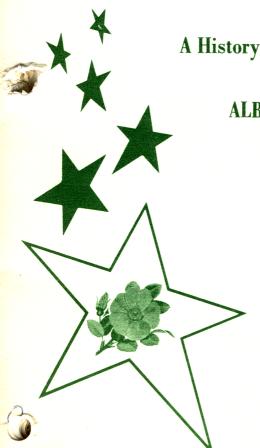


# STARS IN TIME



A History of the

ALBERTA SOCIAL

**CREDIT WOMEN'S** 

**AUXILIARIES** 

By GLADYS A. WILLISON





HON. WILLIAM ABERHART

Initiator of Social Credit. Founder of the Alberta Prophetic Bible Institute. Premier of Alberta from 1935 until his death in 1943. A great humanitarian.

Courtesy Mr. Floyd Baker

Dedicated to the women,
who through their united efforts
have helped to make
Social Credit a Reality in Alberta
and who are continuing to further
the Social Credit Movement



# I

### **FORWARD**

There are many important and imposing things in the world which we too often take for granted. So it is with many worthwhile organizations. We take them for granted, without asking the reason for their existence and without being aware of the goals toward which they strive and the accomplishments they achieve.

For this reason the Social Credit women decided that the story of their Auxiliaries should be recorded in order that present and future generations could have in their hands an historical review of the activities of their organization which has made such a vital contribution to the welfare of Alberta.

The story deals with a dynamic period in the history of the province and the Social Credit Movement. It depicts the problems of the thirties; the hope and faith of the women of that period that a better life could be achieved for themselves and their families through a united effort under the banner of Social Credit. It chronicles some of the objectives achieved throughout the years in economic terms and the wonderfully warm fellowship which developed among the Social Credit women while working toward their goals.

Having been privileged to see something of this work throughout the years, I am pleased to commend its story as a proud record of achievement which should be known to all who value the heritage which the Social Credit Women's Auxiliaries have left to all Albertans.

MURIEL A. MANNING

Stella M. Baker.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The information for this history was obtained from: Social Credit Publications, The Edmonton Journal, The Edmonton Public Library, The Calgary Herald, The Glenbow Foundation, letters from and conversations with Social Credit Auxiliary women from all over Alberta, whose faithful work through the years has helped to undergird and strengthen the Social Credit Movement.

Many people, too numerous to mention, have played an important part in the completion of this history. Heartful gratitude is expressed to them; also to the following for their help and encouragement: Mrs. E. C. Manning, Mrs. N. P. Sidor, Miss Margaret Wournell, Mrs. S. E. Ruemper, Mrs. George Whittingback, Mrs. Frank Parker, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Baker, Mrs. Gerry Gurel, Mr. O. A. Kennedy, Mr. A. J. Hooke, Mr. Eric Lingnau and the office staff of the Alberta Social Credit League.

### INTRODUCTION

No doubt the Provincial Executive of the Social Credit Women's Auxiliaries realized the truth of the above statement. They decided that a history of their organization should be compiled. Many of the Charter members had already passed away. It was important that no time should be lost.

The history of the S.C.W.A.'s is a continuing one. The faithful women in the movement today are also making history. As they tackle the problems of the present, they are helping to build the future of Alberta.

JAN. 1974 G.A.W.



