary was advised to reply informing them of the decision of the meeting. Mrs. Mac Petridge offered to make enquiries about the possibility of

securing the Speake Hall for this occasion. A letter from the secretary of the Soldier's Civil Re-establishment Committee asking this organization for the approval or otherwise of the appointment made at their meeting on July 13th of a representative of the Women's Institute. The president declared the approval of their appointment. Mrs. Macdonald gave a brief outline on the set up of this Committee. The treasurer's report was read showing a balance as at the end of May of \$72.72¢, \$3.25; receipts \$11.99. Expenses in June, leaving a balance of \$63.98. Mrs. Mac Millan seconded the adoption of Mrs. Anatin's report.

Mrs. Patterson then welcomed our guests, expressing pleasure in having them with us. Mrs. Roberts, formerly director of District No. 1, now of Calgary, Mrs. Trazer from Nova Scotia, sister of Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Mac Millan, Constituency Convener from Sexsmith, Mrs. Murphy, Secretary, N.S. of Sexsmith, and Mrs. Anderson, a war bride. She then spoke of the institute's birthday, that on September 28th 1924, "21 years ago" this branch of the Women's Institute was formed. Three of the original members were present, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Thomson, and Mrs. Bell.

She thanked Mrs Mac Millan for sending card and greetings. Mrs Bell brought greetings from Mrs Gule, whom she met in Edmonton.

Mrs. Patterson told of her interesting trip to Rio Grande to a Women's Institute meeting, what a full and exciting day she had, and all the good things to eat, "I wondered which full she meant". She then asked for a word from our guests. Mrs Roberts of Calgary congratulated this branch on their 21st birthday, said how pleased she was to be able to attend a meeting of the institute while here and meet old friends, she spoke briefly of the work done by her branch in Calgary and of the pride she always takes in telling of her former associates in this Northern Division and the work done by the members. Mrs Macmillan congratulated us on our coming of age and spoke of attending a meeting of the ladies at Blueberry Mountain, encouraging them to form a branch of the Women's Institute there, and hoped that early in October a branch would be formed. She said, "I am hoping us, that if we had any designs of our keeping the Handicraft Cup we would have to work very hard, as the ladies there do lovely

work. Mrs Murphy added her good wishes on our 21st birthday, said she wonders now how it was that during the years she lived in Grande Prairie she never joined the Women's Institute. Mrs Frazer spoke of work done by her branch in Nova Scotia, that they had a membership of eighty, with an attendance of about fifty at the meetings. Work consisted chiefly of war and relief work, handicraft exhibits and contributions to the school library, at Christmas pack hampers for the needy from their relief work. Extending greetings on our birthday Mrs Patterson thanked the ladies and sent greetings to their respective branches from this branch.

Mrs. Stravinski reported on I. B. Clinic, told of the ready response from the community and thanked the ladies who helped with the registration. 10 ladies helped.

Mrs Macdonald reported on Blood Clinic, four members helped, with lunch, and two in the capacity of nurses. Mrs Patterson thanked the ladies who worked on these clinics making special mention of Mrs MacFarlane's voluntary service as secretary for I. B. Clinic. She also reminded the meeting of the National Clothing

drive, asked the members to keep the date in mind. Oct 1st to 20th.

\$25.00 was voted to the fund for British Funds on a motion by Mrs Wishart, seconded by Mrs MacFarlane. Carried.

Mrs Bell gave an excellent report on the Constituency Conference at Sevenside. Seventy-five delegates registered, the handicraft exhibit was wonderful, Grande Prairie won the cup with points, and extended an invitation to hold the conference at Grande Prairie next year.

A quilt was on display, donated by the South End sewing club.

It was decided to celebrate our 21st birthday on Sept. 28th at a tea for all members, past and present at the home of the president, Mrs Patterson. Arrangements were made with Mrs Wishart to conduct Mrs Helter offered to make the cake, Mrs Miller to arrange a program.

Mr Rogers - the guest speaker was next introduced he took for his subject the Government policy of rehabilitation of the armed forces. He told of the arrangements and plans being made by the Government and local boards for the

future welfare of the return men and women. The discussion and questions that followed proved what an interest the ladies of the Homeis Institute felt toward the welfare of the returning forces.

While lunch was being prepared by the hostess, Mrs Wishart and Mrs Hilson the members and guests chatted in reminiscence of early institute days, and Mrs Roberts told of the scrap-book her institute branch prepared for the ditty bags of clippings of items of interest from papers, and jokes and witty sayings. And of the Institute play.

Rose Patterson
Pres

Minutes of the October meeting of the
Grande Prairie Women's Institute.

Oct. 1945 Nineteen members of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Bell on Oct. 6th. for their monthly meeting. After the singing of O'Canada and the repetition of the Institute's lyrics, the minutes of the September meeting were read and adopted as read. Treasurer's report shows a balance as at the end of June of \$63.98, receipts in Sept. \$8.00, expenses \$25.00 balance \$46.98. Mrs. Miller seconded this report.

Correspondence read.

Letter from the Dept. Public Health expressing thanks for our co-operation in sponsoring their lecture Oct 15th. Letters from the Officers of the Provincial Women's Institute Mrs. Morton, Pres. Mrs. Evans, Vice Pres. Mrs. Strong, Secy. Mrs. Macfarlane, Pres. and Mrs. Rogers Pres. Navy League, these were chiefly letters of greetings and explaining this year's set up of the Prov. Women's Institute. The secretary was advised to write Mrs. Strong and reply to her questions, also to enquire for the Annual Year Book, if it was sent free or was there a charge, if so, how much, as we would like to have at least three.

Mrs. MacFetridge reported that she had

secured the Speke Hall for the lecture on Public Health, also, that at a meeting of the Hostess Sub Committee it was decided that the different organizations entertain the boys as before the holidays - This was tabled until some later date. In the absence of Mrs. Wishart, Mrs. Patterson reported on the Birthday Tea, said how very grateful she was to all who helped to make this tea the success it was. Mentioned specially Mrs. Carroll who so graciously received the guests and attended to the Register Book, to Mrs. Keltner for the lovely cake so artistically decorated and so delicious to eat, to Mrs. Wishart for the capable way in which she convened and to all her help, to the secretary for her report, Mrs. Miller for the musical program, asked her to extend appreciation to the artists who took part.

A motion made by Mrs. Keltner seconded by Mrs. Miller that Mrs. MacDonald be paid for stamps and stationery purchased in connection with the tea. Carried.

Mrs. MacFarlane and Mrs. Wilson reported on war work. Mrs. MacFarlane reported two quilts ready for shipment, one donated by the South end sewing club. Mrs. Wilson discussed the packing

ditty bags, mentioned that Mrs MacFarlane had purchased one dozen jig-saw puzzles and donated some chocolate bars. Mrs Keltor offered to make six cakes if the necessary ingredients were provided, several of the members offered fruit, butter, eggs and sugar, Mrs MacFetridge and Mrs McMillan offered to make two cakes each, Mrs Kowinsky and Mrs Spicer two tins of cookies, Mrs Thomson gave \$1.00, other donations of money and cakes were made later. The filling of the bags was arranged on a motion by Mrs MacMillan, seconded by Mrs Kowinsky. \$25.00 was voted to the war work conveners for ditty bag supplies and other war work. Carried. A discussion to hold a telephone bridge was tabled until next meeting.

Mrs Kowinsky reported on a letter from the late Mr Berry in connection with the Princess Alice Fund. Mrs Patterson explained this fund to arise from the wish of Princess Alice to use the money to be spent on a gift to her from the women of Canada on a scholarship fund. After due consideration a motion was made by Mrs Thomson sec. by Mrs Swallow that \$5.00 be donated to this fund. Carried. The sec. to enquire of Mrs Stormy Thors Mrs Patterson next introduced the guest

what channels
this money
be sent.

speaker, The Rev. Mr. Kitney. Mr. Kitney's subject, Youth movement. One could readily understand how very interested Mr. Kitney is in Youth movement by the sincere way which he delivered his talk. Compared the Youth education of Hitler with that of Denmark. Hitler's Youth education was the basis of his rise to power of destruction, while the youth education in Denmark is to further the development of better and beautiful things. In the Folk High Schools poetry and Folk songs are taught as a means to improve morale and a desire to get out and study. The development of other countries, they came to Canada to study our butter and bacon industry which proved of great benefit to them. Mrs Patterson thanked Mr. Kitney for his most interesting talk, and the appreciation of all was shown by all the questions asked and our desire that he should talk some more. The secretary moved a vote of thanks, Mrs Wilson seconded. While we were discussing Youth movement with Mr. Kitney Mrs Swallow and Mrs Kowinsky helped the hostess with the dainty lunch served.

Mrs Spicer moved the adjournment of the meeting

Lina MacDonald Secy.
Bon Patterson Pres.

Minutes of the November meeting of the
Grand Prairie Women's Institute.

Nov. 1945. November meeting held at the home of
Mrs Wishart sixteen members present and
three guests.

Secretary reported late, the minutes of
the October meeting was read by Mrs
Korwinsky. Mrs Bishop moved the adoption
and Mrs MacFarlane seconded.

