

Secretary's Book,
Grande Prairie W.I.
Dec./41

December

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

The minutes were read and after a slight correction, were approved. The Treasurer was then asked for her report which showed our balance as \$126.73. Mrs. Swallow moved adoption which was seconded by Mrs. Card. Mrs. Tracy moved, sec. by Mrs. Patterson that Mrs. Kowensky be repaid the 56¢ postage on the second ditty bag.

The president then called for annual reports from various conveners.

Mrs. Swallow first gave the Treasurer's report showing total years receipts to be \$539.¹⁶ and expenditures \$406.³⁶ leaving us a cash balance of \$132.⁸⁰. Mrs. Swallow moved the adoption of her report.

Mrs. Sharpe reported on Canadianization and immigration referring to the address given by Mrs. Carlisle from the book "Canadian Mosaic", and moved to adoption of her report.

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

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

Educational report given by Mrs. Harris showed that field had not been over looked – two meetings have been devoted to educational topics. Adoption of which was moved by Mrs. Harris.

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

Publicity report of Mrs. Hnatiuk gave her no opportunity except to say she had carefully done her work through the year. She then moved the adoption of this report.

Mrs. Sharpe reporting for the waiting room, 67 patients for the year, from widely separated points. She suggested placing literature from the Baby Clinic in the W. room for mothers to take home. Adoption of this report moved by Mrs. Sharpe.

Mrs. Peebles mentioned the gifts to the hospital during the year of flowers and fruit and offered her service in selection of gifts this year.

The library report by Mrs. Charters showed total books 610, total receipts 34.05 – total expend. 34.05 – balance 18.07. monthly circulation 100. She then moved adoption of this report.

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

The secretary then read her annual report and moved it's adoption.

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

Mrs. Scarth expressed appreciation of the executive, directors and members for their year's work. She concluded her remarks with a short article entitled "The Farmer's Wife has Time for Everything", greatly enjoyed by all. Mrs. Scarth also expressed appreciation of the Herald Tribune, C.F.G.P., Telephone Staff and Canadian Utilities.

Mrs. Patterson, as Vice-President, expressed appreciation of our splendid year's work under Mrs. Scarth's capable and entertaining leadership. The adoption of all reports seconded by Mrs. Spicer.

New Business included report on Rink question. The Town having taken action for better supervision.

Mrs. Scarth called for a report of Library committee. Mrs. Charters explained the

success met with when approaching the Town Council, told of entire work of library to date, and said they now had the petition ready to be signed by rate payers to make it a town library.

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

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

Mrs. Sharpe suggested need of toys for children at hospital. Moved by Mrs. Hillman sec. by Mrs. McDonald we give \$5.⁰⁰ to buy toys, to remain hospital property. Com. to buy composed of Mrs. Hnatiuk, Mrs. Spicer, Mrs. Sharpe.

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

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

Mrs. Hnatiuk moved a note of thanks to the executive of last year. Sec. by Mrs. Sharpe.

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

Meeting adjourned on motion by Mrs. Card. Surprise won by Mrs. Harris brought 70¢. Tea money brought \$1.95.

Doris M. Harris Sec.
Lorna Scarth (signed) Pres.

January 8

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

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

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

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

Mrs. O'Brien reported for the Red Cross, expressed thanks to the faithful workers who assist in packing, cutting etc. She also gave an impressive list of finished garments, shipped in the past two months.

Mrs. Charters' library report showed balance of 13.36 – mentioned progress of petition to rate payers and coming vote. Mrs. Scarth expressed appreciation of Mrs. Charters' year's work.

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

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

Mrs. Patterson reported the case of a child at Valhalla who has lost his hearing through accident. It was decided to keep in mind Dr. Levy's next visit and meanwhile to enquire of him the cost of an examination for the child and the possibilities of institutional care in case of continued deafness. Also to write Mrs. Brekke re: possibilities of the child being brought to G. Prairie for examination.

The President brought up the matter of further contribution to Merchant Marine and on motion of Mrs. O'Brien sec. Mrs. Swanston we were to send a further amount of \$80.⁰⁰.

After a vote on motion of Wishart sec. by Charters it was decided to ~~drop~~ discontinue the War S. Stamp surprise packet for the present.

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

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

On motion of Mrs. Wilson, meeting adjourned (tea money brought 1.90), tea was then served by our hostess assisted by Mrs. Blair.

Doris M. Harris Sec.
Lorna Scarth Pres. (signed)

Feb. 5/42.

The regular meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Kowensky, Thurs. Feb. 5th.

The members joined in singing O'Canada followed by repeating the creed. Mrs. Scarth then called for minutes of previous meeting which were read and approved. Mrs. Swallow's Treasurer's report showed a balance of 73.67. This report sec. by Mrs. Wilson.

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

Mrs. Scarth reporting on library work stated a balance on hand of 16⁰⁰ and reminded us of the vote to be taken. Committees were formed to telephone rate payers to urge them to use their vote.

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

Motion to pay all bills made by Mrs. Kowensky, sec. by Mrs. Tracy.

After some discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Hnatiuk, Sec. by Mrs. Swallow, that we make a knitted afghan in blocks of 10" x 5".

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

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

Miss Dorothy Patterson, accompanied by Miss Elwood, delighted us with a solo of "The White Cliffs of Dover". Mr. A.M. Reid, guest speaker, was then introduced and we were treated to an address on Persia. This was an account of his trip to Persia and many personal experiences, also insight into the native way of life and religion. The enthusiastic applause of those present showed how the members appreciated Mr. Reid's address. In thanking Mr. Reid, Mrs. Scarth said we might all wish to ask questions which he kindly offered to answer and a pleasant discussion followed. On motion of Mrs. Wilson we adjourned. Tea money 1.50. Tea was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Akin. There were present 18 and 5 visitors.

Doris M. Harris Sec.
Pres: Lorna Scarth (signed)

Mar. 5 The regular W.I. meeting came to order at eight o'clock Thurs. Mar. 5 at the home of Mrs. Carroll, with a repetition of the creed, the Pres. Mrs. Scarth presiding. There were present 19 members and 2 visitors. The minutes were read and approved. The Treas. report given by Mrs. Swallow showed our finances rather low at a balance of 66.57, Mrs. Swallow moved the adoption of her report Sec. by Mrs. Lawlor.

Mrs. Scarth said a word of welcome to visitors and new members. Correspondence followed – letter of thanks for plant from Mrs. Card & a circular re: sugar rationing urging co-operation of all women. Letter to be written to Mr. M.M. O'Brien re: deaf child's education.

Mrs. Scarth asked for member's names who wished to donate further magazines to rural schools. Mrs. Wishart reported on afghan and a com. was formed to meet and crochet round the blocks on March 16 at Mrs. Harris's home. Mrs. O'Brien offered wool donated to the R. Cross by Mrs. Bird to put afghan together.

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

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

Mrs. Sharpe sent a brief report of waiting room, showing 11 patients in Jan & Feb.

Moved by Mrs. Wilson sec. Mrs. Kowensky the Sec. be given 2.00 stamp money. Suggested by Mrs Patterson, a letter of sympathy be sent Mrs. I. Nelson.

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

Mrs. Scarth called on Miss Natalie Miller who really excelled her usual lovely reading in giving "Benefits Forgot", which delighted all present as well as being most thought provoking and applause showed our appreciation.

Mrs. Scarth then called on Dr. Little, our guest speaker who spoke on parasites which attack the human race. We were warned of possible increase in formerly rare diseases due to rapid transportation between lands. In our home field we were warned of need of thorough cooking of all meats and more than careful cleaning needed before eating raw vegetables.

Mrs. Scarth thanked Dr. Little whose address was interesting to all.

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

Later a motion of Mrs. O'Brien sec. by Mrs. Yule, requested a letter sent to council re: the raise in price of ice and information as to cleanliness of tanks and those in charge.

Doris M. Harris Sec.
Pres: Lorna Scarth (signed)

April 2, 1942

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

The minutes were adopted as read.

The treasurer, Mrs. Swallow, in her report showed a balance on hand of 86.52. Mrs. Swallow moved and Mrs. Card seconded the adoption of this report. Carried.

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

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

The president gave us Mrs. Harris's report on the ice and water question. She had interviewed Mr. Croken and thought he would see need for more cleanliness in handling. He has received permission from the Price Control Board to raise the price of ice to 30 cents per block but no further. The matter is also to be brought up at the next council meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Scarth had been approached by Mrs. Harper regarding opening homes to the soldiers in camp. A paper was passed around to be signed by anyone who was interested.

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

signatures.

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

Tea was then served by Mesdames Card, Lawlor, Henning, Spicer and the hostess, Mrs. Patterson.

Helen Tracy – Sec'y pro tem
Pres.: Lorna Scarth (signed)

May 7/42

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

The minutes were read and adopted. Mrs. Flanagan had completed the navy mitts and Mrs. McIntyre the helmet. Mrs. Scarth thanked these ladies for this work. Mrs. Hnatiuk volunteered to do next month's article – seaman's socks.

Mrs. Swallow moved the adoption of her report showing a balance of 109.37 sec. by Mrs. Kowensky. Carried.

Re: the matter of the price of ice. Mrs. Sharpe moved, sec. by Mrs. Tracy, that Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Blair interview the health committee of council re: cleanliness and leakage of tanks.

A letter from A.C.W.W. requested a penny a member in their Million Friends drive. Moved by Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, this amount be taken from our funds and names listed by the Treas. Carried.

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Wishart suggested making a sailor's quilt of sock tops. Moved by Mrs. Hillman, sec. Mrs. Patterson we begin a sailor's quilt.

Mrs. Hnatiuk spoke on handicrafts, reading from a list of classes of work and urged all members to enter at least one article of hand work at Const. conference at Sexsmith.

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

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

Mrs. Scarth offered her home for June meeting.

Mrs. Mensinger moved the meeting adjourn. Quartette unable to attend – will later.

Since Mr. Sissons was unable to be present Mrs. Scarth had asked Mrs. Andrews to show her films on modern dance. This she did explaining its beginning and progress to date. Her talk and films was enjoyed by all. Tea was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Hnatiuk and Mrs. Flanagan. Tea money brought 2.20.

Doris M. Harris, Sec.
Pres.: Lorna Scarth (signed)

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

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

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

Mrs. Sharpe reported for the Waiting Room – no place has yet been found for this service. On motion of Mrs. O'Brien, sec. Mrs. Wishart, the ad was to be put in Herald-Tribune again.

Re: the case of Larry Loberg Mrs. Scarth reported, thanking Dr. Levy for his services and unfortunately reporting lack of his being able to help Larry's hearing. The secretary was requested to write Dr. Levy expressing our thanks for his help.

Red Cross report given by Mrs. O'Brien showed an impressive list of finished garments shipped. It was mentioned that all knitters should gauge size of wool & stitches – so the finished garment would be a right size. Adoption move by Mrs. O'Brien, sec. Mrs. Swallow.

Mrs. Wishart, as convener of War Work, displayed the beginning of a sailors quilt of sock tops & suggested two committees to function during summer to complete other quilts. Mrs. Wishart also suggested buying wool for Navy League garments in larger quantities. Move by Mrs. O'Brien – Mrs. Wishart be authorized to buy this wool as she saw fit. Sec. by Mrs. Card. Mrs. Scarth offered to do the knitted garment for June. Mrs. Kowensky & Mrs. Wishart were to convene two groups for quilts. At this point Mrs. Scarth took over the meeting.

Welfare work was reported by Mrs. MacDonald. She asked for garments, utensils, etc for a family at Hythe who suffered complete loss of home through fire. She also reported a request from hospital for children's picture books. Moved by Mrs. Harris, sec. Mrs. MacDonald that Mrs. Blair convener of child welfare be given \$2.00 to purchase some new ones & collect others from members. The correspondence included another letter of appreciation of magazines sent to country schools. A letter from Mrs. Williams const. convener asked us to appoint a judge for const. conference handicraft. Mrs. J. Thompson was our choice, on a motion of Mrs. Sharpe, sec. by Mrs. Tracy, if she would act.

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

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

Mrs. Sanger-Davies then gave a second reading, also ~~from~~ by Pauline Johnson entitled "Lady Lorgnette".

Mrs. O'Brien suggested all would like to hear "Big Steamers" by Rudyard Kipling which Mrs. S-Davies had given years before. She was able to give the reading in full after many years without reading the poem. Everyone appreciated its timely message and Mrs. S-Davies' good humour and generosity.

Mrs. Card moved we adjourn. Tea money brought 1.80. Tea was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Hillman and Mrs. Harris.

Doris M. Harris, Sec.
Lorna Scarth, Pres.

Sept. 3, 1942

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Various other bills were presented. Moved by Mrs. Kowensky, seconded by Mrs. Wilson that all bills be paid. Carried.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

During the meeting those present worked on quilt squares.

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

Mrs. Flanagan moved the adjournment.

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

Helen Tracy, Sec.
Lorna Scarth, Pres.

Oct. 1, 1942.

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Swallow read an acknowledgment of our \$25 contribution to the jam-for-Britain fund.

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

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

Mrs. Blair reported on the Child Welfare Clinic.

Mrs. McDonald reported on community welfare.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~Mrs. Flanagan~~

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

Mrs. Flanagan moved the adjournment.

Tea was then served by Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Mensinger assisted by Mrs. Lawlor and the hostess, Mrs. Swallow.

Helen Tracy - Sec'y
Lorna Scarth - Pres.

Nov. 5, 1942.

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

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

~~It was moved by Mrs. Swallow, seconded by Mrs. Wilson that~~ The adoption of the financial report showing a balance of ~~\$69 and some cents~~ \$70.22 was moved by Mrs. Swallow and seconded by Mrs. Wilson. Carried.

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

Moved by Mrs. Hnatiuk, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien that the surplus money (a little over \$1) collected since the money had been given to the Red Cross should be used to get a little gift for Mrs. Neufeld showing our appreciation for her help the day of the tea. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Sharpe, carried by Mrs. Mensinger that all bills be paid. Carried.

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

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

Mrs. O'Brien reported on Red Cross, Mrs. Tracy on leather collection and Mrs. Scarth on the tea for Mrs. Card.

Four letters of appreciation of magazines were read.

Mrs. Hnatiuk agreed to be our representative on the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

Mrs. O'Brien brought up the matter of having the rent commission brought to town.

Moved by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. Swallow that Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Tracy be delegated to find out the proper procedure and act on it.

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

Mrs. Wishart offered her home for the December meeting.

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

This was followed by a paper on "Women, West and East" by Mrs. Crane-Williams.

Mrs. Swanston moved that the meeting adjourn.

Mrs. Proctor assisted Mrs. Hillman in serving lunch.

Helen Tracy, Sec'y.
Lorna Scarth, Pres.

Dec. 3, 1942.

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

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

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

Mrs. Swallow then moved the adoption of her monthly financial statement showing a balance on hand of \$60.8436. This was seconded by Mrs. Tracy and passed.

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

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

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

Mrs. Wishart reported on war work. She had ~~fo~~ on display two quilts – one the result of her own individual efforts and one from Mrs. Kowensky's group. She also reported the shipping of thirteen pounds of leather and read a letter from Mrs. Morton.

Moved by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. Hillman that we make an appeal throughout the district for fur and leather. Carried. It was decided to publicize the appeal in the press and over the air. Mrs. Kowensky offered the use of their store as a depot for collection. It was decided to display the leather-lined seaman's jacket there.