### TABLE OF CONTENTS

|                                  |                                       | Page |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------|
| PHOTOGRAPH—Hon. William Aberhart |                                       | 1    |
| DEDICATION                       |                                       |      |
| FORWARD                          |                                       | 3    |
|                                  | KNOWLEDGEMENTS                        |      |
| INTRODUCTION                     |                                       | 5    |
| I                                | BEGINNINGS                            | _    |
|                                  | MEMOIRS OF:                           |      |
| II                               | Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Baker              | 10   |
|                                  | Mrs. Charles Yuill                    | 12   |
|                                  | A Tribute to Mrs. Orvis Kennedy       | 13   |
|                                  | A Social Credit Family                | 14   |
|                                  | The Spirit of Social Credit           | 15   |
|                                  | Social Credit Songs                   | 16   |
| Ш                                | THE WAR YEARS                         | 17   |
| 111                              | THE DEATH OF MR. ABERHART             | 20   |
| IV                               | RAISING MONEY                         | 21   |
| 1 4                              | MONEY RAISING IDEAS                   | 24   |
| v                                | SOCIAL AND COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS:      |      |
|                                  | Social Times                          | 26   |
|                                  | Barrhead Banquet                      | 30   |
|                                  | 30th Anniversary of Social Credit     | 31   |
|                                  | 50th Anniversary of Women's Franchise | 32   |
|                                  | Historical Fashion Pageant            | 32   |
|                                  | Stars in Time                         | 42   |
| VI                               | PUBLICATIONS                          | 44   |
| VI                               | EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL                  |      |
| VI                               | I SOCIAL CREDIT WOMEN AND             |      |
| V I.                             | COMMUNITY SERVICE                     | 48   |
|                                  | HILLTOP HOUSE                         |      |
|                                  | SOCIAL CREDIT WOMEN MEMBERS           |      |
|                                  | OF THE LEGISLATURE                    | 51   |



|      |   | age         |
|------|---|-------------|
| VIII | CONVENTIONS                             | 56          |
| IX   | An address by Mrs. E. C. Manning to the |             |
|      | Edmonton S.C.W.A. Council               | 65          |
| X    | WHAT OF THE FUTURE?                     | . 67        |
| ΧI   | PROVINCIAL PRESIDENTS                   | . 68        |
|      | LIFE MEMBERSHIPS PRESENTED              | . <b>69</b> |
|      | THE AUXILIARY FAMILY                    | . 70        |



### **BEGINNINGS**

As early as 1934 many groups of women were meeting with the men to study Social Credit. Although at that time the women had no organization of their own, they played an important part in winning the election in 1935. They talked Social Credit because they believed in it. They knocked on doors and distributed pamphlets. Their enthusiastic support was a source of encouragement to the candidates. And of course their financial help was most welcome.

A tea and sale held in the Calgary Prophetic Bible Institute that summer was a huge success, both financially and in advertising Social Credit. The women had everything organized down to the last detail. The tables were tastefully decorated with the Social Credit colors, green and white. Cookies, cakes, pies, and other mouth-watering home baking were quickly snapped up by eager buyers. Another popular table was laden with poultry and eggs brought in from the country points. Over two thousand people attended. People were lined up from Eaton's store right down to the Institute.

The women had a part in the Social Credit float which was entered in the Stampede parade that year. For weeks the ladies had been making kleenex flowers. On the day of the parade the float was a striking sight.

About fifty cars followed the float. Four young women in long white dresses with a blue band from shoulder to waist, stood on the float. The one representing Justice was on a higher platform. At the back of the float stood those representing Faith, Hope and Charity, each holding a staff.

Men and women worked together preparing for the parade. With such creative energetic women behind the candidates, no wonder Social Credit was swept to victory! As Mrs. Maude Kelly said, "The parade got people wakened up!"

Mr. Aberhart realized the importance of what the women could do. He had said, "Force and might are not as effective as the quiet influence of a woman." He told the





ladies that behind every successful man there was a good woman. The ladies had already begun to realize that they might be able to do more for the Social Credit Movement by meeting in their own groups. And so the Social Credit Women's Auxiliaries came into being, in 1937. Mr. Aberhart's encouragement and help were important in getting the groups off to a good start. The women never forgot his patience in teaching them the principles of Social Credit. Some said he spoiled them! But Mr. Aberhart said, "I am always glad to help anyone who wants to learn."

As soon as possible the work of organizing the Auxiliaries began. The very first one was the Library Auxiliary in Calgary. Mrs. Edith Rogers was responsible for organizing the area north of Red Deer, while Mrs. Edith Gostick worked in the southern half. By the end of the year enough groups had been organized that the first Conference of the Social Credit Women's Auxiliaries was held in Calgary on January 9th and 10th, 1938.



