

1947

Grande Prairie Women's Institute
Minute Book

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| Post War Work | Mrs. Wilson & Mrs. MacFarlane |
| Social Welfare | Mrs. McFetridge |

Auditors

Mrs. Swallow, Mrs. Ireland

Jan. 1947 Minutes of the January Meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

Nineteen members and one guest met at the home of Mrs. Bell for the first institute meeting in 1947.

Mrs. Patterson presiding, opened the meeting by the singing of O'Canada and the repeating of the Institute Creed in unison. The Secretary read the minutes of the Annual Meeting with a small correction. These minutes were adopted. The Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of Nov of \$90.09, receipts in Dec \$5.13, expenses \$34.34, balance \$60.88. Mrs. MacFarlane seconded this report.

Letter read from Miss Ross, matron at hospital, acknowledging with thanks on behalf of the patients and herself, the lovely gift of flowers sent them at Christmas.

Mrs. Spicer reported on the purchase of these flowers, said they were lovely, that the florist gave her the very best he had. She moved that this bill be paid. Mrs. Wilson seconded, carried.

Mrs. MacFarlane, reporting for Post-War Work, asked that old clothing be gathered to be sent to the Unitarian Relief Committee, and asked the members if they could, to bring quilt blocks to the next meeting, as she was making a quilt for this relief work. All the members promised and she also reminded us that the Post-War project for Feb was an outfit for a small child.

Mrs. MacDonald reported that a member of the Council informed her that, in early spring, work would be commenced on the cemetery, this being the result of a request presented to the Council by the different organizations headed by the W.I. for the improvement of the cemetery.

Mrs. Patterson welcomed our guest, Mrs. Phillips, who later in the evening joined our institute.

A baby cup was presented to Mrs. MacMillan as a gift for her baby daughter. Mrs. MacMillan thanked the ladies for the cup and also for their note of good wishes.

Mrs. McFetridge read a letter from Mrs. Newcombe in connection with handicraft, outlining the work being done by the institutes.

Mrs. Swallow announced that she was going to Edmonton to the W.R.A.C. and asked if anyone had any complaints that they wished to put before the conference. She was asked to enquire about the release of children's underwear.

Mrs. Patterson discussed the need of having a good bank balance and that it was hoped that in the near future a recreation centre and other much needed projects would be undertaken. The Women's Institute wants to be ready to do their part in assisting with any worthy cause. Members were asked to put out feelers as to what the other organizations were doing, perhaps we could coordinate with them and together sponsor something worthwhile as a means of making money.

Mrs. Thomson read the year's program as drawn up by herself and her committee, with a few changes. This program was approved on a motion by Mrs. Kowensky. Seconded by Mrs. Spicer. Carried.

Mrs. Patterson then introduced Alice O'Brien and Stanley Percy, turning the meeting over to them. Alice played several pieces on the piano which was a perfect prelude to the most interesting talk Stanley gave on the purpose object of Teen Town. Stanley thanked the ladies for the invitation to come and talk at their meeting, saying at first that he just could not understand it as was the first time that anyone had asked them or taken an interest in Teen Town, except for work or raising money, which they were always glad to do. He outlined the purpose of Teen Town as a means for youth to get together in clean, wholesome, enjoyment in order to become good citizens. He asked the parents to be more understanding with their children and to take a greater interest in their doings. He spoke of their paper or radio program, film nights, dancing and most of all of the great need of a recreation centre. Mrs. Patterson expressed the opinion of us all when she said that she thought it was the most interesting talk we have ever had. We all felt that when Stanley was done talking that we wanted to do so much for our youth. Mrs. Kowensky moved a vote of thanks to Stanley and Alice,

Mrs. Welsh seconded.

Mrs. Phillips joined as a new member. Eleven paid their dues.

On a motion by Mrs. Ward, seconded by Mrs. Thomson, the meeting was adjourned.

Mrs. Weigand and Mrs. MacDonald assisted the hostess in serving a delicious lunch.

Mrs. Welter supplied the donuts.

Lina MacDondald, Sec.

Rose Patterson, Pres.

Feb. 1947 Minutes of the February Meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

On Feb 6th, 19 members of the Women's Institute and 2 guests met at the home of Mrs. Thomson for the monthly meeting. Mrs. Patterson, the President, presiding. After the singing of O'Canada the Institute Creed was repeated in unison. The minutes of the Jan meeting were read and adopted. The Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of Dec of \$60.88, receipts in Jan \$14.35, expenses \$11.38, balance \$63.85. Mrs. Bishop seconded this report. A letter was read from Mrs. Manley, who, because of the coming of a welcome event finds it necessary to resign from all outside activities. Mrs. Patterson read a letter from Mr. W.J. Fleming in connection with the health bulletin, enquiring if the Institute would care to have any copies. The 1947 programs so artistically prepared by Mrs. Manley were distributed. The Secretary was advised to write Mrs. Manley thanking her for the programs and expressing our regrets in losing so valuable a member; also our good wishes. A letter is also to be written to Mr. Fleming informing him that the members of the Institute would be pleased to receive copies of the Health Bulletin.

Pamphlets on "How to prevent accidents", from the Robin Hood Flour Mills, were distributed.

A question was asked as to what the convenors' evening on the program meant. Mrs. Patterson explained that each convenor was to give a five minute talk on recent events or on the subject they were convening.

Mrs. Morton wrote advising to send shipment to her for the Unitarian Relief Work.

Mrs. Wilson reported on Post-War Work, discussed the packing of boxes for the U.R.W. and asked that all articles be sent to Mrs. MacFarlane by the end of Feb.

It was decided not to make slippers from the felt hats but to send them as they are.

It was moved by Mrs. Thomson and seconded by Mrs. Welter that \$5.00 be allocated to the Secretary for necessary expenses.

Mrs. Swallow reported on the conference of the Women's Regional Advisory Board, saying there was not much to report. Prices of clothing have been going up and that children's underwear would soon be on the market in good supply.

Mrs. MacDonald showed lantern slides of Mrs. Crawford's beautiful garden and of Hudson Hope.

Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Wright were introduced to give us a talk on the swimming pool. Mr. O'Brien told of the work being done by the Kinsmen in connection with the swimming pool, the amount of money on hand and the help needed. Mr. Wright suggested that the Institute take one project for the swimming pool as their goal, with a diving board suggested. Mrs. Patterson thanked Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Wright for their interesting talk on the pros and cons of the swimming pool.

Mrs. Patterson next asked for suggestions for means of making money. After some discussion Mrs. MacDonald made a motion that we have a raffle for groceries, a sale of home cooking

and a tea on March 15th. Mrs. Ward seconded; carried. Mrs. MacMillan suggested that we also put nylon hose in the raffle as an added attraction. Mrs. MacDonald offered to take charge of the raffle, assisted by Mrs. MacMillan and Mrs. Figgers. Mrs. Thomson offered their store to display the raffle. Mrs. Patterson is to ask for the church basement and dishes. Mrs. Stoehr is to make the posters. Mrs. MacDonald to see to the advertising, on club calendar, screen and press.

Mrs. Welter read the revised handicraft prepared by herself and Mrs. McFetridge.

Mrs. Bouchor suggested that we keep in mind the teenagers and give them help when needed.

The social evening for March was discussed. Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. MacMillan and Mrs. Figgers were put in charge of the entertainment.

Mrs. Carroll moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. MacDonald for the picture slides.

Five (5) members paid their fees. Two new members.

Mrs. Bell moved the meeting adjourn, Mrs. Spicer seconded. Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Ward assisted the hostess in serving a delicious lunch which brought an interesting meeting to a close.

Lina MacDonald, Sec.
Grace Wishart, Vice- Pres.

Mar. 1947 Minutes of the March Meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

On March 6th eighteen members of the W.I. and one guest met at the home of Mrs. Spicer for their monthly meeting. In the absence of Mrs. Patterson, the President, Mrs. Wishart, Vice-President, presided. The meeting opened with the repeating of the Institute Creed. The minutes of the Feb meeting were read and adopted as read. The Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of Jan of \$63.85, receipts in Feb \$8.85, expenses \$5.25, balance \$67.45. Mrs. MacFarlane seconded this report.

Arrangements for the St. Patrick's Tea to be held Mar. 15th were completed. A white elephant and novelty sale, home cooking table, raffle of grocery hamper and nylon hose. Mrs. Swallow to convene the tea; Mrs. MacDonald on the decorating; Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Thomson on home cooking; Mrs. Welter and Mrs. McFetridge on the white elephant sale; Mrs. Stoehr and Mrs. Ireland novelty; Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Henning, Mrs. Kowensky and Mrs. MacFarlane in the kitchen; Mrs. Spicer and Mrs. Carroll to pour tea; Mrs. MacDonald in charge of the raffle; six ladies appointed to wait on tables; each member to donate to the different tables. Mrs. Thomson made a motion authorizing the committee to spend the necessary money for decorating, etc. Mrs. MacMillan seconded. Carried.

Mrs. McFetridge reported that Mrs. Yule donated cotton batting for quilt filling to the Institute. Mrs. Kowensky moved that a letter of thanks be written to Mrs. Yule. Mrs. Wilson seconded.

Correspondence was read. A letter from Mrs. Morton in connection with two sheets of seals, bearing the crest of the Federated Women's Institute. These seals are to be sold to the W.I. members. Mrs. Bell moved and Mrs. MacMillan seconded that \$1.00 worth be purchased for the President's use and 50¢ worth for the Secretary. Carried.

Another letter was read from Mrs. Robertson in connection with a scholarship for the W.C.T.U. to help teachers in scientific education on the evil of alcohol. Mrs. MacMillan made a motion to allocate \$5.00 to the W.C.T.U. towards this scholarship. Mrs. Thomson seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Ward moved that a letter be written to Mrs. Welsh who has gone to Pouce Coupé, expressing our regrets in losing so valuable a member and wishing her every happiness in her new home. Mrs. McFetridge seconded.

Mrs. MacFarlane reported on post-war work. A 160 pound box of clothing was packed and shipped to Unitarian Relief Work; 2 quilts were made and donated by the South Side Sewing Club; socks and mitts were knitted and donated by Mrs. Carroll; she still had quite a bit more to pack later. \$5.00 was voted to Mrs. MacFarlane for post-war work on a motion by Mrs. Bell. Seconded by Mrs. Swallow. Carried.

Mrs. Kowensky read a letter from Mrs. Morton in connection with the Lady Tweedsmuir Silver Cup competitions that will be presented to the Institute members of Canada for the Best Tweedsmuir Village Book, the best shopping bag and an essay on the book I most enjoyed.

A letter from the local W.C.T.U. in connection with the 3rd beer license in Grande Prairie was discussed at length.

All business being completed, Mrs. Wishart turned the meeting over to the committee in charge of the entertainment, with games and shrieks of laughter as each member acted her part of the young girl or the stately grandmother. A hilarious hour of fun was enjoyed. Then we proceeded to the dining room, where, from an artistically layed table we each helped ourselves to a lovely jellied salad, bread and butter, followed by delicious angle food cake. Coffee was served from the kitchen by Miss Margaret Spicer and Mrs. Neil Jr.

Mrs. Wishart moved a vote of thanks to the ladies for a very enjoyable evening. Mrs. Bell moved that all bills in connection with the party be paid. Seconded and approved by all. A motion to adjourn by Mrs. Bell brought this very enjoyable evening to a close.

Lina Macdonald, Sec.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

April 1947 Minutes of the April Meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

On April 3rd seventeen (17) members and one guest met at the home of Mrs. Swallow for the Institute's monthly meeting. After the singing of O'Canada and the repeating of the Institute Creed the Secretary read the minutes of the March meeting. These minutes were adopted as read.

The Treasurer then read her report which showed a balance as at the end of Feb of \$67.45, receipts in March \$215.17, expenses \$10.35, balance \$272.27. Mrs. Welter seconded this report. Mrs. Patterson thanked all the ladies who helped to make the tea held March 15th the splendid success that it was. She made special mention of the lovely posters made by Mrs. Stoehr. \$209.25 was realized. A motion was made by Mrs. Figgers and seconded by Mrs. Hnatiuk that the Secretary write to the Secretary of the Kinsmen Club informing them that \$200.00 was deposited in our bank account and earmarked for the swimming pool and that it was at their disposal when they were ready to use it.

A letter was read from Mrs. Robinson acknowledging receipt of \$5.00 for the W.C.T.U. Moved by Mrs. Kowensky and seconded by Mrs. Wishart that the usual gift of flowers be sent to the hospital at Easter. Carried.

Mrs. Patterson gave a brief account of the W.I. Provincial Council meeting in Calgary which she attended. An outline on Mrs. Morton's plans and ideas for the coming convention to be held May 28th, 29th and 30th. Not so many outside speakers with more discussion on Institute work by the different convenors. Of Dr. Whitten's talk on social welfare a suggestion was made that a delegate be sent from Alberta to the conference in Amsterdam. Mrs. Morton's name was mentioned a being that delegate.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bishop, seconded by Mrs. Cave, that constituency fees be paid. Carried.

On a motion made by Mrs. McFetridge, seconded by Mrs. Henning and carried, Mrs.

MacFarlane was chosen as delegate to the convention in Calgary May 28th to 30th with Mrs. Wishart as alternate.

Mrs. Swallow made a motion that all bills be paid, Mrs. Welter seconded, carried. Mrs. Patterson welcomed our guest and expressed a hope that she would join the

Institute.

She then introduced the guest speaker of the evening, Mr. Worthington. Mr. Worthington took for his subject meteorology. With maps and diagrams he gave an interesting illustration of cloud formations, wind, humidity of the general conditions found at different altitudes and of the great importance all this information is to the pilot.

Mrs. McFetridge move the meeting adjourn. The lovely lunch served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Bouchor and Mrs. Cave brought the meeting to a close.

Lina MacDonald, Sec.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

May 1947 Minutes of the May Meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

Twenty-one members and one guest met at the home of Mrs. D.W. Patterson on May 1st for the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute.

The meeting opened with the singing of O'Canada and the repetition of the Institute Creed. Mrs. Patterson, President, presiding. Minutes of the April meeting were read and adopted.

Correspondence consisted of: letter of acknowledgment from Secretary of the W.C.T.U. for \$5.00 received; letter re: relief for Greece; letter re: Cancer Fund; letter from Miss Ross, Matron at hospital, acknowledging with thanks gift of flowers for patients at Easter. Convention paper was read in connection with the coming convention duties. On a motion made by Mrs. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Spicer, the Cancer Fund letter was tabled. Carried. Mrs. MacDonald was appointed to represent the W.I. at the Greece Campaign Fund drive.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of March of \$272.27, receipts in April \$12.60, expenses \$24.80, balance \$260.07. Mrs. MacFarlane seconded this report. Moved by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Kowensky that all bills be paid. Carried.

Mrs. MacFarlane thanked the members for choosing her as their delegate to the Convention but was sorry that she could not accept as she had other arrangements made. Mrs. Wishart, alternate choice, kindly consented to be our delegate there. It was moved by Mrs. Hnatiuk, seconded by Mrs. Kowensky, that the June meeting be postponed for one week in order to allow the delegate time to prepare her report. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Spicer, seconded by Mrs. Wishart that flowers be sent to Mrs. Howard at Sexsmith. \$3.50 is allowed for flowers and Mrs. Spicer is to attend to the purchasing and sending of them. Carried.

Discussion on the sending of a delegate to Amsterdam with Mrs. Morton the likely person.

Resolution for Convention read, discussed and opinions voiced.

Mrs. Patterson introduced Mrs. Smart and gave the meeting over to her. Mrs. Smart had arranged a musical program including vocal solos, piano solos, piano duet and a reading. Mrs. Patterson expressed the appreciation of the members to Mrs. Smart for this splendid program. She also expressed regrets on Mrs. Smart's departure from Grande Prairie and thanked her for her active part in the musical life of Grande Prairie. Mrs. Stoehr moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Smart and her

assistance, seconded by Mrs. Kowensky.

Mrs. Henning, Mrs. Flanagan and Mrs. Figgers assisted the hostess in serving a delicious lunch. Mrs. Bell moved the meeting adjourn.

Lina MacDonald, Sec.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

June 1947 Minutes of the June Meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

The monthly meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. W. Sharpe on June 11th with fifteen members and one guest present. Mrs. Patterson presiding. The meeting opened with the singing of O'Canada followed by the Institute Creed.

The Secretary played hooky and went to a picnic, arriving back late. Mrs. Kowensky kindly acted as Secretary and read the minutes of the May meeting; these were adopted as read.

The Treasurer's report was read and seconded by Mrs. Bishop.

Mrs. Spicer reported on the flowers sent to Mrs. Howard at Sexsmith and how much they were appreciated.

Mrs. Patterson said that Mrs. O'Brien reported purchasing a diving board for the swimming pool at a cost of \$175.00. As \$200.00 was earmarked for the swimming pool we decided to keep the remaining \$25.00 as a nest egg.

Mrs. Patterson also explained the voting of Mrs. Wishart's expenses for attending the Convention as it was omitted at the May meeting.

It was suggested that a gift be purchased for Mrs. Manley's baby in acknowledgment of her work in preparing the program books. Mrs. Spicer to attend to it.

Mrs. Patterson reported on the suggestion that Mrs. Morton be sent as a delegate to Amsterdam and that it was almost the unanimous wish of the convention that she be sent. As the A.C.W.W. had been asked for plans for feeding it is very nice to feel that the Alberta Women's Institute can voice their opinions through their Provincial President. It will therefore be necessary that each branch contribute generously to Mrs. Morton's expenses. It was decided that the Grande Prairie Institute members give at least 50¢, taking the balance from the treasury to make a total of \$25.00. Donations are to be left with Mrs. Flanagan, Treasurer, as near to July 1st as possible and to be sent to Mrs. McGorman not later than July 10th. This suggestion was made on a motion by Mrs. McFetridge, seconded by Mrs. Figgures, carried.

Mrs. Patterson announced the date of the Constituency Conference as June 18th at Rio Grande. Transportation was discussed and Mrs. Figgures consented to take charge of this. It was at first thought that a bus might be possible but when phoning and finding out the cost would be \$50.00 and that they could accommodate 30 passengers this was decided against. Those wishing to go and anyone knowing who could take their car was to get in touch with Mrs. Figgures. Mrs. McFetridge said the ribbons for the handicraft were not ready and asked for volunteers to help her get them ready.

Mrs. Patterson now called for the report on the Convention. Mrs. Wishart first thanked the members for sending her as their delegate. She gave a very splendid report. The Cancer Fund had been chosen as the provincial project of the W.I. Over a ton of clothing besides gifts and foods had been sent overseas from Alberta's W.I. In the future parcels were to be sent privately or through C.A.R.E. Mrs. Patterson was again elected as District Director as Mrs. Johnson from the north side of the river was unable to act due to circumstances over which she has no control. Mrs. Patterson was also appointed delegate to the Federated Convention. Calgary's W.I. members put on a play, Growth of

the W.I. This was very good and told of a blind lady. Mrs. Johnson, President of Grimshaw W.I. gave a little talk on W.I. work. She mentioned a special handicraft display that they were taken to see at the Allied Art Council Exhibit at Western Canada High School. The quilt winning first prize was sent to Lady Reading of England who showed much interest in W.I. work. Special mention was given on several occasions to the Peace River districts. It was a friendly but busy convention. All resolutions were dealt with. There was one minute silence for our departed members and of course the singing of O'Canada and Salute to the Flag.