Treasurer's report showed a balance of
\$46.98 as at the end of September, receipts
in October \$2.95, expenses \$27.69, balance \$22.24

Mrs MacFarlane reported twelve ditty bags
packed and read the list of articles therein,
thanked those who helped with the packing, also
for the generous donations. \$25.00 covered the
cost of Ditty Bags and material for Quilts.

Mrs Patterson expressed the thanks of all the
members for Mrs MacFarlane's work, also to
the members for their donations.

Mrs MacFetridge reported on Health lecture, that
it was very successful, a good attendance,
lecture and slides interesting, it was moved
and seconded that \$2.00 be paid for light and
\$1.00 to Mr Lowe in connection with this lecture.

Mrs Patterson reported on the National Clothing
drive, that the members were not needed for
packing. Mrs Wishart reported

on Memorial Service to response to request that
a representative be sent to the meeting, suggested
that Women's Institute and Stageites handle the
sale of poppies. Mrs MacFetridge offered to take
care of the matter.

Mrs Patterson reported on a request from
Mrs Stranacka that the Women's Institute
sponsor a demonstration on Household
Economics on Nov 13th. asked the approval of
the meeting. Carried.

Two letters were read.

Mrs Patterson explained F.N.I.C. and fund.

Mrs Wilson moved and Mrs Swallows seconded
that \$1.00 be sent to this fund, the president
then brought the personal Christmas gift
to the attention of the members, the sec.
to remind all absent members.

Money making suggestions were next
Suggestions Telephone Bridge, Talent money,
\$2.00 each member. Progressive Tea, All Nations
dinner. Play suggested as a New Year's
project. A motion by Mrs Miller for a
progressive tea. Motion by Mrs MacMillan
seconded by Mrs Wishart for telephone bridge,
Carried, the date Nov. 23rd. Mrs MacMillan
Mrs Miller and Mrs Helter to convene.

Mrs Swallow moved \$5.00 be spent on prizes.
Seconded by Mrs Sharpe.

Nominating Committee was next arranged.
Mrs Bishop - Mrs Sharpe and Mrs Flanagan
appointed on that Committee. The standing

Committee were reminded to have their
reports ready to hand in at Dec. Meeting.

Mrs Patterson introduced the guest speaker,
Mrs Minchew, a war bride. Mrs Minchew told
of the life of the people in war time Brittain.
Mentioned rationing, Blackouts, Clothing
Coupons, no silk stockings, more than four
million houses damaged by bombs. News-
papers helped with special receipts for
war time foods. Many questions were
asked. Mrs Patterson thanked the
speaker for her interesting talk.

Mrs Macdonald gave a brief report on
the meeting of the Re-habilitation she attended.
The general discussion, she said, was chiefly the
efforts of the Government for the betterment of
our returning Armed forces, to find suitable
jobs for them, and help them in every way
possible to adjust themselves back to civilian life.
Mrs Macdonald moved its adjourn.

Lina Mac Donald Secy.
Rose Patterson Pres

Minutes by
Mrs Kowinsky

Minutes of the December meeting of the
Grande Prairie Women's Institute.

Dec. 1945

On Dec. 6th nineteen members of the Women's
Institute met at the home of Mrs Carroll's
for their monthly meeting. After the
singing of O Canada the Institute Creed
was repeated in unison.

The minutes of the November meeting were
read, on a motion by Mrs Wilson, seconded
by Mrs Spicer the minutes were adopted as
read.

The Treasurer's report showed a
balance as at the end of October of \$22.24
receipts for Nov. 9.15, telephone bridge receipts
\$62.50 - total receipts \$71.65, expenses for Nov.
\$21.99 leaving a balance of \$49.66.

Mrs Patterson read a letter of appreciation
from Mrs Cummings for the help given to the
National Clothing Drive, 7,042 lbs of clothing
was packed and shipped from Grande Prairie.
Mrs Patterson then spoke on the telephone
bridge, and explained what seemed to make
a difference of opinion in connection
with the money contribution, she thanked
the conveners for their success, made special
mention of Miss Wilson who so artistically
designed the score cards, asked the secretary
to write her a letter expressing our
appreciation. Mrs M^{rs} Fetridge reported

On poppy sale, that Mrs. Anatrius, Mrs. Bouchard and herself sold poppies to the value of \$63.45, this amount was handed to the Legion. Mrs Wilson reported on War Hour, that 3 quilts were sent to the Navy League, there were 2 quilts on display one from South End Sewing Club and one from Mrs Macmillan. Mrs Patterson reported on the demonstration by Mrs. Vera Mac Donald, that owing to the very stormy weather there was only an attendance of 16. Those who came were amply rewarded, the demonstration was both interesting and instructive, she told of many short-cuts in housekeeping to save the steps of the housewife, many useful and interesting things to make also several receipts for cakes. Mrs. Nowinsky moves that \$1.00 be given the caretaker and \$2.00 to Church Board to cover expenses in connection with this demonstration. Mrs Wilson seconded. Mrs. Mac Millan reported on the telephone bridge, 28 tables played, all who took part enjoyed themselves to the full, she thanked the members who helped especially Mrs

Millar, whom she said, did most of the organizing, \$62.50 gross receipts. The president next called for the annual reports, the secretary summing up the year's activities showed a very full year, financially, socially and active. Mrs. Swallow seconded the annual report. The treasurer's report also showed a busy year, \$335.01 was raised, \$265.01 spent on various worthy causes, balance of \$70.00 Mrs Bishop seconded this report. Mrs Patterson spoke briefly on the year's work thanked all for their co-operation, said she enjoyed the year's work to the utmost. The Standing Committees each gave a very interesting report on their various activities. Mrs Bishop reporting on Agriculture and Jan. Industry told of the interesting talk by Mrs. Stranaki on agriculture and Mrs Macdonald's demonstration on household economics. Mrs Spicer reporting ~~reporting~~ on hospital plants and flowers were sent to members ill in hospital. Mrs Anatrius, Reb Cross and Home Economic Handicraft, told of the talk by Sister Eunice of all the

subjects given her pupils on home ^{lies} economy
that the Grande Prairie H.S. won the Cup this
year for Handicraft giving credit to two of
our members for this honor. She was unable
to get a full report on Red Cross work but
mentioned the Blood Donor and T.B. Clinics
in which the Institute members took an
active part. Mrs. Gowinsky Radio and
Publicity, few broadcasts during the year,
two of these were by our President, a recording
of Miss Christmas tour through Canada on
behalf of the Women's Institute of Britain,
letters of thanks written to C.F.S.P. Utilities
and Herald-Tribune. Mrs. Swallow, Maritime
Price and Trade, said she had nothing of
importance to report as everybody seemed
to abide by the wartime regulations very
well, she read parts from one of their
pamphlets on children's clothing, in cases
of extreme need, a report be sent to headquarters
they would attend to it. To water in the
papers for changes in coupons. Mrs. Mc^{ae} Setridge
on Social Welfare, that several needy
families were cared for with boxes of clothing.
Mrs. Macmillan on Citizenship. This was a
very interesting report, mentioning Miss

Campbell's educational talk on Venereal
Disease and Social Service lecture and
pictures by Miss McKay & Mrs. Egan on Public
Health. Mr. Stranakis talk on Agriculture
& Rev. Mr. Kitney on Youth Movement, Mr.
Rogers on rehabilitation of returned men,
now with the war over is time for real
citizenship efforts both national and inter-
national. Mrs. Wilson on war work, this
also was a splendid report, 17 Quilts, 12 Sitty
Bags, 32 prs Socks & Mittens, 12 lbs fur and
leather, 1 Quilt made & packed with the
Russian Relief Clothing. Mrs. Patterson
sincerely thanked each of the conveners
for their splendid reports, which, she said
showed the keen interest each one took
in their work. Mrs. Carroll, seconded all
these reports.

Mrs. Patterson then turned the meeting over
to Mrs. Carroll, who on taking the chair
asked for the Nominating Committee report.
When the slate of officers was read, Mrs.
Swallow moved and Mrs. Stranakis seconded
that the slate stand as read. Mrs. Patterson
returned to the chair, thanked the Nominating
Committee, said a few words on how pleased

Officers.

she was to see most of the officers of last year were continuing, and welcomed the new ones.

Mrs Patterson, Pres. Mrs Wickart + Mrs Spicer Vice-pres.
 Mrs Macdonald, Secy. Mrs Flanagan, Treas. Directors
 Mrs Bell, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Macmillan. Auditors
 Mrs Swallow, Mrs Ireland. Conveners, Standing
 Committees, Mrs Bishop, Mrs Miller, Mrs Anatriux,
 Mrs MacFarlane & Mrs Wilson, M^{rs} M^{rs} Fetridge.

New business. Nominating of program Committee
 Mrs Bishop, Mrs Miller, Mrs Anatriux Mrs M^{rs} Fetridge
 Mrs Boucher with Mrs Wilson as Convener were
 nominated. Suggestions for programs asked for
 and many given. Moved by Mrs Kowinsky +
 sec. by Mrs Miller to allocate \$5.00 to Mrs Spicer
 and Mrs M^{rs} Fetridge to buy Christmas Cheer for
 hospital. Subscriptions were taken for Home
 and Country magazine. The Roll Call was
 answered with many interesting suggestions
 for Christmas. \$3.00 was given the secy for stamps.
 While a delicious lunch was being prepared by
 the hostess assisted by Mrs Manley & M^{rs} O. Sien
 Mrs Macdonald read an article by Miss
 Christmas on her tour through Canada
 the wonderful hospitality of the Canadian
 people, and the grand work done by the
 Women's Institute.