A special membership drive was organized in 1943. Mrs. Jury, in her President's report, stated: "Mrs. Geehan, your Secretary-Treasurer, and I addressed the first meeting in the Y.M.C.A. Lethbridge, and organized the Lethbridge Auxiliary. Owing to a severe blizzard and much to our disappointment, it was necessary to cancel the other meetings for the next day. However, on returning to High River, we found that in spite of our Alberta blizzard, the energetic and enthusiastic President of the High River Auxiliary (Mrs. Windsor) had organized a meeting in the Pentecostal Church. After meeting with these most loyal, enthusiastic people, and enjoying their hospitality, we left for Calgary with the thermometer registering 35 degrees below zero. This, ladies and gentlemen, was our first organizing trip."

### Memoirs of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Baker

While listening to Mr. Aberhart over our little crystal-set radio from C.F.C.N., "Voice of the Prairie" Calgary, back in 1925, we recall him selling red bricks at twenty-five cents each, to build the "Prophetic Bible Institute." In the fall of 1932, Mr. Aberhart began to inject the principles of Social Credit into his talks. This was the first we had heard of this new movement. In 1934 Study Groups were organized in every little red schoolhouse throughout the Province. By 1935 Candidates were selected to run in every Constituency, and on Election Day, August 22nd, Social Credit won 56 out of 63 seats. Floyd won the seat for Clover Bar Constituency. He retired in 1967. Mr. Aberhart was chosen Premier by the Caucus.

During Mr. Aberhart's time as Premier he carried on with his Sunday services, broadcasting from the Strand Theatre, and on a number of occasions he was invited to speak in different churches outside of Edmonton. We would drive him and Mrs. Aberhart out to these services. Mr. Aberhart was very nervous about driving on bad roads, and on this particular Sunday morning he said to Floyd, "Are you sure the roads will be alright?" as it had rained the night before. Floyd said "Oh yes, we'll have no trouble." As we left the highway onto a dirt road we started slipping and sliding and Mr. Aberhart was really scared and wanted to turn back, but Floyd persevered and when we arrived Mr. Aberhart said "Baker, I'll never believe you again."

For twelve years Floyd travelled the Province with lantern slides introducing the slogan "What Alberta Makes, Makes Alberta" encouraging the people to use Prosperity Certificates and non-negotiable Transfer Vouchers. We put our unemployed men to work building roads and paid them with these Certificates, which were negotiable in many stores, and we proved to the world that you could buy goods and services without banker's debt money. On one of my trips to the Peace River country it rained steadily until freeze-up and it was impossible to get the car out. Floyd came home on the train and didn't get the car out until January.

In 1938 Floyd was Campaign Manager for Orvis Kennedy in the Edmonton East Federal by-election. He was the successful Candidate. A tremendous crowd stormed the Committee Rooms the night of the election. Mr. Aberhart danced the jig that he promised if we won. Then to top it all there was a Victory Parade led by Hon. W. A. Fallow with his Social Credit Band followed by our car with Joe Unwin and Orvis sitting on the front fender. Joe was just recently released from the Fort Saskatchewan Gaol for publishing an objectionable pamphlet called "Bankers Toadies".

Then there was the time Floyd tried to drain a slough to reclaim a farmers land. He reclaimed the land alright but flooded a farmer's hayfield further on and the result was that he had to pay for the hay.

In September 1951 we both took the first Civil Defence Course at the Olds Agricultural College and won Certificates. We gave lectures and demonstrations on fire fighting, incendiary bombs and gas masks in many towns and cities.

When the Provincial Executive of the Women's Auxiliaries decided to publish the "Alberta Homemaker" cook book, we travelled throughout the Province soliciting Ads and were successful in raising enough money to pay for the printing of 2,000 books.

These are just a few of our Memoirs that we share with you today.

FLOYD AND STELLA BAKER 11512 - 137 St., EDMONTON

To you the torch is thrown.

—Hon. William Aberhart, 1942



Barrhead, Alberta September 25th, 1973

Dear Miss Willison,

Mrs. Holmberg asked me if I would tell you what I know about Social Credit. We were living at Linaria when Social Credit came. Dr. and Mrs. Brown would come to see us. Charlie and the boys would put up signs and talk Social Credit.

Charlie walked about 20 miles and back to go to a Social Credit Meeting. He blistered his feet so badly that he was laid up for more than a week.