Mrs. Patterson next welcomed our guest and introduced her. Mrs. Figgures Sr. of Crawford Park, Manitoba, and asked her to tell us something of their W.I. She told of the work of the Supervisor in the organizing of branches and of their sewing and scrap book of quilts. She also extended greetings from her members and Mrs. Patterson sent greetings to her members from Grande Prairie W.I.

Mrs. Kowensky was appointed delegate to the conference at Rio Grande with Mrs. Bouchor as alternate. (The wayward returned).

Mrs. MacDonald reported on cemetery work that is going forward and that the Town has set aside a goodly sum of money for this purpose. She also reported on a needy family. Mrs. McFetridge and Mrs. MacDonald were asked to attend to the case and anyone having any old clothing were asked to send it to these ladies as soon as possible. She also reported on the Greece Relief drive and brought up the matter of the Red Cross meeting to arrange for the Blood Donor Clinic in July. Mrs. Spicer consented to represent the W.I. at this meeting.

Mrs. Patterson now introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Pratt, who took for his subject insurance. He spoke of the origin of insurance dating back to 1660 when it developed as a pledge between owners of ships. At first it was just a pledge, no premium or policy. Then they thought members would be more interested in business insurance. Household furniture, automobiles, hail until today where you can have all your belongings insured, even your pen and pencil set. Many facts were unfolded that had not been known before about insurance. Mrs. Patterson thanked Mr. Pratt for his splendid talk and how much it was enjoyed by all. Mrs. MacDonald moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Pratt, Mrs. Wilson seconded.

Mrs. Swallow moved and Mrs. Bishop seconded that the meeting adjourn. A lovely lunch was then served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. Hnatiuk which brought our meeting to a close until we meet again in Sept.

{Notes by Mrs. Kowensky}

Lina MacDonald, Sec.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

Sept. 1947 Minutes of the Sept. Meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

On Sept. 4th 18 members and 8 guests met at the home of Mrs. Kowensky for the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute. The meeting opened with the singing of O'Canada followed by the reciting of the Institute Creed. Mrs. Patterson, President, presiding. The minutes of the June meeting were read and after the correction of a name were adopted as read.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of May of \$216.12, June receipts \$20.30, expenses \$26.50, leaving a balance of \$209.92. Mrs. MacFarlane seconded this report.

Correspondence consisted of a letter from Mr. Kitney in connection with the Film Library, asking for a representative from the W.I. to attend their next meeting. Mrs. Patterson explained fully the advantages of the use of these films and asked for a volunteer to represent the W.I.

at their meeting on Sept. 5th. Mrs. MacFarlane very kindly consented. A letter was also read from the Kinsmen Club acknowledging our donation to the swimming pool.

Mrs. Patterson spoke of Mrs. Gibson calling her, asking if the W.I. ladies would cater a dinner. She replied on behalf of the members that during the summer holidays many of the ladies were away and that it would be impossible to cater their dinner.

Mrs. Patterson then said that funds in the treasury were getting low and asked for suggestions to raise money. Mrs. Kowensky made a motion, Mrs. Figgures seconded, that we table this until the next meeting and that each member come prepared with ideas and suggestions for making money. Carried.

Mrs. Patterson then said that Mrs. Kowensky was the new Constituency Convenor.

Next she welcomed our guests: The Kleskun Hill W.I. members, a special welcome to an 81 year old lady from Ontario who is an honorary member of the W.I. in her hometown. Also a hearty welcome to Mrs. O'Brien who is a past member of the G.P.W.I., to Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Golden who both have recently moved to G.P.

Mrs. Kowensky read her report on the Constituency Conference held at Rio Grande on June 18th. 51 signed the register book, Mrs. Dowes of Rio Grande welcomed the delegates and visitors. Mrs. Borden of Valhalla replied. The reports from the different branches showed the splendid amount of work done. The project chosen at the conference is the support of cancer research. Much praise was given to Mrs. MacMillan for her untiring service and expressions of regret that she is leaving the district. A delightful play was presented by the pupils of the Hazelmere school. \$60,000 was raised in the province by 216 branches, 25 of these branches being new ones. Only \$4,000 of this amount was put back into W.I. The rest was used in the purchase of jam and any other food and clothing for Britain and Europe. There are 32 constituencies and 4 districts. A vote of thanks was extended to all who helped in any way to make this conference a great success. Mrs. Thomson seconded this report.

The Roll Call followed, "Where I spent my holidays", was answered with very witty and amusing remarks.

Corsages were next presented to the eight grandmothers, which they proudly wore. The remainder of the evening was taken up with reminiscence of early days in the Grande Prairie district and the trials and adventures encountered by en route here from Edmonton and Winnipeg by Mrs. Wishart, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Murchie, Mrs. Godfrey. Mrs. Ranson of Ontario told of her brother's experience here and Clairmont.

A flower quiz was much enjoyed with Mrs. Godfrey naming the most flowers in the bouquets placed all about the rooms and Mrs. MacMillan answering the most of the quiz. A bouquet was presented to each winner. Mrs. Godfrey moved a hearty vote of thanks to the members of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute on behalf of herself and the other Kleskun Hill members present for a very enjoyable evening. Mrs. Patterson expressed pleasure in having them with us.

Mrs. Wishart moved and Mrs. Hnatiuk seconded that the meeting adjourn. A delightful lunch served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. MacDondald brought this very enjoyable meeting to a close.

Lina MacDonald, Sec.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

Oct. 1947 Minutes of the October meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

On October 2nd twenty members and three guests met at the home of Mrs. D.O. Carroll for the monthly meeting. Mrs. Patterson presiding.

Minutes of the September meeting were read and adopted. The Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of June of \$209.92, receipts in Sept. \$5.05, no expenses, balance \$214.97. Mrs. Phillips seconded this report.

A letter read from Mr. Figgures, Secretary Local Film Council, asking for a donation from the Women's Institute to help purchase a new projector. This letter was discussed and it was decided to table it until some money could be raised as the state of the treasury was very low. Mrs. McFarland gave a splendid report on the Local Film Council meeting she attended, told of their need for a new projector as the one now in use is on loan from the National Film Board and that all organizations were asked to donate as generously as possible. She further told of the many interesting films, on the beauty, industries and resources of our country, adult education, things of interest to teenagers, also weaving, leather-making and many other pictures of interest. Mrs. McFarland also reported on the Red Cross meeting she attended, in connection with the coming Blood Donor Clinic. Arrangements have been made for the clinic to be held Oct 6-7 at the Officers' Mess rooms at the old barracks. Mrs. Swallow seconded these reports.

Mrs. Patterson spoke of her visit to Kleskun Hill Women's Institute in the capacity of District Director on Sept 24th. Mrs. Kowensky, Constituency Convenor, and three other members of the executive accompanied her. She discussed W.I. work, suggested the forming of a library and offered support from the Grande Prairie members in providing books and magazines. She asked the members if they had any books or magazines to spare and to bring them to her place. She would see that they got to Kleskun Hill. Many offered used books. Mrs. Kowensky gave a talk on the making of rugs, quilts and handiwork in general. Mrs. Patterson said the visit was very much enjoyed by all.

She next expressed regrets on the departure of Mrs. Newcombe, Convenor of handicrafts at Provincial Peace River. No successor has been appointed as yet. Mrs. Patterson then talked on the program for next month, asking each convenor of Standing Committees to prepare a brief talk on the work accomplished.

Ways and means to raise money was the next discussion, with many suggestions offered, including teas, talent money and many different names of bridge parties. The vote went in favour of a public bridge party. Mrs. Wishart made a motion, seconded by Mrs. McFetridge, that a public bridge party be held Oct 15th at the Officers' mess rooms if the place is available. Carried. Mrs. MacDondald was asked to make enquiries re: Officers' old mess rooms. Other committees were formed to act as soon as permission to use these rooms was secured. Mrs. Wishart, Mrs. Spicer, Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Henning on refreshments. Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Solder on making of tickets. Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. MacMillan, Mrs. Hnatiuk, Mrs. Flanagan and Mrs. MacDondald on all other arrangements.

Mrs. Patterson then introduced the guest speaker, Miss Cecilla Connelly. Miss Connelly's topic of Handicraft was most interesting and well delivered. She invited members to phone or write her if there was anything that she could help with and that she would be very pleased to do so. Members could also borrow any of her books for a period of two weeks, offering them to drop into the office to look at some of the booklets and exhibits available. There might be something of interest there and she was prepared to go to their homes to help with any of their problems in handicraft. She discussed knitting, leather-craft, rug-making, weaving, needle-craft, glove-making, stencilling, needlepoint and clay modelling, showing books and drawings on each subject as she discussed it. She suggested that the W.I. purchase a set of 10¢ booklets published by the Canadian Spool Cotton Co. for their own use.

Mrs. Patterson thanked Miss Connelly for this very interesting discussion. Mrs. Bishop moved and Mrs. MacMillan seconded a vote of thanks to Miss Connelly.

Mrs. Swallow moved the meeting adjourn. The hostess, Mrs. McFarland and Mrs. McFetridge then served a delightful lunch.

Lina MacDonald, Sec.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

Nov. 1947 Minutes of the November meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

Seventeen ladies and one guest met at the home of Mrs. Wishart for the November meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute. After the singing of O'Canada and the repeating of the Institute Creed the Secretary read the minutes of the October meeting. These minutes were adopted as read.

The President, Mrs. Patterson, thanked the ladies for all the books sent to her and which were forwarded to the Kleskun Hill Women's Institute library. She said that the Kleskun Hill members were very pleased indeed with the splendid supply of books sent.

A letter from Mrs. Manley was read acknowledging with thanks the gift sent to her baby Douglas by the Institute members.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of Sept of \$214.97, receipts in Oct \$69.03, with \$66.50 of this amount being the proceeds of the bridge party. Balance \$284.00. Mrs. Phillips seconded this report. Mrs. Patterson was very complimentary in her praise and thanks to the ladies for their splendid support in making the bridge party the success that it was. A motion by Mrs. Figures, seconded by Mrs. Weigand, that all bills be paid was carried. The Secretary was advised to write letters to Mr. Day for use of the dishes, to Capt. Mantle for use of the rooms and to Mr. Bowen for tables and chairs.

Mrs. Wilson gave a short report on the Film Council meeting she attended, saying that the main discussion was money for a new projector. A motion by Mrs. Hnatiuk, seconded by Mrs. Kowensky and carried, that \$20.00 be allocated to the Film Council Board,

A motion was made by Mrs. Welter, seconded by Mrs. Bouchor, that flowers be sent to our sick members, Mrs. McFarland in Edmonton, Mrs. Ward in hospital and Mrs. Ireland at home. \$6.00 was voted for this purpose and Mrs. Spicer was asked to attend to it. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Bell and seconded by Mrs. Bishop that \$1.20 be added to Mrs. Wilson's account to purchase material to finish a quilt for the needy family reported by Mrs. McFetridge. Carried. Mrs. Bishop suggested that members make quilt blocks to have in readiness for future needs.

Mrs. Patterson discussed the fruit cakes made by Mrs. Smart and put them on display. It was decided to raffle them off. Mrs. Flanagan offered to make tickets, with help from her sewing club ladies. Mrs. McFetridge offered to see to the icing while Mrs. Wilson said she would have a suitable poster made. Mrs. Kowensky offered their store to display the cakes. Tickets to the value of \$50.00 were to be made and sold at 10¢ each; 3 prizes to be given, 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Draw to be made at our next meeting, Dec 4th.

Mrs. Phillips made a motion and Mrs. Henning seconded, that we turn over the \$200.00 from our account to the swimming pool, as previously arranged. Carried.

On a motion made by Mrs. McFetridge, seconded by Mrs. Welter, \$20.00 was voted for the Vitamin Fund for Britain.

Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Bouchor and Mrs. Hnatiuk volunteered to act on the nominating committee for the 1948 executive. Members were asked to bring to the next meeting suggestions for the 1948 program. The Secretary was asked to help Mrs. Swallow with auditing the books as Mrs.

Ireland was ill.

The paper or talk prepared by the Standing Committee was called for. Mrs. Bishop gave a splendid paper on Agriculture and Canadian Industry, touching on land erosion, irrigation and edible foods made from sunflower seeds. The Canadian pulp and paper mills are the best in the world. It is wonderful how much worthwhile material can be discussed in 7 minutes.

Mrs. Welter spoke of her days at college in a very humorous way, telling of how hard study mixed with pleasure and mischief made these the happiest days of her life. This made us all wish we could turn back to school and again enjoy such precious hours.

In the absence of Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Bell read her paper on citizenship. This paper was also very interesting; so much valuable material compiled into so little space.

Mrs. Wilson spoke on post-war work, that now there is not such need for this work, but they are always in readiness to help when asked for needy Europe. 160 pounds of clothing was sent to Europe this spring.

These papers so carefully and intelligently compiled made us realize that it is not so necessary to get outside speakers. Mrs. Patterson thanked the ladies very sincerely and suggested that these papers be sent to the Women's Institute Loan Collection.

The roll call was answered by "last minute suggestions for Christmas gifts", with many new ideas the result. Mrs. Weigand moved that the meeting adjourn. We were quite prepared for and fully enjoyed the dainty lunch served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Stoehr.

Rose Patterson, Pres.
Lina MacDonald, Sec.

Dec. 1947 Minutes of the Dec Annual Meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

The annual meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. A. Wilson on Dec 4th with nineteen members present and one guest. Mrs. Patterson, President, presiding.

After the singing of O'Canada the Institute Creed was repeated in unison. The minutes of the Nov meeting were read and adopted.

The President asked for the papers on citizenship, agriculture and Canadian industry, which were read at a previous meeting. The convenors did not have the papers with them and were asked to send them to the Secretary who would forward them to the Loan Collection. (I did not receive them.)

The Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of Oct of \$284.00, receipts in Nov \$9.75, expenses \$264.25, leaving a balance of \$29.50.

Letters were read from Mrs. Morton re: the Canadian Association of Consumers, from Mrs. McFarland acknowledging with thanks flowers sent to her when ill in Edmonton, a delayed letter from Mrs. Bickell, Secretary, Home and School Association, soliciting the support of the Women's Institute for a donation to a fund for prizes to be awarded for the best exhibit of handicraft by the pupils of the Montrose and Grande Prairie High School, a letter from Sister St Lucy asking for two representatives from this organization to attend the Festival Annual meeting. Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. MacMillan volunteered to act.

Mrs. Spicer reported sending flowers to sick members.

Mrs. McFetridge reported sending a quilt to a needy family.

Mrs. Patterson thanked each member separately for the part they took in making the

success of the raffle of the three Christmas cakes made by Mrs. Smart. Mrs. Weigand was the winner of the first draw, Mrs. C. Wright, second and Mrs. W.T. Robinson third. A motion was made by Mrs. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Cave that a small box of food be sent to Mr. Dewhurst in appreciation for the icing of the cakes, Mrs. McFetridge to look after it and the Secretary to enclose a note. Mrs. Hnatiuk reported \$72.00 was realized from this raffle.

The annual reports were next called for.

The secretary's report showed a full and active year with the usual enthusiasm of each member. Mrs. Bishop seconded the adoption of this report.

The treasurer's report showed that \$365.03 was raised during the year and \$335.53 was spent, leaving a balance of \$29.50. This amount does not include proceeds from the raffle. Mrs. Phillips seconded this report.

Mrs. Kowensky reported on radio and publicity. Mrs. Wilson seconded this report.

Mrs. McFetridge reported on social welfare. Boxes of clothing were sent to a needy family in Sexsmith and a quilt and other articles were sent to a local needy family. Mrs. Figgures seconded this report.

Mrs. MacDonald read Mrs. Macfarlane's post-war work report. Mrs. McFetridge seconded this report.

Mrs. Spicer reported on flowers sent to hospital at Easter and Christmas and members who were ill. Mrs. Hnatiuk seconded.

The slate of officers for 1948 was presented. Mrs. Hnatiuk moved that the slate be accepted. Mrs. MacMillan seconded. Carried.

Officers for 1948 include: Mrs. Wishart – President; Mrs. Spicer - 1st Vice; Mrs. Wilson - 2nd Vice; Mrs. Figgures – Treasurer; Mrs. Hugh MacDonald – Secretary. Directors include: Mrs. J. McFarland, Mrs. N. Hnatiuk and Mrs. S. Stewart. Auditors are Mrs. Swallow and Mrs. Cave. Standing Committees: Agriculture and Canadian Industry – Mrs. Bishop; Citizenship – Mrs. C. Bell; Household Economics – Mrs. O. Bouchor; Radio and Publicity – Mrs. L. Kowensky; Social Welfare – Mrs. McFetridge. Representatives on other organizations: Mrs. Patterson – Library Board; Mrs. MacDonald – Red Cross; Mrs. Figgures – Film Board; Mrs. Spicer – Hospital; Mrs. S. Stewart and Mrs. MacMillan – Festival Committee.

Mrs. Patterson, speaking on vacating the Chair in favour of the new President told of how she enjoyed her three years as President, thanking each member in glowing terms for their splendid cooperation and good will. She said that she felt sure that they would continue to extend that same good will and cooperation to their new President.

Mrs. Wishart, the new President, took the Chair. The first order of business was the preparation of the program for 1948. Mrs. Wilson made a motion and Mrs. Kowensky seconded. Carried. The program committee will consist of the three directors and two or more of the standing committees. They would meet and prepare for approval the program for 1948, with Mrs. Hnatiuk to convene.

The letter from the Secretary of the Home and School Association was discussed. On a motion by Mrs. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Henning, that this letter be tabled until the next meeting. Carried.

Mrs. MacMillan made a motion that \$10.00 be allocated to Mrs. Spicer to purchase flowers for the hospital at Christmas. Mrs. Kowensky seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Spicer suggested that flowers be sent now to Stan Percy as he is quite ill. This very kind and charitable thought had the hearty approval of all.

The roll call was answered with suggestions for the 1948 program.

A dainty lunch served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Kowensky and Mrs. Swallow brought the year's work to a delightful end.

Jan 1948 Minutes of the January meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

On Jan 8th 24 members of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute and one guest met at the home of Mrs. R. MacMillan for their first monthly meeting of 1948. Mrs. Wishart, President, called the meeting to order and asked all to rise. O'Canada was sung, followed by the recitation of the Institute's Creed.

The Secretary was asked for the minutes of the annual meeting; these minutes were adopted as read. Business arising from the minutes was discussed.

The letter from the Home and School Association was dealt with first. On a motion made by Mrs. Patterson and seconded by Mrs. McFetridge \$10.00 was voted to this association for their handicraft exhibit prizes. Carried. The letter from Mrs. Morton, re: Canadian Consumers Association was discussed and left to be more fully dealt with later in the meeting.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of Nov of \$29.50, receipts in Dec \$96.50, expenses \$1.70, balance \$114.30. Mrs. McFarland seconded this report.