L. Macdonald Secy
 Rose Patterson Pres.

Minutes of the January Meeting of the
Grande Prairie Women's Institute.

Jan.
 1946.

On Jan. 3rd, seventeen members of the Women's
 Institute and one visitor assembled at the
 home of Mrs Sharpe for the first meeting of
 1946. After the singing of O'Canada and
 the repetition of the Institute's Creed the
 minutes of the annual meeting were
 read and adopted as read.

The treasurer's report showed a balance, as
 at the end of Nov of \$71.34. Receipts in Dec.
 \$3.75. Expenses \$11.00. Balance \$64.09.

Correspondence read. Christmas card of
 greetings from Mrs. Macmillan, Constituency
 Convener, letter of thanks from Miss Campbell,
 matron of hospital, for gift of fruit received.
 Letter from Kinsmen Club asking for a
 donation in connection with Percy boy.

On a motion by Mrs Carroll seconded by
 Mrs Macmillan \$25.00 was voted to the
 Kinsmen's request.

Mrs M^{rs} Fetridge reported that Grape-fruit to the
 value of \$5.00 was sent to the hospital at Mas.
 Mrs MacFarlane said she had no war work
 to report, but asked the members if they would
 each donate a "Housewife" as suggested by the
 Provincial War Convener in Home & Country
 Magazine. This suggestion was unanimously

approved. Mrs Bouchor donated material for the making of these and offered to cut them out and leave with Mrs Wilson along with a made sample, each member to call and get one or two. Mrs Wilson to help with the cutting, each "Housewife" when made up to be fitted with needles, pins, buttons etc, to be sent to Europe where the need is great.

Auditors reported the books found correct. Mrs Wilson, program Convener read the program for 1946, as drafted by herself and her Committee, this very interesting program was adopted. Mrs Mac Millan offered to type and prepare this program to be distributed at the next meeting.

Mrs Patterson reported that Mrs Pickard who would be the speaker at the February meeting was going to talk on the Town Library and would like a discussion to follow her talk. Mrs Patterson invited our visitor Mrs Charters, who was formally on the library committee to lead this discussion. Mrs Charters very graciously accepted the invitation. The president asked the members to each

try to bring a new member. She then introduced our guest speaker Mrs Johnson, who delighted us all with her interesting book review "Johnny Chimney" by J. Gards, this review was presented in a humorous and charming manner, as many of the members knew personally some of the characters mentioned it made it all more interesting. A pleasant discussion and much laughter followed. Mrs Patterson in her sincere vote of thanks voiced the feeling of all present.

While the lunch was being prepared the president called the roll, which was answered by New Years resolutions.

Twelve (12) members then paid their fees. On a motion by Mrs Wilson the meeting adjourned.

Mrs MacDonald helped the hostess serve the lunch. Mrs Lawler supplied the sandwiches.

Lina Mac Donald, Secy.

Rose Patterson Pres.

Minutes of the ^{February} ~~January~~ meeting of the
Grande Prairie Homeis Institute.

Feb. 1946.

Sixteen members of the Grande Prairie Homeis Institute and four visitors met at the home of Mrs H. Mac Donald for the Feb. meeting. After the singing of O Canada and the repetition of the Institute Creed the minutes of the January meeting were read and adopted. The treasurer's report

followed showing a balance as at the end of Dec. of \$46.11. Receipts in January \$14.61. Expenses \$61.25. Balance \$17.46.

Mrs Swallow seconded this report.

Correspondence consisted of a letter of acknowledgement and thanks for cheque \$25.00 to Percy Boy, three letters from sailors who received Bitty Bags at Christmas, their thanks and gratitude surely proved this a worth while effort.

Mrs Patterson read parts from a paper clipping of work done for the Navy League showing that the Homeis Institute contributed about $\frac{3}{4}$ of this worthy cause. She also spoke of a letter which she received from Mrs Mac Millan Constituency convenor, in connection with Handicraft, urging that a good

display of work be ready for exhibit. Nav Work Convenor reported 24 "Housewives" given out to members, 13 were returned all beautifully done, the remaining ones to be turned in soon. A discussion for next month's project followed, it was finally decided to make Crib Quilts 30x36. On a motion by Mrs Swallow seconded by Mrs Kulton \$5.00 was voted to the Nav Work Convenor to buy material for quilts and other needs. Carried. A Quilt made by the South End Sewing Club was on display.

Mrs Mac Millan reported all programs ready, she then distributed these neat and attractive programs to each member. On a motion by Mrs Mac Donald seconded by Mrs Mac Farlane a hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mrs Mac Millan for their work on these programs.

Mrs Patterson welcomed the visitors, expressed a hope that they would become members. She next welcomed and introduced the guest speaker - Mrs Pickard.

Mrs Pickard's opening remark was the juvenile definition of a library

"A place where old books are kept that nobody reads" She went on further to say that was not true of the Grande Prairie library, as last year about 9,000 books were in circulation, her talk ^{was} very interesting, giving a full history of the library & work entailed from its beginning in 1939 until the present day - now 2,000 books are on the shelves. Space & shelving too crowded. Need of a larger place with reading-rooms and reference books. Said she felt 4 or 5 members not sufficient to carry on the work. Hoped for a representative from the different organizations. A lively discussion followed - which proved the interest of all the members. Mrs Patterson was appointed to represent the N.I. on the Library Board on a motion by Mrs Wishart seconded by Mrs MacFarlane. Carried unanimously. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mrs Pickard for her interesting discussion. Mrs Bowcher made a motion that bill to Herald-Tribune be paid Sec. by Mrs. Sharpe. Carried. Eight (8) members

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paid their fees.

On a motion by Mrs Wilson seconded by Mrs MacMillan the meeting adjourned. The hostess assisted by Mrs Bishop and Mrs Wilson served lunch.

Lina Macth Donald. Secy.

Rose Patten Pres.

minutes of the ^{March} ~~February~~ meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute.

At the home of Mrs. D. W. Patterson on March 8th, eighteen members of the Women's Institute met for the monthly meeting. As this was to be a social evening the president asked that we dispense with the usual meeting opening of O Canada and the Creed, ~~called~~ for the minutes of the February meeting, these minutes were read and approved. The treasurer read her report showing receipts in Feb. \$11.84 and expenses \$6.00 leaving a balance \$23.30 Mrs. Kowinsky seconded this report.

Mrs. Carroll reported having received a letter from a sailor who received a Ditty Bag at Christmas, of how very thankful he was for the many useful things it contained. Mrs. Kowinsky also reported

receiving a letter from another grateful sailor.

The president, Mrs Patterson, welcomed the two visitors - hoped that they would join the Institute. She then spoke briefly on some literature she received. Alberta as an Educator and others, said that the Women's Institute was taking an active part in Alberta's Education, also mentioned that next year the Women's Institute would be 50 (fifty) years old, and no doubt there would be some form of entertainment to mark the occasion. As there was not time to discuss these fully they were left for a later date.

Mrs Patterson also stated she had a letter from Mrs Macmillan, Constituency Convener asking that the date for the Conference be set as early as possible, after some discussion a motion was made by Mrs Wishart seconded by Mrs R. M^{rs} Millan that Saturday, June 15th be the date of the Conference which will be held in Grande Prairie, Carried.

War Work Convener reported a letter from Mrs Morton acknowledging with thanks the "housewives" received. Six (6) crib quilts were on display, these were February's War project. One of these quilts was made by a ten year old girl, who, wishing to do something for the needy children in Europe made over her own baby quilt and turned it to the Institute. On a motion by Mrs Bell seconded by Mrs Boucher the secretary was instructed to write this little girl, (Nan Welch) expressing thanks for her thoughtfulness. Layette to be the war project for March.

Mrs Macdonald reported on the Red Cross drive and asked for volunteers to help with the drive.

Mrs Kowinsky made a motion that the "tea-money" be used to defray the expenses of the evenings entertainment Mrs Wilson seconded, Carried.

Mrs Patterson then turned the meeting over to the entertaining Committee who, under the able leadership of Mrs Macmillan had arranged a program

of contests, games and Sing-songs. Two Irish songs by Miss Sewitt accompanied by Miss Patterson at the piano was greatly enjoyed. The ladies all set aside their dignity, and entered into the spirit of the fun, making the program a real success. A buffet lunch was served from a neatly arranged table centered with a miniature Keillamey castle, green tapers and shamrocks.

Two new members joined and three paid their fees.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Committee was moved by Mrs Wilson and seconded by all.

Mrs Thomson moved the meeting adjourn.

L. Mac^{ac} Donald Secy
Pres.

G. C. Washart Vic. P.

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Minutes of the April Meeting of the
Grande Prairie Women's Institute.

April.

The meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Mac^{ac} Millan with eighteen (18) members and 3 visitors present. In the absence of our president, Mrs. Washart (Vice-president) presided.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and adopted. The Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of Feb. of \$23.30. Receipts in March \$6.75. Expenses \$1.00. Balance \$29.05. Mrs. Bishop seconded this report.