Annual reports were then given. The secretary gave a brief summary of the year's work. The treasurer's report is to be left until the end of the month when the books are closed. Mrs. Scarth, the president, then spoke on our year's work together and expressed gratitude for the fine spirit and generous cooperation she had found in working with the Institute. Mrs. Wilson, the convener of the nominating committee then gave the ~~report of~~ slate of officers as recommended by the nominating committee. As no additional nominations were made by the meeting it was moved by Mrs. Hnatiuk, seconded by Mrs. Yule that the slate of officers ~~by~~ be accepted as read. Carried.

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

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

Some possibilities for the maternity waiting room were discussed.

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

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

A greeting card was read from Mrs. Thomson.

Five houses were offered for next year's meetings.

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

Moved by Mrs. Yule, seconded by Mrs. Mensinger that all bills be paid. Carried.

Tea money brought \$1.70. Mrs. Kowensky moved that the meeting adjourn.

Tea was served by Mrs. Wishart with the assistance of Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Tracy.

Helen Tracy, Sec'y.

Lorna Scarth, Pres.

Jan. 7, 1943.

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

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

Mrs. Swallow then gave her annual financial report showing total expenditures of \$356.90 during the year and ~~leaving a~~ indicating cash on hand as being \$58.42. Mrs. Swallow moved the adoption of this report. Seconded by Mrs. MacDonald. Carried.

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

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

Several members paid their fees.

Moved by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. Spicer that the provincial dues be paid. Carried.

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

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

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

A much appreciated letter of greeting from Mrs. O.B. Harris was read and it was suggested that the secretary answer this friendly letter.

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

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

Mrs. MacDonald reported on community welfare.

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

Lunch was served by Mrs. Scarth, Mrs. Wishart and Mrs. Swallow.

Helen Tracy - Sec.
Lorna Scarth - Pres.

Feb. 4, 1943.

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

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

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

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

More fees were paid.

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

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

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

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

Moved by Mrs. Patterson, seconded by Mrs. Kowensky that all bill be paid. Carried. These included \$2 to the secretary and 50¢ to the Herald-Tribune office.

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

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

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

Helen Tracy Sec.

Mar. 4, 1943.

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

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

The minutes were adopted as read. We were sorry to hear that Mr. McMillan, the speaker of the evening, would not be able to come.

It was moved by Mrs. Swallow and seconded by Mrs. Kowensky that the treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$83.52 be accepted. Carried.

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

In the correspondence two letters were read – one from the Town of Grande Prairie expressing appreciation for the curtains and one from Mrs. Cranston who promised support in the drive for fur and leather.

Mrs. Spicer gave the hospital report.

Mrs. Patterson, as convener of the Sunday night concert committee gave her report. It was moved by Mrs. Kowensky and seconded by Mrs. Hnatiuk that the net proceeds of \$48 be sent to the war emergency fund for the Merchant Marine.

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

Mrs. Wishart reported on war work. She gave a detailed account of her expenditures and mentioned having sent three more quilts. She also mentioned that a nice collection of fur and leather was coming into Kowensky's store. It was suggested that another appeal might be made to the school children. The secretary agreed to look after this.

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

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

The idea of a shower for the Proctors, who lost everything at Dawson Creek was discussed. A committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Proctor and Mrs. Flanagan. It was agreed that the members might give cash donations or useful articles to the committee.

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

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

Helen Tracy
Lorna Scarth

Apr. 1, 1943.

Nineteen members of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Lawlor. Of those present two were new members – Mrs. Lowe whom we are pleased to welcome as a new member and Mrs. I. Nelson, a former member that we are pleased glad to have with us again.

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

The members then got organized for work – some to knit and others to rip leather and fur. Mrs. Wishart gave her war - work report which showed 2 quilts donated locally, 2 quilts ~~sen~~ 1 pair socks and 1 cap to the Merchant Marine and 7 lbs. of leather sent to Vegreville. The following committee volunteered to go to Mrs. Hnatiuk's home the following Monday evening to tie two more quilts: Mesdames McFarlane, Wishart, Henning, Kowensky, Wilson, Scarth and Tracy.

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

After the roll call the minutes were read and adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Swallow, seconded by Mrs. Kowensky that the treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$37.27, be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Scarth welcomed our two new members.

A letter of appreciation from Mrs. Hillman was read.

In the absence of Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Scarth reported on the Lefferson case.

And Mrs. Hnatiuk, in the absence of Mrs. Wilson, reported on the Proctor gift. The secretary also read a letter of appreciation from Mr. and Mrs. Proctor.

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

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

The secretary read ~~the~~ a letter from the Kinsmen Club which had enclosed a memorandum for the improvement of Grande Prairie. Nearly all those present were familiar with the text, and it was moved by Mrs. Yule, seconded by Mrs. McFarlane that we heartily endorse the brief submitted by the Kinsmen, which contains a very comprehensive plan of much needed town improvements.

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

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

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

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

Helen Tracy
Lorna Scarth

May 6, 1943.

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

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

Mrs. Swallow moved and Mrs. Dawes seconded the adoption of the financial report showing a balance of \$32.17. Carried.

A letter was read from Mr. Don Cameron regarding the need for magazine subscriptions at the local ~~camp~~ training centre. Moved by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. Swanston that we allocate approximately \$10 for that purpose. Carried. Mrs. Dawes and Mrs. MacDonald agreed to act as a purchasing committee.

~~A letter of appreciation was~~

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

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

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

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

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

We were then told of a most unexpected and generous donation of \$25 from the High School Dramatics Club. It was moved by Mrs. Proctor and seconded by Mrs. Kowensky that this \$25 be sent to our Merchant Marine fund. Carried.

Mrs. MacDonald moved that the business meeting adjourn.

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

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

Helen Tracy
Lorna Scarth

June 3, 1943.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Kowensky then moved that the business meeting adjourn.

Mrs. Scarth then introduced Mrs. Croken who spoke to us on the wartime shortages in clothing and materials.

Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. McFarlane and Mrs. Lawlor.

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

Sept. 2/43.

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

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

Mrs. Swallow read the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$38.71 and moved the adoption. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McDonald.

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

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

A discussion then took place regarding the visit on Sept. 18th of the Governor - General and Princess Alice, the latter wishing to meet all ladies of the W.I.

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

Three committees were appointed as follows:

- 1st Exhibit of handicrafts – Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Hnatiuk.
- 2nd Unpacking and repacking of exhibits – Mrs. Swallow, Mrs. Henning and Mrs. McFarlane.
- 3rd Arranging for tea – Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Bouchor and Mrs. Bell.

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

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

It was suggested that Mrs. Wilson take over the duties of war work convener during Mrs. Wishart's absence. As Mrs. Wilson was not present, this was held over until October meeting.

Mrs. Scarth was asked to continue as representative for the Hostess Hut for the time being.

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

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

Mrs. Swallow moved that we adjourn.

F.A. Flanagan Sec.
Lorna Scarth Pres.

Oct. 7/43.

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

Mrs. Swallow read the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$36.51 and moved the adoption. Mrs. Hnatiuk seconded the motion. Carried.

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

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

Mrs. Patterson then gave her report on Princess Alice's visit and expressed her appreciation to the different members who spent so much of their time preparing for the visit. Mrs. Scarth then expressed appreciation to Mrs. Patterson for her part both in the preparations and also during the afternoon.

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

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

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

Mrs. Kowensky moved and Mrs. McFetridge seconded that we hold a rummage sale on Oct 16. A committee was formed consisting of Mrs. McFetridge, Mrs. Kowensky, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Hnatiuk. Mrs. Yule was asked to attend to advertising of this and of the clinic in the Herald-Tribune, Mrs. Scarth over the air and Mrs. Bouchor on the screen.

The secretary was asked to write letters of appreciation to Sexsmith W.I. and Q.M.S. Howell.

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

Mrs. Proctor and Mrs. Mensinger assisted Mrs. Bell in serving lunch.

F.A. Flanagan Sec.
Lorna Scarth Pres.

Nov. 4/43.

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

The minutes for October meeting were read and adopted.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mrs. McDonald asked about having a box of clothing etc sent to Smoky Heights.

Moved by Mrs. Spicer and seconded by Mrs. Kowensky that \$10 be given to the war work convener to buy wool and cover expenses.

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

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

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

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

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

At the close of the business meeting Mrs. Stoehr was introduced and gave an interesting talk on living conditions in the Sudeten and Czechoslovakia prior to 1939.

Mrs. Sharpe moved that we adjourn.

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

F.A. Flanagan, Sec.
Lorna Scarth, Pres.

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

Mrs. Swallow gave the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$41.22 and moved the adoption. Mrs. Dawes seconded the motion.

Letters of acknowledgment were read by the secretary. Mrs. Swallow also read a letter of acknowledgment from Mrs. Montgomery thanking us for donations sent in.

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

Mrs. Wishart is now our representative for the Hostess Hut in place of Mrs. Scarth who was only acting temporarily.

(Moved by Mrs. Yule and seconded by Mrs. Carroll that Mrs. Lord be presented with a baby spoon.)

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

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

Mrs. McFetridge recently visited at Dawson Creek and she gave us a report on the rest room which the W.I. operate there.

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

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

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

The secretary was asked to write letters of appreciation to the Herald-Tribune, C.F.G.P, the Theatre and Canadian Utilities for advertising which they have done for us throughout the year.

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Hnatiuk moved that we adjourn.

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

F.A. Flanagan, Sec.
Lorna Scarth, Pres.

Dec. 8th/1943

An Executive meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. W. Scarth, Wednesday, Dec 8/1943. Those present were Mrs. Scarth, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Spicer, Mrs. McFarlane, Mrs. A. Wilson, Mrs. Hnatiuk, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Sharpe.

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Scarth: That there be four work meetings during the year; also roll call for meetings.

Mrs. Sharpe: That the W.I. exercise the "For Home" portion of the motto by appointing a delegation to meet the Town Council regarding the upkeep of sidewalks and additional lights in certain parts of town.

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

Mrs. McFarlane: That one ditty bag be packed each month or several bags be packed at one time in three or four months.

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

Mrs. Patterson: Conveners of standing committees to conduct a round table discussion, each convener to make a five minute speech.

Mrs. Scarth: That Mr. McMillan who was to speak on Cooperation, be requested to speak at one meeting, Mrs. Crane-Williams at another. Suggested that Annual Reports be ordered for each Convener of Standing Committees.

That regulation W.I. Minute and Treasurer's books be ordered.

V.P. Sharpe, Sec.
G.M. Carroll, Acting Pres.

January 6/44

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

Mrs. Carroll appealed to the members for their full cooperation, then called for the minutes of the Annual meeting and the Executive meeting. The minutes were adopted as read with one correction. Mrs. Swallow gave the annual Treasurer's Report which showed total receipts of \$393.17 and expenditures of \$359.55. Cash on hand and in bank \$33.62. Moved by Mrs. Swallow, seconded by Mrs. Bell that report be adopted as read. Carried.

There was then a short intermission for members to pay fees. New members were Mrs. Stoehr, Mrs. R. MacMillan, Mrs. W. Medlock, Mrs. Loiselle. It was moved by Mrs. Scarth, seconded by Mrs. Wilson that Mrs. Medlock act as our representative on the Red Cross.

Mrs. Spicer reported on Christmas Cheer for hospital. Moved by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. McFetridge that bills be paid, which included paying provincial fees, purchasing Minute and Cash Books and 2 Yearbooks.

Letters of thanks were read from Stanley Mixneski, re welfare parcel; Miss MacGillvary re Christmas Cheer for patients in the hospital; Major A. Thomson for donation of magazines and Mrs. L. Williams for cooperation of the secretary and conveners of standing committees.

There followed considerable discussion about sidewalks, lights and the question of beautifying the cemetery. As the members were reluctant to act as a delegation to meet Town Council, it was moved by Mrs. Swallow and seconded by Mrs. Spicer that the Secretary write the Town Council appealing for action for repair of sidewalks and more lights. Also cooperation with the W.I. toward beautifying the cemetery in the spring. Carried. Moved by Mrs. McFarlane, seconded by Mrs. McFetridge that Mrs. Flanagan act in Mrs. Lowe's place as director.

After some discussion it was moved by Mrs. Hnatiuk, seconded by Mrs. McDonald that we spend \$8.00 on two ditty bags for February. Carried.

Mrs. Wilson said there were more quilt blocks needed and suggested an objective of one quilt per month for 1944.

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

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

On Mrs. Swallow's motion we adjourned to enjoy tea and cookies, served by Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Bouchor and Mrs. Bell.

V.P. Sharpe, Sec.
G.M. Carroll, Acting Pres.

Feb 3/44

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

The possibility of each member filling one ditty bag during the year was also discussed.
V.P. Sharpe, Sec.

Feb 4/44

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

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

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

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

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

Moved by Mrs. Scarth, seconded by Mrs. McDonald that March 11th be the date set for the Red Cross Tea. Carried.

Letters were read from Mrs. Thompson - Provincial President, Mrs. Morton - War Convener and Mrs. McFarlane - Secretary, with various ideas and good wishes for the year.

Following discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Mensinger, seconded by Mrs. Kowensky that each member raise \$2.00 by talent money in the month of February. Carried unanimously.

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

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

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

Following Mrs. Swallow's motion that we adjourn, a dainty tea was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Henning and Mrs. ~~Hnatiuk~~ Flanagan.

V.P. Sharpe, Sec.
G.M. Carroll, Pres.

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

The meeting was opened with "O Canada" and repetition of the Creed, led by the Acting President Mrs. Carroll. The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. Moved by Mrs. Hnatiuk, seconded by Mrs. Forster that the Treasurer's report be adopted. Carried. Roll call was answered by each member telling how she had raised her talent money. A total of \$37 was realized, with promises of more to follow in April.

Mrs. H. McDonald volunteered as Convener of the Red Cross Tea to be put on March 11th, the following to assist: Mrs. W. Scarth, Mrs. Forster, Mrs. Swallow, Mrs. Loiselle, Mrs. Medlock, Mrs. Lovell. The Tea Committee arranged to meet at the home of Mrs. McDonald Saturday, March 4th at 2:30 p.m.

A letter was read from Catherine Young, C.F.G.P., kindly offering to give us time on the Bulletin Board for Publicity, suggesting Friday, March 10th. Mrs. Kowensky, as Publicity Secretary, consented to broadcast.

It was moved by Mrs. Kowensky, seconded by Mrs. Kelly that we donate \$5 to the Federated W.I.

In the absence of Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Scarth read an interesting report of the A.W.I. Council which met in the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, February 23, 24 and 25. Mrs. Morton requests that the War Work reports be mailed each month to Mrs. Thompson. The Council urged that every member subscribe to "Home & Country" as it is issued at a loss at the present time.

The advisability of purchasing labels for our War Work was discussed and it was decided to make an initial purchase of 5,000 labels if the price is suitable.

Mrs. Montgomery is anxious to see the Loom Collection developed. It was moved that we join the Adult Education Association, with two representatives on that Council. Mrs. Wilson reported that six quilts had been mailed to the Navy League. Moved by Mrs. Scarth, seconded by Mrs. Spicer that the War Convener be given \$10.00 for wool, lining, etc. Mrs. Medlock reporting for the Red Cross appealed for clothing for the Greens.

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

Moved by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. Swallow that Mrs. Shaver be given membership to the W.I.

The business of the meeting being concluded Mrs. Swallow was called upon for a paper on Canadian Industries and Agriculture. As a surprise, Mrs. Swallow then introduced Mrs. L. Prowd, formerly of Calgary whom she had prevailed upon to substitute for her. Mrs. Prowd presented an impressive word picture of Canada's part in war industry; the gigantic task of converting peace-time industry to war-time industry and the speed in which it was done. One of the most important industries being automotive, also aircraft which employed 100,000 people. One of the important war-time inventions, the walkie-talkie, is Canadian; and precision instruments for the Navy are manufactured in Canada. Among the projects mentioned were the Alaska Highway and seven airports. Power development on Quebec to further aluminum industry. The speaker touched briefly on agriculture and the need of producing an abundance of food stuffs. The President echoed the appreciation of all present in thanking the speaker for her instructive paper.