Mrs. Spicer reported on flowers sent to hospital at Christmas and to Stan Percy, of how very much they were appreciated.

Mrs. Stewart reported on the Festival Committee meeting – said it was well represented, plans and arrangements made, new officers were elected. Mrs. MacMillan was elected secretary.

Correspondence consisted of letters from Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Ireland acknowledging with thanks flowers received when they were ill. There was also a letter of acknowledgment from the Kinsmen Club regarding the \$200.00 cheque received for the new swimming pool; a diving board suitably described would be purchased.

Mrs. Hnatiuk reported on the program arranged for 1948. Mrs. Wilson moved that the program be accepted as presented. Mrs. Spicer seconded. Carried. Mrs. Cave, Mrs. Stoehr and Mrs. Solden offered to type and prepare the programs.

Mrs. Wishart expressed sincere thanks to the retiring officers for the splendid work they did during their three years in office. She was very sorry she neglected this at the last meeting and hoped that they would accept her apologies. She then welcomed our guest Mrs. Ayre and invited her to join the institute if at all possible.

Mrs. MacMillan offered congratulations in the name of the institute's members to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Phillips moved that all bills be paid. Mrs. Stewart seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Wishart asked for suggestions to raise money. Many suggestions were put forth, including a Valentine Tea, a bolt of factory cotton to be purchased and made up for sale and a Leap Year Tea. The Leap Year Tea carried the vote. A motion was made by Mrs. Welter, seconded by Mrs. Solden, that we hold a leap year tea on Wed Feb 25th if in rink or Saturday Feb 28th if in basement of United Church. Carried. Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. McFetridge to interview the parties concerned and have all arrangements and suggestions to present at the Feb meeting.

Mrs. Phillips moved and Mrs. Weigand seconded that \$5.00 be voted for stamps and stationery for the secretary. Carried.

Mrs. Patterson discussed the sending of a box of clothing overseas, from the institute. The box is to be packed and shipped before Jan 25th. Arrangements were made for all donations to be sent to Mrs. McFetridge and her helpers.

Mrs. Patterson made a motion for \$5.00 to be provided to the Social Welfare convenor for necessary expenses. Mrs. Henning seconded. Carried.

Fifteen members paid their fees. We have three new members this year: Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Solden.

Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Henning offered to help with lunch for the next meeting.

The film "Four Seasons", shown by Mrs. Figgures, provided much interest.

Mrs. Flanagan moved that the meeting adjourn. The delicious lunch served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Bishop, brought our first meeting of 1948 to a happy close.

Lina MacDonald, Sec.
Grace E. Wishart, Pres.

Feb 1948 Minutes of the February meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

The February meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Wiegand with 19 members present and 2 guests. Mrs. Wishart, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order with the singing of O'Canada followed by reciting the Institute's Creed.

Minutes from the January meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of Dec of \$114.30, receipts in Jan \$ (blank), expenses \$64.25, balance \$67. Mrs. Swallow seconded this report.

Mrs. McFetridge reported on the box of clothes sent overseas. She spoke of all the lovely things it contained, of the generous donations, with special mention of Mr. Kowensky who donated several pairs of shoes from his store. The box weighed 120 lbs. The secretary was advised to write Mr. Kowensky, expressing our thanks for this splendid donation.

Mrs. Hnatiuk passed around the very original and artistically prepared programs for 1948. Mrs. Wishart spoke on the programs and gave much praise to the ladies who prepared them, particularly Mrs. Stoehr for her appropriate and dainty design. Mrs. Kowensky moved a vote of thanks to the ladies for the programs and Mrs. Patterson seconded.

Mrs. Kowensky, reporting on Radio, told all members to listen on Friday from 3 to 4 to Mrs. Morton's transcribed talk on her trip to Amsterdam. Mrs. Patterson moved and Mrs. Henning seconded that the secretary write a letter to C.F.G.P. thanking them for the time given to this talk and how much we enjoyed it.

Correspondence. Letter read from Mrs. Bickell in acknowledgment of cheque for \$10.00 received by Home and School Association for prizes to school exhibits. Letter from Mrs. Morton stating the objectives of the first three months: Jan – Clothing; Feb – Food for Britain and Holland; Mar – Layette articles. Clothing is to be sent to Mrs. McGorman, also to get addresses for overseas food parcels from her. Enclose a card with the secretary's name and the branch in each parcel. Outside of parcel is to be marked "unsolicited gift in honour of Princess Elizabeth" and that no tobacco or clothing is to be put in food parcels. She also said how to compile the Tweedsmuir Histories for competition by W.I. members across Canada.

Discussion of the proposed leap year tea followed. Mrs. Bishop reported that the (?) rooms could be secured for Feb 25th but that the Ladies Curling Club asked the W.I. members to cater their bonspiel at the coffee bar. This proposal was discussed at length and it was finally decided that it was worth a trial. On a motion made by Mrs. Hnatiuk and seconded by Mrs. Henning, that we cater to the Ladies Bonspiel at the Coffee Bar instead of the Leap Year Tea. Carried. Mrs. McFetridge, Mrs. Henning and Mrs. Hnatiuk were appointed to take charge and make all arrangements for the catering.

Mrs. Wilson made a motion and Mrs. Wiegand seconded, that \$2.00 be given Mrs. Figgures to purchase stamps and 35¢ be paid Mrs. Solden for paper used for programs.

Constituency fees were discussed. Mrs. Bell made a motion and Mrs. Figgures seconded that our constituency fees be raised to \$10.00 as we were the largest branch. Carried.

Mrs. Wilson made a motion that \$25.00 be voted for the purchasing of food parcels for Britain. Mrs. Bouchor seconded. Carried.

The secretary was advised to write Mrs. McGorman for addresses for W. Institute in Britain. Mrs. McFetridge, Mrs. Kowensky and Mrs. MacDonald to do the purchasing.

The social evening for next meeting was arranged with Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. MacDonald to take care of the program. Mrs. Hnatiuk made a motion and Mrs. Wilson seconded that each member bring lunch enough for two. Carried.

The business portion being over Mrs. Wishart called on Mrs. Bell to address the meeting. Mrs. Bell spoke of her trip east last summer, leaving Grande Prairie July 7th and returning Oct 26th. She spoke in a very interesting and humourous manner the many places of interest visited and of the amusing things she saw. She told the story of her trip so well that we followed her in fancy and maybe a little envy. Mrs. Wishart in thanking Mrs. Bell voiced the appreciation of us all.

Mrs. Wishart welcomed our guests and expressed pleasure in having Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Ireland well and back with us again.

13 members paid for "Home and Country" magazine.

The roll call was answered with "My most embarrassing moment" and judging by the answers, we can all say "was my face red".

A delightful lunch served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Henning.

Lina MacDonald, Sec.
Grace E. Wishart, Pres.

Mar 1948 Minutes of the March meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

The March meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Solden on March 4th, with 22 members and 1 guest present. The meeting opened with the reciting of the Institute Creed. Mrs. Wishart, president, presiding.

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

The treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of Jan of \$67.10, receipts in Feb \$3.20, expenses \$37.35, balance \$32.85. Mrs. Kowensky seconded this report.

Mrs. McFetridge reported on the catering to the ladies curling bonspiel, with approximately \$160.00 realized. She also reported on the two boxes of food sent to two Women's Institute branches in Britain. Handicraft was discussed next where a list of articles to enter at the conference were read.

Correspondence consisted of a card from Mrs. McGorman to Mrs. Wishart acknowledging with thanks the box of clothing received for overseas. A card from Mr. Bromley and family acknowledging with grateful appreciation our card of sympathy sent to them during their sorrow. A letter of acknowledgment from Matron and staff of the hospital for the gift of flowers sent to the patients at Christmas.

Gift for new baby of one of our members was discussed; Mrs. Spicer was asked to attend to this.

Mrs. Wishart asked for the opinion of the members in regards to purchasing Institute

pins. Prices were discussed and it was decided to wait until pins were ordered by members before some were purchased.

Mrs. Wishart spoke of a visit from Mr. Dickie re: film of 50th anniversary of the W.I. and other films he would like to show, if members were interested. After some discussion Mrs. MacMillan made a motion and Mrs. Wilson seconded, that the executive see the pictures first and if they thought them interesting enough to make arrangements for them to be shown at a later date. Carried. Mrs. Kowensky kindly offered her home for the next evening for the film to be shown.

Mrs. Hnatiuk brought up the subject of institute tickets sold by the Boy Scouts on our Christmas cake raffle. The boys did not receive the promised two tickets for each book sold. This was much discussed as some of the boys turned in books and a dollar while other boys returned their books partly sold or not at all. Mrs. Kowensky suggested that Mrs. Hnatiuk take the matter up with the Scout Master and find out how many of the boys sold books and did not keep the 20¢ and report her findings at the next meeting.

Mrs. Kowensky talked on new Canadians and what could be done to welcome them to our Canada. She spoke of Mrs. Stoehr's worry in connection with the difficulties her mother had to encounter with her transportation to Canada. She made a motion that the secretary write a note to Mrs. Stoehr telling her that our thoughts were with her and for her not to worry, that her mother would be with her soon. Mrs. Thomson seconded. Carried.

The Easter gift to the hospital was next taken up, with Mrs. Spicer asked to attend to it. On a motion by Mrs. MacMillan, seconded by Mrs. Phillips, \$5.00 was allocated to Mrs. Spicer for the purchase of flowers. Carried.

Mrs. Patterson gave a talk on the Council meeting she attended, that the A.W.I. were planning a busy business year. The Federated meeting would be held in June. Mrs. Morton spoke on her trip to Amsterdam and the work entailed by the different officers. She is planning to be in the Peace River district in May, at which time it would be necessary for us to make arrangements for our conference, if possible.

Mrs. Bouchor talked on the handicraft exhibit, saying she had asked Miss Connelly for pointers on the judging of the exhibits. She read a letter prepared on handicraft and some suggestions, discussed prizes. A motion was then made by Mrs. Patterson that the Grande Prairie branch give a spoon as prize to the member holding the highest points and that a cup prize for future handicraft exhibits be taken up at the conference. Mrs. Bishop seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Thomson made a motion and Mrs. Hnatiuk seconded that all bills be paid. Carried.

Mrs. McFetridge asked the members to each bring some article of clothing for the layette, the overseas project for March.

The business part of the meeting being over the president turned things over to the entertainment committee. A short sketch, "Down by the Levee", by four coloured men from the South followed by some vamping by the "Much too fat Lady" to the tune of the play by that name caused much laughter; games and tricks followed in which all took part.

The entertainment committee, assisted by the hostess, served a delicious salad with biscuits and cookies supplied by the members. All voted it a bountiful lunch.

Mrs. Wishart then thanked the committee for a splendid evening's entertainment. So ended another of our social meetings, feeling that "a little nonsense now and then is refreshing".

Lina MacDonald, Sec.

Apr 1948 Minutes of the April meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

Twenty members of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Spicer for their monthly meeting. Mrs. Wishart, the president, called the meeting to order and all repeated the Institute Creed.

Minutes of the March meeting were read and adopted. The Treasurer's report showed the Feb balance \$32.85, receipts in March \$266.85, expenses \$117.15, balance \$181.70. Mrs. Henning seconded this report.

Mrs. Spicer reported on flowers sent to hospital at Easter to a sick member and to Mrs. Stoehr's mother as a welcome from the Institute members on her arrival in Canada. A spoon was also purchased for the new offspring of one of our members.

Mrs. Thomson moved that all bill be paid. Mrs. Bouchor seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Hnatiuk reported on Boy Scout tickets sold last Christmas for W.I., that all money collected was handed in. It was then moved by Mrs. Hnatiuk and seconded by Mrs. Bouchor that the Boy Scouts get their commission in tickets sold. \$8.00 was voted to this.

Mrs. McFetridge asked members to send to her articles for the layette by April 10th; this was our March project. Food, April project to be also sent to Mrs. McFetridge along with layette articles. Mrs. Bouchor suggested we send a box of food to the Old Folks Home. Mrs. McFetridge suggested asking the war brides for addresses.

Mrs. Bouchor reported on handicraft, that sheets with list of articles for exhibit were printed and distributed.

Mrs. Hnatiuk brought thanks from Mrs. Welter, who was unable to attend, on behalf of herself and baby boy for spoon gift from W.I. members.

Mrs. Wishart reported on the executive meeting at her home to arrange for cancer campaign and that a W.I. pin along with a note of good wishes from W.I. members were presented to Mrs. Stewart who was leaving Grande Prairie. Twelve (12) Federated pins were ordered.

Mrs. Wilson reported on the Teen Town meeting she attended as our representative. Many worthwhile suggestions were discussed and plans were being made for summer activities. A letter was read from Teen Town asking that a representative from the Women's Institute be appointed to attend their meetings, give advice and help in their work. Mrs. Hnatiuk appointed Mrs. Kowensky as our representative until July. Mrs. Kowensky kindly accepted the appointment. A discussion as to making a donation to Teen Town followed. Mrs. Bishop said she thought that Teen Town wished to try to manage by themselves for a while at least, but after much discussion a small donation was decided on. Mrs. Bishop made a motion and Mrs. Henning seconded that \$10.00 be voted to Teen Town now. Carried.

A notice from Miss Connelly re: demonstrations was discussed. As each month's program was well filled it was decided to table this until the September meeting.

Mrs. Wishart spoke on films of McDickie, Home and Country pictures, 50th anniversary of Women's Institute, Royal Visit pictures and others. Mr. Williams at Sexsmith was in charge of films and although Mrs. Hnatiuk had written him twice she had not received a reply. Therefore it could not be decided when the picture could be shown. It was ~~decided~~ suggested as there was so much doing now to table it until the fall.

Mrs. MacDonald reported on the executive meeting to arrange for the cancer campaign and read a letter from Mr. Talbot. Mrs. MacDonald was appointed as convenor, with a committee of 3. Mrs. Kowensky said that she would take over radio publicity and Mrs. Hnatiuk offered to help and Mrs. Figgures as treasurer.

Mrs. Ward was appointed on program committee roll call, book I most enjoyed.

Mrs. Swallow offered to have the May meeting as Mrs. Stewart, who was to have it, left Grande Prairie. Mrs. Solden to take the December meeting that was to be Mrs. Swallow's. Mrs. Cave,

Mrs. McFetridge and Mrs. Flanagan to bring lunch.

Mrs. Wishart introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Pickard. Mrs. Pickard kept us all interested while she reviewed the book "Fortress North" by E.J. Walker. Reading as she went, parts of the life of the author that we might more fully understand and follow more closely the lives of the early inhabitants of Edmonton. Mrs. Wishart voiced the appreciation of all of us when she thanked Mrs. Pickard for her most interesting review.

The dainty lunch served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Wishart and Mrs. Figgures brought the meeting to a close.

MacDonald, Secy.
GE Wishart, Pres.

May 1948 Minutes of the May meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

At the home of Mrs. Swallow on May 6th, eighteen members of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute met for their monthly meeting. The meeting opened with the singing of O'Canada followed by the Institute Creed. Mrs. Wishart, the president, presiding.

The minutes of the April meeting were called for and when the secretary started reading them an unusual silence filled the room. Feeling that something was wrong she looked around and saw the ladies looking at her in amusement; looking back at her minutes to discover that she was reading the minutes of April 1947. With a very red face she tried to apologize. The regular minutes were then read and adopted.

The treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of March of \$181.70, receipts in April \$2.15, expenses \$48.72, balance \$135.23.

Mrs. MacDonald gave a full report on the Cancer Campaign, thanked all who worked in any and every way to the success of the campaign, told of all the letters written, radio broadcasts, the many generous donations received, the amount in the bank to date \$1,290.30. Mrs. Wishart thanked Mrs. MacDonald for this very complete report. Mrs. Bishop suggested a vote of thanks which was followed by a hand clapping for all who worked on the campaign.

Mrs. Wishart reported on a letter from Mr. Williams re: films of 50th W.I. anniversary and others that might be shown at the conference. The members thought there would not be time to show them there as there was a full program.

Mrs. McFetridge read a letter from Secretary of Women's Institute in England acknowledging with grateful thanks our parcel of food sent in February. Mrs. McFetridge also reported on the layette sent to Mrs. McGorman and two parcels of food packed and sent to the Old Folks Home in England. She spoke of all the things packed in the parcels, all so useful and good. On a motion by Mrs. Cave, seconded by Mrs. Bishop, \$5.00 was voted to Mrs. McFetridge for welfare work.

Mrs. Bouchor asked for as many exhibits as possible on handicrafts, so as to enter at the conference.

Mrs. Phillips thanked the members for the nice plant sent her when she was in hospital. Housewives, the May post-war project, were asked for with each member to make one.

Mrs. Wishart reported that several quilt blocks were on hand which should be made up into a quilt to have on hand in case of an emergency call. Mrs. Wilson very kindly said that she would collect the blocks and make them up into a quilt.

Mrs. Wishart thanked Mrs. Stoehr for the use of their shop to collect articles for parcels overseas.

On a motion by Mrs. McFarlane, seconded by Mrs. McFetridge, the secretary was advised to write letters of thanks to Eaton's mail order office for use of their office for the Cancer Campaign, to the Jay Cees, C.W.L. Ladies, Sisters of St. Joseph's Academy and Mr. Kowensky for help during the campaign.

Mrs. Wishart now turned the meeting over to the program committee. Mrs. Ward had a splendid program for us as we sat back and enjoyed to the fullest the songs and piano selections by the pupils of Montrose School, a violin solo by Mrs. McIntosh and piano by Mrs. Butchard. Mrs. Wishart thanked Mrs. Ward for her very lovely selection of music and each of the artists for their part in very enjoyable musical entertainment. Federated pins were distributed.

While lunch was being prepared a letter was read from the Canadian Legion re: proposed skating rink. Much refreshed by the musical program just enjoyed, we all entered into discussion on the contents of this letter, the approval or amendment of their resolutions. To resolution no. 5, which read: "In the event of the Canadian Legion making a contribution out of it's building fund now on hand, it is agreed that the sum so paid shall be repaid to the Canadian Legion out of net profit of said rink after the cost of construction etc be paid." Amendment made by Mrs. Phillips that we question the advisability of the withdrawing of Legion funds from proposed rink. Seconded by Mrs. Hnatiuk. Carried. (6) The name of said rink to be known as Canadian Legion Memorial Arena. Amendment made by Mrs. Bouchor the the proposed rink be named Grande Prairie Memorial Arena. Seconded by Mrs. Henning. Carried. Mrs. Bishop made a motion that the said rink, when completed, be run on a non-profit basis, seconded by Mrs. Weigand, Carried.

Mrs. MacDonald moved the appointment of Mrs. Bouchor as our representative for the central executive of this organization, Mrs. McFetridge seconded, carried.

Mrs. Figgures was asked to arrange for transportation to Mrs. Smart's for our June meeting to which we are all looking forward to. Mrs. Welter will help Mrs. Smart with refreshments.

After a very interesting and exciting meeting we all enjoyed the lunch prepared by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. McFetridge, Mrs. Cave and Mrs. Flanagan.

MacDonald, Sec.
GE Wishart, Pres.

