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Women's Institutes

BLOOMFIELD STATION W. I.

The regular monthly meeting of the Bloomfield Station Women's Institute was held on Feb. 2nd at the home of Miss Lucina MacMillan despite the very cold weather prevailing. The meeting opened with the members singing the Institute Ode with guitar accompaniment by Miss Lillian Bernard. Six members answered the roll call by paying pennies to the amount of the size of their shoes, and one new member was welcomed into the Institute. Miss Betty Smith and Miss Lucina MacMillan were appointed to visit the sick while Mrs. Frank MacDougall and Mrs. Jack Foley were appointed to visit the school. The pupils acknowledged with thanks a generous treat of fruit from our general station agent Mr. Frank MacDougall at Christmas.

Mrs. Robert Shaw invited the members to her home for the next meeting. The members each made candy to be sold at the Lone Pine show which was sponsored by the Institute in our hall and which was greatly enjoyed by young and old. After the show, Lone Pine, Gene Hooper, Betty Cody and the rest of the cast were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Foley, where a supper was served them by the hostess, assisted by Miss Lucina MacMillan and Mrs. Frank MacDougall.

It was decided to contact the Ray Little show for the following week, if available. The president read aloud interesting parts from the Institute News. Twelve applique squares for a quilt were made during the meeting by the members who are taking the second year sewing club course. Program consisted of a song "Buttons and Bows" by Miss Lillian Bernard and Miss Glen Smith, with guitar accompaniment. On motion the meeting adjourned by members singing the National Anthem. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

WESTMORELAND W. I.

Westmoreland W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Arthur Sherron on Feb. 8 for their regular meeting. The president presided and opened the meeting by repeating "The Institute Ode" and "Collect For Club Women." Roll call was answered by nine members. One visitor was present. Collection amounted to 55c. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Verner Moore invited members to meet at her home on the evening of Feb. 16 for sewing. Some discussion followed regarding putting on a dialogue at Grapaud concert, each member to look for suitable material and bring it to sewing meeting. Bill for fruit amounting to 58c was paid. Mrs. Roy Crossman gave paper on "Keep Out The Mud". New committees were then appointed namely:

- School: Mrs. Heber Canfield
- Sick: Mrs. Verner Moore and Mrs. Hal Rogerson.
- Educational: Mrs. Hal Oakes
- Social: Mrs. Heber Canfield and Mrs. Charles MacKenzie.
- Lunch: Mrs. Roy Crossman, Mrs. Wrixon Moore and Mrs. Eddie Trowsdale.

Mrs. Hal Oakes invited members to meet at her home for their next meeting. It was moved and seconded that Mrs. James Moore be paid for a phone call she made. It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn. Lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge.

MILLVIEW W. I.

The regular monthly meeting of Millview Women's Institute was held on Thursday, Feb. 4th, at the home of Mrs. Milton Jenkins with an attendance of ten members. The President, Mrs. Milton Smith, presided and meeting opened with all repeating Creed. Roll call was answered by donating article for Grab Bag. Minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed. Sick committee reported 13 visits and bill of \$4.35 was paid. Report from auction and dance held in January showed balance of \$48.50. It was moved and seconded to have a variety concert in Millview Hall on Feb. 18th. Each member is to make 10 bags of fudge for sale at concert.

Mrs. Annie MacEachern invited members to her home for next meeting. Roll call to be answered with Irish Joke, contest put on by Mrs. Ted Crane, prizes were won by Mrs. Joseph Smith and Mrs. Victor Grant. Lunch was served by the hostess and meeting closed by singing National Anthem.

ALBERTON W. I.

The February meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. W. C. Leavitt on last Friday evening. Seventeen members answered the roll call and two visitors were welcomed. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance of \$45.32 on hand. During the past month coal was purchased for the hall and extensive repairs were also made to the stage.