Correspondence consisted of a note from Mrs. Patterson and an enclosed letter from an old member, Mrs. Tracey, now of Toronto and a radio broadcast on conditions in Europe as seen by Dr. Joy. Mrs. Tracey is a member of the Toronto Unitarian Service Committee, and as such is trying to get help for the needy Europeans, remembering the willingness always of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute to help in every worthy cause she appealed to them for help. After listening to the report on the radio broadcast. By Mrs. Hobbes being read the members all felt that something could be done, after some discussion a motion was made

by Mrs Thomson, seconded by Mrs McMillan that we each try to donate some of the articles mentioned in Mrs Hobbes' recent broadcast, rags, pencils, crayons, bedding dolls, toys and anything that could be spared, this motion had the unanimous support of all the members. Mrs. Wilson kindly offered to attend to the packing and shipping, for all articles to be left at her home no later than April 24th. Mrs. Macdonald offered to help with the packing.

Mrs. McFetridge distributed handicraft papers. Mrs Macdonald reported on the Red Cross drive and sewing.

Mrs Wilson reporting on War Work said that 3 more lovely Crib Quilts were turned in, these were Feb War Project. A lovely lot of baby things for a layette were on display, this was March War project. April's project to be food parcels sent overseas.

Ways and means to replenish the treasury was discussed at length, it was finally decided on a motion by Mrs Swallow, seconded by Mrs Kowinsky

that each member be responsible for \$2.00 to make it, which ever way she saw fit and to turn it in at the next meeting. Carried. Mrs Macdonald to phone the members not present.

Mrs Wishart then introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Balfour, his subject, Sound. This was a very unusual and interesting subject, made us realize that the eye too is sensitive to sound and that sound can be photographed. That Caruso's voice supposed to be perfect was photographed and found not perfect. Mrs Wishart very graciously thanked Mr Balfour for his most interesting talk and expressed the appreciation of all present.

Mrs Bell and Mrs. Carvill assisted the hostess in serving a delightful lunch.

Lina McMillan, Secy.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

Minutes of the May Meeting of the
Grande Prairie Women's Institute.

May 4th Nineteen members and two guests met at the home of Mrs. Sharke on May 2nd. Mrs. Patterson, the president presiding. Meeting opened with the singing of O Canada followed by the repeating of the Institute Creed. The minutes of the April meeting were read, Mrs. MacMillan moved the adoption. Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of Mar. of \$29.05, receipts in April \$3.40, Expenses 25¢, balance \$32.20. Mrs. Kowinsky seconded this report. Mrs. MacMillan read a letter of appreciation from a sailor who received a ditty bag at Christmas, he was loud in his praise with its contents, this makes eight acknowledgements received from the twelve bags sent. Sec. read a letter from the Conventer Agriculture and Com. Industry for the Constituency asking for a report from this branch on that subject to enable her to make a full report for the conference. Mrs. Wishart reported on the banquet given Lt. Col. Snow by the Board of Trade, said the banquet was very nice,

the speaker's subject, "The need of men for a permanent force in Canada." In the absence of the Star Conventer Mrs. MacDonal reported on the lovely box of articles, toys, rags, crayons, pencils, etc that were sent to the Unitarian Church Committee in Vancouver to be shipped to needy Europeans, mentioned particularly how nice and clean and ironed all the articles were. The sec. was advised to write Mrs. Tracey and tell her what had been done in response to her appeal, also to express the sympathy of the members on the death of her mother. Mrs. Patterson read the number of lovely articles in the layette for the March war project. Members were reminded that the May war project is a child's outfit, as the age was not known it was decided to make what would fit any child, as it all would be useful. Parcels for overseas was discussed. Mrs. Macdonald offered to take the war work for May as Mrs. Nilson would be unable to attend to it.

Talent money amounted to \$33.00.
amusing reports were told on how this
money was made.

Mrs Swallow reporting on Maritime Price
Trade told of the appeal for unused meat
coupons, suggested that anyone having any
unused ones turn them into the Local
Ration Board.

Mrs M^{rs} Felridge, Convenor of Handicraft
asked the members to make as many
enteries as possible in the handicraft
Competition of the Conference. Three judges
to be arranged for, suggested one from
Rio Grande, one from Sennetts and one
from here. Also said that if the Women's
Institute wished to have a "White Elephant"
sale, it would not interfere with the
Anglican N. A. sale.

Mrs Patterson spoke briefly on the Council
meeting, mentioned the illness of Mrs
Montgomery. Mrs M^{rs} Gorman the new
Vice-President, replacing Mrs Evans who
left to live in Texas, Mrs M^{rs} Gorman will
also help Mrs. Morton with war work.
The June meeting to be a picnic to
was discussed, on a

motion by Mrs Ireland, second by Mrs Melsh
the picnic to be left for a later date as
there would be much business to attend to
at the June meeting, Carried.

Mrs Miller offered to arrange for the musical
programs for the conference.

Mrs Macdonald spoke of the condition of
the cemetery and asked the members for
suggestions, if anything could be done to
improve it. Mrs Patterson asked Mrs M^{rs} about
if she would represent the N. S. and write
each organization asking that a represen-
tative be appointed to form a Committee
and draw up some plans for the imp-
rovement of the cemetery to be pres-
ented to the Council. The secretary
was also advised to write Mrs Geo. O'Brien
expressing our regrets in losing her as
a member and extending our good
wishes to her in her new home.

Mrs Patterson welcomed the guests and
expressed hope that they would become
members. She then introduced the Guest
speaker, Mrs Carlisle. Mrs Carlisle told
for her subject, "Her experience in gardening"
told of her success and failures, of her great

ambition to be a wonderful peonie grower, of her disappointment, when in showing a guest through her garden to find the name tags of her peonies gone and the disgust of her guest in discovering she did not know the names of any of her peonies, of the shrubs and plants (she got the most pleasure out of, all told in that humorous and interesting way that only Mrs Carlisle can tell made her talk so much enjoyed by us all. Mrs Patterson in thanking Mrs Carlisle expressed the appreciation of all.

Mrs Meigan is our latest new member. One member paid her fee. While the hostess assisted by Mrs Heming and Mrs Flanagan prepared the dainty lunch, the Roll was called and answered by many interesting Garden Hubs.

Mrs Anatinik moved the meeting adjourn. Mrs Manley second

Lina Mac Donnell Sec.

Rose Patterson Pres.

Minutes of the June meeting of the
Grand Prairie Women's Institute.

June 46
Nineteen members of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs Swallow on June 6th. The meeting was opened with the singing of O Canada, followed by the Institute Greeting. Mrs Patterson, the president presiding. Minutes of the May meeting were read and adopted. Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of April of \$32.20, receipts in May, talent money etc \$36.25, expenses \$5.15, balance \$63.30. Mrs Kowinsky seconded this report.

Correspondence consisted of letters from the provincial office, Mrs Horton, Mrs Strong, Mrs MacFarlane and our new vice-president Mrs Mc Gormau, from Mrs Tracy acknowledging our answer to her appeal for clothing for needy Europeans, card from Mrs Mc Gormau acknowledging Grib Gulls sent to Mrs Horton. Mention was made in Mrs Mc Farlane's letter of the new folders with the St. J. Crest that could be purchased for 50¢ a dozen, she also said that the St. J. spoons would be ready in August. Mrs Kowinsky made a motion that two dozen ^{spoons} be sent for for the secretary's use, Mrs Anatinik seconded. Carried. Several members reported sending parcels to friends Overseas, "April's War Project."

The secretary was asked to check over her minutes for items on war work to help Mrs. Wilson in making out the war report as Mrs. Macfarlane had not yet returned from her holidays, this report to be sent to Mrs. Umbach for the conference.

Mrs. Patterson discussed a letter she received from Mrs. Morton on her trip to Ottawa, and her many activities while there. She also told of her visit to East Keluskew, accompanied by Mrs. MacMillan Constituency Convener, of the interest of the ladies there to form an Institute branch, she extended an invitation to these ladies to attend the conference here on June 15th and get a better idea of the work done by the different branches, while there, they discussed a proposed rest room in Grande Prairie for the out of town people coming here, this project was discussed at length, it was thought to be too big a job for this branch to decide and was left to be taken up at the conference. The idea of a scrap book was brought forth - the secretary was asked on a motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by

Mrs. Meigand approved to purchase a scrap book and enter all items of interest of Institute doings in it. The secretary was also asked to look through the minute book for items of interest for Home and Country, this Mrs. Patterson said was an idea discussed at the Council meeting.

Mrs. Macdonald reported on the Cemetery, expressed appreciation for the co-operation and interest of the different organizations and the courteous attention of the Council when the appeal to improve conditions in the cemetery was brought before them, they promised to take the matter up and see what could be done.