June 1948 Minutes of the June meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

On June 3rd twenty-two members of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute motored to the home of Mrs. Smart at Flying Shot Lake for their monthly meeting. The meeting opened with the repeating of the Institute's Creed. Mrs. Wishart, the president, took the chair. Minutes of the May meeting were read and adopted.

The treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of April of \$135.23, receipts in May \$14.05, expenses \$9.60, balance \$139.68.

A card of thanks from Mrs. McGorman was read, acknowledging the layette sent overseas.

Stationery for Institute use was discussed. On a motion made by Mrs. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Henning and carried, one thousand sheets of paper are to be ordered for members for Institute use.

Mrs. Kowensky spoke about the conference, explaining why it was held here. With Mr. Talbot coming to show films and Valhalla writing that they had no electricity, no films could be shown there. Putting it to a vote, it was decided that Grande Prairie was the most logical place. All standing

committees were asked to have their reports sent to the convenors as soon as possible. Mrs. Kowensky spoke on handicrafts and hoped we would have a good display as we would like to keep the cup for a while longer. Mrs. McFetridge was asked to find out if school exhibit work could be had for display.

Lunch was discussed. It was decided to hold the conference from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon, when all would disperse for lunch downtown or with friends and serve lunch in the basement of the church in the evening. The afternoon session is to begin at 2 p.m. Lunch is to consist of sandwiches, cake or cookies and ice cream, tea. Volunteers were asked to convene the lunch. Mrs. Wishart offered to convene with Mrs. Henning, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Smart to help. Mrs. MacDonald was advised to write the local and other organizations who donated to the Cancer Fund and invite them to the conference, as the cheque for the Cancer Fund would be presented to Mrs. Morton. On a motion made by Mrs. Kowensky and seconded by Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Bell was appointed delegate to the conference with Mrs. Solden as an alternate. Mrs. Bouchor asked that plain sewing and mending be entered as exhibits in handicraft. She then gave a splendid report on the arrangements and plans for the proposed arena. She said that sports days were being planned for July 1st and 2nd and that each organization was expected to have a booth and turn in proceeds to the arena fund. Mrs. Wishart thanked Mrs. Bouchor for her report and asked for the wish of the members regarding a booth on sports days. A motion was made by Mrs. Hnatiuk, seconded by Mrs. Solden and carried, that we have a booth on July 1st and 2nd with proceeds for the arena. Mrs. Bouchor, Mrs. McFetridge and Mrs. Cave were appointed to the committee for the booth. All arrangements are to be made later.

A booklet was passed around on Mrs. Morton's trip to Amsterdam; each member is to read it then pass along to the next person.

Mrs. McFetridge asked that all "housewives", the May project for overseas, be turned in to her by June 10th or left at Vagt's store.

Mrs. Wishart next called for Mrs. Bishop's paper on Agriculture and Canadian Industry. This was a splendid paper, well prepared and educational, dealing with water, land and food. The effect on the world's supply of food caused by soil erosion due to winds and water. Mrs. Wishart thanked Mrs. Bishop for her interesting paper.

Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) was voted to the Cancer Fund. (This motion was made after the meeting and approved by all members as it was necessary to get it into the conference report).

Mrs. Hnatiuk was asked to arrange for the entertainment for the Sept meeting. Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Weigand offered to assist with the lunch.

Mrs. Wilson moved the meeting adjourn. Then our hostess, assisted by Mrs. Welter, served a delicious lunch, including strawberry shortcake, real cream and other good things to eat.

We then all crowded into our cars and drove home in the starry stillness of the night, looking forward to summer holidays and meeting again in Sept.

GE Wishart, Pres.
MacDonald, Sec.

Oct 1948 Minutes of the October Meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

On October 7th twenty-three members of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Kowensky for their monthly meeting. This being their first meeting since June as the Sept meeting was cancelled owing to the Polio epidemic. Three guests were also present. The president, Mrs. Wishart, took the chair. The Institute Creed was said in unison.

Minutes of the June meeting were read and adopted.

Correspondence read. A letter from the Kinsmen Club, acknowledging with thanks the cheque for \$133.15, received for the Memorial Arena fund. A letter of thanks from Mrs. Ockert for the invitation to the War Brides to attend the conference; she said how she enjoyed the part that she was able to attend. An effort was made to read a letter from a member of the Women's Institute in England who extended grateful thanks from the members of her institute branch for the nice box received from our branch.

The treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of May of \$139.68, receipts in June \$4.50, expenses \$33.10, net receipts for Sports Days \$271.32, net receipts for Clair Wallace concert \$133.15; these two items were turned in to the Memorial Arena fund. Balance in bank \$109.68. Mrs. Solden seconded this report.

Mrs. Bell reported on the conference, reading from her report as it was published in the paper. It gave a full and interesting account of the conference. Mrs. Bell moved the adoption of her report.

Mrs. Bouchor reported on results of the Sports Day booth and thanked all the ladies who worked with her. Gross proceeds, \$649.94; expenses, \$378.62. As the representative on the Arena committee Mrs. Bouchor said that she had no report to make.

Mrs. Hnatiuk reported on Clair Wallace concert, that \$133.15 was collected for the Memorial Arena.

Mrs. McFetridge had nothing to report on social welfare.

Mrs. Patterson spoke of the proposed visit of Dr. Hitschmanova, arrangements and further details were tabled until the November meeting. She also reported on the library; a committee was formed to have a series of library broadcasts.

Mrs. Ward reported on Teen Town where she attended a meeting which she found very interesting. The meeting was conducted in a very business-like manner. They are also working for the arena and for the completion of their own hall. She asked for suggestions and advice.

Mrs. Patterson suggested a donation to the Boy Scouts on Apple Day. After some discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mrs. Thomson and carried, that \$10.00 be donated to the Boy Scouts.

Mrs. Wishart discussed a demonstration on candy making by Miss Connelly. Mrs. Kowensky made a motion that we have a demonstration on candy making and invite friends. The time and place is to be arranged by a committee convened by Mrs. Hnatiuk, with Mrs. Welter and Mrs. Bouchor to help. Carried.

Mrs. McFarland reported on the X-ray clinic, saying that arrangements and registrations were underway when word came that the clinic was cancelled owing to polio.

Mrs. Wishart then welcomed our guests, expressing pleasure with having them present and hoped that they would become members.

Mrs. Wishart next introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Spicer. He spoke on his holiday in England and France, telling many interesting and amusing anecdotes of his experience and travels. He then gave a humorous reading. Mrs. Wishart thanked Mr. Spicer very much and expressed the appreciation of all.

Mrs. Wishart now turned the meeting over to the entertainment committee. This being Grandmothers' evening the seven grandmothers were presented with corsages and a little gift to remind

them what to do for their grandchildren. Mrs. Patterson read an appropriate poem to grandmothers.

Roll call was answered by "Who's shadow I would like to be".

Mrs. Swallow moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Spicer, for the entertainment and the delightful lunch prepared by Mrs. Hnatiuk and her committee.

Mrs. Flanagan moved that the meeting adjourn. We will meet at Mrs. Thomson's next month, with Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Phillips assisting the hostess with lunch.

Lina MacDonald, Secy.
GE Wishart, Pres.

Nov 1948 Minutes of the November meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

Twenty-two members of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute and five guests met at the home of Mrs. Thomson on Nov 4th for their monthly meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Wishart, then all repeated the Institute's Creed. Minutes of the October meeting were read and adopted as such.

The treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of June of \$109.68; receipts in Oct \$2.30; expenses \$11.90; balance in bank \$100.05. Mrs. Hnatiuk seconded this report.

Business from minutes deal with.

Mrs. Bouchor reported on the candy demonstration, saying that Miss Connelly could arrange for Nov 12th. She was also able to get the United Church basement for that date. Each lady is to bring their own recipes, hotplates, cords and sockets to be secured. These were all arranged for at this meeting.

Mrs. Patterson told that Dr. Hitschmanova would be here on Nov 19th and again that the United Church was brought into service. She will speak there, on conditions as she saw them in Europe; she will also speak over the air and at the schools. Mrs. Patterson urged all the members to attend this meeting and bring a friend. Read parts from letters of Dr. Hitschmanova which dealt with the many sad cases witnessed by her in different parts of Europe. Mrs. Patterson said that she would attend to meeting and entertaining Dr. Hitschmanova and Mrs. Kowensky would attend to the publicity over the air and in the press. It was decided to pass the plate for collection rather than leave a plate at the door.

Mrs. McFetridge, as Welfare Convenor, asked for advice regarding the sending of parcels overseas for Christmas. After some discussion Mrs. Kowensky made a motion that a committee be formed to send two parcels to Institutes overseas for Christmas, value of \$25.00. Mrs. Spicer seconded, carried. Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Flanagan and Mrs. McFetridge are to attend to this.

Mrs. McFarland read a letter of appreciation from overseas for parcel received.

Mrs. Wishart reported on a meeting of the Arena committee she attended, told of the amount of work being done and the amount yet to do. The amount of money raised by various means is \$7,617.00 with \$5,754.00 spent; most of this amount has been spent on labour, materials \$1,617.00. They hoped to have a dressing room ready for use but it would be an open rink this winter. She was asked by the Kinsmen if the ladies of the Women's Institute would hold a Tea in the Kinsmen's Cottage, that it might be a means for them to sell some tickets on the cottage. She then asked Mrs. Bouchor to report on the Tea.

Mrs. Bouchor reported that \$44.10 was realized; expenses \$2.86; \$40.41 was turned over to the Arena Fund. Mrs. Hnatiuk and Mrs. Wilson worked with Mrs. Bouchor arranging this tea.

Correspondence read.

A letter from Mrs. Morton, outlining the Tweedsmuir Contest, clothing and food parcels for Europe, library books available for Institute use and that Christmas cards could be purchased from the Unitarian Service Committee at \$1.00 for sixteen. This money is to be used for needy European children.

A letter from Mr. Talbot, Canadian Cancer Society executive for Alberta outlining the work being done by this society.

Also a letter from the Canadian National Institute of the Blind asking for the support of the Women's Institute in a campaign for funds to aid in this great work of helping the blind. After some discussion it was decided that the Secretary write, advising that it is not possible for this Institute to undertake any more projects at present.

Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Bishop were appointed to the nominating committee to prepare the slate of officers for the coming year.

Cups that were broken at the tea in Kinsmen's Cottage was discussed. On a motion by Mrs. Thomson and seconded by Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Figgures was advised to attend to this and purchase cups with money from proceeds of the tea. Carried.

Mrs. Wishart next welcomed our guests and hoped to see them become members. The guests replied that they would be very pleased to join our institute.

Mrs. Wishart now introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Patterson, who took for his subject "Wills". He gave a concise and clear interpretation of wills, why they should be made and how. Mrs. Wishart thanked Mr. Patterson for this very interesting and instructive talk.

The standing committee were reminded to bring their reports to the next meeting.

Roll call was answered by "who should hold the purse strings". The answers were almost unanimous, that they should be held 50-50.

Mrs. McFarland moved that the meeting adjourn. The dainty lunch served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Phillips brought the meeting to a close.

Lina MacDonald, Sec.
GE Wishart, Pres.

Dec 1948 Minutes of the December meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

At the home of Mrs. Soldan on Dec 2nd, twenty-four members of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute met for their annual meeting, with Mrs. Wishart, president, in the chair.

Meeting opened with the repeating of the Institute Creed. Minutes of the Nov meeting were read and adopted. The treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of Oct of \$105.90; receipts in Nov \$46.65; expenses ~~\$11.93~~ \$6; Balance ~~\$73.80~~ (no substitute amount). Mrs. Kowensky seconded this report.

Mrs. Hnatiuk reported on the candy demonstration, saying that there was good attendance but that she could not say how much knowledge was gained from the demonstration. A fuse was blown and Mr. Bishop was called in to fix it. Later Mrs. Broughton phoned Mr. Putters who came and replaced the fuse for the small charge of 25¢. The sec'y was advised to write Mr. Putters thanking him for this service.

Mrs. Patterson reported on Dr. Hitschmanova visit. She met her at the train, took her home to dinner, then to the radio station and to the theatre to make arrangements for her talks. There was a tea in the York Hotel where she met the ladies of the Women's Institute and their friends. In the evening Dr. Hitschmanova talked to an interested audience in the basement of the United Church. She

spoke of the great need of food and clothing for European children and of the benefit that a sick or crippled child would derive if adopted for three months by individuals or organizations. The cost for 3 months is \$45.00 and with this money a child could be sent to England for treatment. \$23.26 was collected at this meeting. Mrs. Patterson then read a letter from Dr. Hitschmanova of how grateful she was for the hospitality shown her in Grande Prairie. Much discussion re: Dr. Hitschmanova's plea for clothing and money followed. Mrs. Thomson made a motion that Jan 8th be set aside for a clothing drive for European children. Mrs. Patterson seconded. Carried. Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Kowensky and Mrs. McFetridge will attend to all arrangements.

Mrs. Swallow made a motion that additional money from our funds be added to the \$23.26 collected at the meeting in the United Church to make up the amount necessary to adopt a child. Seconded by Mrs. Bell. Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Henning, that all bills in connection with the candy demonstration and Dr. Hitschmanova talk be paid. Carried.

Mrs. McFetridge reported on Christmas parcels. Two well filled boxes of Christmas cheer and an extra treat of a box of chocolate were sent to two Institutes in England at a cost of \$25.50.

Correspondence read. A letter from the Red Cross asking for a representative to attend the annual meeting; a letter from Miss Connelly with recipes on candy making to be distributed to members; a letter from Mr. Milton, Executive Officer of Blind Institute, acknowledging with grateful thanks the letter received from the Women's Institute; a letter from Mrs. Ross asking the W.I. to approach the local member of the Legislative Assembly and urge him to give his support to a means which would insure government help for sufferers of arthritis. Mrs. Patterson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bell, that the secretary write the Legislative member in this connection.

The Annual Report was called for. This report showed a very busy and successful year, good cooperation and keen interest in all Institute activities. The Treasurer's report showed that \$879.17; expenses \$795.37; balance \$83.80. As this report was not audited its adoption was left until the next meeting.

Mrs. Bishop reported on Agriculture and Canadian Industry. One paper prepared and read dealt with food, land and water.

Mrs. Bell, convenor of Citizenship, told of the many worthy cases that come under citizenship but that she had not a paper on it.

Mrs. Bouchor had forgotten her report on handicraft, but from memory told of a paper read on handicraft, of the successful display at Conference and of Grande Prairie holding the cup for the fourth successive year.

Mrs. Kowensky reported on Radio and Publicity. She attended to the publishing of all activities in connection with W.I. work, gave nine broadcasts over C.F.G.P., wrote letters of thanks to the Herald-Tribune, C.F.G.P. and Canadian Utilities for their cooperation.

Mrs. McFetridge reported on Social Welfare. Parcels of food and clothing were sent overseas.

Mrs. Ward gave a splendid report on Teen Town. They have \$600.00 in the bank and had a banquet honoring the retiring council. The JayCees had asked them to share their hall with them but before investing their money in that they were going to call a meeting of the public for advice. This goes to prove that our younger generation are very democratic.

Mrs. Patterson reported on the library. Keen public interest is shown in the library and now they are on the air once a week.

There was no report by the Arena representative.

Mrs. MacDonald reported on the Red Cross. She spoke of help by Institute members at Blood Clinic and campaign for funds.

All reports were adopted and seconded except Treasurer's which was held over until the next meeting.

In the absence of Mrs. Spicer, Mrs. MacDonald reported for her on hospital. Fruit and flowers were sent to patients at Christmas and Easter and also to any ill member. Mrs. Thomson made a motion and Mrs. Soldan seconded, that a card be sent to Mr. Spicer who is ill in hospital and flowers to Mrs. Spicer. Further, that a card of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Guthrie. Carried.

Mrs. Patterson reported for the nominating committee and gave the slate of officers for 1949 as prepared by them. The old slate of officers with one new director. Mrs. Henning, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Soldan as auditors; Mrs. Croft, Red Cross, new on the standing committee. Otherwise the slate stands as it did in 1948. Mrs. Bishop moved a vote of thanks to the executive for their work done during 1948 and wished them success for 1949.

Mrs. Wishart asked for a program committee. Mrs. Soldan, Mrs. Foreman, Mrs. Cave and Mrs. Wishart were appointed to act, with Mrs. Soldan to convene.

Mrs. Bell made a motion that \$5.00 worth of juices be sent to patients at hospital for Christmas. Seconded by Mrs. Welter. Carried.

Mrs. Wishart asked for a meeting of the executive at her home on Wednesday afternoon, Dec 7th, to discuss plans for the year.

Mrs. Figgures moved that the meeting adjourn. The dainty lunch served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bouchor and Mrs. Orchuk brought 1948's meetings to a successful end.

MacDonald, Secy.
GE Wishart, Pres.

Jan 1949 Minutes of the January meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

At the home of Mrs. Wishart on Jan 6th twenty-six ladies assembled for the first meeting in 1949 of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute. Mrs. Wishart, president, presiding. Meeting opened with the Institute's Creed. The minutes of the Dec meeting were read and adopted as read.

Treasurer's report followed and showed a balance as at the end of November of \$83.80; receipts in December \$34.71; expenses \$51.75; balance \$66.76. Auditors reported that the Treasurer's Annual report as correct and moved the adoption. Mrs. Welter seconded.

Mrs. McFetridge reported on Social Welfare. Five boxes of clothing were sent to a needy family; she suggested that since, from time to time, requests for needy families arises it might be advisable to have on hand a supply to meet this need. She also attended the meeting of the U.E.F.B. where, owing to cold weather, very few attended; it was decided that for the present all monies received be held by the banks, pending further arrangements.

Mrs. Wishart reported on a family from Hythe whose mother was dead and that the children were in dire need of clothing. It was suggested that some of the things collected for the Unitarian clothing drive be given them. Mrs. McFetridge was asked to attend to it.

Mrs. Kowensky gave a report on arrangements made by the committee on the clothing drive. Mr. Ogilvie would have the Boy Scouts pick up the parcels Saturday and for to leave parcels on front porch or at the gate for the boys to pick up. Mr. Oliver gave his small building to store the things and for packing. Mr. Miller was also very cooperative she said. Much discussion re: the freight charges followed. Mrs. Patterson made a motion that we approach the different organizations for a small donation to help defray the freight cost. In the meantime we will draw from our own funds to meet this cost. Seconded by Mrs. Bell. Carried. Mrs. Wishart asked for a committee of three to attend to the packing; Mrs. Cave, Mrs. Wishart and Mrs. McFetridge volunteered. Many of the other ladies offered to help. Clothes are to be packed on Monday the 10th.

Mrs. Spicer reported on juices sent to patients in hospital at Christmas.

There was no Library report.

Mrs. Bouchor reported on the Memorial Arena. Lumber was sent for from B.C., with the Town putting up the money as all funds were used up; the Town has taken over the responsibility. She also told of a card party to be held in the near future in the hotel York, sponsored by the C.W.L. All proceeds would go to the arena fund and it was hoped that many would attend.

Mrs. Wishart said that Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Hnatiuk were representing the W.I. at the Health Survey meeting and would report later in the meeting.