People were very hard up at that time so couldn't pay anything. We met at the hall. The different families put the evening on. We each took our turn and had lots of fun. We paid 5 cents for the gas for the lights. People took turns bringing wood for the stoves. The family that put the evening on brought the lunch.

We went to Linaria in 1930 and moved to Barrhead in 1942. We have been here ever since except for the time Charlie spent in Ottawa.

Sincerely, Mrs. CHAS. YUILL



### Tribute to Mrs. Orvis Kennedy

The first time I saw Gladys Kennedy was on a city street car in 1936 — both of us on our way to a "Tea" being held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Hall in West Edmonton. The "Tea" was arranged primarily as an opportunity for women who had joined the Social Credit movement to become better acquainted. As we stepped from the street car and walked toward Dr. Hall's residence we introduced ourselves as it was evident that we were both going to the same "Tea" and interested in the same new work unfolding before.

The afternoon get together was an outstanding success and from that time on a friendship developed between us which we both cherished over thirty six years prior to her passing on to higher service.



Apart from Gladys Kennedy's private life and her devotion to her church, she gave much of her time and efforts to the Social Credit Women's Auxiliaries. She most ably held various offices and gave helpful direction on numerous committees.

Those of us who worked and studied with Gladys appreciated her pleasant manner and beliefs in right from wrong. These qualities gained for her throughout the Auxiliaries a sincere respect for her leadership.

Having known her concern for a genuine and loving environment, it can truly be said that Gladys Kennedy gave herself for others.

RUTH WHITTINGBACK

Women's Auxiliaries should act as the dynamo for groups, holding them together and strengthening them.

—Mrs. Floyd Baker, 1945 (Newly elected Provincial President)



### A Social Credit Family

The Capilano S.C.W.A. of Edmonton, wished to pay tribute to one of their former members, Mrs. Fred (Lela) Ward who passed away March 7th, 1967. They did this through a short item in the bulletin of the National Social Credit Women's Auxiliaries, Issue No. 33, May 10th, 1967.

The article stated that Mrs. Ward came from Manitoba for a visit to Alberta in 1925. She was so impressed with the Province that she stayed and taught school at Tofield. It was not long until Mrs. Ward's enthusiastic letters aroused the interest of her parents. The following year the whole family of eight sisters and three brothers moved with their parents to Alberta.

All the members of Mrs. Ward's family, the Clements, became diligent, enthusiastic workers for Social Credit. Her sister, Stella Clements, married Mr. Joe Unwin, who was M.L.A. for Edson in the early days of the Movement.

Lela Clements married Mr. Fred Ward in 1930. They lived in the Highlands district of Edmonton. There, also, Mrs. Ward was a faithful worker for Social Credit. She organized the Bellvue Auxiliary in the Highlands and served as its first President. When she moved to the Capilano district she organized an Auxiliary there and became its President. She was President of the Edmonton Council of Auxiliaries as well as being Provincial President for two years.

How fortunate for Alberta that she visited our Province!

Take the job nearest at hand and finish it. Then move on to the next.

-Hon, William Aberhart



### The Spirit of Social Credit

The January 13th, 1944 issue of "Today and Tomorrow" tells of Mrs. Florence Soper, then living in Athabasca. She became interested in Social Credit. She wanted to learn more and to work with women in furthering this movement. As there was no Auxiliary in Athabasca and little prospect of one in the immediate future, she joined an Edmonton Auxiliary.

Mrs. Soper became an ardent supporter and a diligent worker. She gladly travelled the distance of 100 miles to attend the Auxiliary meetings.

Mrs. Soper attended the Social Credit Convention in January, 1944. Here she heard Mr. Hansell, M.P., Chairman of the National Council of the Social Credit Party, speak about the importance of broadcasting nationally the principles of Social Credit. When the question of cost came up Mrs. Soper stood up, took off her hat and put a dollar bill in it. Then she said, "Well, let's start. Here's a dollar. Who will match it?"

People responded. Dollar bills poured into her hat, even ten dollar bills. One hundred and fifty dollars was raised —just enough for a start. As Mrs. Soper emptied out the bills she said, "Now I'll need a new hat!"