Mrs. Patterson thanked Mrs. Macdonald for this report. The Keluskew Hill picnic and swimming pool was discussed. It was hoped that as many as possible attend the picnic. After some discussion on the swimming pool a motion was made by Mrs. McFetridge, seconded by Mrs. Thompson that we hold an auction sale, proceeds for the swimming pool, the sale to be held in Sept. the secretary was advised to write the Kiwanis club informing

them of our intention to have an auction sale, and that we would be pleased to receive donations of anything salable, to watch the local paper for further announcements. Mrs Patterson speaking of the sports day program, said she thanked the Program Committee for the opportunity to have a lunch booth on the grounds, that we were sorry we could not take advantage of this offer. Mrs. Macmillan moved and Mrs. Kowinsky seconded that the secretary write the Chief of Police, Town Council and Sports Committee Secretary asking that the Provincial Liquor Act be strictly enforced during the two days of the Sports. The secretary was also told to remember any sick members during the summer months.

Mrs. Patterson reported attending a library meeting, and of the keen interest being shown in the library, The I. O. O. F. and High School were also represented, plans for a public site for a new library was discussed. Mrs. Pickard told her to keep in mind the library meeting in the fall.

Mrs. Macmillan suggested we purchase a bolt of factory cotton and have it made

up into different articles to be sold. Mrs. Michart moved and Mrs. Bishop seconded that Mrs. Macmillan purchase the cotton. Mrs. Kowinsky asked that the material be made up by October so as not to interfere with the church bazaars. Mrs. Macmillan offered to convene the cutting and stamping of this material.

A motion was made by Mrs. Macmillan seconded by Mrs. Bell that outstanding bills be paid. The arrangements for the conference was next discussed. Mrs. Patterson asked the convenor of handicraft to take charge of arranging the handicraft display, and as there was to be a wedding reception in the church basement that day to consult with the ladies in charge of the reception so that there would be no conflicting. For each convenor to send her report to the constituency convenor, for Mrs. Kowinsky to leave her report on Radio and Publicity. Mrs. Michart was asked to give the welcome address. Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Thomson to pray. Mrs. Bell to attend to the register book. A delegate was called for. Mrs. Bell moved that Mrs. Macdonald act as delegate. Mrs. Patterson said she had hoped Mrs.

Macdonald would act as secretary for the conference, Mrs. Macdonald said she would act as secretary for the conference as well as delegate Mrs. Jones to be asked to judge the handicrafts with the other two ladies.

Mrs. Smart offered to bring her Indian work. It was decided to serve for lunch Salads Cold meats, buns, cake and tea, Cold meats buns + cake to be bought, Buns from Spicers and Cake from Coffee Shop.

Mrs. Mae Millau, Mrs. Ireland and Mrs. Hemming offered to take charge of the lunch. Mrs. Bell moved that greetings be sent P.R. Conference. Articles for the May Ward Project were on display, it consisted of clothing for a child of about eight and three.

The June Project to be a layette to be distributed to the Public Health Nurses of Alberta. Many of the members offered to donate the articles asked for to make up this layette. \$15.00 of talent money was turned in. The roll call, what I see from my kitchen window was very amusing, Mrs. Carroll's description of "the Hat that Hemming" wears on wash day and Mrs. Stecher's knowledge of why patients hurry to hospital showed

get honorary mention if not first prize. Mrs. Anatuk was presented with a Baby Spoon for her new baby boy, she thanked the members most graciously in behalf of her Wee man.

Mrs. Stecher moved the meeting adjourn. A delightful lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Kowinsky and Mrs. Anatuk.

Lina Macdonald, Secy.

Pres.

Rose Patterson.

Pres.

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Minutes of the September meeting of the
Grand Prairie Women's Institute.

Sept. The Sept. meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Miller with 22 members and 2 guests present.

The president, Mrs. Patterson called the meeting to order with the singing of O Canada, followed by the Institute Creed. The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of May of \$63.30. Expenses \$16.94, receipts \$17.73, balance \$64.09 Mrs. Thomson seconded this report.

Correspondence read. Two replies from secy. letters re. Sports-day precautions, a letter from the Salvation Army asking for help in their drive for funds, this letter was discussed and on a motion by Mrs. Miller seconded by Mrs. Spicer it was decided to table this request for some future date.

On a motion by Mrs. Skelton, seconded by Mrs. Wilson \$5.00 was voted to Mrs. Macmillan for war work.

Mrs. Patterson welcomed the visitors and expressed a wish that would join the Institute. She then said a few words of greeting to the Grandmothers who were guests of honor

for the evening. Mrs. McFadden who was in charge of the evening's entertainment called little Miss Ireland and Master Miller who very cozily presented each Grandmother with a lovely corsage and handkerchief. The Grandmothers expressed their appreciation as guests of the evening and proudly displayed their corsages and handkerchiefs. The business of the meeting was again resumed.

Two baby cups were presented one to Mrs. Welter for her baby daughter and one to Mrs. Bouchon for her baby son, both mothers thanked the members on behalf of their offsprings.

The auction sale that was to be held in Sept. for the swimming-pool was discussed, owing to the lack of material to continue the work a motion was made by Mrs. Macmillan, seconded by Mrs. Wilson that this sale be tabled until work is again started on the swimming-pool.

Mrs. Patterson moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Macmillan and her Committee for the lovely lunch served at the Conference.

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Minutes of the October meeting of the
Grande Prairie Women's Institute.

October,

On October 3rd. The Women's Institute held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Patterson, 21 members and 3 visitors were present. The president, Mrs. Patterson presiding. Meeting opened with the singing of O Canada followed by the Institute Creed.

The minutes of the Sept meeting were read and adopted. The treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of June \$64.09, receipts in Sept \$9.57, expenses \$36.64, balance \$37.02. Mrs. Patterson explained the sending of the Jam Fund to Britain, as at the Sept. meeting it was forgotten and would make it too late to wait for the October meeting, she got in touch with as many of the members as possible and with the exception of one all were in favor of sending \$25.00 as usual. A motion was made by Mrs. Smart, seconded by Mrs. Hnautix that the action be approved. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Kowinsky that we pay for the dishes used at the conference. Carried.

Mrs. Bishop moved that \$4.00 be given the secretary to buy stamps, Mrs. S. Wallow sec. Carried. Mrs. Patterson welcomed the visitors, telling them how very pleased we were to have them

as our guests.

She then spoke on the Library. It had been suggested to her, that, as the Women's Institute were to a great extent responsible for the organizing of the library, that we sponsor a Library Evening, chiefly for the benefit of the teachers and pupils and others interested in the library and the books distributed there and to get ideas & suggestions for improved service to the public and books needed for the schools. She wished the opinion of the members. Mrs. Thomson moved and Mrs. Heltter seconded that the Women's Institute sponsor a "Library Evening" on October 16th, carried unanimously. A Committee of 3 was formed, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Kowinsky and Mrs. Macdonald, the president then advised the secretary to send invitations to the librarian and members of the Library Board, to the principals of the 3 schools and their staff of teachers, the secretaries of the School Boards and staff, the I. O. O. F. and to Mrs. Chavers. Mrs. Smart very kindly offered to give butter, other ladies offered to make cake or sandwiches, and with tea and sugar left from the conference we felt that little work was left to be done.

Next the Halloween Tea and sale of work was arranged for. Mrs. MacFarlane made a motion and Mrs. Heming seconded that we have a Halloween Tea and sale of work on Oct 26th Carried. Again the members were both ready and willing to take part in this project, with Mrs. Michart and Mrs. Heming on refreshments Mrs. Ireland and Mrs. Bishop on the fancy work, Mrs. Boucher, Mrs. Kilter and Mrs. Macdonald on the decorating. Mrs. Stoehr to make posters, Mrs. Macdonald to attend to the advertising, Mrs. Patterson to attend to securing the United Church basement if possible. Waitresses Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Meigand, Mrs. Manley Mrs. Stoehr Mrs. Macdonald and Mrs. Boucher. Mrs. Swallow and Mrs. Kowinsky in the kitchen. Mr. Sissons - the guest speaker for the evening arrived and was introduced by the president. Mr. Sissons took for his subject Immigration, this subject he ably discussed - giving both sides, why Immigration to Canada would not be an asset to the country and why Immigration of the right class of Europeans are beneficial to this vast country, his argument was clear

and held the attention of all. A lively discussion followed which proved the interest felt by members of the Women's Institute on this subject. Mrs. Patterson thanked Mr. Sissons for his interesting discussion. Mrs. Kowinsky moved a vote of thanks on behalf of all present. Mrs. Stoehr seconded. Mrs. Wilson moved all bills be paid, Mrs. Michart seconded. Mrs. Swallow moved the meeting adjourn and Mrs. Meigand seconded. Hostess assisted by Mrs. McFetridge and Mrs. MacFarlane then served a delicious lunch.
Lina MacFarlane Secy.
Rose Patterson Pres.

Minutes of the November meeting of the
Grande Prairie Women's Institute.