A letter was read from Mrs. Morton re: volunteer gift of \$1.00 from each member toward Amputee Fund; \$6.00 was handed to the secretary for this fund. A letter from Miss Ross, acknowledging with thanks from patients in the hospital and herself the gift of fruit juices received at Christmas. A card from the Women's Club Program in Montreal in connection with a program entitled "New Horizon on Linoleum". Also card from Mrs. Guthrie acknowledging with thanks card of sympathy received from W.I. Mrs. Spicer expressed thanks for card and flowers received by herself and Mr. Spicer during his illness.

Cut out felt slippers were distributed among the members to be made up for next overseas parcel.

Mrs. Wishart reported on Executive Meeting, that plans were made for 1949 work and suggestions for program.

Mrs. Soldan presented the very interesting program prepared by herself and her committee for 1949. Mrs. Kowensky moved that this program be adopted, seconded by Mrs. Henning and carried. Sister Supinon at Business College offered to have the programs typed.

Mrs. Figgures reported on Film Council, that a meeting would be held on Jan. 17th in the Hotel York when Professor Tweedie will give a talk on World Affairs and a colored film "Land Beyond the Peace". A collection will be taken to help defray the balance owing on the new film projector.

Mrs. Hnatiuk reported on the Health Survey meeting, saying that since she did not remain for all of the meeting she therefore had not much to report.

Suggestions were asked for. Miss Ross spoke of the need for an Eye, Ear and Throat doctor since Dr. Levi could attend to all the needs on his short visits here, that there was room for another dentist and to look at your local paper for a full account. Mrs. Wishart asked for the opinion of the meeting. Mrs. Kowensky made a motion that we ask for an Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat specialist and dentist. Mrs. Henning seconded, carried.

Mrs. Thomson moved that we also ask for a school nurse, seconded by Mrs. McFarland and carried.

Mrs. Wishart reminded the members that the project for Feb for overseas was a layette.

Mrs. Cave spoke of a request from a W. Institute in Britain for a pen pal in Canada. Mrs. Wishart asked her if she would write as a member of this Institute.

A suggestion was made that we send a small parcel as a gift to our adopted little girl, whose photo was sent to us by the Unitarian Service Committee.

Mrs. Patterson made a motion and Mrs. Wilson seconded, that \$3.00 be given the Secretary, \$2.00 for postage and \$1.00 for box of W.I. stationery. Carried.

Next came a discussion on ways and means to raise some money. A telephone bridge and Valentine tea was suggested; the tea carried the vote. Mrs. Patterson made a motion that we have a tea, sale of home cooking and novelties on Feb 12th. Mrs. Hnatiuk seconded, carried.

Mrs. Welter and Mrs. Bouchor offered to make a fruit cake to be raffled. Mrs. Wishart asked for volunteers to look after the tea. Mrs. MacDonald and Mrs. Figgures offered to make arrangements with others to help with the tea. Mrs. Welter and Mrs. Bouchor to take care of the raffle.

The Secretary was advised to send a card to Joan Charters expressing our regrets at her illness and hoping that she would be well soon.

The film to shown at the next meeting was discussed; it was left with the program committee to decide.

Mrs. Wishart welcomed our guests. She said how very pleased she was to have them and hoped that they would join our Institute and without further delay they become members. We now have six new members.

Mrs. Wishart asked for the wish of the meeting as to what should be served at each meeting and how many helpers or hostesses necessary. Mrs. Thomson made a motion and Mrs. Spicer seconded that one thing only be served – sandwiches or cake or cookies, and two hostesses to help the hostess having the meeting. Carried.

Mrs. Figgures moved that the meeting adjourn. The delicious lunch served by the hostess and her assistants, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Figgures, brought our first meeting of 1949 to a successful close.

Lina MacDonald, Secy.
GE Wishart, Pres.

Feb 1949 Minutes of the February meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

On February 3rd at the home of Mrs. Patterson twenty-nine members of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute assembled for their monthly meeting. The meeting opened with the singing of O'Canada, followed by the Institute Creed. Mrs. Wishart, president, presiding.

Minutes of the Jan meeting were read and adopted as read.

Treasurer's report, balance at the end of Dec \$66.76; receipts in Jan \$99.75; expenses \$77.95; balance \$21.76. Mrs. Soldan seconded this report.

Mrs. Wishart reports that 1,000 lbs of clean clothing was packed and shipped to the Unitarian Service depot at Winnipeg for overseas at a cost of \$40.00 for freight. She told of using all her wiles to prevail upon the freight agent to reduce the cost as the clothing was second hand, all to no avail. Pay first class cost we must; some donations from individuals and organizations were received to help defray the cost.

Mrs. Wishart also told of a small gift sent to our adopted little girl overseas, that a Canadian Maple Leaf pin was enclosed as a small souvenir of Canada.

Mrs. McFetridge reported on welfare work – that two parcels of clothing were sent to a needy family and of how very grateful they were. A parcel for overseas was ready to send, layette and slippers; sixteen pairs of slippers were made by institute members from old felt hats.

Mrs. MacDonald reported on arrangements made for the Valentine Tea to be held Feb 12th. Mrs. Figgures and herself interviewed the manager of the Hotel York and had the 12th reserved. Also made enquiries re: dishes and teapots; advised us to bring our own teapots and that we would have to pay for electricity used.

Mrs. Wishart asked for a convenor for the tea; Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Figgures, Mrs. Soldan and Mrs. Foreman volunteered to take charge. Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Wishart to act as hostesses; a novelty table in the charge of Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. McFetridge; home cooking Mrs. Spicer and Mrs. Bell. Twenty tables arranged for, jelly salad with biscuits and cake or cookies for tea; each member offered to bring something for the different tables. Committee to attend to the advertising and posters. Ten ladies appointed as waitress, three for the kitchen; Mrs. McFarland to act as Treasurer; Mrs. Welter and Mrs. Bouchor in charge of the raffle of the cake made by them; Mrs. Stoehr offered their store window to display cake and would sell tickets; this very lovely cake was on display

at our meeting, so daintily decorated with valentine hearts. Mrs. Wishart asked all tickets to be turned in as the draw would be made at the tea. A dainty little cake was made and iced like the large one, to be given to the Sisters in appreciation for their having girls type the tickets.

Mrs. Soldan and Mrs. Cave distributed the program for 1949. Mrs. Cave suggested that a box of candy be made for the girls at the Academy for typing programs; this suggestion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Croft reported on the Red Cross annual meeting she attended. The year's report was read, new officers elected. Mrs. MacDonald's report on work done by the ladies' sewing clubs for Red Cross. Delegate was appointed for convention in Calgary.

Mrs. Spicer presented gift to Mrs. Weigand for her new baby. Mrs. Weigand very graciously thanked the ladies on behalf of her new offspring for this gift.

Mrs. Wishart read a letter from Mrs. Smith from England. Mrs. Smith is a sister of the late Mr. Tooley and she said how she missed Percy's letters and the paper with the Institute news. She is a very enthusiastic member of a Women's Institute in England. She also sent one of their magazines of Home and Country.

Mrs. Wishart also read an interesting letter from another Institute member in England, telling of the work being done by their institute and asking for a pen pal. Mrs. Cave was asked to write to her.

On a motion by Mrs. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Spicer, the secretary was advised to send a card to Mr. Kowensky who is ill in hospital in Edmonton. Carried.

Mrs. Bouchor also made a motion, Mrs. Soldan seconded, that a letter of thanks be sent to The Eastern Star, Armo Chapter, for donation of five dollars received to help defray cost of shipment of clothing to the Unitarian Society.

Mrs. Bouchor reported that the Ladies Bonspiel wished the W.I. to cater to their banquet this year again. Much discussion followed, pro and con. Mrs. MacMillan made a motion and Mrs. Welter seconded, that the W.I. ladies cater to the Ladies Bonspiel banquet. Motion lost. Mrs. Bouchor was advised to notify the lady curlers of decision.

Mrs. Bouchor moved that all bills be paid. Mrs. Welter seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Wishart welcomed our guest who later joined the Institute. Our new members now number seven.

Mrs. Phillips made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Malarchuk, that Mrs. McFetridge be given two dollars for use in connection with welfare work.

The three films shown by Mrs. Figgures were much enjoyed.

Roll call was answered by "labour saving device". Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Bell assisted the hostess in serving a dainty lunch.

MacDonald, Secy.
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Mar. 49. Minutes of the March meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

On March 3rd Mrs. Swallow was hostess to the monthly meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute. Twenty-seven members and four guests were present. The President, Mrs. Wishart, presiding. The meeting was called to order with the singing of O'Canada followed by the Institute Creed. The Secretary read the minutes of the Feb meeting which were adopted as read.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of Jan of \$21.76; receipts in Feb

\$161.82; expenses \$10.49; balance \$154.33. Mrs. McFarland seconded this report.

A letter was read from the secretary of the Unitarian Service depot at Winnipeg acknowledging with thanks the box of clothing sent for overseas. Also a card from Joan Charters thanking members for the card and kind wishes sent her when she was ill in hospital.

Mrs. MacDonald reported on the Valentine tea, thanked all the faithful workers, that the tea was a real success.

Mrs. MacDonald also reported on the Cancer Convention she attended in Edmonton. She told of the many interesting discussions and their plans for this year. She also told of writing a note of thanks to the Royal Purple for cheque from them to help defray expense of freight on clothing. This cheque was received after our meeting and secretary was advised to answer in acknowledgment.

Mrs. Kowensky thanked the members for the card of kind wishes sent Mr. Kowensky during his illness in Edmonton.

Mrs. Welter thanked everyone who helped her with sale of tickets on her cake.

Mrs. Wishart reported for Mrs. McFetridge on welfare work, that parcel of layette had been sent to Mrs. McGorman.

Mrs. Kowensky reported that a number of felt hats received from Archibald's store – these are to be cut up into slippers. Mrs. Wishart spoke on the cutting and sewing of these slippers, inviting some of the ladies to come to her home on Mar 17th for a cutting bee. Mrs. Kowensky, Mrs. Bouchor, Mrs. Welter and Mrs. MacDonald volunteered to go.

Mrs. Bouchor spoke on handicraft, hoped that everyone was working on something for the conference display.

Mrs. Patterson reported on the library, saying all small libraries would broadcast on March 9th and for all to listen in.

Mrs. Spicer reported on sending cards to sick members.

Mrs. Wishart spoke on the monthly letters sent out by the Royal Bank and asked for the advice of members. It was suggested that the secretary file all letters for future reference if needed to prepare a program.

Constituency fees were discussed as to whether Grande Prairie should pay ten dollars or five as do the smaller branches. On a motion made by Mrs. Kowensky, seconded by Mrs. Bell, that Grande Prairie pay \$10.00 in fees for the present time. Carried.

Motion made by Mrs. Soldan, seconded by Mrs. Hnatiuk, that all bills be paid. Carried.

Mrs. Wishart explained an oversight in the omission of reading a letter at last meeting from Mr. Talbot, appointing a delegate to the Cancer convention.

Mrs. Kowensky brought greetings from Mrs. MacMillan, formerly of Sexsmith, whom she met in Edmonton.

Mrs. Figgures spoke on the Health Unit and asked if a letter from the Institute should be written expressing our views. Mrs. Bishop told of attending Dr. Gillette's meeting and what was discussed there. It was not deemed necessary for the Institute to write.

Mrs. Wishart welcomed the guests, expressing great pleasure in having them as our guests, especially Mrs. Sommers from Crooked Creek, who was asked to tell us something of their Institute work. Mrs. Sommers said how pleased she was to be able to attend this meeting, spoke on some of the work done by her Institute. They sent eleven parcels overseas during the year, their project is the new hall being built. During the winter, owing to bad roads and many members from out of town that they are not very active.

The business meeting being over, the president asked the entertainment committee to take over. March is our social evening as it is also St. Patrick's month. Those of the entertainers who did not have an Irish name just added an "O" to their name or changed it altogether. Irish music, Irish songs, Irish dancing and readings and a very humorous description of a male getting dressed, all brought shrieks of laughter from the audience. Then, going from the ridiculous to the sublime, we

listened to two delightful vocal solos by Lorraine Swallow accompanied by Mrs. J. O'Brien at the piano. Both songs and music were very much enjoyed by all; Mrs. Wilson moved a vote of thanks to the talented Irish artists; this was approved unanimously.

The Roll Call was answered with "penny stretchers". It is amazing the many ways that the ladies find for stretching their pennies.

Mrs. Soldan moved that the meeting adjourn. Mrs. Bouchor and Mrs. Cave assisted the hostess to serve a delightful lunch, bringing another enjoyable meeting to a close.

MacDonald, Sec.
GE Wishart, Pres.

April 1949 Minutes of the April meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

On Thursday, April 7th, twenty-seven members and one guest met at the home of Mrs. J. Thomson for the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute. President, Mrs. Wishart, presiding. The Institute's Creed was read in unison. Minutes of the March meeting were read. After a correction made by Mrs. Patterson the minutes were adopted as read.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of Feb of \$150.35, receipts in March \$8.95, expenses \$14.75, balance \$144.53. Mrs. Weigand seconded this report.

The secretary was advised to write a letter of thanks to the Hotel York for their generosity in allowing us the use of kitchen and gas for our Valentine Tea free of charge.

A letter from the Red Cross was read and discussed re: donation to Red Cross campaign. Mrs. Bell made a motion and Mrs. Cave seconded, that the W.I. donate \$20.00 to this campaign. Carried.

A letter from Mr. Talbot, secretary, Canadian Cancer Society, Alberta Division, was read re: his upcoming visit here on April 26th, to hold a public meeting, showing of films and discussing the cancer campaign. After some discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Figgures, that we arrange for a meeting place. Carried. Mrs. Figgures and Mrs. MacDonald are to contact the Hotel York for their banquet room for this meeting. The secretary is to notify Mr. Talbot of arrangements made and to also write the different organizations asking them to attend this meeting in large numbers.

Mrs. Wishart spoke of a parcel sent to Mr. Tooley's sister (Mrs. Smith) in England on behalf of their Institute. Mrs. McFetridge told of all the dainty things in this parcel, at a cost of \$8.00, including postage. Mrs. Patterson moved that all bills in connection with this be paid, seconded by Mrs. Welter, carried.

Mrs. McFetridge read a letter from Mrs. McGorman acknowledging the parcel of slippers. She also read a letter from an Institute member in England, expressing thanks for the box received, the chocolate and told of how each item was distributed. She continued that she had not heard if the other box of chocolate sent at the same time was received.

Mrs. Wishart told of a book sent by Mrs. Smith on the Isle of Wight and what an interesting book that it is.

Mrs. Kowensky reported on cutting and distribution of felt slippers. Mrs. Wishart asked each member to have slippers finished for next meeting and that the three nicest be sent to the W.I. convention as exhibits. She also asked the members if they had anything to send to the conference for exhibits, pictures, etc. Mrs. Patterson sent a picture of the group and presentation of Cancer Fund cheque.

Mrs. Patterson also said that the dates of the W.I. Convention were set for May 25th, 26th and 27th at Convocation Hall, University of Alberta, and that reservations could be made for three dollars per day, including meals. Mrs. Wishart asked for the wishes of the members re: a delegate for convention. Mrs. Wilson nominated Mrs. McFarlane, Mrs. Henning nominated Mrs. Bouchor as alternate, Mrs. Figgures seconded, carried.

Mrs. Spicer asked if flowers or fruit would be sent to hospital at Easter as (?). A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Welter, that \$5.00 be given Mrs. Spicer for flowers and suggested that each member send a glass of jam or jelly. These are to be left at Mr. Soldan's store by Wednesday morning when Mrs. Spicer would pick them up. Approved unanimously.

Secretary Mrs. MacDonald read a letter from Mrs. Smith to Mrs. Wishart, thanking her very much for her kind and interesting letter. She mentioned how she missed her letters from her brother, Mr. Tooley, and also touched on many interesting items of Institute work over in England.

Mrs. Wishart welcomed our guest and invited her to become a member. She then asked Mrs. Bishop, the speaker for this meeting, for her paper. Mrs. Bishop spoke on Canadian Industry and Agriculture, reading parts from the book, "Road to Survival", giving explanations. A discussion followed. Mrs. Wishart thanked Mrs. Bishop for her talk. Mrs. Bouchor moved a vote of thanks.

Roll call was answered with garden hints. Mrs. McFetridge moved that the meeting adjourn. Mrs. Foreman and Mrs. Flanagan assisted the hostess with refreshments.

MacDonald, Sec.
GE Wishart, Pres.

May 1949 Minutes of the May meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

The monthly meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Soldan with twenty-eight members and one guest present. Meeting opened with the singing of O'Canada followed by the Institute Creed. Mrs. Wishart, President, presiding.

Minutes of the April meeting were read and adopted. The Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of March of \$144.53; receipts in April (blank); expenses (blank); balance \$120. Mrs. Henning seconded this report.

Mrs. Spicer reported of flowers and jam sent to hospital at Easter; twenty-three jars of jam and one pint honey.

Mrs. McFetridge had no report but discussed felt slippers being made from old felt hats and for the three best to be sent to the convention in Edmonton. Mrs. Bouchor is to make the choice.

Mrs. Bouchor told of distributing copies of handicraft work and hoped that many pieces would be sent to the conference.

Correspondence read. A letter to Mrs. Wishart from Mr. Tooley's sister, Mrs. Smith, who told of how she enjoyed Mrs. Wishart's letter and news from the place her brother loved so well. Also, of how England looks now with so many flowers in bloom and all the refreshing things spring brings.

A letter from Mrs. Storm re: the convention, instruction, etc.; receipt from Red Cross for \$20.00 for Red Cross drive.

Mrs. Cave read a very interesting letter from an Institute "pen pal" in England, who told of the many activities in their institute. They have forty-six members, a choir, a sewing class and other things of interest.

Mrs. Patterson spoke of the illness of one of our members in Edmonton, Mrs. Kerr. The secretary was advised to write Mrs. Kerr, expressing our wishes for her speedy recovery, to address her

letter to Millet.

She also gave a short report on Mr. Talbot's meeting here. Mrs. Wishart talked further on this meeting and the Cancer Campaign. She asked Mrs. MacDonald if she would convene it again this year as she did last. Mrs. MacDonald said she would if it was the wish of the meeting. Mrs. Patterson said we are grateful to Mrs. MacDonald to take charge of the campaign; all were agreed. Mrs. Patterson then suggested to Mrs. MacDonald that she call the different organizations for help and suggested getting the girls from the Academy to write form letters if needed. Mrs. Wishart asked Mrs. MacDonald to do this. Mrs. MacDonald asked Mrs. Kowensky if she would attend to the radio broadcasting and publicity, as last year, Mrs. Figgures if she would attend to the banking and Mrs. Soldan to help getting things organized. All the ladies kindly consented to help.

Mrs. Wishart told of a meeting she attended re: chest clinic and of Mr. Baxter's talk. The clinic would be here the end of June. She asked for volunteers to address cards for x-ray clinic. Mrs. Cave, Mrs. Welter, Mrs. Lynn and Mrs. Coyne offered to help. Mrs. Kowensky made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bell, that two dollars (\$2.00) be allocated to buy postage for X-Ray Clinic. Carried.