Moved by Mrs. Hillman that the meeting adjourn. Lunch was served by Mrs. Kowensky and Mrs. Henning and the members enjoyed a pleasant half-hour chatting together.

V.P. Sharpe, Secretary
G.M. Carroll, President

March 30/44

The April meeting of the W.I. was held March 30th at the home of Mrs. W.S. Scarth with twenty-five members and one visitor present. The meeting was opened with "O Canada" and repetition of the Creed, lead by Mrs. Carroll. The minutes of the March meeting were read and adopted. Moved by Mrs. Hnatiuk, seconded by Mrs. Swallow that the Treasurer's report be adopted. Carried. An additional \$10.00 talent money was turned in and the President welcomed one new member, Mrs. G. Bishop. Mrs. McDonald, as convener of the Red Cross Tea was called upon for a report. Mrs. McDonald thanked the committee for their assistance and suggest that a letter of thanks be written to the Sisters of St. Joseph's for their assistance in making posters. Moved by Mrs. Bouchor, seconded by Mrs. Loiselle that bills be paid. Carried.

Mrs. Wishart consented to convene the Hostess Hut Party Committee, with the following committee members: Mrs. Loiselle, Mrs. McFetridge, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Bouchor. Date of the party to be decided by the committee. Moved by Mrs. Scarth, seconded by Mrs. Swallow that whatever supplies were needed for the party be taken from fund. Carried.

A letter and questionnaire from Mrs. A.H. Rogers was read regarding broadcasts of A.W.I. activities over C.K.U.A. As it is difficult for people in the Peace River Country to hear C.K.U.A. the questionnaire was answered accordingly.

At this point Mrs. Carroll announced that as Mrs. Scarth was leaving it was necessary to appoint a nominating committee. It was suggested that Mrs. Carroll remain as President, but she firmly refused and appointed Mrs. Swallow, Mrs. Scarth and Mrs. Lovell as nominating committee. Moved by Mrs. Hnatiuk, seconded by Mrs. Wilson that Mrs. Kowensky be appointed radio announcer to replace Mrs. Scarth. Carried. Mrs. Kowensky demurred at first but finally consented.

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

Mrs. Wilson reported three more quilts mailed and two more ready – making ten since January. One fine quilt made by Mrs. Forster on display. Mrs. Medlock reporting for Red Cross work stated that two boxes of clothing etc had been shipped for Green relief. Mrs. Wishart in her remarks about the Hostess Hut stated that there was a better attendance of soldiers.

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

During the evening the President made two presentations. With a few well-chosen remarks Mrs. Carroll presented Mrs. Forster, who is leaving us, with an A.W.I. pin; and Mrs. Christianson, President of the United Church W.A. with six tea towels as a token of appreciation. On Mrs. Hnatiuk's motion that the meeting adjourn, a delicious tea ~~and~~ was enjoyed by all.

V.P. Sharpe

Mrs. Hnatiuk kindly volunteered to take subscriptions to "Home & Country". Mrs. Wilson reported receiving six lbs of wool for Merchant Marine knitting and a note was read from the Navy League that we may purchase wool from them for ditty bags at \$1.25 per lb. Suggested that Mrs. McFarlane order wool for ditty bags (no motion).

V.P.S.

An Executive meeting was held at the home of Mrs. D.O. Carroll Tuesday afternoon, April 4. Those present were Mrs. Spicer, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Flanagan and Mrs. Sharpe. The meeting decided to order four A.W.I. pins; one to replace a pin belonging to Mrs. Scarth (loaned). A tea was decided upon as a farewell for Mrs. Scarth and after some discussion the members present favoured a presentation of Crown Derby cup & saucer and one sterling silver spoon. The Secretary was instructed to write to Birks in Edmonton for the gifts.

V.P. Sharpe
G.M. Carroll

May 4/44

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

Letters of appreciation were read from Mrs. Bell, secretary of St. Paul's W.A. and Mrs. Wishart for spray sent from W.I. Mrs. Wilson, who had kindly consented to substitute for Mrs. Wishart temporarily, reported on the party given by the W.I. for soldiers, in the Hostess Hut. She reported a good attendance and a very successful party.

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

Mrs. Scarth introduced Miss Moseson, Home Economics instructor for the Grande Prairie District and asked her to say a few words. Miss Moseson gave a brief outline of her work, stating that there were three courses offered: sewing, cooking and home decoration; also a film strip on canning. Tentative arrangements were made for demonstrations. The secretary was asked to write Mrs. L. Williams suggesting that Miss Moseson be asked to give a demonstration at the W.I. Conference in June.

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

Mrs. Hanna, daughter of Mrs. A.H. McQuarrie was introduced and was asked to speak. Mrs. Hanna told of working with the W.I. in Ontario and expressed her pleasure in meeting the people in Grande Prairie again.

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

Mrs. McFarlane reported two quilts donated and a ten lb box of leather and fur ~~donated~~ shipped. Moved by Mrs. Kowensky, seconded by Mrs. Christianson that War Work Convener be given \$10.00 for wool. Moved by Mrs. McFarlane, seconded by Mrs. Lovell that constituency fees be paid. Carried.

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

A delicious tea lunch was then served by the hostess and committee.

V.P. Sharpe - Secy.

June 1, 1944.

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

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

The minutes of the May meeting were read and adopted. In the absence of the Treasurer, the Treasurer's report was read by the Secretary, showing a balance on hand of \$29.35. Moved by Mrs. Sharpe, seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the Treasurer's report be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Wilson reported that a tea had been given in honour of Mrs. Loisel on May 8 at the home of Mrs. D.O. Carroll. Mrs. Loisel was also presented with a silver birch cup & saucer.

Two letters were read from Mrs. L. Williams with regard to the forthcoming conference in Beaverlodge on June 17th. A card from Mrs. Morton, expressing thanks for fur received from our W.I. was also read.

Mrs. McFarlane reported two more quilts donated, and more wool received for ditty bags. Moved by Mrs. McFarlane, seconded by Mrs. Spicer that report be adopted. Carried. The wool was then distributed to volunteers to knit socks and mitts.

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

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

Business of the Conference was then taken up and the Secretary was appointed as delegate. As we were requested to assist with the program, Mrs. Miller consented to act as a committee of one to obtain numbers; Mrs. Bell in charge of transportation. It was left with the Secretary to find someone to assist Mrs. Wishart with handicrafts at the Conference.

As the W.I. had been asked for their cooperation with the Board of Trade re Wapiti Park, Mrs. McFetridge, Mrs. Spicer and Mrs. N. Miller volunteered as a Park Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Swallow that we have a birthday celebration on Sept. 28th. Carried. It being suggested that the celebration take the form of a W.I. play and concert, Mrs. Swanston consented to convene.

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

The business of the evening being concluded, Mrs. Patterson called on Mrs. J.H. Hunter to give us the story of E. Sartain who painted the beautiful still-life pictures displayed in the room. E. Sartain is an English ~~woman~~ artist who came to Canada just before the war in 1939, and is now living in Vancouver. Three of the Royal Family have pictures by E. Sartain, two being Queen Mary and Princess Alice. Among the pictures were "Christmas Roses", "Pansies", "Snowdrops", "Gardenia".

Mr. Melsness, guest speaker, was then called on for his paper on citizenship. He chose "the flag" as his subject. He spoke of the flag as a symbol, which we need especially now. Our flag, though called the Union Jack, should be called the Union flag as it is only a "Jack" when flying from the jack-staff of a man-of-war. The history of the forming of the Union Flag was told, also its various uses.

~~Moved by Mrs. Swanston that we adjourn.~~

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

September 1944

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. H. McDonald on Thur. Sept. 7th at 8 p.m. for their regular monthly meeting, Mrs. D.W. Patterson presiding in the absence of the President, Mrs. D.O. Carroll.

Mrs. L. Kowensky acted as Secretary in place of Mrs. Sharpe who was ill.

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

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

Mrs. McFetridge kindly consented to act as Hostess Hut convener.

Mrs. Hnatiuk, Treasurer, gave her report which was seconded by Mrs. A. Wilson.

Carried.

Mrs. Patterson told of the Navy League meeting which had been called and which she represented the W.I. She explained the work of the Navy League and asked for a volunteer to take charge of the sale of memberships to this worthy organization. Mrs. H. McDonald's offer was gratefully accepted as were also offers of the following ladies to take books of tickets: Mesdames Patterson, McFetridge and Kowensky.

A letter was read from Mr. Jenkinson thanking the W.I. for service rendered at the Hostess Hut. Mrs. H. McDonald, welfare convener, read a letter of thanks from Mrs. Parker of Bad Heart for a gift of clothing.

In the absence of the delegate to the Constituency Conference, Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs. N. Miller gave a short account of the conference and Mrs. Patterson told about the illustrated lecture given by Miss Moseson.

Mrs. J. McFarland reported on war work done by the members.

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

Mrs. H. McDonald asked for suggestions of entertainment for the boys at the Hostess Hut.

Discussion as to methods of celebrating the twentieth birthday of the G.P.W.I. held the attention of the members for the balance of the evening. Mrs. Patterson explained the reason for not using the play suggested at an earlier meeting on the grounds of unsuitability. Mrs. Hnatiuk moved, seconded by Mrs. McFarland that a birthday tea be held on Sat. Sept. 30th in the basement of the St. Paul's United Church if ~~that~~ permission could be obtained for the use of the latter place. Carried.

It was suggested that a birthday cake be made, and Mrs. Spicer very kindly offered to have it iced, and Mrs. A. Wilson kindly consented to convene the tea. As an added attraction it was decided to have tea cup reading and palm reading, Mrs. ~~Hnatiuk~~ N. Miller to convene the same, and Mrs. A. Stoehr to take charge of posters and Mrs. D.W. Patterson decorating.

Mrs. R. McMillan moved the meeting adjourn, seconded by Mrs. A. Flanagan.

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

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

October 5th 1944.

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

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

Mrs. N. Hnatiuk gave the treasurer's report, the bank balance being \$57.95. Moved by Mrs. Lovell, seconded by Mrs. McMillan. Carried. Mrs. A. Wilson, convener of the Birthday tea, reported on this event which realized approximately \$33.00.

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

Mrs. H. McDonald, convener of Navy League membership sales reported ten books sold and expressed the thanks of the Navy League committee for such good work.

Letters were read and correspondence dealt with.

As three tiers of the birthday cake were still intact after the tea, it was moved by Mrs. ~~A. Wilson~~ J. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. A. Wilson, that the cake be raffled, the tickets to be 10¢ each or three for twenty-five cents and the winning ticket to be drawn sometime in October. The following ladies offered to take raffle tickets: Mesdames Lovell, Hnatiuk, Kowensky, McDonald, Spicer, Patterson, McMillan (2), C. Wilson, Bishop, Flanagan, Miller, A. Wilson and Bouchor.

After a lengthy discussion ~~about~~ following a suggestion that a telephone bridge be held, it was moved by Mrs. N. Miller, seconded by Mrs. D.W. Patterson that at least thirty tables of bridge with fifty cents each person being the charge, be held on Oct. 25th. Carried. Mrs. McMillan convener, \$5.00 to be spent on prizes. Moved by Mrs. Hnatiuk, seconded by Mrs. McFetridge.

At this point a suggestion was made to have the lucky cake raffle ticket drawn on the night of the telephone bridge. Mrs. McFetridge, Hostess-hut convener, brought a request from Mr. Hobson of the Hut, that our W.I. put on some form of entertainment for the soldiers. After some discussion it was decided to table this matter for a month.

Mrs. McFarlane, war work convener, reported on materials for ditty bags and asked for more money to finish packing up same and asked that knitted articles be handed in. Moved by Mrs. Kowensky, seconded by Mrs. Thomson that \$15.00 be given. Carried.

Mrs. Carroll presented Mrs. Hnatiuk and Mrs. McMillan, who have recently had babies, with souvenir spoons.

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

On motion of Mrs. Lovell the meeting adjourned.

Tea served by Mrs. Bell, assisted by Mrs. Stoehr and Mrs. C. Wilson brought the meeting to a close.

Kowensky, Sec. Pro-Tem.
G.M. Carroll

November.

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

Mrs. D.O. Carroll occupied the chair and called the meeting to order with the singing of "O Canada" and reading the W.I. Creed.

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

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

Mrs. Kowensky was asked to give a brief report on the cake raffle and read a letter of thanks from Mildred Henning, winner of the cake.

In her report of the treasury, Mrs. Hnatiuk reported a balance of \$35.50 after bills had been paid, approximately \$63.00 in receipts from the telephone bridge and \$30.00 for cake raffle receipts, ~~There were still~~ besides money not yet handed in. Mrs. Bishop seconded Mrs. Hnatiuk's motion of adoption of her report. Carried.

In response to a letter from Mrs. Morton, provincial war work convener, articles of clothing to outfit a girl of thirteen were promised and also a box of miscellaneous articles of clothing to be sent to the Greek relief.

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

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

Mrs. McFetridge reported briefly re the Hostess Hut, that since the Stagettes were putting on a party for the servicemen on the 20th it would not be necessary for the W.I. to do anything in the way of entertainment this month.

Mrs. McMillan reported that the Telephone Bridge had been quite successful, 29 tables accounted for. Mrs. J. Thomson and Mrs. C. Bell were appointed to purchase a gift for Mrs. Shaver, a ~~former~~ an honorary member who has been so generous year after year in typing the programs and who is leaving Grande Prairie. Moved by Mrs. Swallow, seconded by Mrs. Wilson that something in the neighbourhood of \$2.50 - \$3.00 be spent. Carried.

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

A nominating committee convened by Mrs. H. McDonald with Mrs. J. Swallow and Mrs. McFetridge was asked to prepare a slate of officers for 1945 and to present same at the Dec. meeting.

Mrs. Swallow, the Grande Prairie representative of the Women's Regional Advisory Board, who is expecting to attend a meeting of that body in Edmonton in the near future asked the members if they had any suggestions to make re the War Time Prices and Trade Board. Several suggestions were offered.

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

In the absence of Mrs. H. McMillan, the guest speaker of the evening, Mrs. A.M. Carlisle very generously agreed to give a book review and chose as her subject "My Life in Russia" by Markoosha Fischer. This book gives a very true picture of Russia and the life of the people. Mrs. Carlisle handled the review in her usual interesting and capable manner. Mrs. D.O. Carroll thanked Mrs. Carlisle on behalf of all present and Mrs. McMillan added her own personal thanks to ~~Mrs. Carlisle~~ on behalf of her husband.

Mrs. A. Wilson and Mrs. R. McMillan kindly offered to serve refreshments at the December meeting.

The meeting adjourned on motion of Mrs. McFetridge after which refreshments were served by Mrs. Swanston, Mrs. Mensinger and Mrs. Hnatiuk.

Kowensky, Sec. Pro-Tem.
G.M. Carroll

December

Fifteen members met at the home of Mrs. D.O. Carroll for the ~~annual~~ monthly meeting of the G.P.W.I. on Thur. Dec. 7th at 8 pm. Mrs. D.O. Carroll, the president, called the meeting to order by asking the members to repeat with her the Club Womens' Creed.

Mrs. L. Kowensky, sec. pro-tem, read the minutes of the Nov. meeting which were duly approved as read.