Nov 1946

The November meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Miskart with eighteen members and three visitors present. After the singing of O Canada and the repetition of the Institute Creed the minutes of the October meeting were read and adopted. The treasurer's report followed showing a balance as at the end of Sept. of \$37.02, expenses in October \$13.85 Receipts \$93.30. \$69.47 of this money was proceeds of Tea and Sale of Work. ^{13.47} \$116.47 Correspondence read. A letter from the Librarian expressing the appreciation of the Library Board for the very successful evening sponsored by the Women's Institute on Oct. 16th. Letter from the secretary of the National Film Library asking for a donation to the National Film Library in Grande Prairie. Card from Mrs. Charters acknowledging and accepting invitation to Library evening October 16th. Letter from I. O. D. E. in connection with establishing a Community Chest in Grande Prairie. The letter from the National Film Library

was discussed and on a motion by Mrs. Synatius, seconded by Mrs. Heming \$20.00 was voted to this project, Gained. After much discussion on the Community Chest project Mrs. Kowensky made a motion and Mrs. Macfarlane seconded that the secretary write the Town Council "as requested by the I. O. D. E." that in the opinion of the members of The Women's Institute Grande Prairie was not ready to support a Community Chest. Mrs. Patterson welcomed the visitors and expressed appreciation in having them with us. She then thanked the different committees for the part they took in making the tea and sale of Work such a success. She also told of a letter she received from Mrs. Newcombe in connection with an exhibit of handicraft, this letter she said she took upon herself to answer feeling that the ladies had so recently worked so hard they were not prepared to take on anything else now, but perhaps at a later date it could be considered. Mr. Belford phoned Mrs. Patterson in connection with Poppy Day sale, to know if any of the ladies would sell poppies,

it was the general opinion of the meeting to let the younger folks attend to that. Mrs Kowensky gave a report on the Library evening, told of the interesting reports given by the members of the Library Board. Of Mrs Patterson's opening talk, and the interest shown by all in the Library and what it had to offer to the public. Mrs Kowensky also told a letter and box of baby foods ^{she received} from Mrs Parlee for overseas. This was the result of hearing a broadcast by Mrs Kowensky of the U. S. sending donations to the Vitamin fam & Juices Fund in Britain, Mrs Kowensky sent the box to Mrs. Morton, who will send it overseas. Mrs Patterson reported that two new branches of the U. S. were formed, one at Kluskew Hill and one at Clark Baranza.

A Nominating committee was called for to appoint officers for the coming year Mrs Anation, Mrs Bell and Mrs Ward kindly consented to act on this committee Mrs Bell asked that the January meeting date be changed from the 2nd to the 9th.

Mrs Bishop moved and Mrs Kowensky seconded that the date be changed, carried. The secretary was advised to write the secretary of the Teen-age organization reminding them that they are on the January program, and not to make the entertainment too long. Mrs Bell moved, ^{Mrs} Hamilton seconded that all bills be paid and that \$1.00 be given the janitor. Carried.

The guest speaker arrived and was introduced by Mrs Patterson. Mr Cochran expressed pleasure in addressing the members of the Women's Institute. His subject, he said was his hobby. Geology and fossils, this discussion was indeed interesting as he talked on the different formations of the earth from the earliest ages illustrating as he talked with specimens of the different formations of rock & fossils, many of his specimens found in the Peace River country, especially Kluskew Hill. Mrs Patterson thanked Mr Cochran for his interesting & instructive talk. Mrs Wilson moved the meeting adjourn. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs Steohs & Mrs MacDonal. Mrs Spicer put sandwiches. ^{L MacDonal Secy}
Mrs Patterson Pres

Minutes of the December meeting of the
Grande Prairie Women's Institute.

Dec. 1946. On December 5th Twenty-one members and
our visitor met at the home of Mrs Carroll
for the monthly and annual meeting of
the Grande Prairie Women's Institute.

Mrs W. Patterson presided over the meeting.

After the singing of O Canada, and the
repeating of the Institute Creed, the minutes
of the Nov. meeting were read and adopted.
The treasurer's report showed a balance as
at the end of Oct. of \$116.47, receipts in Nov
\$3.70. Expenses \$30.08 balance 90.09

Mrs. Bishop seconded this report. Correspondence
read - letter from Mrs Robinson, acknowledging
cheque for \$20.00 to National ^{Lib} Library Fund.
Letter from Pauline Hiatt informing us that
she was sending copies of Nov. news letters
to be distributed at the Dec. meeting (I did
not receive these copies) Christmas card from
Mrs Mac Millan Constituency Convener sending
greetings and best wishes to all the members.
Mrs Patterson read a letter from Mrs Morton
in connection with the Quatarian Church
Committee again asking for help in preparing
books for overseas. She then asked for reports
from the standing committee and as there
were none she told of helping the Library

Board, ~~with~~ Catalogue their books.

Moved by Mrs Meltor and, sec by Mrs Welch
that Mrs Kowinsky be reimbursed to the
amount of \$2.96 for stamps used on mailing
parcels and letters, carried.

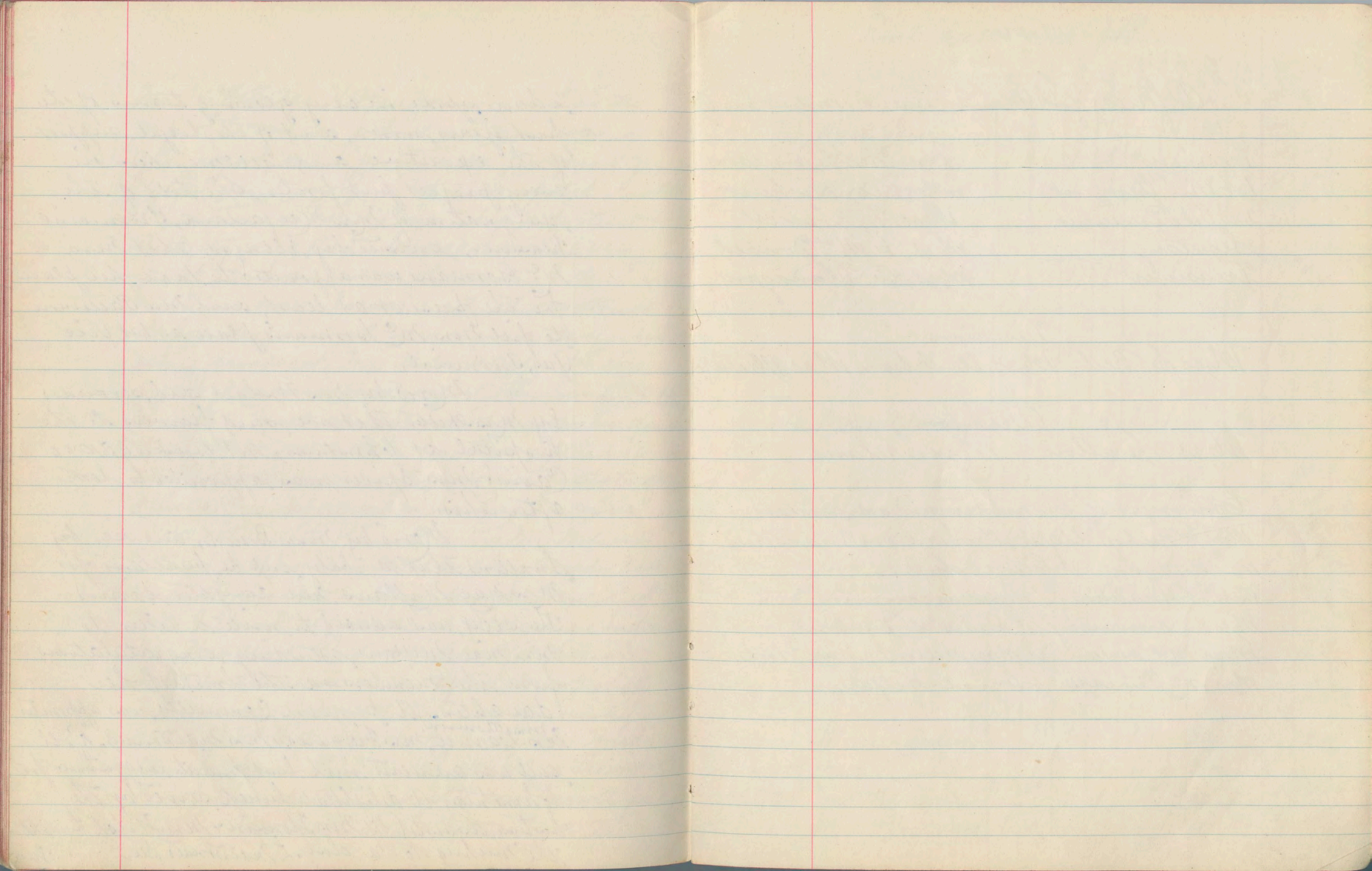
The annual reports were next asked for.
The secretary's report was read and accepted
seconded by Mrs MacFarlane. Treas. report showed
year's receipts \$200.89. Expenses \$182.16. Balance
in bank \$90.09. Mrs Kowinsky sec. this report
"most of this balance was carried over from last
year." Mrs MacFarlane's report on Post-War
work was an excellent report and showed
that, altho the war is over the members
have not lessened their efforts on Post-War
Work, Mrs Michart sec. this report. Mrs Hnatuk
reporting on handicraft, said she had
nothing to report except that we again won
the cup for handicraft. In the absence of
Mrs Miller, Mrs Patterson gave a brief
report from memory on citizenship, told
of the interesting talks by different speakers.
Mrs Bishop also said she had but a very
brief report to make on Agriculture &
Canadian Industry except the very inter-
esting talk on gardening by Mrs Carlisle.