Mrs. Patterson made a motion, Mrs. Hnatiuk seconded, that thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) be voted for expense money for the delegate to convention. Carried.

Next meeting at Mrs. Smart's discussed. Mrs. Cave made a motion and Mrs. Lynn seconded, that we leave at seven for the meeting – to meet at the United Church corner. Carried. Mrs. Moore to make arrangements for transportation.

Mrs. Wishart introduced Mrs. Patterson, who gave a delightful review on the book “My Song in a Strange Land” by Mrs. Warner; the setting of this book is Liberia. The speaker held our keen attention throughout the whole review, always adding that touch of humour to the seemingly unreal parts. A hearty vote of thanks was voiced by all.

Roll call was answered by “my favorite book”. Mrs. Welter moved that the meeting adjourn. The dainty lunch served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Hnatiuk and Mrs. Henning, brought this interesting meeting to a close.

MacDonald, Sec.
GE Wishart, Pres.

June 1949 Minutes of the June Meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

On June 2nd five cars filled with Institute members motored to the home of Mrs. Smart at Flying Shot for their June meeting. Apart from detouring around mud holes and occasionally getting stuck the trip was most enjoyable and we all arrived in a happy mood. Twenty-five members and four guests were present. Mrs. Wishart called the meeting to order with the reciting of the Institute's Creed. The minutes of the May meeting were read and adopted.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of April of \$120.00; expenses in May \$37.00; receipts \$24.66; Balance \$87.66. Mrs. Smart seconded this report.

Mrs. MacDonald gave a report on the Cancer Campaign, giving much praise to the ladies of the I.O.D.E. for their splendid support as well as our own members. The campaign is away on a good start. Mrs. Wishart thanked Mrs. MacDonald for this report.

Mrs. Hnatiuk read a letter of thanks for the parcel received from our adopted girl in Europe.

Mrs. MacDonald reported that the Red Cross Blood Clinic would be here June 15 and 16. The billeting of nurses and other arrangements for the clinic were being attended to.

Mrs. Wishart reported that to date no further word was received from Mr. Baxter re: Chest X-Ray and that as soon as she heard from him notices would be sent out.

Moved by Mrs. Soldan and seconded by Mrs. Orchuk that a gift of chocolate or nuts be sent to the little Mulichuk girl who is ill in Edmonton. Mrs. Spicer to attend to it. \$2.50 was voted for this and carried.

Correspondence. Letter from Mrs. Kowensky in connection with the date and place of constituency conference. Card from Mrs. Miller and family acknowledging with thanks our card of sympathy on the death of their little girl. A letter from Mr. Talbot inviting any of the Institute members, when in Calgary, to visit the cancer rooms. A letter from the secretary, Cherry Point W.I., asking for information re: the qualifications necessary for a person to whom a Life Membership in the W.I. could be given. Mrs. Patterson was asked to reply. Mrs. Patterson read a letter from Dr. Hitschmanova telling of her trip to Europe and wanting to know if she could include Grande Prairie on her itinerary. After some discussion Mrs. Hnatiuk made a motion that we invite Dr. Hitschmanova to visit Grande Prairie. Mrs. Welter seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Bell moved that Mrs. Soldan be our representative at the conference in Sexsmith. Mrs. Wilson seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Wishart said that the teachers asked for the cooperation of the W.I. at the Track Meet Parade. It was decided that we decorate a car and enter it in the parade. Mrs. Hnatiuk, Mrs. Welter and Mrs. Ober offered to decorate. Mrs. Henning made a motion and Mrs. Figgures seconded that we buy paper to decorate car. Carried.

Mrs. Wishart next spoke on Sports Days. She asked for a motion on having a booth on Sports Days. Mrs. Henning made a motion that "if we are asked" we have a booth. Mrs. Orchuk seconded. Carried. Mrs. Bouchor to convene with a committee of three (Mrs. Henning, Mrs. Orchuk and Mrs. J. MacDonald).

Mrs. Patterson said that it was decided at convention that donations made by the Institutes for cancer be sent directly to the A.W.I.

Mrs. Bouchor gave a full report on the W.I. Convention, mentioning specially the lovely display of handicraft. The Shield for Handicraft went to Ft. Sask. and Scholarship to Buffalo Coulee. Mrs. Wishart thanked Mrs. Bouchor and Mrs. Bishop moved a vote of thanks.

Sept meeting discussed. A banquet to celebrate the 25th birthday decided on arrangements to be left to the Program Committee and executive. Moved by Mrs. Soldan, seconded by Mrs. Bouchor that all bills be paid. Carried.

Mrs. Patterson reminded the convenors of standing committees to get their reports to their convenor before the conference and hoped that a large crowd would attend. Entries to the handicraft were asked for. Mrs. Figgures offered to look after transportation.

Mrs. Wishart welcomed our guests with a special welcome to each one. Mrs. Bell moved that the meeting adjourn. Then we partook of the bountiful lunch prepared by our hostess, assisted by Mrs. Welter. After many good-byes we started back for home, feeling that this enjoyable evening brought our activities to an end until we meet at our banquet in Sept.

MacDonald, Sec.
GE Wishart, Pres.

Sept. 49 Sept meeting being an occasion to celebrate no business was transacted. Therefore no minutes. What a delicious banquet we had, how pretty the tables were with their lovely baskets of flowers, birthday cake and tall candles.

Letters of congratulations were read from Mrs. Stewart of Victoria who organized this institute 25 years ago and from Mrs. Morton, president of the F.W.I. Mrs. Henning acted as master of ceremonies.

Entertainment consisted of music, violin and piano duets, and solos. Each member added something to the entertainment: humorous jokes and stories, reading, skits and a report on past activities of the W.I. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King" brought this very enjoyable evening to a close.

MacDonald, Sec.
GE Wishart, Pres.

Oct 1949 Minutes of the October meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

Mrs. Ireland was hostess to the Women's Institute for their monthly meeting on Oct. 6th. Twenty-four members were present. The meeting opened with the reciting of the Institute Creed.

Minutes of the June and Sept meetings were read and adopted. Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of May of \$87.66; receipts in June and July \$1,054.47 \$964.46; expenses ~~\$881.16~~ \$875.91; balance \$88.55. Mrs. Soldan seconded this report. Reports were called for.

Mrs. Hnatiuk reported on decorating a car to be entered in the parade on Track Meet Day. Mrs. Bouchor reported on Sports Days, thanking all who helped, that \$825.65 was realized (\$425.65 expenses deducted). Mrs. Wishart thanked Mrs. Bouchor, the committee and all who helped on Sports Days, giving them much praise for a hard job well done.

Mrs. Bouchor also reported on the arena, that a meeting had been held in connection with the \$30,000 debenture and that a letter was written to the Arena Committee from the Women's Institute, assuring them of their support.

Mrs. Soldan reported on the joint farewell tea at the home of Mrs. Patterson, held for Mrs. Spicer and Mrs. Phillips, where they were presented with W.I. spoons (Mrs. Spicer 3, Mrs. Phillips 1). Mrs. Wishart asked that a snapshot taken at this tea be sent to Mrs. Spicer.

Mrs. Soldan also reported on the anniversary banquet, that 35 members were present, how pleased she was with the willingness of each member to take part in the entertainment. Mrs. Wishart moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Soldan and her committee for a very enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Soldan next gave her report on the Constituency Conference. This was a splendid report but this year we lost the cup to Rio Grande, with the small victory of one point: Rio Grande 92 Grande Prairie 91, with Mrs. Foreman getting 44 of Grande Prairie's points.

Mrs. Patterson reported on a letter she received from Dr. Hitschmanova expressing her regrets in not being able to accept our invitation to visit Grande Prairie as other arrangements were made for her. Mrs. Patterson also reported on the library. Mr. Richard MacDonald, speaking on radio publicity gave great credit to the Grande Prairie Library, that it is one of the few libraries to make use of radio publicity.

Mrs. Wishart reported that Mrs. King called on her to express her thanks for the splendid box of clothing she received. She said that the children were in need of underclothes and overshoes. Moved by Mrs. McFetridge and seconded by Mrs. Kowensky that another box of clothing be sent to Mrs. King. Carried. Mrs. Cave offered to deliver the parcel. Mrs. Wishart asked the wish of the

members on sending a food parcel to England for Christmas. Mrs. Patterson made a motion and Mrs. Thomson seconded, that \$10.00 be voted to Mrs. McFetridge to send a Christmas box to the Women's Institute in England, of which Mrs. Smith (Mr. Tooley's sister) is a member. Carried. Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. McFetridge are to attend to packing and mailing.

Correspondence read. Note and card of thanks from Mrs. Soldan and Mrs. MacDonald acknowledging cards of sympathy received. Note of thanks from Mrs. Malarchuk for parcel sent her daughter when ill in hospital in Edmonton. Mrs. McGorman and Mrs. Harris expressed belated congratulations on our 25th anniversary. Grande Prairie Nurses Club have asked members to attend a meeting on Oct 28th to organize a Hospital Auxiliary. Mr. Dickie thanked the members who assisted with the T.B. Campaign. The I.O.D.E. asked for support in the drive for funds for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. A petition sent by Mrs. McGorman in connection with sex perverts to be signed and forwarded to our local Member of Parliament; this petition was signed by all present. Mrs. Bell made a motion and Mrs. Henning seconded, that \$10.00 be voted to the Can. National Institute for the Blind. Carried.

Mrs. Wishart presented Mrs. Kerr with a baby spoon for her new baby and Mrs. Kerr very nicely thanked the ladies on behalf of her wee daughter. Mrs. Soldan moved and Mrs. Foreman seconded, that all bills be paid. Carried.

Mrs. Wishart asked for suggestions for ways and means to replenish the treasury. After many suggestions put forward the one suggestion by Mrs. Kowensky that at least \$2.00 be made available by each member as talent money, be brought to the Dec meeting. This was met by the approval of all.

Mrs. Wishart next called on Mrs. Bell, who gave a splendid paper on citizenship, telling of the many duties of the Canadian and citizenship. Mrs. Wishart thanked Mrs. Bell for this interesting paper and Mrs. Flanagan moved a vote of thanks.

Mrs. Wishart asked if a donation to the Cancer Society was to be given. Mrs. Patterson said that since the A.W.I. had a new project it would not be necessary to send the A.W.I. a cancer donation.

Photo proofs of the banquet were shown and orders taken. The W.I. is to pay for one for the album. Mrs. Bouchor to look after the album.

Mrs. Kowensky presented Mrs. Foreman with a W.I. spoon for having the highest number of points in handicraft at the conference. Mrs. Soldan moved that the meeting adjourn. Mrs. J. MacDonald will take the Nov meeting. Mrs. MacFarlane and Mrs. McFetridge assisted the hostess in serving a dainty lunch.

Lina MacDonald, Sec.
GE Wishart, Pres.

Nov. 1949. Minutes of the November meeting of the Grande Prairie Women Institute

The monthly meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. MacDonald on Nov 3rd with twenty-four members and two guests present. Mrs. Wishart, president, presiding. Meeting opened with the reciting of the Institute Creed. Minutes of the October meeting were read and one correction was made by Mrs. Wishart. The Sports Day report was amended to say that gross proceeds were \$825.65 and net receipts \$425.65. The minutes were then adopted.

The treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of Sept \$88.55; receipts in Oct \$22.00; expenses \$17.95; Balance \$86.50. Mrs. Bouchor seconded this report.

Correspondence. Letter from Mrs. Phillips expressing appreciation for kindness shown her on her departure from Grande Prairie and the gift of W.I. spoon. Copy of a letter to Mr. Talbot from Dr. Rawlinson giving an account of his interesting and educational trip to the different cancer research institutions in Canada and the United States, thanking the Calgary Cancer Society for helping to make this trip possible.

Mrs. McFetridge reported on Christmas box sent to W.I. in England, mentioning the many dainty things enclosed, \$10.00 cost. She also reported on box of clothing sent to Mrs. King. This box was filled with many useful articles of clothing for the children. A discussion followed on sending a further parcel to Mrs. King as the children needed underclothes. On a motion by Mrs. Bishop, seconded by Mrs. Cave, that underclothes be purchased for these children, was carried.

Mrs. Figgures reported on the very successful hospital auxiliary meeting; more members would be welcome. She explained the duties of the auxiliary.

Mrs. Wishart suggested that we finish up the quilt blocks on hand into a quilt to have in readiness for a needy call.

Mrs. Wishart next asked for volunteers for a nominating committee for new officers for the coming year. Mrs. Hnatiuk, Mrs. Soldan and Mrs. Weigand volunteered.

Mrs. Kowensky made a motion and Mrs. Welter seconded, that the F.W.I.C. seals be purchased by the Institute and for the members to buy some also. Carried.

Mrs. Henning made a motion that the two cents per member be sent to the C.W.W. from our institute. Mrs. Malarchuk seconded. Carried.

Some "talent money" was turned in and the other members were reminded to bring theirs to the Dec meeting. Convenors of the standing committees were also reminded to bring their reports to the next meeting. Roll call was answered with Christmas suggestions.

Mrs. Wishart introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Hambly, who took for his subject "Education in its various aspects", stressing the teaching of children to live happily among each other, developing their own personal gifts, acquiring knowledge and the development of their behaviours socially. Mrs. Wishart thanked Mr. Hambly for his very interesting talk. Mrs. MacFarlane moved a hearty vote of thanks also.

Mrs. Wishart welcomed our guests and extended an invitation to them to join our institute. Mrs. Figgures moved that the meeting adjourn. The hostess served a dainty lunch, assisted by Mrs. Orchuk and Mrs. H. MacDonald, thus bringing another interesting meeting to a close. Now I will sign the word "Finis" to five years of Institute Minutes.

Finis
MacDonald, Sec.
(Unsigned), Pres.

Dec 1949 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

On Dec 1st twenty-four members of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. D.W. Patterson for their annual meeting.

After the singing of O'Canada and repeating of the 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 \$88.55; balance at the end of Nov \$86.50. Mrs. Henning seconded this report.

Mrs. McFetridge reported that 5 prs of underwear, elastic and pr stockings were purchased for Mrs. King's family. She also read a letter from a member of a Women's Institute in England acknowledging Christmas box. Mrs. Wishart explained that the error in addressing this parcel

was corrected.

Mrs. Wishart next spoke about finishing the quilt on hand for future needs. This is to be attended to after the holidays.

Correspondence. A letter from Const. Turner to solicit the purchasing of a membership by the W.I. at the rate of \$10.00 per year and to have a representative on the board of the Film Council. A letter from the Cancer Society in connection with the presentation of the certificate of Associate Membership in the Can. Cancer Society to the Alberta Women's Institute early in the new year. The A.W.I. has been the only organization to receive this membership certificate. It was also suggested that a meeting be held at future date to discuss cancer. Next was a letter from Miss Connelly presenting her 1950 program. From I.O.D.E. in connection with Community Chest. From T.B. Association urging parents to encourage their children in writing the T.B. Essay.

A motion was made by Mrs. Soldan, seconded by Mrs. McFetridge, that our sick members be remembered by flowers and cards. A motion made by Mrs. Ward, seconded by Mrs. Kowensky, that a Christmas remembrance be sent to Mrs. Henning's daughter who is ill in Victoria. Both motions were unanimously carried.

Mrs. Patterson told of meeting Dr. Hitschmanova in Victoria and had a nice, short visit with her. She expressed her regrets in not being able to visit Grande Prairie and sent greetings.

Roll call was answered with "How I made my talent money". \$45.20 was handed to the treasurer.

Mrs. Figgures reported that there were still some pictures of the banquet to be disposed of.

Mrs. Wishart reported that a baby spoon was sent Mrs. Moore, a gift for her new baby.

Annual reports were called for. This report showed a very interesting and successful year. \$1,206.00 was realized and \$1,124.24 spent. Adopted as read and seconded by Mrs. Patterson. The treasurer gave a full itemized report on all monies made and how spent. Mrs. Bishop seconded this report.

Mrs. Bouchor reported on handicraft, of the prizes won at the Edmonton convention from this branch and the need of greater interest in handicraft. Mrs. Weigand seconded this report.

Mrs. Bishop reported on the paper given on Agriculture and Canadian Industry, stressing the need of conservation on soil and water and of the destruction of soil by erosion. Mrs. Malarchuk seconded this report.

Mrs. Kowensky reported on Radio and Publicity, speaking of several broadcasts during the year and the part that the W.I. has taken in the establishment of libraries throughout this district. The announcements of meetings, messages from the Provincial President and District Director, news of the Federated body and A.C.W.W. Mrs. Welter seconded this report.

Mrs. McFetridge reported on welfare work, of parcels sent to W.I. branches overseas and help given to the local needy. Mrs. Kowensky seconded this report.

Mrs. Kowensky made a motion and Mrs. Patterson seconded, that a small gift be sent to the little girl in France we adopted. Carried. \$2.00 was allocated for this purpose.

Mrs. Hnatiuk presented the slate of officers for 1950. Slate approved as presented. Mrs. Ward, Pres.; Mrs. N. Hnatiuk, 1st Vice; Mrs. S. Soldan, 2nd Vice; Mrs. D.W. Patterson, Sec; Mrs. A. Flanagan, Treas; Mrs. J. MacFarlane, Mrs. J. Henning and Mrs. A. Wishart, Directors. Before leaving the Chair Mrs. Wishart expressed sincere thanks to the executive and members for their splendid support and cooperation during her stay in office. Mrs. Patterson moved a vote of thanks to the retiring officers.

The new President, Mrs. Ward, took the Chair. She first dealt with the correspondence.

The letter from the Cancer Society was tabled. Mrs. Ward read parts from the T.B. Association's letter explaining its purpose, asking all parents to encourage their children in writing an essay on this dreaded disease. Regarding the letter from the Film Council Mrs. Hnatiuk made a motion

that we donate \$10.00 to the Film Council for a membership and asked Mrs. Figgures to continue as our representative on the board. Carried. Miss Connelly's letter was discussed. It was decided to write Miss Connelly, asking her to give a talk on Home Planning, with the date to be arranged for Feb.

The Program Committee was appointed. Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Bouchor and Mrs. Stoehr. Suggestions for program were asked for. Mrs. Patterson suggested that at the Feb meeting to discuss A.C.W.W. Book Review and free evening also suggested.

Mrs. Ward asked Mrs. Patterson if she would remain on the Library Board as our representative; she very kindly consented. Mrs. Bouchor also said that she would remain on the arena committee with Mrs. J. MacDonald for moral support. Mrs. Wishart was nominated by Mrs. Hnatiuk as sick committee; Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Malarchuk on Teen-Town. Mrs. Kowensky made a motion and Mrs. Henning seconded, that \$10.00 be spent for gift to patients at hospital for Christmas. Carried. It was left to the discretion of Mrs. Wishart as to what to buy. It was not deemed necessary to have a representative on the Red Cross as they have only one or two meetings a year.

Mrs. Welter moved that the meeting adjourn. The dainty lunch served by the hostess and her assistants brought the activities of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute to a successful end for 1949.

Lina MacDonald
(unsigned), Pres.