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

Correspondence revealed letters of acknowledgement from Mrs. A.R. Hillman and Mrs. T.W. Lawlor and receipts and acknowledgement of donations to the Jam-for-Britain fund, Merchant Marine and Xmas gifts fund for Robot bomb victims.

Mrs. J. McFarland reported on war work and that a box of fur and leather had been sent to Mrs. Morton and also itemized the articles in the gift of clothing to the Greek relief.

Mrs. McFetridge in reporting re the Hostess Hut asked if the W.I. would like to take their turn in giving a party to the boys in uniform. This matter was left till later in the evening and it was eventually decided to entertain the boys on Thur. Dec. 28th with Mrs. McFetridge convening a committee consisting of Mesdames Carroll, Hnatiuk and Wilson, on motion of Mrs. N. Miller seconded Mrs. D.O. Carroll. Carried.

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

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

Mrs. R. McMillan in her report on Citizenship gave a brief outline of work in that branch. Mrs. H. McDonald told of families helped by our W.I. in her report on Social Welfare. Mrs. H. McDonald also reported on behalf of the Red Cross work in the absence of Mrs. Medlock, the W.I. Red Cross representative and showed that a tremendous amount of work had been done during the year.

Mrs. J. McFarland, war work convener, gave an itemized report of the articles made by the members and also gave a detailed report on the ditty bags.

Mrs. Swallow told of the work of Lieut. Commander Watt who personally undertook to see that ditty bags were sent to the proper parties. She also told us that \$1,000.00 had been sent from Alberta to the Christmas Tree fund for Robot bomb victims.

Mrs. L. Kowensky, publicity convener, reported briefly on this department of the work and expressed thanks for free publicity by Herald-Tribune, C.F.G.P., Canadian Utilities and Mr. Francis Donald. The Secretary was asked to write letters acknowledging these courtesies.

In her treasurer's report, Mrs. N. Hnatiuk told of us that \$430.82 had been raised during the year and \$390.97 of expenditures, leaving a balance of \$39.85 with a small bill to be paid. This report will not be complete until the end of December.

All conveners moved adoption of their reports which were seconded by Mrs. C. Bell. Carried.

Mrs. H. McDonald, the convener of the nominating committee presented the slate of officers and Mrs. Swanston moved adoption of same which was seconded by Mrs. Thomson. Carried. Following is the list of officers:

President Mrs. D.W. Patterson
1st Vice Pres. Mrs. D.O. Carroll

2nd “ “ Mrs. F. Spicer

Secretary	Mrs. H. McDonald
Treasurer	Mrs. N. Hnatiuk
Directors	1. Mrs. Wilson 2. Mrs. Flanagan 3. Mrs. L. Kowensky
Auditors	Mrs. Swallow and Mrs. Bouchor
Convener of Standing Committees	
Agriculture and Canadian Industries	Mrs. Bishop
Citizenship	Mrs. McMillan
Social Welfare	Mrs. McFetridge
War Work	Mrs. McFarland and Mrs. Wilson
Publicity & Radio	Mrs. L. Kowensky
Red Cross Representative	Mrs. Hnatiuk

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

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

It was suggested that conveners of standing committees form the program committee which included the following ladies: Mesdames McMillan - convener, Bishop, Hnatiuk, Wilson, McFarland and McFetridge, the year's program to be drawn up and presented at the January meeting. Mrs. McMillan offered to type the program and make the booklets.

Suggestions were asked regarding the program.

The President asked each member to try to gain a new member. ~~to the~~

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

Mrs. Patterson asked the wish of the members regarding a gift of fruit to the local hospital as has been customary in past years. On motion of Mrs. Bell, seconded by Mrs. McFarland, it was decided to allocate \$5.00 to Mrs. ~~H. McDonald~~, McFetridge, social service convener, to use at her own discretion in this matter.

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

Mrs. Patterson read items of interest from a letter from the Federated representative of War Time Prices & Trade Board, Mrs. Dow.

Mrs. Hnatiuk moved, seconded by Mrs. McFarland, that we adjourn.

A dainty lunch was served by the hostess Mrs. Carroll, assisted by Mrs. A. Wilson & Mrs. McMillan.

L. Kowensky, Sec. Pro-Tem.

Minutes of the January Meeting of the Women's Institute

Jan. 1945 On January 4th, thirteen members of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. N. Miller. After the singing of "O Canada" and the repetition of the Institute Creed, the president, Mrs. Patterson asked for the minutes of the annual meeting. With one correction these minutes were adopted as read.

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

Correspondence read.

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

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

Card of thanks from Miss Campbell, Matron at the hospital, on behalf of the patients, acknowledging fruit received at Christmas.

Christmas card of greetings from Mrs. MacMillan, Sexsmith, wishing the members all every success for 1945.

Mrs. McFetridge, Welfare Convener, reported that six boxes of clothing was sent to a needy family in Lymburn, and asked that a letter by written Mr. Reid who kindly saw to it that these boxes were delivered. Mrs. Wilson seconded Mrs. McFetridge's motion of adoption to her report. Mrs. McFetridge also reported on the Hostess Hut dance given by the Women's Institute for the men uniform, said that although the attendance was small those who were there were quite sincere in their expressing thanks to the ladies of the Women's Institute for a very enjoyable evening. A letter of thanks was read from Capt. Betts of the American Army Base. Mrs. McFetridge then asked that all bills in connection with this dance be paid. Mrs. Bishop seconded Mrs. McFetridge's motion of adoption of her report. Mrs. McFetridge then asked for volunteers for the Hostess Hut. After much discussion it was decided that she ask ladies outside the Institute to serve for this month, with perhaps a different arrangement to be made later.

Mrs. McFarland, War Convener, said that she had nothing to report this month, but that more money would be needed to carry on the work. As it was not immediately necessary to have this money it was tabled for next meeting. Mrs. Wilson asked the members if they would each make a quilt block 20 x 24 and bring to the next meeting. All the ladies agreed.

Mrs. Flanagan reported receiving a letter from the father of a boy who had received a ditty bag sent by the Women's Institute last year, telling of how pleased his son was with the contents of the ditty bag.

Mrs. Patterson reported representing the W.I. at a meeting called by the Canadian Legion in connection with the proposed Memorial Hall to be built in Grande Prairie. She gave an outline of the suggestions and discussions pro and con in connection with the uses of the new hall. Youth Centre, Gym for High School pupils, dance and concert rooms, beverage room and many other suggestions of uses of benefit to this community.

Mrs. MacMillan, program convener, read the very interesting program arranged for the year. The program shows that we are to be very busy as there are several work meetings – and the Roll Call Well – we just must have our answers ready – or else – she did not state just how much the fine was. Mrs. McFarland seconded Mrs. Macmillan's motion of adoption of her report.

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

Mrs. Patterson again asked the members to each try to bring a new member, as many of

the old members had left during the past year.

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

Mrs. McFarland made a motion to allocate \$2.00 to the secretary to purchase stamps. Mrs. Swallow seconded the motion.

Mrs. Flanagan seconded Mrs. Wilson's motion that provincial fees be paid. All motions were unanimously carried.

Mrs. Patterson then introduced the guest speaker, Mr. MacMillan, and welcomed him with a few well-chosen words. Mr. MacMillan thanked Mrs. Patterson and said how pleased and flattered he was to address a meeting of the ladies of the Women's Institute, congratulating them on the splendid work they were doing. Mr. MacMillan took for his topic Cooperatives, outlining the work from its very beginning a hundred years ago at Rockdale in England, of its growth from the sixteen men who organized it on \$170.00 to its present standard throughout the world. He spoke of the foresight of these first organizers and their sound judgment of not only cooperative but also the need of women's' vote.

The president echoed the appreciation of the members in thanking Mr. MacMillan for his very interesting talk. A vote of thanks to Mr. MacMillan was also moved by Mrs. Bishop, seconded by Mrs. Stoehr.

Mrs. McFarlane moved the adjournment of the meeting, to meet next month at the home of Mrs. Thomson.

Many questions and discussions were carried on with Mr. MacMillan in connection with cooperative work in different countries while a lunch of delicious sandwiches and coffee was being served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. C. Wilson.

MacDonald, Sec.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

Minutes of the February Meeting of the Women's Institute

Feb. 1945 Twenty-two members and two visitors met at the home of Mrs. J. Thomson on Feb 1st. The meeting was opened with the singing of "O Canada" followed by the Institute Creed. Mrs. Patterson, the president, presiding. The minutes of the January meeting were read and adopted.

The treasurer's report read \$37.62 as at the end of December, \$14.95 receipts in January and \$43.09 expenses, leaving a balance of \$9.48.

Correspondence.

Six letters read from soldiers who received ditty bags at Christmas, these letters expressed sincere thanks and appreciation of the contents in each bag – all hoping the war would be over by next Christmas and all back home.

A letter to Mrs. McFarland from Mrs. Morton acknowledging the wonderful box of clothing sent for European Relief, also fur and leather received throughout 1944.

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

Letter from I.O.D.E. asking for donations to the Book Fund for the Armed Forces.

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

Mrs. Wilson reported on war work at two quilts and six pair men's socks sent to the Navy League.

Mrs. McFetridge reporting on the Hostess Hut, said she had nothing definite to report as a change was being made in the management of the hut, and a special meeting was called for Feb 7th to meet the new manager and discuss new plans and arrangements for entertainment. She asked for the opinion of the members on the proposed new arrangement, for each organization to entertain once a week in preference to the present arrangement of hostess for each evening – all were in favour of once a week entertaining.

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

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

A motion by Mrs. Hnatiuk that a letter be written the I.O.D.E. in reply to their request re Book Fund, informing them that each member contribute individually as our finances were too low to make a worthwhile contribution. Mrs. Carroll seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Swallow made a motion that \$5.00 be given Mrs. Wilson for War Work. Seconded by Mrs. Spicer.

Moved by Mrs. Bell and seconded by Mrs. Kowensky that greetings and best wishes from the Grande Prairie Women's Institute be sent to the new Women's Institute to be formed at Crooked Creek at which our president will preside.

Mrs. Patterson asked for suggestions to be presented on the program at the Provincial Convention meeting in Edmonton. Moved by Mrs. Kowensky that a recommendation to bring compulsory per-marital health examination be presented. Mrs. Wilson seconded this motion. All motions were unanimously carried.

Mrs. Patterson then welcomed the visitors and new members. Eleven members paid

their fees with three of these being new members.

Mrs. Patterson introduced the guest speaker, Miss Campbell, Matron at the hospital. Miss Campbell gave a very interesting paper on venereal diseases with much discussion about the phases of the diseases. Mrs. Spicer moved a vote of thanks to Miss Campbell, Mrs. Stoehr seconded.

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

On a motion by Mrs. Swanson the meeting adjourned and it was agreed to meet for next month's meeting at the home of Mrs. MacMillan. The remainder of the evening was spent in friendly chat while we enjoyed the dainty lunch served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Flanagan.

Rose Patterson, Pres.

Minutes of the March Meeting of the Women's Institute

March 1945 With seventeen members present at the home of Mrs. MacMillan, Mrs. Patterson, the President, opened the meeting with the singing of O Canada followed by the Institute Creed.

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

In the absence of the treasurer, the secretary read the treasurer's report, which showed \$9.48 as at the end of January, receipts in February \$13.50, expenses \$5.57, leaving a balance of \$17.41. Mrs. Bishop seconded the adoption of this report.

A letter was read from a soldier received a ditty bag at Christmas. Mrs. MacDonald, reporting on the Relief for Russia stated that the response to the appeal for clothing was splendid, two large boxes were packed, filled with many good and useful articles of clothing, blankets, quilts and afghans. Special mention was made of the lovely layette donated by Miss Roberts' pupils in Grade 7 and Mrs. Devett. Also a good supply of lovely and useful baby and small children's clothing; 211 articles were counted, not including baby bonnets, vests, booties and various other knitted articles. She also mentioned the assistance given by Mr. Fleming and staff. It was moved by Mrs. Thomson and seconded by Mrs. Kowensky that a vote of thanks be given the ladies who packed these boxes and a letter of thanks be written to Mrs. Fredette for her valuable assistance, also to Mrs. Devett, Miss Roberts and Mr. Fleming and staff.

Mrs. McFarlane, War Work Convener, reported that one large parcel of leather was sent to Mrs. Morton. There were no other convener reports.

Mrs. Patterson told of organizing a Women's Institute Branch at Crooked Creek, and said how pleased she was to find such enthusiasm among the members of this new group.

The President then spoke of the pressing need of funds to carry on our work, asking for suggestions for ways and means to raise money. Many interesting suggestions were made, including: bean supper, raffle, telephone bridge, bingo, tea, talent money etc. On a motion by Mrs. Bishop, seconded by Mrs. McFetridge, it was decided to have a tea on March 17th, with a committee being formed to make arrangements for the tea. Mrs. MacDonald offered to convene it, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Welton and Mrs. McFetridge offered to assist.

Another motion by Mrs. Thomson and seconded by Mrs. Carroll that we have a raffle in connection with the tea. Mrs. MacMillan and Mrs. Wilson kindly consented to take charge of the raffle in conjunction with the other members of the tea committee. The raffle is to consist of two or three hampers of groceries and a fruit cake. Tickets are to be sold at 10¢ each and each member is to donate to the hampers some small donation of groceries. Mrs. Kowensky offered to make the cake if she could get the fruit. Mrs. MacMillan gave her a package of peel, others offered butter, fruit and eggs. Mrs. Thomson said we could use the window of the Thomson Hardware store to display the cake and hampers. Mr. Spicer was to be asked to ice the cake, Mrs. MacMillan and Mrs. MacDonald are to make the tickets and arrange for a place to hold the tea, Mrs. Welton to help with the decorating and Mrs. Stoehr to make the posters. \$5.00 was allowed for any expenditures deemed necessary. Other arrangements were left to the committee. All the members agreed to put their shoulder to the wheel and give it a turn to making this tea an all out effort. All motions and suggestions were unanimously approved.

The President gave a brief outline on the Council meeting of the Prov. Women's Institute which she attended in Edmonton. Her description of each representative made us feel that we were meeting and knowing them. She told of the splendid amount of War Work done by the Alberta Women's Institute throughout the year, that approximately \$22,000 was raised, with \$1,200 sent to the Jam-for-Britain Fund and \$1,800 for bombed out British areas. More quilts for Merchant Marines were needed. Post-war plans were discussed, X* (arrangements were being made for pre-marital health examinations) and plans for a convention to be held at the Macdonald Hotel in Edmonton about the end of May.

The Roll Call followed and caused many smiles and laughter as each member answered her name with "How I met my husband", with Mrs. Stoehr's answer thought to be the best.

Meeting adjourned on motion by Mrs. Wilson. A delightful lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. McFetridge.

Lina MacDonald, Sec.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

X* – Error. Arrangements for pre-marital health examinations taken up by the government and not by the institute.

Minutes of the April Meeting of the Women's Institute

April 1945 On April 5th the monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Kowensky with eighteen members and one visitor present. The meeting opened with the singing of O Canada followed by the Institute Creed.

Mrs. Patterson, the President, then introduced Mr. Stranatka, the guest speaker. Owing to another engagement it was necessary that Mr. Stranatka give his address in the early part of the evening. He took for his subject Better Homes and Gardens. First giving an outline on the duties of the District Agriculturalist of the large territory he has to cover to reach the five thousand farms under his supervision. He told of forming two junior clubs, of sending one-hundred sixteen men and six women to the harvest fields. He then discussed the beautifying of the home by giving care and attention to the lawn and garden, the advantage gained by sowing good lawn grass seed, recommending Kentucky Blue grass. The planting of shrub, ornamental and shade trees for best effect, shrub trees be planted in groups of three or four near the house or in corners and along the fence. He mentioned Spirea, Catoneaster, Honeysuckle and Lilac for ornamental trees, Flowering Crab, Mountain Ash and White Spruce for shade. He also advised to be on the look out for cut worms this spring as the moth butterfly was quite plentiful last fall. The president thanked Mr. Stranatka for his very interesting and instructive information. The appreciation of all present was shown by an applause.