Correspondence was read and dealt with as required. A report from the committee appointed some months ago to draw up a set of rules for the Hall was received and fully discussed. Certain rules were ordered posted in the Hall. A committee was appointed to hire a new janitor. Brief reports from Hall, Visiting and School Committees were received. The secretary was instructed to order a Red Cross Loan Cupboard, which is to be in charge of the Western Hospital staff. A copy of regulations in connection with this cupboard will be typed and given to each doctor. Mrs. Carl Weeks reported that some Red Cross work had been forwarded to Charlottetown and she distributed more knitting. Subscriptions to Institute News were received.

The School Committee for this month will be Mrs. W. R. Oulton and Mrs. A. Wilkie, and the visiting committee will be Mrs. R. Dunn and Mrs. Myrick. The March meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Herbert Champion when the program will be in charge of Mrs. G. B. Cunningham. Roll call will be "something Irish."

Mrs. Eric Corbett and Mrs. Edward Clow were in charge of the program which was a Valentine party.

SPRINGFIELD W.I.

The regular meeting of Springfield W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Everett and Mrs. Arthur Haslam on Feb. 2. Meeting opened by singing "It's a Good Time to Get Acquainted, followed by Creed in unison. Thirteen members and five visitors answered roll call with a Valentine to be sent to the crippled children. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Final arrangements were made for the Valentine social.

The various committees then gave their reports and new ones appointed as follows: School, Mrs. Crawford Sinclair. Lunch, Mrs. Keith Mayne. Mrs. Crawford Sinclair and Mrs. Ivan Lambe. Program, Miss Emily Howard and Mrs. Andrew Hughes. The next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Crawford Sinclair when roll call will be answered with "An Irish Joke". Founder's Day program was then carried out. The president offered to inquire from the National Film Board about showing films in the hall. Eight members subscribed for Institute News. Mrs. Keith Mayne conducted a contest "Baby's Name", prizes won by Mrs. Reginald Haslam and Mrs. Sam Gillespie. Lunch was served and meeting closed with the National Anthem.

NEW LONDON W. M. S.

The February meeting of the New London W. M. S. of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Sterling MacKay on Thursday afternoon, February 3rd. The worship service, with the theme "Thy Kingdom Come Through the Work of Christian People", was led by the president, Mrs. Ray MacLeod, assisted by Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

The business part of the meeting followed: The secretary read the minutes and called the roll. Thirteen members were in attendance. Roll call was answered with "Come." Following a moment of Silent Prayer, Mrs. Frank Brown offered a prayer of dedication for our missionary, Mr. Fraser. It was decided to send a box of used clothing to Toronto for general distribution. The box to be packed at the home of Mrs. Marshall Constable the following Monday evening. One of the members thanked the Auxiliary for a gift of fruit received.

Several interesting reports were then given on the Presbyterial recently held in Kensington by the members who attended. Mrs. J. M. Campbell read an article by Mrs. Hugh D. Taylor on "Urgent Message to Presbyterial on Missions." The offering amounted to \$12.00.

The text word for the next meeting is "Prayer", when Mrs. Louis Campbell will be leader. Dedicatory Prayer will be offered by Mrs. Marshall Constable.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Hugh Campbell and the Lord's Prayer in unison. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. C. E. Gass and Mrs. Harold Mayhew.

The Harvey Girls

By Samuel Hopkins Adams

"It's just as well. There are several people around here who don't like him much."

"Including yourself, Mr. Thurston?"

"I love him as I do a rattlesnake."

"Perhaps you're counting him as another notch in that revolver of yours," she rallied.

His face turned somber. "I'll tell you this much, little Cricket. I won't hire my shooting done for me. And I won't draw on a man without giving him a chance. Not even one who pulled that trick on me."

"You're trying to make me believe that Judge Purvis shot you," she said indignantly. "I don't believe it. He wouldn't do a thing like that."

"Not himself," he agreed. "He tires his work done for him. Ask Sonora Cassidy about it sometime. If it hadn't been for Doc Gibson I'd be planted now out on Boneyard Ridge with a cottonwood slab over me. But something tells me," he concluded with a saturnine grin, "that your friend the Judge will get there first."

"Oh, no! Clay! You mustn't," she cried. "It seems so terrible to kill a man."

"So I thought when I first came to this country."