Jan 1950

Twenty W.I. members and 1 visitor gathered at the home of Mrs. A. Wishart on January 5 for the first meeting of 1950, with the new President, Mrs. Ward, in the chair. The meeting opened in the usual way. The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence included a card of thanks from Mrs. Moore for the gift of a spoon to her baby and a card from Mrs. Bell, ill in Edmonton, acknowledging a W.I. Christmas message. A letter from Whitbread W.I. England, to Mrs. Wishart, was read, expressing gratitude for our parcel, which was to be used at a party for old-age pensioners. Mrs. McFetridge reported a letter from the same W.I., enclosing a calendar with a picture of Queen Elizabeth addressing their County Rally. Of particular interest was a letter brought by Mrs. Malarchuk, received by her son Alex, from a D.P. in Kiel, Germany. Alex had put his name in the pocket of a pair of trousers, shipped with our W.I. parcels last January, and the garment was given to a member of this man's family.

The treasurer, Mrs. Flanagan, reported a balance on hand of \$112.73. Mrs. N. Swallow turned in \$2 talent money and 14 members paid annual dues.

Mrs. Bishop read a program outline prepared by her committee, which was accepted on a motion of Mrs. Soldan, seconded by Mrs. Wilson. This promises to be an interesting program year.

Mrs. Wishart reported reported chocolates sent to Alice Henning, flowers sent to Mrs. Swallow and to Mrs. Bell. Mrs. Swallow expressed her thanks to the members and Mrs. Bell relayed her gratitude through her daughter, Mrs. Coyne. Mrs. Wishart also reported having bought at a special price 1½ cases of large cans of fruit juice and 1 box Jap oranges for the hospital Christmas treat.

Mrs. McFetridge reported a parcel of small wares sent to the little French girl we adopted last winter and a parcel of toys and games to the value of \$4.87 sent the King children at Christmas time.

It was moved by Mrs. McFarlane, seconded by Mrs. Welter, that all bill be paid.
Carried.

Mrs. Bouchor, convenor of handicraft for the branch and for the constituency, gave a talk on the origins of various forms of handicraft. The history of quilting and patching extends back to caveman days when worn skins made patching a necessity. In later days, events of American history were portrayed in patch-work patterns. Catherine of Aragon introduced outline embroidery in black

and white into England; this later being adopted and greatly changed on introduction into America. Rag rugs were known to have been made in ancient Egypt. This was an interesting talk.

Mrs. Wishart displayed a lovely woolen patch-work quilt, the work of herself, Mrs. McFarlane and Mrs. Welter; to be held in readiness for an emergency.

It was moved by Mrs. Hnatiuk, seconded by Mrs. Malarchuk, that Mrs. Hugh MacDonald be reimbursed \$1 for postage and that the treasurer be given \$2 and the secretary \$4 for postage and stationery. Carried.

Mrs. Wilson moved and Mrs. McFarlane seconded, that co-hostesses be taken alphabetically after next month, Mrs. Swallow and Mrs. Kerr having volunteered for next month. White elephant was won by Mrs. Soldan.

It was moved by Mrs. Bouchor, seconded by Mrs. Kerr, that the new president and treasurer be empowered to sign cheques. Carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Welter, seconded by Mrs. Swallow, that provincial fees be paid. Carried.

The secretary drew the attention of the members to the broadcast on Jan 6 by Rev. H. Pritchard, the first in the new 1950 series of library broadcasts.

It was moved by Mrs. Soldan, seconded by Mrs. Malarchuk, that the meeting adjourn. Tea was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Wiegand.

Rose Patterson, Secy.
May Ward, Pres.

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Feb. 1950 The February meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. M.J. Swallow on Feb. 2 with president Mrs. Ward in chair and 17 present. Singing of O'Canada and reciting of the creed preceded reading of January minutes, which were adopted with one correction. The roll call – a penny for every inch of waistline – was entertaining as well as profitable, \$5.00 being netted for the treasury. The treasurer reported a balance of \$69.59.

Mrs. Henning relayed thanks from Alice for the chocolates. A very nice letter from Mrs. Bell, acknowledging flowers was read. The secretary reported the receipt of a letter from Mrs. T. Howes, publicity convenor for northern Alberta, requesting a photograph of the president for publicity purposes. Mrs. Malarchuk reported the receipt of another letter from Kiel, Germany, from the recipient of GP garments. Evidently these garments go to those in greatest need. This letter was in reply to one sent by Mrs. Malarchuk.

Mrs. Wishart reported the fine wool “emergency” quilt sent to the Dutch family at Dimsdale, whose belongings were lost in a fire. Mrs. Hnatiuk reported that several of our members had assisted the Red Cross in packing the great quantity of clothing and supplies sent this family. Mrs. McFetridge reported some surplus clothing sent to needy local family.

Mrs. Patterson gave an informal talk on the relationship between a W.I. branch and the provincial organization (A.W.I.) and from that with the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (F.W.I.C.) and the Associated Country Women of the World (A.C.W.W.). This was in accordance with the A.W.I. suggestion that February be the F.W.I.C. and A.C.W.W. month.

It was moved by Mrs. Wishart, seconded by Mrs. Bouchor, that we take \$3.50 from our waistline money and send to prov. treas. as our contribution to the Mrs. Alfred Watt Memorial Fund.

Then followed a real treat for those present, the showing of the film “Let There Be Light”, with Mrs. Figgures at the controls. This very beautiful technicolor film, on loan from Guelph Agric. College, was prepared at the time of the W.I.'s 50th birthday and portrayed, amongst other things, the colorful pageant at Guelph in 1947, depicting the history of Women's Institutes from their founding in 1897 at Stoney Creek, Ont. to their embracing of 26 countries of the world in 1947. We were pleased to note Mrs. Morton and other familiar F.W.I.C. figures taking part in the ceremony.

The secretary received \$4 for stationery and stamps. It was moved by Mrs. Cave, seconded by Mrs. Soldan, that the secretary be reimbursed for film express charges. Ten subscriptions for Home and Country were taken. White elephant was won by Mrs. Ward.

Tea was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Norman Swallow and Mrs. Kerr. The next meeting to be at Mrs. N. Swallow's home.

Rose Patterson, Secy.
May Ward, Pres.

Mar. '50.

Twenty-three members and 2 visitors gathered for the regular W.I. meeting at the home of Mrs. Norman Swallow on March 2. The president, Mrs. Ward, opened the meeting and the members repeated the creed. The secretary read the minutes, which were approved with one correction. The president then introduced Miss Cecilia Connelly, district Home Economist, who gave a very fine talk on kitchen planning and remodelling. Miss Connelly illustrated her talk with charts and plans and bulletins. Bulletins were issued to those present and members were encouraged to ask questions and to phone requests for further bulletins. This district is fortunate in having such a cooperative and well informed young Home Economist.

Business was then proceeded with. The treasurer, Mrs. Flanagan, reported a bank balance of \$77.89. Mrs. Flanagan moved and Mrs. Figgures seconded, that the report be adopted.

Carried. Mrs. Bouchor presented handicraft list for constituency conference.

Correspondence was dealt with. On motion of Mrs. Hnatiuk, seconded by Mrs. Soldan, a letter from the Society for Incurables was tabled, as individual members had been circularized by this society. Carried. A nice little note from Alice Henning was read. Mrs. Malarchuk brought the original and translation of another letter from a DP in Kiel, Germany, who has formerly received W.I. clothing. A letter from the local Red Cross was read re: representation at their meeting. Mrs. MacDonald presented a letter received by her, inviting her to the convention of the Alberta branch of Can-Cancer Soc'y in Lethbridge, in recognition of her services as convenor of '49 cancer drive. A letter from A.W.I. president, Mrs. McGorman, was read giving details of the blueprint for action, which provides that one delegate from each W.I. branch attend a "cancer school" in May to promote education in the matter of cancer controls and services available.

The president announced a surprise award, in place of the regular white elephant, would be given in April to the person best prepared for gardening. Mrs. Forman announced that Mr. J. Stranatka, Dist. Agriculturist, would give a talk in April, using colored slides.

It was moved by Mrs. Henning, seconded by Mrs. Welter, that we pay \$10 constituency fees. Carried.

The matter of a contribution during the current Boy Scout campaign was brought up. Moved by Mrs. Bishop, seconded by Mrs. Malarchuk, that we give \$5 to the Boy Scout drive. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Wishart, seconded by Mrs. Bouchor, that we give \$25 to our provincial project – the Copenhagen Fund. Mrs. Kowensky relayed greetings from Spirit Valley W.I. to our branch.

Mrs. Hnatiuk reported the attendance of herself, Mrs. Bouchor and Mrs. MacDonald at Red Cross drive organization meeting. Mrs. Hnatiuk brought receipt books and literature and asked for volunteers to canvas the business section and adjoining streets. The following volunteers: Mesdames Patterson, Kowensky, Cave, Henning, Malarchuk, J. McDonald, Forman and Bishop. Mrs. Bouchor is arranging for members to be in attendance at headquarters during drive.

The matter of a delegate to the Cancer School was discussed at some length. On motion by Mrs. Wishart, seconded by Mrs. Soldan, that Mrs. Hnatiuk be our delegate. Mrs. Hnatiuk asked that an alternate be chosen. On motion of Mrs. H. MacDonald, seconded by Mrs. Figgures, Mrs. Forman was chosen as alternate.

White elephant was won by Mrs. Malarchuk. Moved by Mrs. Cave, seconded by Mrs. Welter, that we adjourn. Tea was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bouchor and Mrs. Flanagan.

Rose Patterson, Secy.
May Ward, Pres.

April '50

Twenty-four W.I. members and one visitor met at Mrs. Kowensky's home on Apr. 6, with the president, Mrs. Ward, in the chair. The meeting opened with the creed. Minutes were read and approved. An original roll-call "Are you prepared for gardening?" was in the form of a physical contest, to determine which member would best touch the floor without bending the knees. Results were better than anticipated. Following the elimination contest, Mrs. Bouchor received the prize in the finals. The treasurer reported a bank balance of \$43.22, report being adopted on motion of Mrs. Flanagan, seconded by Mrs. Kowensky.

Mrs. McFetridge brought a letter from the matron of the Unitarian orphanage, Maison d'enfants, Sevres, France and a delightful childish painting by the recipient of our Christmas parcel,

little Michele Brilleand. Correspondence included a "thank you" receipt from central body of Boy Scouts of Alberta, a letter from Mrs. McFarlane and circular from GP municipality. Mrs. McFarlane letter resulted in a motion by Mrs. Wiegand, seconded by Mrs. Henning, that we bring Christmas cards to the May meeting, to be sent to England to be re-made for Legion charitable purpose. Carried. Re: letter from municipality regarding furnishings for Old Men's Home, Mrs. Bishop moved, Mrs. Figgures seconded, that the matter be tabled until the next meeting. Carried.

Mrs. Kowensky, constituency convenor, reported Mrs. Bouchor had been appointed in her place to attend "Blueprint for Action" as she was unable to go.

Mrs. Bouchor reported the addition of several items to the provincial handicraft list.

Mrs. McDonald gave a most interesting report on the convention in Lethbridge of the Alberta Cancer Society. \$110,000 was raised in 1949. Following Mrs. McDonald's report Grande Prairie and Peace River districts received great praise for their contributions. Provincial headquarters will henceforth be in Edmonton rather than Calgary. \$50,000 was given Dr. Butterfield for cancer research. A fine picture was passed around, displaying an enormous cheque, held by Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Vallaincourt of Peace River and 2 stenographers.

Mrs. Wishart and Mrs. McFetridge each received magazines from Mrs. G. Smith in England, which were passed around.

Mrs. Hnatiuk reported \$1,128.83 raised by W.I. canvassers in the recent Red Cross drive. Mrs. Hnatiuk, on behalf of the Red Cross, thanked the members who assisted.

Mrs. Bell moved, and Mrs. Wishart seconded, that the secretary write Mrs. W. Stewart of Victoria, former prov. Pres., a note of sympathy on the death of her husband. Carried.

Mr. J. Stranatka, Dist. Agriculturist, was then introduced by the president. The vital topic of soil conservation was the theme of Mr. Stranatka's talk and the fine color films shown. U.S. has lost through erosion 4½ times the amount Canada has planted to cereal crops. Canada has an enviable place as a seed producer, but weeds are making inroads, especially in our oats. The root of the trouble is that not enough attention is paid to simple fundamentals of agricultural practice. The provincial agricultural set up helps spread knowledge of proper farming methods. The municipalities have a board to assist farmers with all problems. Mrs. Forman moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Stranatka, seconded by Mrs. Welter. Carried.

A discussion re: money-making followed. It was finally decided on a motion by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Welter, that we hold a home-cooking sale in one of the order offices on an early Saturday, arrangements to be left to Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Hnatiuk.

Moved by Mrs. Forman that we adjourn. A social time was enjoyed over tea served by the hostess, Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Coyne.

Rose Patterson, Secy.
May Ward, Pres.

May '50

Thirty members and 3 visitors met for the May W.I. meeting May 4 at the home of Mrs. Patterson. President, Mrs. Ward, was in the chair. Following O'Canada and Creed, minutes were read and adopted. The roll call was answered by name of a European country, its capital and a custom of the country. This was quite interesting, visitors taking part. In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. Hnatiuk gave the financial report. The balance of \$50.62 from April was supplemented by \$37.27, proceeds from recent home cooking sale, a total of \$87.89. Moved by Mrs. Hnatiuk, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, that report be adopted. Carried. Mrs. Ward thanked the committee, Mrs. Wilson and

Mrs. Hnatiuk, the ladies who helped at the room, Lila McDonald for poster and members for donations for this very successful home-cooking sale.

Secretary read correspondence. A letter from Mrs. William Stewart of Victoria, replying to our note of sympathy; a request from local cancer drive committee for donation. Secretary brought to the members' notice the Royal Bank monthly letter and recent copy of Federated News. Matter of contribution to furnishing of Old People's Home, tabled from April meeting, was brought forward. After some discussion it was decided to lay the matter before constituency conference for joint action if thought advisable, on motion of Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Hnatiuk. Carried. Secretary was instructed to write municipal council to inquire what, if anything, was to be done in matter of elderly women seeking accommodation. This was done on motion of Mrs. Wishart, seconded by Mrs. Henning. Carried.

Mrs. H. McDonald spoke on cancer drive. Mrs. Hnatiuk, W.I. representative on the committee, requested canvassers for her zone. Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Orchuk volunteered. Mrs. Kowensky, constituency convenor, reported that Const. Conf. is to be held in St. Paul's Church, Grande Prairie, on Tues. June 20, morning session commencing at 10 o'clock and afternoon at 1:30. It is expected that Spirit Valley and Crooked Creek will be joint hostesses, with Grande Prairie supplying tea requisites. Mrs. A. Smart offered cream. Branch chairmen of standing committees were reminded to get full reports ready for constituency chairmen. Mrs. Bouchor, constituency handicraft convenor, reminded members to have exhibits in by June 19.

Mrs. Wishart, convenor of sick committee, reported Mrs. N. Swallow gravely ill and Mrs. Welter the mother of a new baby girl. It was also reported that Mrs. Weigand's father-in-law had passed on and that a note of sympathy had been written our treasurer on the loss of her brother. A note of acknowledgment of sympathy card was received from Mrs. Ireland.

Two matters dealt with following adjournment will be recorded at this point. Moved by Mrs. Bishop, seconded by Mrs. Bouchor that \$15 be donated to local cancer fund. Carried. Also the members declared themselves in favour of an early home-cooking sale but due to lateness of the hour, no definite action was taken.

The program on citizenship, which followed, was of particular interest. Mrs. A. Stoehr, convenor, gave a short but pithy talk on how to become a Canadian citizen. She wished that a pamphlet would be written on "How to become a good Canadian citizen." A new settler should come with an open mind and should not expect roast chicken to fly into his mouth. Many D.P.'s are not satisfied. Mrs. Stoehr read excerpts from a pamphlet giving all steps leading to full citizenship.

The guest speaker, Mrs. Kristianson, was introduced. Mrs. Kristianson, only 8 months out from Denmark spoke beautiful English, learned in early life at school in England, that was a pleasure to hear. She spoke of conditions under German occupation. Before the war Denmark was a garden of Eden, with good social welfare work. At the beginning inhabitants were fairly well treated under German rule, with conditions worsening as time went on. Finally Danish underground movement grew, led by messages received over British radio. The King became more popular. The right to think, believe and speak freely had gone. In '43 an open breach came. People were helped to flee to Sweden. Sabotage increased. In '44 all Danish policemen were arrested and sent to concentration camps. The Gestapo took over with some Danish collaborators. Mrs. Kristianson, herself, once just escaped a bullet meant for her, for her assistance to the resistance movement. A general strike in '44 lasted 4 days. After liberation, candles were lit in all windows and British flags were seen everywhere. Mrs. Kristianson passed around Danish pamphlets. Mrs. MacDonald moved, Mrs. Stoehr seconded, a very hearty note of thanks for this fascinating talk. Carried.

Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Kowensky, Mrs. Malarchuk seconded, carried. Three new members were welcomed: Mrs. Burch, Mrs. Diemert and Mrs. Palmer.

Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Figgures assisted the hostess in serving tea, while members and visitors enjoyed a social half-hour.

Roll call – a European country, its capital and a custom of its people.

June '50 On June first, W.I. members met at the United Church corner for the drive to the home of Mrs. A. Smart, for our regular meeting. There were 21 members and 1 visitor. Mrs. Ward presided over the meeting which was opened in the usual way. The minutes were read and adopted.

Correspondence was dealt with. Following a letter regarding “shut-in” Sunday, it was suggested Mrs. Wishart write a note to a former member, Mrs. Morrison. The secretary read a copy of a letter sent to Municipal Council re: Old People's Home. The reply from Mr. Bowen, Sec-Treasurer, revealed that, under the present plan of operation, no provision could be made for admission of elderly women. The matter of donation will be brought up at the Constituency Conference. A note of acknowledgment of card was received from Mrs. Flanagan. A letter from Dr. Hirschmanova was read, asking for help with European handicapped children. It was moved by Mrs. J. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. Bishop that the letter be tabled until Sept. The secretary was instructed to write Dr. Pitchman that we hope to make a donation at that time.

Mrs. Wishart reported flowers sent to Mrs. N. Swallow. Moved by Mrs. Coyne, seconded by Mrs. Malarchuk, all bills be paid, including flowers, spoon and Herald-Tribune for advertising. The treasurer, Mrs. Flanagan, reported a balance of \$86.01. Report adopted on motion of Mrs. Flanagan, seconded by Mrs. Bouchor.

Discussion followed re: booth at July 1-3 Sports Days. Mrs. Bouchor reported that the Athletic Association is willing to allow W.I. 60% of net proceeds. With this unexpected offer it was decided on a motion of Mrs. Hnatiuk, seconded by Mrs. Welter, that we operate a booth. The following agreed to act on committee: Mesdames Hnatiuk, Bouchor, Orchuk, J. McDonald and Cave. Moved by Mrs. Wishart, seconded by Mrs. Weigand, that every member be responsible for two pies – ½ of members donating on Saturday and the remainder on Monday; pies to be left at home of Mrs. Hnatiuk.

Pamela Frances Welter, present at her first W.I. meeting, was presented by Mrs. Ward with a silver spoon in honor of the occasion.