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

The treasurer's report followed, showing a balance as at the end of February of \$17.41. Receipts in March were \$165.76. Expenses were \$9.70. Balance \$173.47. \$152.51 of the amount was the net proceeds of the tea. Mrs. Swanston seconded the adoption of this report.

Correspondence consisted of letters in connection with the convention in Edmonton and a letter from Canadian Aid to Russia thanking us for the splendid boxes received, asked that we continue this worthy work but hold future shipment until advised. It was stated that ninety-eight cases of clothing were shipped in February at an approximate value of \$37,500.

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

Mrs. McFarlane reported that a quilt was sent with the Clothing for Russia Relief, she overlooked mentioning it in last month's report. Mrs. McFarland and Mrs. Wilson made this quilt themselves.

Mrs. Patterson then welcomed Mrs. Wishart and Mrs. Bouchor back, and Mrs. O'Brien as our guest, expressing a wish that she would become a member.

Mrs. Hnatiuk was appointed to represent the Women's Institute at Red Cross. The

spending of the money proceeds of the tea was discussed. It was decided that we make a donation to the War Emergency Fund – to the War Work Conveners, that the constituency fees be paid and some kept in reserve for future emergencies. Moved by Mrs. Spicer and seconded by Mrs. Welton that \$10.00 be given to the War Work Conveners. Mrs. Kowensky moved that the constituency fees be paid, Mrs. Bishop seconded. Mrs. Wilson made a motion that \$60.00 be sent to the War Emergency Fund. Mrs. Bouchor seconded this motion.

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

The President asked for the opinion of the meeting whether a delegate from Grande Prairie should be sent to the convention in Edmonton. Moved by Mrs. Spicer and seconded by Mrs. Miller that a delegate be sent. Mrs. Spicer nominated Mrs. MacDonald as delegate and Mrs. Wishart seconded the nomination. Mrs. Kowensky moved that nominations cease, Mrs. Swanston seconded. Mrs. Miller made a motion that Mrs. Carroll be appointed alternate delegate to the convention, Mrs. Hnatiuk seconded. Mrs. Wilson seconded Mrs. Hnatiuk's motion that \$25.00 be given the delegate for expenses.

Mrs. Patterson read briefs from the Federated News and discussed the convention, hoping that each member would do her part in making it a success

The Blood Clinic was discussed for the purpose of recording the number of our members who took part. Eight ladies helped with the lunches, three in the capacity of nurses and two blood donors. The entertainment for the boys in uniform was discussed at length – it was finally decided to go ahead with the party as scheduled for April 10th. A committee was formed with Mrs. Hnatiuk as convener. Mrs. MacMillan, Mrs. Welton, Mrs. Ireland, Mrs. Bouchor and Mrs. Bishop to assist. Mrs. Welton moved that \$5.00 be spent if necessary on the dance. Mrs. Ireland seconded. All motions and suggestions were approved unanimously.

Mrs. O'Brien joined as a new member. Mrs. Miller moved the meeting adjourned.

A lovely lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Ireland and Mrs. Reynolds.

MacDonald, Sec.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

Minutes of the May Meeting of the Women's Institute

May 1945 At the home of Mrs. Patterson with 21 members of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute and 14 guests assembled for the May meeting. Mrs. Patterson, the President, presiding.

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

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

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

There was no correspondence.

Mrs. Hnatiuk, convener of the Hostess Hut dance, reported that the dance was a much greater success than anticipated, that hot dogs, cake and coffee was served and enjoyed by all. She thanked the ladies of her committee and all the others who helped, making special mention of Miss McFetridge who typed all the invitations. She then made a motion that a letter of thanks be written to Miss McFetridge for this service. Mrs. Wilson seconded. Carried.

Mrs. McFarlane, reporting on War Work, said that 5 quilts (2 in March and 3 in April) and 5 pairs of socks were sent to the Navy League; 1 of these quilts donated by the South End Sewing Club. She said that she had received a donation of fur and leather for war work. She then read a letter from Mrs. Morton in connection with old felt hats, Mrs. Morton stating that old felt hats made splendid lining for Jerkins if cleaned and ironed flat. As there was no definite decision arrived at, this will be discussed at our next meeting. Mrs. McFarlane also reported that her supply of wool was about all used and more would be necessary for knitting for the ditty bags. It was moved by Mrs. McFetridge and seconded by Mrs. Spicer that \$5.00 be given the War Work Convener to purchase wool. Carried.

Mrs. Patterson spoke a few words on the convention, as there was no correspondence, or instructions we would proceed in the usual manner. She then introduced Mrs. MacMillan, constituency convener from Sexsmith. Mrs. MacMillan, in addressing the meeting, touched on many subjects of interest. As their meeting this month was their annual Grandmother's Day meeting it was held in the afternoon. This afforded them an opportunity to come to the Grande Prairie meeting. They said that there are 31 grandmothers and 3 great-grandmothers. She told of her visit to the Valhalla District W.I. and of her difficulties in getting there in a cream-truck through very bad roads. She was loud in her praise of the wonderful amount of work done by this small group, who have to overcome many difficulties in getting to their meetings. In speaking about the constituency conference she said that no definite date had been set but it was hoped that it would be about the end of June. She promised that the conference would not be all work and no play as some fun was arranged on the program, encouraged war work and that although the war in Europe was nearly over there was yet much to be done. She gave helpful hints to the standing committees, asking that each convener prepare new ideas and suggestions beneficial to their respective work, to be read at the conference. Mrs. Patterson thanked Mrs. MacMillan for her very interesting topics. She then said that the Sexsmith ladies kindly offered to take the boxes prepared for a needy family near Sexsmith. Mrs. MacMillan suggested that the boxes be given Rev. Mr. Penkerton to give to this family as he saw fit as they had already received many boxes of clothing. This suggestion was agreed to. Mrs. Patterson also reported that Mrs. Lovell asked for clothing for small babies; this was turned over to the convener of that committee.

Mrs. Patterson next spoke of Miss Elizabeth's Christmas visit to Canada from England in connection with Women's Institute work, that she addressed 500 institute members between Banff and Edmonton and that Mrs. Thompson had a record made of their talk in Edmonton. This record was sent to Mrs. Patterson and will be heard over C.F.G.P. Friday May 11th with Mrs. Kowensky's broadcast.

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

Mrs. Patterson reminded those who purchased cake from the Dance Committee to pay to Mrs. Hnatiuk.

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

Mrs. Manley is our new institute member.

Mrs. Miller moved that the meeting adjourn.

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

MacDonald, Secy.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

Minutes of the June Meeting of the Women's Institute

June 1945 The monthly meeting of Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Swallow on June 7th. There were 22 members present. The president, Mrs. Patterson, was in the chair.

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

No correspondence.

Gratitude expressed for V Day in Europe, 5/8.45. Mrs. Patterson brought news of Mrs. Montgomery's stay in hospital in hopes of regaining her health.

Constituency conference to be held at Sexsmith June 23rd was discussed – when Mrs. Morton, Provincial President, will be the chief speaker. Mrs. Patterson hoped for a large handicraft exhibition at the conference – and a good representative of our members to attend. She said that Mrs. Fish, formerly of Peace River, won the weaving exhibit at the Edmonton convention. Moved by Mrs. Hnatiuk and seconded by Mrs. Wilson that Mrs. Bell be delegate to the conference at Sexsmith. Mrs. A.C. Wilson is to look after transportation. Cars available through Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Hnatiuk, Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. Thomson.

T.B. Clinic arrangements were made with Mrs. Hnatiuk as convener for W.I. and Mrs. McFetridge to assist – ten other members volunteered to help with the registration.

The treasurer's report indicated that cash as at the end of April was \$73.97, receipts \$4.45, expenses \$5.70, leaving a balance of \$72.72.

A card of sympathy is to be sent to Mrs. Carroll on the death of her father.

A presentation of a W.I. pin to Mrs. Reynolds on her leaving Grande Prairie.

Sketches of the convention in Edmonton by Mrs. Patterson – highlights of the various meetings which was most interesting. Mrs. McFarlane reported one quilt from the South End Sewing Club and another one on hand.

Mrs. Wishart and Mrs. A.C. Wilson offered to help with lunch at Sept meeting.

Sister Eunice was guest speaker, her subject Home Economics. Courses as given in the school at present: cooking, washing and ironing – plan and budget meals at minimum expense – variety in meals. Home-nursing: take temperature, pulse & respiration – make beds – bathe patients – trays and soft and liquid diet for patients. Dietitian and meal planning. Home decorating – dressmaking – waitress and various other duties to help prepare the girls to make their homes a real home center.

Mrs. Patterson thanked Sister Eunice for her very interesting talk.

A motion that the meeting adjourn. Mrs. Bouchor and Mrs. McFarlane helped the hostess with the dainty lunch served.

Mrs. Bell, Acting Secy.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

Special Meeting

June 21st 1945 On June 21st a special meeting of the members of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. MacDonald. This meeting was in the form of a garden party – chiefly to wind up our activities for the summer months and that the delegate to the convention give her report.

There were twenty members present.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, sec. by Mrs. Hnatiuk that a plant be sent Mrs. McFarlane who is ill in hospital.

Mrs. MacDonald gave her report on the convention – Mrs. Patterson thanked Mrs. MacDonald for her report.

Mrs. MacMillan explained about a scholarship for Agriculture studies in the Peace River Country that is being sponsored – to be known as the D.W. Albright Scholarship. A motion was made by Mrs. Wishart, seconded by Mrs. Wilson that we donate \$10.00 to this scholarship. Carried.

All plans and arrangements for the constituency conference in Sexsmith were completed.

As the evening was growing cold it was suggested that we go inside to partake of the lunch prepared by the hostess, Mrs. Spicer and Mrs. Hnatiuk. I also wish to thank Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Flanagan for the grand cakes and cookies they provided – and yum yum they were good.

Lina MacDonald, Secy.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

Minutes of the September Meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

Sept 1945 On Sept 6th the first fall meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Hugh MacDonald with Mrs. Patterson, the president, presiding. There were eighteen members and five guests present.

The meeting opened with the singing of O'Canada followed by the Institute Creed being repeated in unison.

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

Correspondence consisted of a letter of thanks from a member, a birthday card and greetings from Mrs. MacMillan, constituency convener. A letter from the Dept of Public Health in connection with a lecture trip through northern Alberta, where they will lecture on public health subjects, wished to know if the Grande Prairie Women's Institute would sponsor a meeting when they were here in Oct. After some discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Welter that we sponsor this lecture. The secretary was advised to reply informing them of the decision of the meeting. Mrs. McFetridge offered to make enquiries about the possibility of securing Speke Hall for this occasion. A letter from the secretary of the Soldier's Civil Re-Establishment Committee asking this organization for the approval or otherwise of the appointment made at their meeting on July 13th of a representative of the Women's Institute. The president declared the approval of their appointment. Mrs. MacDonald gave a brief outline on the setup of this committee.

The treasurer's report was read, showing a balance as at the end of May of \$72.72, \$3.25 receipts, \$11.99 expenses in June, leaving a balance of \$63.98. Mrs. MacMillan seconded the adoption of Mrs. Hnatiuk's report.

Mrs. Patterson then welcomed our guests, expressing pleasure in having them with us. Mrs. Roberts, formerly director of District No. 1, now of Calgary; Mrs. Frazer from Nova Scotia, sister of Mrs. Bell; Mrs. MacMillan, Constituency Convener from Sexsmith; Mrs. Murphy, Secretary W.I. of Sexsmith and Mrs. Anderson, a war bride.

She then spoke of the institute's birthday, that on September 28th, 1924 "21 years ago", this branch of the Women's Institute was formed. Three of the original members were present: Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Bell.

She thanked Mrs. MacMillan for sending card and greetings. Mrs. Bell brought greetings from Mrs. Yule, whom she met in Edmonton.

Mrs. Patterson told of her interesting trip to Rio Grande to a Women's Institute meeting. What a full and exciting day she had, and all the good things to eat, "We wondered which full she meant". She then asked for a word from our guests. Mrs. Roberts of Calgary congratulated this branch on their 21st birthday, saying how pleased she was to be able to attend a meeting of the institute while here and meet old friends. She spoke briefly of the work done by her branch in Calgary and of the pride she always takes in telling of her former associates in this northern division and the work done by the members. Mrs. MacMillan congratulated us on our coming of age and spoke of attending a meeting of the ladies at Blueberry Mountain, encouraging them to form a branch of the Women's Institute there, and hoped that early in October a branch would be formed. She further "warned" us that if we had any designs of on our keeping the Handicraft Cup we would have to work very hard, as the ladies there do lovely work. Mrs. Murphy added her good wishes on our 21st birthday, saying she wonders now how it was that during the years she lived in Grande Prairie she never joined the Women's Institute. Mrs. Frazer spoke of work done by her branch in Nova Scotia, that they had a membership of eighty, with an attendance of about fifty at the meetings. Work consists chiefly of war and relief work, handicraft exhibits, contributing to the school library and at Christmas pack hampers for the needy from their relief work. Extending greetings on our birthday Mrs. Patterson thanked the ladies and sent greetings to their respective branches from this branch.

Mrs. Hnatiuk reported on the T.B. Clinic, telling of the ready response from the

community and thanked the 10 ladies who helped with the registration. Mrs. MacDonald reported on the Blood Clinic, four members helped with lunch and two in the capacity of nurses. Mrs. Patterson thanked the ladies who worked on these clinics, making special mention of Mrs. MacFarlane's voluntary service as secretary for the T.B. Clinic. She also reminded the meeting of the national clothing drive, asking the members to keep the date in mind, Oct 1st to 20th.

\$25.00 was voted to the Jam-for-Britain Fund on a motion by Mrs. Wishart, seconded by Mrs. McFarlane. Carried.

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

A quilt was on display, donated by the South End Sewing Club.

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

Mr. Rogers, the guest speaker, was introduced next. He took for his subject "The Government Policy of Rehabilitation of the Armed Forces". He told of the arrangements and plans being made by the government and local boards for the future welfare of the returning men and women. The discussion and questions that followed proved what an interest the ladies of the Women's Institute feel toward the welfare of the returning forces.

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

Rose Patterson, Pres.

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

Oct 1945 Nineteen members of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Bell on Oct. 6th for their first monthly meeting. After the singing of O' Canada and the repetition of the Institute Creed the minutes of the September meeting were read and adopted as read.

The treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of June of \$63.98, receipts in Sept \$8.00, expenses \$25.00, balance \$46.98. Mrs. Miller seconded the report.

Correspondence read.

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

Mrs. McFetridge reported that she had secured Speke Hall for the lecture on Public Health. Further, that at a meeting of the Hostess Hut Committee it was decided that the different organizations entertain the boys as before the holidays – this was tabled until some later date.

In the absence of Mrs. Wishart, Mrs. Patterson reported on the Birthday Tea. She said how very grateful she was to all who helped to make this tea the success that it was. She mentioned specially Mrs. Carroll who so graciously received the guests and attended to the Register Book, to Mrs. Welter for the lovely cake so artistically decorated and so delicious to eat, to Mrs. Wishart for the capable way in which she convened and to all her help, to the secretary for her report, Mrs. Miller for the musical program, asking her to extend appreciation to the artists who took part.