Mrs Mc Petridge Welfare convenor had no report to make, which she said was a good report as it proved more prosperity, & told of sending fruit to the hospital last Christmas. Mrs Koronisky reported on Publicity and Radio broadcast, that very few of the branches in this district send her reports on their doings, with the material at her disposal she arrange a very interesting broadcast. Mrs Wilson seconded this report. Mrs Anatin reported ^{the} nominating Committee, first she expressed her appreciation to the 1946 executive for their splendid work. Very little change was made in the slate of officers, Pres. 1st Vice & 2nd Vice Pres. Sec. & Treas were returned to office. directors Mrs Wilson returned to office Mrs Ward and Mrs Boucher new Auditors remain in office, Mrs Swallow and Mrs Ireland. Agriculture & Canadian Industry Post War Work, Radio & Publicity, & Social Welfare all remain on office. Mrs Bishop, Mrs Macfarlane Mrs Wilson, Mrs Koronisky and Mrs Mc Petridge. Citizenship, Mrs Ward. Household economics Mrs Heltter. Mrs Thomson moved this slate be adopted, Mrs Carroll sec. Carick Mrs Patterson on returning to the

chair spoke in very glowing terms of the past year work, and of the loyal support of the executive and all members in every project put forth. She told of the resignation of Mrs Macfarlane, Provincial Treasurer, caused by illness, that Mrs Mc Gorman was appointed to take her place for the present at least, and Mrs Patterson to fill Mrs Mc Gorman's place as 1st Vice Pres, Provincial.

Moved by Mrs Woodart and seconded by Mrs Heltter that we send flowers to the hospital at Christmas, not to exceed \$10.00 Carick Mrs Spicer was appointed to look after this.

Moved by Mrs. Boucher and sec. by Swallow that a baby cup be purchased for Mrs Mae Millan's new daughter carick. The secy was advised to write a letter to Mrs. Mae Millan extending congratulations from the members & the birth of her daughter. A program Committee was appointed Mrs ^{Thomson} Carroll, Mrs Figgures, & Mrs Macdonald. Roll call was answered with last minute suggestions for Christmas. A delightful lunch served by the hostess assisted by Mrs Thomson & Mrs Welch brought the meeting to a close. L. Macdonald. Sec. R.P. Pres.



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Officers for Grande Prairie Women's Inst.

President Mrs. D. H. Patterson
 1st Vice President Mrs. A. Wishart
 2nd Vice President Mrs. F. Spicer
 Secretary Mrs. A. MacDonald
 Treasurer Mrs. A. Flanagan

Directors

Mrs. C. Bell, Mrs. A. Wilson, Mrs. Weiler

Auditors

Mrs. Swallow, Mrs. Ireland

Conveners of Standing Committees.

Mrs. G. Bishop. Agriculture & Can. Industries
 Mrs. N. Miller. Citizenship.
 Mrs. R. Anatus. Home Economics
 Mrs. L. Kowinsky. Radio & Publicity
 Mrs. MacFarlane & Mrs. Wilson. Star Work.
 Mrs. M. Feiridge. Social Welfare.

Roll Call. 1946

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar. (Buffet)	April	May	June	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Special.
82 Mrs. Bell			1	5		1	35	✓	✓		5
168 Mrs. Bishop	1	5	1	1	1	1		✓	✓	✓	5
Mrs. Bouchos	1	1	1	1	1		1	✓	✓	✓	
157 Mrs. Carroll	1		1	5		1				4	5
378 Mrs. Flanagan	1	1	1	1	5	1		✓	✓	✓	5
145 Mrs. Anatus					1	5	33	✓	✓	✓	5
99 " Heming	1	1	1	5	1	5	34 1/2	✓	✓	✓	5
Mrs. Ireland					1	1	35	✓	✓	✓	5
290 Mrs. Kowinsky	1		1	1	1	5	30	✓	✓	✓	5
124 Mrs. Lawler											5
Mrs. Manley		1	1		1		30	✓		✓	5
217 Mrs. Miller		1		1	✓	1	34				4
301 Mrs. MacDonald	1	5	1	1	1	1	31	✓	5	✓	5
Mrs. MacFarlane	1	1	1				24 1/2	✓	✓	✓	5

Roll Call Continued

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Attendance
295 Mrs M ^{rs} M ^{rs} Stridge	1		1	1	1	1	36	S	✓	✓	S
19 Mrs M ^{rs} Millan	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			H
Mrs O'Brien	1		1	Conc							
68 Mrs Patterson	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	✓	✓	✓	H
281 Mrs Sharpe	1	1		1							H
215 Mrs Spicer							41		S		S
Mrs Stuehr	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	✓	✓	S	S
Mrs Smart						1	1	1			
79 Mrs Swallow	1	1	1	1	1	1	29	✓	✓	✓	H
Mrs Thomson		1	1	1	1	1	26	✓		S	S
Mrs Stuehr				1	1	1		✓		✓	S Jan
Mrs Welch		1	1	1	1	1	29	✓	S	✓	S
Mrs Keltor	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	✓		✓	S Jan
91 Mrs Wilson	1	S	1	1	1	1	32 1/2	✓	✓	✓	S
386 Mrs Wishart	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	✓	✓	✓	H
Mrs Hard		1	1	1	1	1		✓	✓	✓	
Mrs Hard	17	16	21	18	19	19	22	21	✓	21	

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- Radio } Mrs W. Scarth

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- Mrs Owen Boucher
- Mrs A. F. Canagar

Roll Call 1943.

	Served Feb.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Served
Alt, Mrs.	✓											
82 Bell, Mrs. C.	Mar.	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-		1	1		
Blair, Mrs. Tom.		-	-	-	-	-	-					
Boucher, Mrs.	Apr.	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	1	1			
157 Carrol, Mrs. D.D.		✓	-	-	-	-	-		1	1	1	
174 Dawes, Mrs. J.	May.	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓				1	
Flanagan, Mrs. A.	May	-	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	1	1	1		
242 Hillman, Mrs. A.R.	May.	✓	✓	-	-	✓	-			1		
145 Hnatiuk, Mrs. N.	May.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	1	1		
99 Henning, Mrs. L.	Apr.	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	1	1			
<small>LOISE, MRS</small> <small>LOVELL, MRS</small> <small>LORD, MRS</small>												
290 Kowensky, Mrs. L.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		1	1		
315 Kelly, Mrs. G.	Dec			✓	✓	✓	-					
124 Lawlor, Mrs. T.	June	-	-	✓	✓	-	-		1			
Lowe, Mrs.					✓	✓	-	1				
301 MacDonald, Mrs. H.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1		1		
MacFarlane, Mrs. J.	June	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	1	1			
<small>McMILLAN, MRS</small> Mensingher, Mrs. G.	Dec	✓	-	-	✓	-	-		1	1		
<small>MILLER, MRS</small>					✓	-	-		1			
160 Nelson, Mrs. I.					✓	-	-		1			
46 O'Brien, Mrs. L. J.		-	-	-	-	-	-					
295 McFetridge									1	1	1	

	Served	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
68 Patterson, Mrs. D.W.	Served	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		1	1	
Proctor, Mrs. H.	Oct	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓		1		
169 Scarth, Mrs. W.S.	Sept	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	1	1	1
281 Sharpe, Mrs. Wm.	Nov	-	-	-	✓	-	-		1	1	1
Shaver, Mrs.		-	-	-	-	-	-		1		
215 Spicer, Mrs. F.	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓				1	1
79 Swallow, Mrs. M. J.	Sept Jan.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	1	1	1
245 Swanston, Mrs. F.	Dec	✓	-	-	-	✓	-		1	1	1
95 Thomson, Mrs. J. E.		✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-		1	1	
Tracy, Mrs. J. M.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
97 Wilson, Mrs. A.	Feb.	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓		1	1	1
182 Wishart, Mrs. A. J.	Jan.	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓			1	
100 Yule, Mrs. J.	Mar.	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓		1		1
		21	17	17	19	18	18	10	23	24	24

Roll calls.
1942.

Fees.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Served.
Akin, Mrs. J. H.	1	1	1		1	1	-	-			Feb.
Blair, Mrs. Lorn	1						1				Jan.
Carol Mrs. D.O.	1	1		1							Sept
Charles Mrs. J. H.				1							
Card Mrs. Ka				1	1	1					Apr
Dawes.			1								
E.											
F Mrs. Shanagan, A.	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1		May.
Hillman Mrs. A.R.				1	1	1	1		1		June
Harris Mrs. O.B.	1	1	1		1	1					June
Hnatuk Mrs. N.	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		May
Kenning		1		1	1	1	1				Apr.
J.											
Kouvensky Mrs. L.	1	1	1		1	1	1				Sept.

28 paid members.
1942.

Fees.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Served.
Lawlor Mrs. T.		1	1	1				1			Apr.
M. Menungui Mrs. J.		1			1			1	1	1	Oct.
MacDonald Mrs. H.	301	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Oct.
M. Mc Intyre			1	1							
MacFarlane Mrs. J.		1	1					1	1		Nov.
O'Brien Mrs. L. J.	46	1	1		1	1	1		1		Sept.
Patterson Mrs. R. M.	68	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		Oct.
Pebbles Mrs. E.											
Practor.		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	Nov
R.											
Simpson Mrs. J.	259	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Spicer Mrs. J.	215		1	1	1	1	1		1	1	Apr. Mar.
Swallow Mrs. M. J.	79	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Scarth Mrs. W. S.	169	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Sept.
Sharpe Mrs. M. M.	281			1	1	1			1	1	
Swanston Mrs. J.	245	1	1	1				1	1		Dec.
Shaver Mrs.		1									
Tracy Mrs. J.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Dec.
Wishart Mrs. A. H.	182	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Wilson Mrs. R.	97	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Yule Mrs. J.	100	1	1	1	1				1		

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 Social Welfare Mrs. M. Pettridge.
 War Work. Mrs. M. Farlane & Mrs. A. Wilson

Auditors

Mrs. Swallow and Mrs. Bouchor.