It was moved by Mrs. Henning, seconded by Mrs. Orchuk, that we contribute \$25 to the A.W.I. fund for Manitoba flood relief. Moved by Mrs. Bouchor, seconded by Mrs. Cave, that we pack a box of clothing for the same cause – deadline June 10. Mrs. Cave offered to pick up clothing for those who have no car. Freight bill was authorized to be paid, on motion of Mrs. Malarchuk and Mrs. Bell.

Secretary reported used Christmas cards shipped to England at a cost of 37¢. In the absence of constituency convenor, Mrs. Kowensky, the secretary presented plans for Constituency Conference to be held in St. Paul's basement Tues. June 20. Grande Prairie members were asked to assist in preparation of handicraft and tea. The following ladies offered to assist at one or both: Mesdames Wishart, Henning, Moore, Ward, Flanagan, Forman and Bishop. Mrs. Bell was chosen as conference delegate, with Mrs. Forman as alternate.

It was moved by Mrs. Bell, seconded by Wilson, that we vote \$10 to Mrs. Hnatiuk, our Health Institute delegate, for out-of-pocket expenses.

Mrs. Hnatiuk gave her report on the Health Institute at U of A in Edmonton. It was an unforgettable experience, with so many valuable lectures and demonstrations crowded into the course, that time permitted only the telling of program highlights. This was done in a most vivid manner. Meetings will be organized later for detailed presentation of knowledge gleaned at the Health Institute. A lively discussion followed Mrs. Hnatiuk's report. Mrs. O. Bouchor, who represented Mrs. Kowensky

at the cancer school, contributed to the discussion.

Then followed a short enjoyable sing-song of numbers used at the Health Institute, with orchestral accompaniment with Mrs. Cave, first violin and Mrs. Bishop on the kazoo.

Moved by Mrs. Cave, seconded by Mrs. Moore, that we adjourn. Carried. Then followed a social period, during which Mrs. Smart and Mrs. Welter served strawberry short-cake and other delicious food. This visit to the home of our one county member was a real treat.

Rose Patterson, Secy.
May Ward, Pres.

Sept '50

Mrs. Ireland was hostess for the September meeting of the Grande Prairie W.I. on Sept. 7. Mrs. Ward presided and 22 members were present. O'Canada, followed by the creed, opened the meeting. The secretary read the minutes of the June meeting, which were approved. The treasurer reported a balance of \$257.28.

The secretary read the correspondence which included and acknowledgment from England of used Christmas cards, a letter from Dr. Hitschmanova's secretary, one from Mrs. Lefsrud, A.W.I. vice-pres acknowledging clothing parcel and a card of thanks from Rita Malarchuk.

It was moved by Mrs. Weigand, seconded by Mrs. Welter, that we adopt a handicapped European orphan for 3 months. Carried. If possible, we would like little Michele.

It was moved by Mrs. Bouchor, seconded by Mrs. Henning, that \$25 be given the constituency fund towards furnishing a unit in the Old People's Home. Carried.

Mrs. Ward stated that the S.A. officials had approached her re: the W.I. taking on the Red Shield campaign. After a short discussion Mrs. Bishop moved, with Mrs. Cave seconding, that we do not undertake this work.

Mrs. Wishart reported flowers sent to Mr. Hnatiuk following his accident July 1; corsages presented presiding officers and guests at W.I. conference and chocolates for Rita Malarchuk.

The secretary reported Mrs. McGorman had bought an evening bag with gift from constituency conference. Also that Mrs. McGorman and Mrs. Harris had enjoyed the conference.

Mrs. Kowensky reported the new W.I. broadcast time of 11:45 – 12 on second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Since Canadian Utilities has a new transcribed program, CFGP is giving this free unsponsored time to Women's Institute. On motion of Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. J. McDonald, the secretary was instructed to express to CFGP the thanks of the G.P.W.I.

Mrs. Wishart thoughtfully brought clippings with photographs and report of the activities of the Canadian W.I. delegation on ship-board en route to Copenhagen. The secretary read the account.

Mrs. Hnatiuk, fresh from her day's work at the Blood Donor Clinic, gave a report on the July 1-3 booth. Mrs. Hnatiuk thanked her committee, Mrs. Orchuk for cleaning booth and running car, Mr. Cave for use of truck and taking out stove, Father Crear for extra stove, the academy for dishes, Mr. Fleming for donating eggs for salad, Mr. Bliss for making coffee, Mrs. Wilson for making salad and all members who worked so well – not forgetting Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Welter who took care of Mrs. Hnatiuk's children. \$217 was realized from the booth. Mrs. Welter proposed a very healthy note of thanks to Mrs. Hnatiuk and her committee for their heavy task of managing the booth. This carried unanimously. Mrs. Hnatiuk also expressed her husband's thanks for the flowers received.

Mrs. Hnatiuk read the proposed itinerary of Mr. Talbot, Cancer Society secretary, at end of September. On motion of Mrs. Hnatiuk, seconded by Mrs. Welter, it was decided to ask Mr. Talbot

to hold a meeting in Grande Prairie.

Mrs. Cave and Mrs. Henning reported on the 3 boxes of clothing packed in June, which included some new underwear, stockings and clothing as well as good used clothing.

Mrs. Bouchor, constituency handicraft convenor, asked for suggestions for revising the handicraft list. Much discussion followed. Finally, on a motion of Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Soldan, the following recommendations were presented to Mrs. Bouchor.

- (1) Handicraft list be simplified.
- (2) 100 copies of prize list and rules be procured and distributed.
- (3) The time limit of making articles be eliminated – but article must not previously have won prize at constituency conference.
- (4) That the Grande Prairie W.I. approve the new ruling of having all handicraft in 3 days previous to conference

Moved by Mrs. Bouchor, seconded by Mrs. Kowensky, that we adjourn. Carried.
Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Henning and Mrs. Forman.

Rose Patterson, Secy.
May Ward, Pres.

Oct. 1950 Twenty-one members and 2 visitors met at the home of Mrs. S. Soldan on Oct. 5, with Mrs. Ward, president, in the chair. O'Canada was followed by the creed. The secretary read the minutes of the September meeting, which were approved. The treasurer, Mrs. Flanagan, reported a balance of \$192.13, which report she moved for adoption, seconded by Mrs. Orchuk. Carried.

The secretary reported a letter from Dr. Hitschmanova, expressing deep gratitude for the adoption of little Michele, enclosing a photo of the child. Mrs. Flanagan received a circular letter from Dr. H. giving an account of the dire need in Greece and other European countries. After some discussion it was moved by Mrs. Thomson, seconded by Mrs. Wishart that each member bring a diaper for November roll call. Move by Mrs. Hnatiuk, seconded by Mrs. Kowensky, that we buy infant nightgowns for overseas shipment. Carried. Mrs. McFetridge very kindly offered to make a dozen nightgowns available at wholesale price. Moved by Mrs. Bishop, seconded by Mrs. Bell, that this offer be gratefully accepted. Carried.

Mrs. Kowensky gave one or two highlights from her recent W.I. broadcast. Mrs. Morton is now a V.P. of A.C.W.W. Our delegates were royally entertained by English and Scottish organizations. As constituency convenor, Mrs. Kowensky also reported \$91 donated to date by W.I.'s for Eventide Home unit.

Mrs. Coyne reported an appeal from IODE for 2 W.I. canvassers to assist in their N.I.B. appeal. It was moved by Mrs. Wishart, seconded by Mrs. McFetridge that we provide 2 canvassers. Carried. Mrs. McFetridge and Mrs. Weigand kindly volunteered.

Mrs. Smart then produced a lovely iced, 3 layer Christmas cake, her own voluntary gift, to be raffled by W.I. Some members thought such a large cake should make 2 prizes, so Mrs. Henning moved, Mrs. Bishop seconded, that the cake be divided. Carried. Mrs. Henning volunteered to spread icing where cake is divided if this is needed. Mrs. Soldan offered to display cake in their fine show window. Moved by Mrs. McFetridge, seconded by Mrs. Hnatiuk, that Mrs. Henning, Mrs. Bouchor and Mrs. Soldan comprise a committee to make necessary arrangements for cake raffle. Moved by Mrs. Weigand, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, that a hearty vote of thanks be given Mrs. Smart. Carried.

Roll call "I just read that _____" proved most entertaining.

The guest speaker, Mrs. A.M. Carlisle, was then introduced by the president, and everyone listened with deep attention while Mrs. Carlisle reviewed the book "Escape to Live" by Wing Comm. Ed Howell, OBE, WFC. This book concerns the physical and spiritual escape of the author from a P.O.W. hospital in Greece and is very thought-provoking. Mrs. Bell moved a sincere vote of thanks to Mrs. Carlisle, which was unanimously carried.

Mrs. Bouchor won the White Elephant. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Hnatiuk and Mrs. Lynn.

Rose Patterson, Secy.
May Ward, Pres.

November '50

Members of G.P.W.I met on Nov 2 at the home of Mrs. J. McDonald, with 17 members and 2 visitors present, Mrs. Ward in the chair. In the absence of Mrs. Flanagan, the secretary read the treasurer's report, bank balance amounting to \$195.24. Mrs. Ward commented on the lovely poster, made by Margaret Wilson, on display in G.P. Hardware window, advertising fruit cake raffle. Moved by Mrs. Kowensky, seconded by Mrs. Henning, that a small box of candy be given Margaret, as a small token of our appreciation; Mrs. Ward to purchase same. Mrs. Ward thanked the committee in charge of raffle for work done so far. Mrs. Wiegand reported that she and Mrs. McFetridge were responsible for turning over \$41.80 to the C.N.I.B. campaign.

Correspondence. A long letter from Dr. Hitschmanova, letting know of need in Greece and rewarding work done by Unitarian Services in Europe, was read. A picture of Michele, out little orphan, was passed around. A letter from Miss Pat Seldon, Dist. H.E., was read regarding demonstrations and lectures. Moved by Mrs. Wiegand, seconded by Mrs. Welter, that the matter be left to program committee and that Miss Seldon be notified. Carried.

Mrs. McFarlane brought blocks for 2 quilts, beautifully done by herself. Mrs. Wishart and Mrs. Henning volunteered to buy material for backs and to arrange for quilting on week of Nov 20. Mrs. Welter moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. McFarlane. The applause of the members revealed their deep appreciation.

Mrs. Patterson reported having "sat in" on Library Board meeting as W.I. representative. The radio committee will function again this winter. A report on film committee was received indirectly from Mrs. Figgures – nothing of interest to report at the moment.

Mrs. Wishart reported a spray sent to the funeral of the late Mrs. Morrison, a former secretary and faithful member of our institute. Mrs. Wishart also told of flowers sent Mrs. Lorne Harris, our director, to express our sympathy in the tragic death of her husband. (An acknowledgment was received the day after the meeting).

Mrs. Bishop reported Teen-Town work barely started for the fall. Mrs. McFetridge brought 1 dozen infant nighties in individual cellophane wrapping, bought at wholesale price for our overseas shipment; cost only \$5.75. Mrs. Bishop moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. McFetridge, which also brought a round of applause.

Mrs. Kowensky reported the closing of the Winnipeg depot, this information having been received from Mrs. McGorman. Moved by Mrs. Wiegand, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, that secretary write Dr. H. inquiring where they may be sent.

Raffle tickets beautifully made by the Sisters at St. Joseph's business school, were passed out, all money and stubs to be in by next meeting.

Moved by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Malarchuk, that all bills be paid. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Cave, seconded by Mrs. J. McDonald, that Mrs. McFetridge be given \$2.50 for a Christmas parcel for little Michele. Carried.

Mrs. Kowensky reported as Constituency Convenor, on her visit to the enthusiastic Girls Club at Lymburn.

Mrs. G. Bishop then gave a very interesting paper on the work of the United Nations, part of which was prepared by Mrs. T.H. Howes of Millet and the remainder by Mrs. Bishop. This talk, following closely on United Nations Day, gave a comprehensive picture of all agencies under the U.N. working for the good of mankind.

President called for volunteers for Nominating Committee, resulting in Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Cave and Mrs. Patterson constituting the committee.

Refreshments were served by the hostess, with assistance from Mrs. Malarchuk and Mrs. Moore, which brought an interesting evening to a close. Roll call resulted in at least one and in many cases, more, colored flannelette diapers and some other layette from each member.

Rose Patterson, Secy.
May Ward, Pres.

December, 1950

The annual meeting and Christmas party of the G.P.W.I. was held on Dec. 7 at the home of Mrs. Patterson, with 29 members and 3 visitors present. Mrs. Ward was in the chair. Meeting opened with O'Canada and the creed. November minutes were read and approved. The treasurer reported a bank balance of \$183.74.

A letter from the secretary of the Red Shield asking for help in their campaign was read. Since this letter was received too late for any action, the secretary was asked to explain in acknowledgment. Moved by Mrs. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Bouchor, that we give \$10 to the campaign. Carried.

Correspondence included a nice note of thanks from Margaret Wilson, a letter from Mrs. McGorman regarding diapers, etc., a note of thanks and explanation from Dr. Hitschmanova's secretary and a letter of thanks from the provincial executive office of the CNIB for our part in assisting in their drive.

Mrs. Wishart reported 2 quilts made up by her committee, lining being purchased at a cost of \$4. Moved by Mrs. Soldan, seconded by Mrs. Kowensky, that this be paid. One quilt was sent immediately to burned out W.I. member at Lymburn.

Mrs. Henning reported on the parcel packed by herself and sent by Mrs. McFetridge to wit: 1 shawl, 1 cot spread, 1 cot quilt, 1 blanket, sox, bootees, soap, wash cloths and 25 diapers for overseas babies. Mrs. McFetridge reported a nice parcel sent our orphan, Michele. Express bill on diaper parcel was \$1.70.

Mrs. Bishop brought forward a bill for \$1.16 for party expenses and a bill for \$1.50 was presented by Mrs. Bouchor. Moved by Mrs. Bouchor, seconded by Mrs. Wiegand, all bills be paid. Carried.

Roll call, "What I want for Christmas", produced some surprises.

Mrs. Ward then declared the annual meeting open and called for reports. The secretary gave a brief resumé of a very successful year's work; membership 37, 10 meetings held, attendance of 25.

Treasurer reported \$1,012.99 raised during the year, with a bank balance Nov. 30 of \$183.74. Mrs. Soldan followed with the auditors' report, certifying books correct.

Mrs. Wishart, for the sick and flower committee, on the number of flowers, cards and treats sent during the year.

Mrs. Forman, for Ag and Can. Industry, gave an account of a full program at the April meeting. Mrs. Stoehr, for citizenship, reported a film, 4 talks and a book review coming under the department.

Mrs. Bouchor reported 2 talks on handicraft and Home Ec. and the winning the constituency spoon by Mrs. Welter and the cup by Grande Prairie.

Mrs. Kowensky reported 13 broadcasts, first under sponsorship of Canadian Utilities, then of CFIGP, now giving 2 periods a month; also of monthly reports in H.T.

Mrs. McFetridge, for Social Welfare and Social Services, had a great deal to report of both local and overseas parcels, that made us realize just how much we had done for those in need here and abroad. Mrs. M. Swallow seconded the moving of all reports. Carried.

Mrs. Cave presented the report of the nominating committee. Moved by Mrs. Soldan, seconded by Mrs. Bouchor, that the slate be accepted. Carried.

Mrs. Hnatiuk moved, Mrs. Kowensky seconded, that a very hearty vote of thanks be given the retiring president, Mrs. Ward and convenor of Social Welfare, Mrs. McFetridge, for their excellent work during the year. Both Mrs. Ward and Mrs. McFetridge have held positions during the year and are much to be commended. This vote was carried enthusiastically.

Mrs. Wilson moved, seconded by Mrs. Wishart, that \$10 be given for hospital treats. Carried.

Mrs. Wishart, feeling unable to continue as sick and flower convenor, it was moved by Mrs. McFetridge, seconded by Mrs. Cave, that Mrs. Orchuk act as a committee of one. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Bell, seconded by Mrs. J. McDonald, that the 1951 program committee consist of Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Forman and a new member, Mrs. Borstad. Carried.

Mrs. Bouchor asked for volunteers from W.I. to assist in hospital sewing. A number of members volunteered to act when called upon, under the convenorship of Mrs. Wilson.

Moved by Mrs. Soldan, seconded by Mrs. Kerr, that a letter of appreciation be written Sr. M.L. Florian for kindly preparing fruit cake raffle tickets. Tickets, stubs and money were handed in to Mrs. Bouchor and arrangements were made for the draw.

The meeting was then turned over to the program committee, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Bouchor and Mrs. Stoehr. A highly entertaining program of contests, singing and the appearance of Santa Claus with his gift sack followed. The committee and Mrs. Santa Henning Claus are to be congratulated. Prize winners were Mrs. Ward and Mrs. McFarlane.

At a late hour refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. McFarlane, Mrs. H. MacDonald, Mrs. M. Swallow, Mrs. Stoehr and Mrs. Orchuk.

Following is the list of officers and convenors of standing committees for 1951:

1951 Officers

President – Mrs. N. Hnatiuk
1st Vice-President – Mrs. Bishop
2nd Vice-President – Mrs. Soldan
Secretary – Mrs. Patterson
Treasurer – Mrs. Flanagan
Directors – Mrs. Wishart, Mrs. McFarlane, Mrs. Henning

Convenors of Standing Committees

Agriculture and Canadian Industry – Mrs. Forman
Citizenship – Mrs. Stoehr
House Economics – Mrs. Bouchor
Radio and Publicity – Mrs. Kowensky
Social Welfare – Mrs. Cave
Auditors – Mrs. Soldan, Mrs. Moore
Flowers and Sick – Mrs. Orchuk

Rose Patterson, Secy.
(unsigned), Pres.

N.B. Pres. - Bell / Yardley's soap to Alice Henning
Ward \ cologne (flowers to Wiegand?)

Program – moved – Forman
seconded – McFetridge} accepted carried

Mrs. Bouchor – remembrance to boys in Korea
Discussion. greetings.

Wilson / minute book be bought
Coyne \

Welter / send for creeds. Carried
Bouchor \

Mrs. Bouchor - received handicraft list
– will have x dozen typed. Mrs. Welter, Mrs. Kerr & Mrs. Hnatiuk

Wilson \ Letter of appreciation sent Mrs. Smart - \$74 Carried
Bell /

music
Wiegand McFetridge served

O'Canada Creed Minutes \$74 cake raffle

Balance \$242.43 - seconded Mrs. Welter Carried

Correspondence – Mrs. Seldon
Mrs. McGorman

Discussion Mrs. Bouchor / \$25 to A.W.I. fund
Mrs. Cave \

Life membership / Bell In favour of establishing A.W.I. Life Membership Carried

Members at Large \ Welter
 / Ward Carried
 \ Wilson

Dr. Hitschmanova Thanks
 Excerpts from grateful Greek mothers and hospital officials

Film Council – Mrs. Forman

Library – Mrs. Patterson

New schedule broadcasting ½ hr every Friday – Jan. 19

Mrs. Cave reported quilt sent family at Clairmont – burned out

Mrs. Wishart sent word that we might make blocks and she would help put them together

Mrs. Hnatiuk reports having seen the Delaney family

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