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

Mrs. McFarlane and Mrs. Wilson reported on war work. Mrs. McFarlane reported two quilts ready for shipment, one donated by the South End Sewing Club. Mrs. Wilson discussed the packing of ditty bags, mentioning that Mrs. McFarlane had purchased one dozen jig-saw puzzles and donated some chocolate bars. Mrs. Welter offered to make six cakes if the necessary ingredients were provided. Several members offered fruit, butter, eggs and sugar. Mrs. McFetridge and Mrs. MacMillan offered to make two cakes each, Mrs. Kowensky one. Mrs. Spicer two tins of cookies, Mrs. Thomson gave \$1.00, other donations of money and cakes were made later. The filling of the bags was arranged. On a motion made by Mrs. MacMillan, seconded by Mrs. Mrs. Kowensky, \$25.00 was voted to the war work conveners for ditty bag supplies and other war work. Carried. A discussion to hold a telephone bridge was tabled until next meeting.

Mrs. Kowensky reported on a letter from the late Mr. Berry in connection with the Princess Alice Fund. Mrs. Patterson explained that this fund arose from the wish of Princess Alice to use the money to be spent on a gift to her from the women of Canada on a scholarship fund. After due consideration a motion was made by Mrs. Thomson, sec. by Mrs. Swallow that \$5.00 be donated to this fund. Carried. The secretary is to enquire of Mrs. Strong through what channels this money be sent.

Mrs. Patterson next introduced the guest speaker, the Rev. Mr. Kitney. Mr. Kitney's subject, Youth Movement. One could readily understand how very interested Mr. Kitney is in the youth movement by the sincere way in which he delivered his talk. He compared the youth education of Hitler with that of Denmark. Hitler's youth education was the basis of his rise to power of destruction, while the youth education in Denmark is to further the development of better and beautiful things. In the Folk High Schools, poetry and folk songs are taught as a means to improve morale and a desire to get out and study the development other countries. They came to Canada to study our butter and bacon industry which proved to be of great benefit to them. Mrs. Patterson thanked Mr. Kitney for his most

interesting talk and the appreciation of all was shown by all the questions asked and our desire that he should talk some more.

The secretary moved a vote of thanks, Mrs. Wilson seconded. While we were further discussing youth movement with Mr. Kitney, Mrs. Swallow and Mrs. Kowensky helped the hostess with the dainty lunch served.

Mrs. Spicer moved the adjournment of the meeting.

Lina MacDonald, Secy.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

Minutes of the November Meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

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

Secretary reported late, the minutes of the October meeting were read by Mrs. Kowensky, Mrs. Bishop moved the adoption and Mrs. McFarlane seconded.

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$46.98 as at the end of September, receipts on October \$2.95, expenses \$27.69, balance \$22.24. Mrs. McFarlane reported twelve ditty bags packed and read the list of articles therein, thanked those who helped with the packing, also for the generous donations. \$25.00 covered the cost of the ditty bags and material for quilts. Mrs. Patterson expressed the thanks of all the members for Mrs. MacFarlane's work, also to the members for their donations.

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

Mrs. Patterson reported on the national clothing drive, that the members were not needed for packing.

Mrs. Wishart reported on memorial service in response to request to that a representative be sent to the meeting, suggested that Women's Institute and Stagettes handle the sale of poppies. Mrs. McFetridge offered to take care of the matter.

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

Two letters were read.

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

Mrs. Wilson moved and Mrs. Swallow seconded that \$1.00 be sent to this fund. The president then brought the personal Christmas Gift to the attention of the members. The secretary is to remind all absent members.

Money making suggestions were discussed next, including telephone bridge, talent money, \$2.00 each member, a progressive tea and an all-nations dinner. A play was suggested as a new year's project. A motion was made by Mrs. Miller for a progressive tea. A motion was made by Mrs. MacMillan and seconded by Mrs. Wishart for telephone bridge. Carried. Nov. 23rd was set as the date, Mrs. MacMillan, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Welter to convene. Mrs. Swallow moved that \$5.00 be spent on prizes. Seconded by Mrs. Sharpe.

The nominating committee was arranged next, with Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Sharpe and Mrs. Flanagan appointed. The standing committee were reminded to have their reports ready to hand in at the Dec. meeting.

Mrs. Patterson introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Minchen, a war bride. Mrs. Minchen told of the life of the people in war-time Britain. She mentioned rationing, blackouts, clothing coupons, no silk stockings, more than 4 million homes damaged by bombs. Newspapers helped with special receipts for war-time foods. Many questions were asked. Mrs. Patterson thanked the speaker for her interesting talk.

Mrs. MacDonald gave a brief report on the meeting of the rehabilitation she attended. The general discussion she said was chiefly the efforts of the government for the betterment of our returning armed forces, to find suitable jobs for them and help them in every way possible to adjust themselves back to civilian life. Mrs. MacDonald moved to adjourn.

Lina MacDonald, Secy.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

Minutes of the December Meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

Dec. 1945 On Dec. 6th nineteen members of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Carroll for their monthly meeting. After the singing of O'Canada the Institute Creed was repeated in unison.

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

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

Mrs. Patterson read a letter of appreciation from Mr. Cummings for the help given to the national clothing drive; 7,042 lbs of clothing was packed and shipped from Grande Prairie.

Mrs. Patterson then spoke on the telephone bridge and explained what seemed to make a difference of opinion in connection with the money contribution. She thanked the conveners for their success and made special mention of Miss Wilson who so artistically designed the score cards. The secretary was asked to write her a letter expressing our appreciation.

Mrs. McFetridge reported on the poppy sale, saying that Mrs. Hnatiuk, Mrs. Bouchor and herself sold poppies in the value of \$63.45, with this amount handed over to the Legion.

Mrs. Wilson reported on war work, that 3 quilts were sent to the Navy League and that there were 2 quilts on display: one from the South End Sewing Club and one from Mrs. MacMillan.

Mrs. Patterson reported on the demonstration by Mrs. Vera MacDonald, that owing to the very stormy weather there was an attendance of only 16. Those who came were amply rewarded, the demonstration was both interesting and instructive. She told of many short cuts in housekeeping to save steps for the housewife and included many useful and interesting things to make. There were also several receipts for cakes. Mrs. Kowensky moved that \$1.00 be given the caretaker and \$2.00 to the Church Board to cover expenses in connection with this demonstration. Mrs. Wilson seconded.

Mrs. MacMillan reported on the telephone bridge. 28 tables played and all who took part enjoyed themselves to the fullest. She thanked the members who helped, especially Mrs. Miller, whom, she said, did most of the organizing. Gross receipts amounted to \$62.50.

The president next called for the annual reports. The secretary summed up the year's activities, showing a very full year financially, socially and active. Mrs. Swallow seconded the annual report.

The treasurer's report also showed a busy year. \$335.01 was raised, \$265.01 was spent various worthy causes, leaving a balance of \$70.00. Mrs. Bishop seconded this report.

Mrs. Patterson spoke briefly on the year's work, thanking all for their cooperation. She said that she enjoyed the year's work to the utmost.

The standing committees each gave a very interesting report on their various activities. Mrs. Bishop reported on agriculture and Canadian industry, told of the interesting talk by Mr. Stranatka on agriculture and Mrs. MacDonald's demonstration on household economics. Mrs. Spicer reported that plants and flowers were sent to members ill in the hospital. Mrs. Hnatiuk, Red Cross and Home Economics handicrafts, told of the talk by Sister Eunice of all the subjects given her pupils on home economics. The Grande Prairie W.I. won the cup this year for Handicrafts, giving credit to two of our members for this honour. She was unable to get a full report on Red Cross work but mentioned the blood donor and T.B. Clinics, in which the Institute's members took an active part.

Mrs. Kowensky, radio and publicity, reported that ten broadcasts were done this year. Two of those were done by our president, a recording of Miss Christmas tour through Canada on behalf of the Women's Institute of Britain. Letters of thanks were written to C.F.G.P., Canadian Utilities and the Herald-Tribune.

Mrs. Swallow, War Time Price and Trade, said she had nothing of importance to report as everybody seemed to abide by the wartime regulations very well. She read parts from one their

pamphlets on children's clothing which said that in cases of extreme need a report should be sent to headquarters and they would attend to it. She also said to watch in the papers for changes in coupons.

Mrs. McFetridge, Social Welfare, reported that several needy families were cared for with boxes of clothing.

Mrs. MacMillan, on citizenship. This was a very interesting report, mentioning Miss Campbell's educational talk on venereal disease. There was also a social service lecture and pictures by Miss MacKay, Mr. Evoy on public health, Mr. Stranaki's talk on agriculture, Rev. Mr. Kitney on the youth movement, Mr. Rogers on rehabilitation of returned men. Now, with the war over, it is time for real citizenship efforts, both national and international.

Mrs. Wilson spoke on war work which was also a splendid report. 17 quilts, 12 ditty bags, 32 prs of socks and mittens, 12 lbs fur and leather, 1 quilt made and packed with the Russian relief clothing. Mrs. Patterson sincerely thanked each of the conveners for their splendid reports which, she said, showed the keen interest each one took in their work. Mrs. Carroll seconded all these reports.

Mrs. Patterson then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Carroll, who, on taking the chair, asked for the nominating committees report. When the slate of officers was read Mrs. Swallow moved and Mrs. Hnatiuk seconded that the slate stand as read. Mrs. Patterson returned to the chair, thanked the nominating committee, said a few words on how pleased she was to see most of the officers from last year continuing, and welcomed the new ones. The new slate of officers would be as follows: Mrs. Patterson, Pres.; Mrs. Wishart and Mrs. Spicer, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. MacDonald, Secy.; Mrs. Flanagan, Treas.; Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. MacMillan, Directors; Mrs. Swallow and Mrs. Ireland, Auditors; Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Hnatiuk, Mrs. McFarlane, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. McFetridge, Conveners Standing Committees

New business. Nominating of program committee: Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Hnatiuk, Mrs. McFetridge, Mrs. Bouchor with Mrs. Wilson as convener were nominated. Suggestions for program asked for and many given. Moved by Mrs. Kowensky and seconded by Mrs. Miller to allocate \$5.00 to Mrs. Spicer and Mrs. McFetridge to buy Christmas cheer for hospital. Subscriptions were taken for Home and Country magazine. The roll call was answered with many interesting suggestions for Christmas. \$3.00 was given the secretary for stamps.

While a delicious lunch was being prepared by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Manley and Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. MacDonald read an article by Miss Christmas on her tour through Canada, the wonderful hospitality of the Canadian people and the grand work done by the Women's Institute.

MacDonald, Secy.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

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

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

The Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of Nov of \$71.34, receipts in Dec \$3.75, expenses \$11.00, balance \$64.09.

Correspondence read. Christmas card of greetings from Mrs. MacMillan, constituency convener. A letter of thanks from Miss Campbell, Matron of hospital, for gift of fruit received. Letter from Kinsmen Club asking for a donation in connection with Percy boy. On a motion by Mrs. Carroll, seconded by Mrs. MacMillan, \$25.00 was voted to the Kinsmen's request.

Mrs. McFetridge reported that grapefruit in the value of \$5.00 was sent to the hospital at Xmas. Mrs. McFarlane said that she had no war work to report, but asked the members if they would each donate a "Housewife" as suggested by the Provincial War Convener in Home and Country magazine. This suggestion was unanimously approved. Mrs. Bouchor donated material for the making of these and offered to cut them out and leave with Mrs. Wilson along with a made sample. Each member is to call and get one or two. Mrs. Wilson is to help with the cutting, each "Housewife" when made up to be fitted with needles, pins, buttons etc, to be sent to Europe where the need is great.

Auditors reported that the books were found to be correct. Mrs. Wilson, program convener, read the program for 1946 as drafted by herself and her committee; this very interesting program was adopted. Mrs. MacMillan offered to type and prepare this program to be distributed at the next meeting.

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

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

While the lunch was being prepared, the president called the roll, which was answered by new year's resolutions.

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

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

Lina MacDonald, Secy.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

Minutes of the ~~January~~ February Meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

Feb 1946 Sixteen members of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute and four visitors met at the home of Mrs. H. MacDonald for the Feb meeting. After the singing of O'Canada and the repetition of the Institute Creed the minutes of the January meeting were read and adopted.

The treasurer's report followed, showing a balance as at the end of Dec of \$46.11. Receipts in January were \$14.61, expenses \$61.25, balance \$17.46. Mrs. Swallow seconded this report.

Correspondence consisted of a letter of acknowledgement and thanks for a cheque in the amount of \$25.00 for the Percy boy and three letters from sailors who received ditty bags at Christmas; their thanks and gratitude surely proved this to be a worthwhile effort.

Mrs. Patterson read parts from a newspaper clipping of work done for the Navy League, showing that the Women's Institute contributed about $\frac{3}{4}$ of to this worthy cause. She also spoke of a letter which she received from Mrs. MacMillan, constituency convener, in connection with Handicraft, urging that a good display of work be ready for exhibit. The war work convener reported 24 "Housewives" were given out to members, 13 were returned all beautifully done. The remaining ones should be turned in soon. A discussion for next month's war project followed, where it was finally decided to make crib quilts measuring 30 x 36. On a motion by Mrs. Swallow, seconded by Mrs. Welter, \$5.00 was voted to the war work convener to buy material for quilts and other needs. Carried. A quilt made by the South End Sewing Club was on display.

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

Mrs. Patterson welcomed the visitors and expressed a hope that they would become members. She next welcomed and introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Pickard. Mrs. Pickard's opening remark was the juvenile definition of a library, "a place where old books are kept that nobody reads". She went on further to say that was not true of the Grande Prairie library, as last year about 9,000 books were in circulation. Her talk was very interesting, giving a full history of the library and work entailed from its beginning in 1939 until the present day. There are now 2,000 books on the shelves with space and shelving too crowded. There is need of a larger place with a reading room and reference books. She said that 4 or 5 members was not sufficient to carry on the work and hoped for a representative from the different organizations. A lively discussion followed, which proved the interest of all the members.

Mrs. Patterson was appointed to represent the W.I. on the library board, on a motion by Mrs. Wishart, seconded by Mrs. McFarlane Carried unanimously. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Pickard for her interesting discussion. Mrs. Bouchor made a motion that the bill to the Herald-Tribune be paid, seconded by Mrs. Sharpe. Carried.

Eight (8) members paid their fees. On a motion by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. MacMillan, the meeting adjourned. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Wilson served lunch.

Lina MacDonald, Secy.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

Minutes of the ~~February~~ March Meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

March 1946 At the home of Mrs. D.W. Patterson on March 8th, eighteen members of the Women's Institute met for the monthly meeting. As this was to be a social evening the president asked that we dispense with the usual meeting opening of O'Canada and the Creed. She called for the minutes of the February meeting which were read and approved.

The treasurer read her report showing receipts in February \$11.84, expenses \$6.00, leaving a balance of \$23.30. Mrs. Kowensky seconded this report.

Mrs. Carroll reported having received a letter from a sailor who received a ditty bag at Christmas and of how very thankful he was for the many useful things it contained. Mrs. Kowensky also reported receiving a letter from another grateful sailor.

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

Mrs. Patterson also stated that she had received a letter from Mrs. MacMillan, constituency convener, asking that the date for the annual conference be set as early as possible. After some discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Wishart, seconded by Mrs. R. MacMillan that Saturday, June 15th be the date of the conference which will be held in Grande Prairie. Carried.