They were approaching the tracks now. She said, half laughing, "If anyone is up and around, I'm likely to hear from Miss Bliss about this."

He lifted her from the saddle. For the fraction of a moment, she felt the taut, warm compulsion of his body against hers. When he released her, he said somberly, "I'm a bad bet, Cricket, any way you look at it."

"Thank you for sud's a lot," she said softly. "Why are you such a bad bet? I think that's silly."

He only shook his head and said, "You'd better go back where you belong, little Cricket."

For how much she had to thank him she discovered when she gave to Sonora Cassidy a lightly humorous account of her escapade in the desert. Sonora's black brows drew together. "Where'd do you think Clay Thurston was going on?"

"I don't know."

"Well, I know well enough. He was somewhere where those two Pauties could see him. And he had a gun where they couldn't help but notice it, for a bet."

CHAPTER XVI

Sandrock was growing swiftly, and with its growth came an increase in local custom foreseen by Harvey officialdom and provided for by an expansion of the plant. The old barracklike dormitory was commandeered for storeroom space, and the girls moved to more commodious quarters in the new wing, where they were apportioned two to a room. In the general divvy, Deborah drew Angie Sackett as a roommate, and Alma and Hazel, by a special request to Miss Bliss, shared a cubicle.

Intramural gatherings were facilitated, however, provided the participants modulated their voices. The proverbial "stovepipe" matrix of local gossip, had many flues tributary to the Harvey House, and these were buzzing with rumors that Judge Purvis was going to buy out Fred Harvey and consolidate the management and profits of eating house and Alhambra. The question was taken up in nightgown session.

"What becomes of us girls," said Mamie Burkwalter, tenderly massaging her toes. "Do we go with the place?"

"Not me," declared Bella Torrance with emphasis. Other voices echoed her.

"There's one of us I bet could hold her job under Purvis," said Angie Sackett with a hint of malice for "Clay's Cricket."

"Not if that good-lookin' one (they call Thursty has anything to say about it," put in Birdie Sweeney. "Hey, Cricket?"

He hasn't," said Cricket.

"What's the trouble between him and the Judge, anyway?" inquired Bella Torrance. "They say it's likely to become shooting business any day. Is that right, Cricket?"

"I don't know," said the girl.

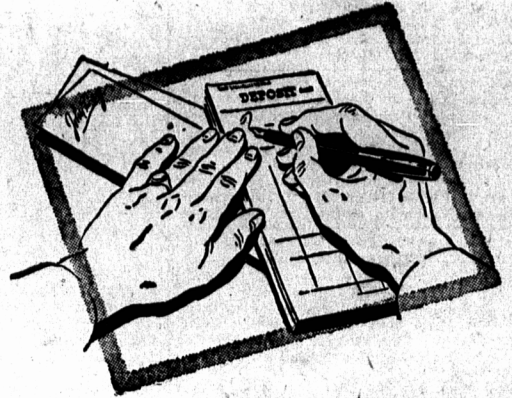
"Well," said Ruby, "old Purvis was talking to Hugo Wertheimer about this place, and he said he was going to either get it or bust it."

"Bust it, huh?" said Sonora. "He won't live long enough to bust Fred Harvey's."

"Why won't he?" asked someone. "He looks healthy."

"I never heard of his own'n a bullet-proof vest," said Sonora darkly.

"It is nearly midnight, young ladies," said Miss Bliss. "Lights



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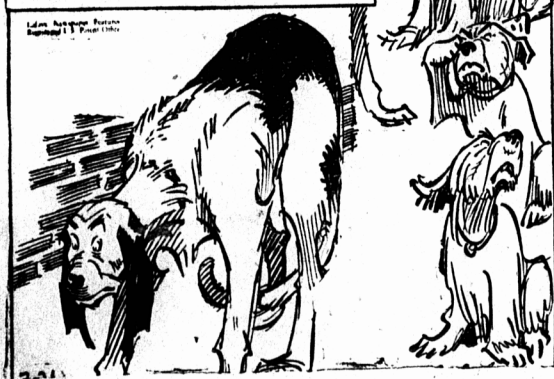
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