Special Meeting June 21st. 20 members present.

Roll Call	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Sept	Oct	Nov	Sec.	Others
82 Mrs. G. Bell	S	V	V		S	S		S			S
168 Mrs. G. Bishop	S	V	V	S	S						S
Mrs. O. Bouchor				S	S						S
157 Mrs. S. Carroll	S	V	V							S	S
Mrs. F. Flanagan	V	S	V			S		S	S		S
145 Mrs. N. Anatinik	V	V		S	S		S	S	S	S	S
99 Mrs. J. Henning		V	S			S				S	S
Mrs. R. B. Manley					S	S				S	S
141 Mrs. G. Ireland		V		S			S	S			S
290 Mrs. L. Kowinsky		V	V	V	S		S	S	S	S	H ^S
124 Mrs. T. Lawlor			V	S	S						
Mrs. A. Lord											
301 Mrs. A. Mac-Donald	V	V	V	V	S		S	S	S	S	H ^S
Mrs. M. Farlane	V	V	V	V	S	S	S	S	S	X	S
19 Mrs. R. Mac Millan	V	V	H		S	S	S	S	S		H
295 Mrs. M. Pettridge	V	V	S	V	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
217 Mrs. N. Miller	H			V	S	S	S	S	S	S	H
68 Mrs. D. H. Patterson	V		V	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	H
Mrs. G. O'Brien				S	S	S				S	S
289 Mrs. R. Reynolds		V	V	S	S	S				S	S

gone away

Jan. Mrs. Carroll
sent sandwiches
Mrs. Killson sent
in Mrs. Carroll's place.
Mar. Mrs. Hemming
sent sandwiches
Mrs. Carroll sent
for her.

Mrs. Spicer sent
sandwiches
Nov meeting

Special Meeting
21st June 20m.

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Send
215 Mrs. F. Spicer	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-	✓		✓	✓
281 Mrs. Wm. Sharpe									✓		
Mrs. Stoehr	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
245 Mrs. Swanson	-	✓	✓	✓							
19 Mrs. Swallow	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓ ^H	✓	✓ ^S	✓	✓	✓ ^S
Mrs. Smart											
95 Mrs. Thomson	-	✓ ^H	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Mrs. Welter	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
166 Mrs. Killson	✓	✓	-	✓	-	✓	-	✓			✓
97 Mrs. Wilson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
386 Mrs. Wishart				✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓

Velvia Hemming

Feb 2 Guests Feb Meeting
1 Guest Apr Meeting
14 Guests May Meeting
3 Guests Nov Meeting
5 Guests Sept Meeting
3 Guests Nov Meeting

13 22 17 19 22 22 18 19 16 19

Sept 28th 1945

Enabel

Mrs. W. Lindholm

Mary A. Graham

Evelyn Thomson

Mrs. K. Morrison

Lena M. Donald

Helvia Henning

Mavis O'Brien

Rose Patterson

Thelma Killen

Pearl Sharp

Margaret Card

Eva Billman

Janni McMillan

Lena G. Nelson

Mrs. H. Nelson

Myrtle Swanston

Beckie Merringer

Lillian Kowensky

Josephine & Piers

Mrs. A. S. Fish

Leann Dalgleish

Clarence Langen

Lillian E. Swallow

Alice W. W. Fardane

Wendy Stock

Mrs. A. C. Wilson

Lanette Field

Mrs. H. MacDonald

Mary Medulinsky

Lyndie Charters

Florence Bishop

Mrs. Wishart

Bess H. Smith

Emma Beucher

Berlinde Goyce

Edith Ford

John Smart

Mrs. J. Miller Hythe

Mrs. Mac Brumby

Mrs. J. B. Oliver

Mrs. Leister Miller

Ann Miller

Hazel Ireland

Rosalie Egan 44

Rose Hnatuk

Minnie Mc Fetridge

Agnes O'Brien

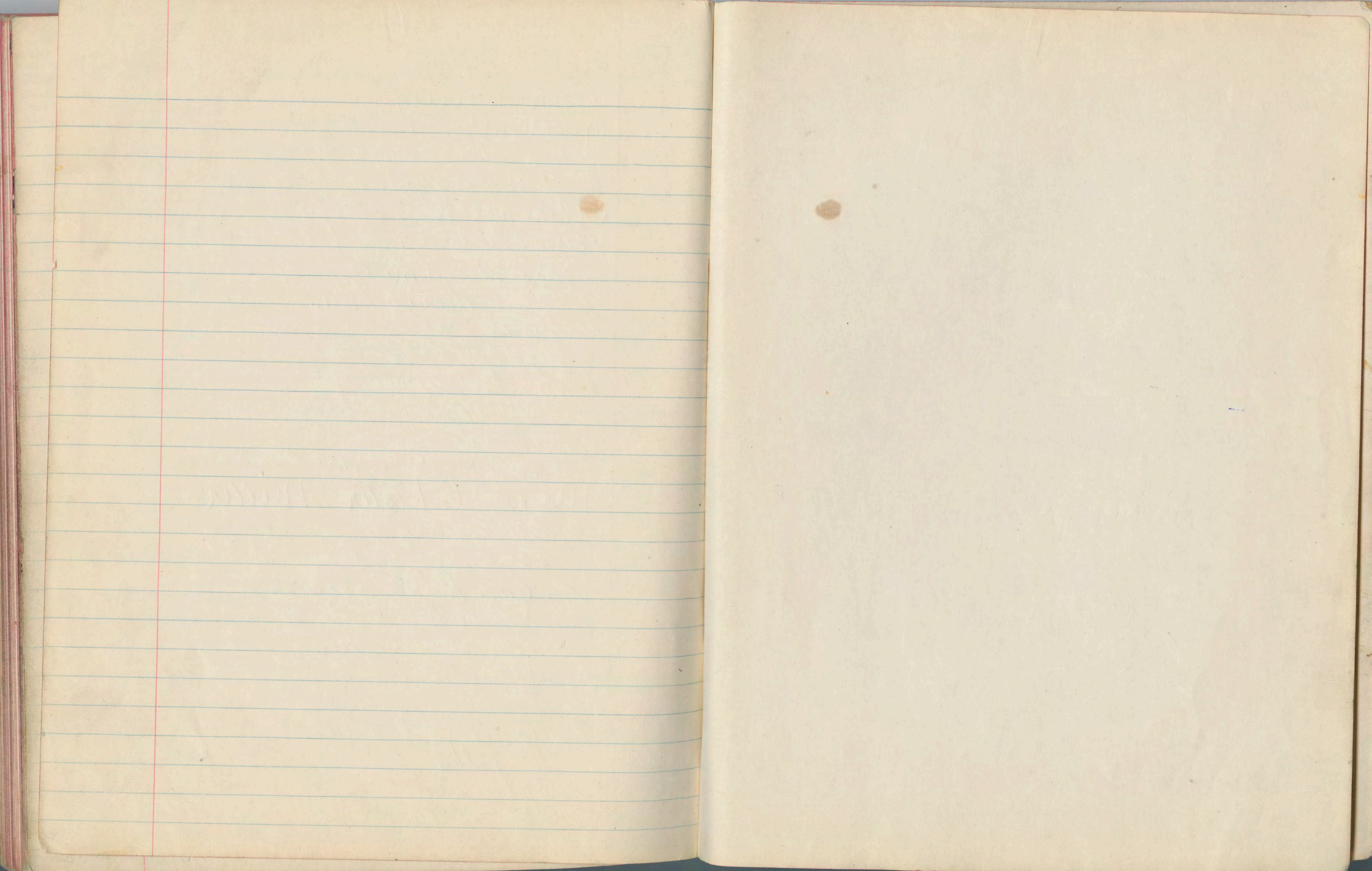
Loise E. Spallart

Margaret O'Brien

Lily Jeltis 50

A. C. Lawlor

Alice O'Brien 53



1949
Jan

Mrs. Bell ✓
" Bishop ✓
Glanagan ✓
Henning ✓
Kowinsky ✓
Macdonald ✓
" Macdonald ✓
" Macmillan ✓
" Felridge ✓
" Patterson ✓
" Spier ✓
" Stovel ✓
Swallow ✓
Thomson ✓
Wilson ✓
Wickart ✓
Wigand ✓
Hilsh ✓
Kark ✓

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Guest Mrs Phelps

Morton
Mrs. H. B. Thompson. A.W.I. Pres.
Mrs. H. J. Montgomery
Mrs. L. Williams

now Mrs. Macmillan

Seguin
Coaldale, Alberta (Pink)
Wetaskiwin, (White)
Hazelmere. (Blue)
Secsmith.