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

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

Mrs. Kowensky made a motion that the "tea" money be used to defray the expenses of the evening's entertainment. Mrs. Wilson seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Patterson then turned the meeting over to the entertainment committee who, under the able leadership of Mrs. MacMillan had arranged a program of contests, games and sing-songs. Two Irish songs by Miss DeWitt, accompanied by Miss Patterson at the piano was greatly enjoyed. The ladies all set aside their dignity and entered into the spirit of the fun, making the program a real success. A buffet lunch was served from a neatly arranged table centred with a miniature Killarney castle, green tapers and shamrocks.

Two new members joined and three paid their fees. A hearty vote of thanks to the committee was moved by Mrs. Wilson and seconded by all.

Mrs. Thomson moved the meeting adjourn.

MacDonald, Secy.
G.A. Wishart, Vice-Pres.

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

April 1946 The meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. MacMillan with eighteen (18) members and 3 visitors present. In the absence of our president, Mrs. Wishart, vice-president presided. The minutes of the March meeting were read and adopted.

The treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of Feb of \$23.30. Receipts in March \$6.75, expenses \$1.00, balance \$29.05. Mrs. Bishop seconded this report.

Correspondence consisted of a note from Mrs. Patterson and an enclosed letter from an old member, Mrs. Tracey, now of Toronto, and a radio broadcast on conditions in Europe as seen by Dr. Joy. Mrs. Tracey is a member of the Toronto Unitarian Service Committee, and as such is trying to get help for the needy Europeans. Remembering the willingness always of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute to help in every worthy cause she appealed to them for help. After listening to the report on the radio broadcast being read by Mrs. Hobbes, the members all felt that something could be done. After some discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Thomson, seconded by Mrs. MacMillan that we each try to donate some of the articles mentioned in Mrs. Hobbes' broadcast, including rags, pencils, crayons, bedding, dolls, toys and anything that could be spared. This motion had the unanimous support of all the members. Mrs. Wilson kindly offered to attend to the packing and shipping and for all articles to be left at her home no later than April 24th. Mrs. MacDonald offered to help with the packing.

Mrs. McFetridge distributed handicraft papers. Mrs. MacDonald reported on the Red Cross drive and [word????]. Mrs. Wilson, reporting on war work, said that 3 more lovely crib quilts were turned in, as part of the Feb war project. A lovely lot of baby things for a layette were on display; this was the March war project. April's project is to be food parcels sent overseas.

Ways and Means committee replenishing the treasury was discussed at length. It was finally decided on a motion by Mrs. Swallow, seconded by Mrs. Kowensky that each member be responsible for \$2.00 to make which ever way she saw fit and to turn it in at the next meeting. Carried. Mrs. MacDonald is to phone the members not present.

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

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

Lina MacDonald, Secy.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

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

May. 46 Nineteen members and two guests met at the home of Mrs. Sharpe on May 2nd with Mrs. Patterson, President, presiding. The meeting opened with the singing of O'Canada followed by the repeating of the Institute Creed. The minutes of the April meeting were read; Mrs. MacMillan moved the adoption.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of March of \$29.05, receipts in April \$3.40, expenses 25¢, balance \$32.20. Mrs. Kowensky seconded this report.

Mrs. MacMillan read a letter of appreciation from a sailor who received a ditty bag at Christmas; he was loud in his praise with its contents. This makes eight acknowledgments received from the twelve bags sent.

The Secretary read a letter from the Convener, Agriculture and Canadian Industry for the constituency, asking for a report from this branch on that subject to enable her to make a full report for the conference.

Mrs. Wishart reported on the banquet given Lt. Col. Snow by the Board of Trade, saying that the banquet was very nice, the speaker's subject "The need of men for a permanent force in Canada".

In the absence of the War Convener, Mrs. MacDonald reported on the lovely box of articles, toys, rags, crayons, pencils, etc that were sent to the Unitarian Church Committee in Vancouver. The box is to be shipped to needy Europeans and it was mentioned how nice and clean and ironed all the articles were. The Secretary was advised to write Mrs. Tracey and tell her what had been done in response to her appeal and to also express the sympathy of the members on the death of her mother.

Mrs. Patterson read the number of lovely articles in the layette for the March war project. Members were reminded that the May war project is a child's outfit. As the age was not known it was decided to make what would fit any child, as it all would be useful. Parcels for overseas was discussed. Mrs. MacDonald offered to take the war work for May as Mrs. Wilson would be unable to attend to it.

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

Mrs. Swallow, reporting on Wartime Price Trade, told of the appeal for unused meat coupons and suggested that anyone having any unused ones turn them in to the local ration board.

Mrs. McFetridge, convener of handicrafts, asked the members to make as many entries as possible in the handicraft competition of the conference. Three judges are to be arranged, with suggestions that one be from Rio Grande, one from Sexsmith and one from here. She also said that if the Women's Institute wished to have a "White Elephant" sale, it would not interfere with the Anglican W.A. sale.

Mrs. Patterson spoke briefly on the Council meeting and mentioned the illness of Mrs. Montgomery. Mrs. McGorman, the new Vice-President, is replacing Mrs. Evans who left to live in Texas. Mrs. McGorman will also help Mrs. Morton with war work. The June meeting to be a picnic at [left blank] was discussed. On a motion by Mrs. Ireland, seconded by Mrs. Welsh, the picnic is to be left for a later date as there would be much business to attend to at the June meeting. Carried.

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

Mrs. MacDonald spoke of the condition of the cemetery and asked the members for suggestions, if anything could be done to improve it. Mrs. Patterson asked Mrs. MacDonald if she would represent the W.I. and write each organization, asking that a representative be appointed to form a committee and draw up some plans for the improvement of the cemetery, to be presented to council.

The Secretary was also advised to write Mrs. Geo. O'Brien, expressing our regrets in losing her as a member and extending our good wishes to her in her new home.

Mrs. Patterson welcomed the guests and expressed hope that they would become members. She then introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Carlisle, who took as her subject "Her experience in gardening". She told of her successes and failures, of her great ambition to be a wonderful peony grower, of her disappointment when in showing a guest through her garden, only to find the name tags of her peonies gone. Then the disgust of her guest in discovering she did not know the names of any of her peonies, of the shrubs and plants she got the most pleasure out of, all told in that humorous and interesting way that only Mrs. Carlisle can tell it. This made her talk so enjoyable by us all. Mrs. Patterson, in thanking Mrs. Carlisle, expressed the appreciation of all.

Mrs. Weigard is our newest member. One member paid her fee. While the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Henning and Mrs. Flanagan, prepared the dainty lunch, the roll was called and answered by many interesting garden hints.

Mrs. Hnatiuk moved the meeting adjourn, Mrs. Manley seconded.

Lina MacDonald, Secy.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

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

June. 46 Nineteen members of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Swallow on June 6th. The meeting was opened with the singing of O Canada, followed by the Institute Creed. Mrs. Patterson, the president, presiding. Minutes of the May meeting were read and adopted.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of April of \$32.20, receipts in May, "talent money, etc. \$36.25, expenses \$5.15, balance \$63.30. Mrs. Kowensky seconded this report.

Correspondence consisted of letters from the provincial officers Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Strong, Mrs. McFarlane and our new vice-president Mrs. McGorman. Mrs. Tracey acknowledged our answer to her appeal for clothing for needy Europeans, Mrs. McGorman sent a card acknowledging crib quilts sent to Mrs. Morton. Mention was made in Mrs. MacFarlane's letter of the new folders with the W.I. crest that could be purchased for 50¢ a dozen. She also said that the W.I. spoons would be ready in August. Mrs. Kowensky made a motion that two dozen folders be sent for the secretary's use, Mrs. Hnatiuk seconded. Carried.

Seven members reported sending parcels to friends overseas, "April's War Project". The secretary was asked to check over her minutes for items on war work to help Mrs. Wilson in making out the war report as Mrs. McFarlane had not yet returned from her holidays. This report is to be sent to Mrs. Umbach for the conference.

Mrs. Patterson discussed a letter she received from Mrs. Morton on her trip to Ottawa and her many activities while there. She also told of her visit to East Kleskun, accompanied by Mrs. MacMillan, constituency convener, of the interest of the ladies there to form an institute branch. She extended an invitation to these ladies to attend the conference here on June 15th and get a better idea of the work done by the different branches. While there they discussed a proposed rest room in Grande Prairie for the out of town people coming here. This project was discussed at length where it was thought to be too big a job for this branch to decide therefore was left to be taken up at the conference. The idea of a scrap book was brought forward – the secretary was asked on a motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Weigand and approved to purchase a scrap book and enter all items of interest of institute doings in it. The secretary was also asked to look through the minute book for items of interest for "Home and Country"; Mrs. Patterson said that this was an idea discussed at the council meeting.

Mrs. MacDonald reported on the cemetery, expressing appreciation for the cooperation and interest of the different organizations and the courteous attention of the council when the appeal to improve conditions in the cemetery was brought before them. They promised to take the matter up and see what could be done. Mrs. Patterson thanked Mrs. MacDonald for this report.

The Kleskun Hill picnic and swimming pool was discussed. It was hope that as many as possible would attend the picnic. After some discussion on the swimming pool a motion was made by Mrs. McFetridge, seconded by Mrs. Thompson that we hold an auction sale with proceeds for the swimming pool. The sale would be held in September. The secretary was advised to write the Kinsmen Club, informing them of our intention to have an auction sale and that we would be pleased to receive donations of anything saleable. They were also advised to watch the local paper for further announcements.

Mrs. Patterson, speaking of the sports day program, said that she thanked the Program Committee for the opportunity to have a lunch booth on the grounds but that we were sorry we could not take advantage of this offer. Mrs. MacMillan moved and Mrs. Kowensky seconded that the secretary write the Chief of Police, Town Council and the Sports Committee secretary, asking that the Provincial Liquor Act be strictly enforced during the two days of sports. The secretary was also told to remember any sick members during the summer months.

Mrs. Patterson reported attending a library meeting and of the keen interest showed in

the library. The I.O.D.E. and High School were also represented and plans for a public site for a new building was discussed. Mrs. Pickard told her to keep in mind the library meeting in the fall.

Mrs. MacMillan suggested that we purchase a bolt of factory cotton and have it made up into different articles to be sold. Mrs. Wishart moved and Mrs. Bishop seconded that Mrs. MacMillan purchase the cotton. Mrs. Kowensky asked that the material be made up by October so as not to interfere with the church bazaars. Mrs. MacMillan offered to convene the cutting and stamping of this material.

A motion was made by Mrs. MacMillan, seconded by Mrs. Bell that outstanding bills be paid. The arrangements for the conference were discussed next. Mrs. Patterson asked the convener of handicrafts to take charge of arranging the handicraft display and since there was to be a wedding reception in the church basement that day, to consult with the ladies in charge of the reception so that there would be no conflicts. Each convener is to send her report to the constituency convener but Mrs. Mrs. Kowensky is to leave out her report on Radio and Publicity. Mrs. Wishart was asked to give the welcome address. Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Thomson to pour tea with Mrs. Bell also attending to the register book. A delegate was called for to which Mrs. Bell moved that Mrs. MacDonald act as delegate. Mrs. Patterson said she had hoped Mrs. MacDonald would act as secretary for the conference. Mrs. MacDonald said that she would act as secretary for the conference as well as delegate. Mrs. Jones would be asked to judge the handicrafts with the other two ladies.

Mrs. Smart offered to bring her Indian work. It was decided to serve for lunch salads, cold meats, buns, cake and tea. The cold meats, buns and cake are to be bought, with the buns bought from Spicers and cake from the coffee shop. Mrs. MacMillan, Mrs. Ireland and Mrs. Henning offered to take charge of the lunch. Mrs. Bell moved that greetings be sent P.R. Conference. Articles for the May Ward Project were on display, consisting of clothing for children of about eight and three. The June project is to be a layette to be distributed to the Public Health Nurses of Alberta. Many of the members offered to donate the articles asked for to make up this layette.

\$15.00 of talent money was turned in. The roll call, "What I see from my kitchen window", was very amusing. Mrs. Carroll's description of the hat that Mrs. Henning wears on wash day and Mrs. Stoehr's knowledge of why patients hurry to hospital should get honorary mention if not first prize.

Mrs. Hnatiuk was presented with a baby spoon for her new baby boy. She thanked the members most graciously on behalf of her wee man.

Mrs. Stoehr moved that the meeting adjourn. A delightful lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Kowensky and Mrs. Hnatiuk.

Lina MacDonald, Secy.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

Minutes of the September Meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

Sept. 1946 The Sept meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Miller with 22 members and 2 guests present. The president, Mrs. Patterson, called the meeting to order with the singing of O' Canada followed by the Institute Creed. The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of May of \$63.30, expenses \$16.94, receipts \$17.73, balance of \$64.09. Mrs. Thomson seconded this report.

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

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

Mrs. Patterson welcomed the visitors and expressed a wish that they would join the institute. She then said a few words of greeting to the grandmothers who were guests of honour for the evening. Mrs. McFetridge, who was in charge of the evening's entertainment, called little Miss Ireland and Master Miller, who very coyly presented each grandmother with a lovely corsage and handkerchief. The grandmothers expressed their appreciation as guests of the evening and proudly displayed their corsages and hankies. The business of the meeting was again resumed.

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

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

Mrs. Patterson moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. MacMillan and her committee for the lovely lunch served at the conference.

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

October 1946 On October 3rd the Women's Institute held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Patterson with 21 members and 3 visitors present. The president, Mrs. Patterson, presiding. The meeting opened with the singing of O'Canada followed by the Institute Creed.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and adopted. The treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of June \$64.09, receipts in Sept \$9.57, expenses \$36.64, balance \$37.02. Mrs. Patterson explained the sending of the Jam Fund to Britain, as at the Sept meeting it was forgotten and it would be too late to wait for the October meeting. She got in touch with as many of the members as possible and with the exception of one all were in favour sending \$25.00 as usual. A motion was made by Mrs. Smart, seconded by Mrs. Hnatiuk that the action be approved. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Kowensky that we pay for the dishes used at the conference. Carried. Mrs. Bishop moved that \$11.00 be given the secretary to buy stamps, seconded by Mrs. Swallow. Carried.

Mrs. Patterson welcomed the visitors, telling them how very pleased we were to have them as our guests.

She then spoke on the library. It had been suggested to her that as the Women's Institute was to a great extent responsible for the organizing of the library that we sponsor a library evening, chiefly for the benefit of the teachers, pupils and others interested. The purpose of the evening would be to provide what books have been distributed there and to get ideas and suggestions for improved service to the public and books needed for the schools. She wished the opinion of the members. Mrs. Thomson moved and Mrs. Welter seconded that the Women's Institute sponsor a "Library Evening" on October 16th. Carried unanimously. A committee of three was formed, including Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Kowensky and Mrs. MacDonald. The president then advised the secretary to send invitations to the librarian and members of the Library Board, to the Principals of the 3 schools and their staff of teachers, the secretaries of the School Boards and staff, the I.O.D.E. and to Mrs. Charters. Mrs. Smart very kindly offered to give butter while other ladies offered to make cake or sandwiches. With tea and sugar left from the conference it was felt that little work was left to be done.

The Halloween Tea and sale of work was arranged for next. Mrs. McFarlane made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Henning, that we have a Halloween Tea and sale of work on Oct 26th. Carried. Again the members were both ready and willing to take part in this project, with Mrs. Wishart and Mrs. Henning on refreshments, Mrs. Ireland and Mrs. Bishop on the fancy work, Mrs. Bouchor, Mrs. Welter and Mrs. MacDonald on the decorating. Mrs. Stoehr is to make posters while Mrs. MacDonald is to attend to advertising. Mrs. Patterson is to attend to securing the United Church, basement if possible. Waitresses will be Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Weigand, Mrs. Manley, Mrs. Stoehr, Mrs. MacDonald and Mrs. Mrs. Bouchor. Mrs. Swallow and Mrs. Kowensky will attend to the kitchen.

Mr. Sissons, the guest speaker for the evening, arrived and was introduced by the president. Mr. Sissons took for his subject "Immigration", which he ably discussed. Giving both sides, why immigration to Canada would not be an asset to the country and why immigration of the right class of Europeans are beneficial to this vast country. His argument was clear and held the attention of all. A lively discussion followed which proved the interest felt by members of the Women's Institute on this subject. Mrs. Patterson thanked Mr. Sissons for his interesting discussion. Mrs. Kowensky moved a vote of thanks on behalf of all present. Mrs. Stoehr seconded.

Mrs. Wilson moved all bills be paid, Mrs. Wishart seconded.

Mrs. Swallow moved the meeting adjourn and Mrs. Weigand seconded.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. McFetridge and Mrs. McFarlane then served a delicious lunch.

Lina MacDonald, Secy.
Rose Patterson, Pres.

Minutes of the November Meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

Nov 1946 The November meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Wishart with eighteen members and three visitors present. After the singing of O'Canada and the repetition of the Institute Creed the minutes of the October meeting were read and adopted. The treasurer's report followed, showing a balance as at the end of Sept of \$37.02, expenses in October \$13.85, receipts \$93.30 (\$60.00 of this money was proceeds of Tea and sale of work), balance of \$116.47.

Correspondence was read. A letter from the librarian expressing the appreciation of the Library Board for the very successful evening sponsored by the Women's Institute on Oct. 16. A letter from the secretary of the National Film Library asking for a donation to the National Film Library in Grande Prairie. A card from Mrs. Charters acknowledging and accepting the invitation to the Library Evening Oct 16th. A letter from the I.O.D.E. in connection with establishing a Community Chest in Grande Prairie. The letter from the National Film Library was discussed and on a motion by Mrs. Hnatiuk, seconded by Mrs. Henning, \$20.00 was voted to this project. Carried. After much discussion on the Community Chest project Mrs. Kowensky made a motion, seconded by Mrs. McFarlane, that the secretary write the Town Council "as requested by the I.O.D.E." and that in the opinion of it's members the Women's Institute Grande Prairie was not ready to support the Community Chest.

Mrs. Patterson welcomed the visitors and expressed appreciation in having them with us. She then thanked the different committees for the part they took in making the tea and sale of work such a success. She also told of a letter she received from Mrs. Newcombe in connection with an exhibit of handicrafts. She took upon herself to answer this letter with the feeling that since the ladies had so recently worked so hard, they were not prepared to take on anything else now, but perhaps at a later date it could be considered. Mr. Belford phoned Mrs. Patterson in connection with Poppy Day sale, wanting to know if any of the ladies would sell poppies. It was the general opinion of the meeting to let the younger folks attend to that.

Mrs. Kowensky gave a report on the Library Evening, told of the interesting reports given by the members of the Library Board, of Mrs. Patterson's opening talk and the interest shown by all in the library and what it had to offer to the public. Mrs. Kowensky also talked about a letter and box of baby foods she received from a Mrs. Parlee for overseas. This was the result of hearing a broadcast by Mrs. Kowensky of the W.I. sending donations to the Vitamin Jam and Juices Fund in Britain. Mrs. Kowensky sent the box to Mrs. Morton who will send it overseas. Mrs. Patterson reported that two new branches of the W.I. were formed, one at Kleskun Hill and one at Clark's Bonanza.

A nominating committee was called for to appoint officers for the coming year. Mrs. Hnatiuk, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Ward kindly consented to act on this committee. Mrs. Bell asked that the January meeting date be changed from the 2nd to the 9th. Mrs. Bishop moved and Mrs. Kowensky seconded that the date be changed. Carried. The secretary was advised to write the secretary of the Teen-age organization reminding them that they are on the January program and not to make the entertainment too long. Mrs. Bell moved and Mrs. Hnatiuk seconded that all bills be paid and that \$1.00 be given the janitor. Carried.

The guest speaker arrived and was introduced by Mrs. Patterson. Mr. Cochrane expressed pleasure in addressing the members of the Women's Institute. He said that his subject, Geology and Fossils, was his hobby. This discussion was indeed interesting as he talked on the different formations of the earth from the earliest ages, illustrating as he talked, with specimens of different formations of rock and fossils. Many of his specimens were found in the Peace River Country, especially in the Kleskun Hills. Mrs. Patterson thanked Mr. Cochrane for his interesting and instructive talk. Mrs. Wilson moved the meeting adjourn. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Stoehr and Mrs. MacDonald. Mrs. Spicer sent sandwiches.

MacDonald, Secy.

Rose Patterson, Pres.

Minutes of the December Meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute

Dec. 1946 On Dec 5th twenty-one members and one visitor met at the home of Mrs. Carroll for the monthly and annual meeting of the Grande Prairie Women's Institute. Mrs. Patterson presided over the meeting. After the singing of O' Canada and the repeating of the Institute's Creed the minutes of the Nov meeting were read and adopted.

The treasurer's report showed a balance as at the end of Oct of \$116.47, receipts in Nov \$3.70, expenses \$30.08, balance \$90.09. Mrs. Bishop seconded the report.

Correspondence was read. There was a letter from Mrs. Robinson acknowledging a cheque for \$20.00 to the National Film Library Fund and a letter from Pauline Hiatt informing us that she was sending copies of the Nov Newsletter to be distributed at the Dec meeting (I did not receive these copies). A Christmas card from Mrs. MacMillan, constituency convener, sending greetings and best wishes to all the members. Mrs. Patterson read a letter from Mrs. Morton in connection with the Unitarian Church Committee, again asking for help in preparing boxes for overseas. She then asked for reports from the Standing Committee, and as there were none she told of helping the Library Board ~~with~~ catalogue their books.

Move by Mrs. Welter and seconded by Mrs. Welsh that Mrs. Kowensky be reimbursed in the amount of \$2.96 for stamps used on mailing parcels and letters. Carried.

The annual reports were asked for next. The secretary's report was read and accepted. Seconded by Mrs. McFetridge. The treasurer's report showed the year's receipts as \$200.89, expenses \$182.16, balance in bank \$90.09. Mrs. Kowensky seconded this report "most of this balance was carried over from last year". Mrs. MacFarlane's report on post-war work was an excellent report and showed that although the war is over the members have not lessened their efforts. Mrs. Wishart seconded this report. Mrs. Hnatiuk reported on handicrafts, saying she had nothing to report except that we again won the cup. In the absence of Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Patterson gave a brief report from memory on citizenship and told of the interesting talks by different speakers. Mrs. Bishop also said that she had but a very brief report to make on Agriculture and Canadian Industry, except for the very interesting talk on gardening by Mrs. Carlisle. Mrs. McFetridge, welfare convener, had no report to make, which she said was a good report as it proved more prosperity. She told of sending fruit to the hospital last Christmas. Mrs. Kowensky reported on publicity and radio broadcasts. Very few of the branches in this district send her reports on their doings but with the material at her disposal she arranges a very interesting broadcast. Mrs. Wilson seconded this report.

Mrs. Hnatiuk reported for the Nominating Committee. First, she expressed her appreciation to the 1946 executive for their splendid work. Very little change was made in the slate of officers. Pres., 1st Vice & 2nd Vice Pres., Sec. & Treas. were returned to office. Directors, Mrs. Wilson returned to office. Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Bouchor are new. Auditors remain office, Mrs. Swallow and Mrs. Ireland. Agricultural and Canadian Industry, Post-War Work, Radio & Publicity & Social Welfare all remain in office. Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. McFarlane, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Kowensky and Mrs. McFetridge. Citizenship, Mrs. Ward. Household Economics, Mrs. Welter & Mrs. Thomson. Moved this slate be adopted, Mrs. Carroll seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Patterson, on returning to the chair, spoke in very glowing terms of the past year's work, and of the loyal support of the executive and all members in every project put forth. She told of the resignation of Mrs. McFarlane, Provincial Treasurer, caused by illness. Mrs. McGorman was appointed to take her place for the present time at least, and Mrs. Patterson is to fill Mrs. McGorman's place as 1st Vice-President, Provincial.

Moved by Mrs. Wishart and seconded by Mrs. Welter that we send flowers to the hospital at Christmas, not to exceed \$10.00. Carried. Mrs. Spicer was appointed to look after this.

Moved by Mrs. Bouchor and seconded by Mrs. Swallow that a baby cup be purchased for Mrs. McMillan's new daughter. Carried. The secretary was advised to write a letter to Mrs.

MacMillan, extending congratulations from the members on the birth of her daughter. A program committee was appointed, including Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. Figgures and Mrs. MacDonald. Roll call was answered with last minute suggestions for Christmas. A delightful lunch served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Welsh brought the meeting to a close.

MacDonald, Sec.
R.P., Pres.

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Officers for Grande Prairie Women's Institute

President	Mrs. D.W. Patterson
1 st Vice President	Mrs. A. Wishart
2 nd Vice President	Mrs. F. Spicer
Secretary	Mrs. H. MacDonald
Treasurer	Mrs. A. Flanagan
Directors	Mrs. C. Bell, Mrs. A. Wilson, Mrs. Miller
Auditors	Mrs. Swallow, Mrs. Ireland

Conveners of Standing Committees

Mrs. G. Bishop	Agriculture and Canadian Industries
Mrs. N. Miller	Citizenship
Mrs. N. Hnatiuk	Home Economics
Mrs. L. Kowensky	Radio and Publicity
Mrs. McFarlane and Mrs. Wilson	War Work
Mrs. McFetridge	Social Welfare

Officers for 1945

President	Mrs. D.W. Patterson
1 st Vice Pres.	Mrs. D.O. Carroll
2 nd Vice Pres.	Mrs. F. Spicer
Secretary	Mrs. H.D. MacDonald
Treasurer	Mrs. N. Hnatiuk
Directors	Mrs. A. Wilson, Mrs. L. Kowensky, Mrs. Flanagan

Conveners of Standing Committees

Agriculture and Canadian Industries	Mrs. Bishop
Citizenship	Mrs. R. MacMillan
Household Economics & Handicraft	Mrs. Hnatiuk
Publicity and Radio	Mrs. L. Kowensky
Social Welfare	Mrs. McFetridge
War Work	Mrs. McFarlane and Mrs. A. Wilson

Auditors	Mrs. Swallow and Mrs. Bouchor
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Officers for 1944

<u>Hon. President</u>	Mrs. D.W. Patterson
<u>President</u>	Mrs. W. Scarth
<u>1st Vice-Pres.</u>	Mrs. D.O. Carroll
<u>2nd Vice</u>	Mrs. F. Spicer
<u>Secretary</u>	Mrs. W. Sharpe
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mrs. N. Hnatiuk

Directors

Mrs. A. Wilson
Mrs. L. Kowensky
Mrs. S. Lowe Flanagan

War Work Convener Mrs. J. McFarlane

Conveners of Standing Committees

Agriculture and Canadian Industries	Mrs. M. Swallow
Citizenship	Mrs. R. MacMillan
Social Welfare	Mrs. H. MacDonald
Household Economics & Handicraft	Mrs. A. Wishart
Radio	Mrs. W.S. Scarth

Auditors

Mrs. Owen Bouchor
Mrs. A. Flanagan

Officers 1943

<u>Pres.</u>	Mrs. W.S. Scarth
<u>1st Vice-Pres.</u>	“ D.W. Patterson
<u>2nd “ “</u>	“ F. Spicer
<u>Sec.</u>	“ J.M. Tracy
<u>Treas.</u>	“ M.J. Swallow

Directors: Mrs. A. Wilson, Mrs. A. Wishart, Mrs. Wm. Sharpe

Auditors: Mrs. A. Flanagan, Mrs. H. MacDonald

Conveners of Standing Committees:

Agriculture and Canadian Industries	Mrs. F. Swanston
Canadianization and Immigration	Mrs. G. Mensinger
Child Welfare	Mrs. Carroll
Community Welfare	Mrs. H. MacDonald
Education and Better Schools	Mrs. H. Proctor
Household Economics	Mrs. N. Hnatiuk
Legislation and International Relations	Mrs. D.W. Patterson
Publicity	Mrs. L. Kowensky
Hospital and Waiting Room	Mrs. F. Spicer
Red Cross Representative	Mrs. L.J. O'Brien
War Work	Mrs. A. Wishart
Radio News	Mrs. W.S. Scarth

Officers for 1942

Pres.	Mrs. W. Scarth
1 st Vice Pres.	Mrs. D.W. Patterson
2 nd Vice Pres.	Mrs. F. Spicer
Sec.	Mrs. O.B. Harris
Treasurer	Mrs. M.J. Swallow

Directors

Mrs. A. Wilson, Mrs. Wishart, Mrs. Sharpe

Auditors

Mrs. I. Card, Mrs. J.W. Akin

Conveners of Standing Committees

Agriculture and Canadian Industries	Mrs. Swanston
Canadianization and Immigration	Mrs. G. Mensinger
Child Welfare	Mrs. I. Blair
Community Welfare	Mrs. H. MacDonald
Education and Better Schools	Mrs. Tracy
Handicraft and Household Economics	Mrs. Hnatiuk
Legislation and International Relations	Mrs. Patterson
Publicity Secretary	Mrs. Kowensky
Library	Mrs. Charters
War Work	Mrs. Wishart
Radio News	Mrs. Scarth
Waiting Room & Hospital	Mrs. Sharpe

Sept 28th 1945 (**transcriber note:** name is in each attendee's handwriting)

Ena Bell
Mrs. H.W. Archibald
Mary A. Graham
Edith Thomson
Mrs. K. Morrison
Lina MacDonald
Velvia Henning
Marion O'Brien
Rose Patterson
Thelma Willson
Pearl Sharpe
Marvel Card
Eva Hillman
Jeanni McMillan
Lena O. Nelson
Mrs. M. Nelson
Winnifred Swanston
Grace Mensinger
Lillian Kowensky
Josephine Spicer
Mrs. A.E. Fish
Jean Dalglish
Florence Flanagan
Lillian E. Swallow
Alice M. McFarlane
Elfriede Stoehr
Mrs. A.C. Wilson
Fannie Field
Mrs. F. MacDonald
Mary Stredulinsky
Gertrude Charters
Florence Bishop
Mrs. Wishart
Bess H. Smith
Erma Bouchor
Gertrude Carroll
Elizabeth Lord
J.M. Smart
Mrs. H.J. Miller – Hythe
Mrs. Mae Crummy
Mrs. J.B. Oliver
Mrs. Chester Miller
Jean Miller
Hazel Ireland
Lalaeh Eagar
Rose Hnatiuk
Mimie McFetridge

Jean E. O'Brien
Lorane E. Swallow
Margaret O'Brien
Betty Welter
S.C. Lawlor
Alice O'Brien

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Bell ✓
Bishop ✓
Flanagan ✓
Henning ✓
Kowensky ✓
MacDonald ✓
McFarlane ✓
MacMillan ✓
McFetridge ✓
Patterson ✓
Spicer ✓
Stoehr ✓
Swallow ✓
Thomson ✓
Wilson ✓
Wishart ✓
Weigand ✓
Welch ✓
Ward ✓

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Guest Mrs. Phelps

Mrs. ~~M.L. Thompson~~ Morton
Mrs. H.J. Montgomery
~~Mrs. L. Williams~~
now Mrs. MacMillan

A.W.I. Pres. ~~Coaldale~~ Vegreville, Alberta (Pink)
Wetaskiwin (White)
Hazelmere (Blue)
Sexsmith