At a public meeting that evening, Mrs. Soper was presented with a box of chocolates and a "glamor pin" hat, (a miniature cowboy hat encircled in a lariat). After that she became known as "The Lady of the Hat."

Behind every great man is . . . a surprised woman.

—Mrs. E. C. Manning (Speaking to the 2nd National Convention of the S.C.W.A.'s, in Edmonton)





### **Social Credit Songs**

"Hearted are those who are singing today."

Well did the Social Credit women know the truth of those words from the Harrow Football Song. Through their most difficult time, they pressed forward singing.

From the earliest days of Social Credit, "O God Our Help in Ages Past" has been sung at Conventions. "Onward Christian Soldiers" is another favorite.

One of the favorites, to the tune of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" was:

Alberta's Social Creditors will never, never stop,
Till Canada's Social Credit from the bottom to the top,
No more C.C.F. ervescence,
No more Liberal Iollipops,
While Alberta marches on.

#### **CHORUS**

You have seen the light so shed it, You have learned the truth so spread it, Raise your voice for Social Credit, While Alberta marches on.

Work for Social Credit every morning, noon and night,
Truth is truth eternally and right is always right,
And fight for Social Credit—
It's a great and glorious fight,
While Alberta marches on.



### The War Years

Throughout the war years the Auxiliaries made a notable contribution. At their Annual Convention in 1941 they passed a resolution affirming loyalty to the Crown and determination to "assist in strengthening by an all-out effort the precious heritage of the constitutional liberties of the British people."

They made this resolution a reality in every practical way. At most Auxiliary meetings the women knit socks and made quilts. They packed parcels to send to the men overseas. A War Services Division was formed for handling the overseas parcels.

The following report from one distribution centre gives some idea of the extent of their activities.

#### REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

# Calgary Distribution Centre War Services Division S.C.W.A.'s

April 25th, 1944 — November 15th, 1944

The Executive of the Calgary Distribution Centre of the War Services Division met to pack boxes twenty-seven evenings between April 25th, 1944 and November 15th, 1944. Eight Auxiliaries participated during this time.

> There were 826 Articles Donated. There were 48 knitted articles made.

| Donated for work and postage Proceeds of Harvest Tea |         |  |
|--|---------|--|
| Total Receipts                                       | \$68.18 |  |
| There were 90 parcels mailed with a total postage of |         |  |
| Total  | \$60.21 |  |
| Balance on hand                                      | \$ 7.97 |  |
| Each parcel was valued at approximately \$2.50.      |         |  |





Up to date there have been twenty letters of thanks received from members of the armed forces who have received parcels from this centre.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, MISS J. SWITZER, SECRETARY-TREASURER WAR SERVICES DIVISION S.C.W.A.'s

The war created further difficulties for the women. They had additional responsibilities because so many of the men were overseas. Yet, while trying to meet the demands imposed by the war situation there was no slackening of loyalty to the Social Credit Movement.

A few excerpts from a letter written by Mrs. Edith Thurston in February, 1943, illustrate some of the difficulties faced by farm women. She wrote:

"I am living on a farm eight miles from town and feel that it would be impossible to organize a women's group in the country, more than ever now that our gas rations are cut so low. We on the farms will have to reserve our gas for emergencies, and our farms are too far apart to walk to meetings, or visiting."

Her final comment was: " . . . but I am still a great believer in Social Credit."

That is the spirit that has enabled the Social Credit women to persevere through difficult times, and that has been a constant source of encouragement to their M.L.A.'s.

At the end of the war, when the men returned, many of them bringing the wives they had married overseas, the Social Credit women were at the railway stations to welcome them. They entertained the newcomers at tea, and helped them to feel at home in this new land.

Now that there was no further need for the War Services Division, it was decided that a Goodwill Depot should take its place. This change was reported at the 9th Annual Convention:



1

"The Social Credit Women's Auxiliary, recognizing the need for a centre in which the hundreds of young Edmonton women, particularly young war brides who are now starting out to establish homes, can meet — talk over their problems with some older and more experienced women and receive practical assistance in the business of homemaking and family care, have undertaken to establish here, in downtown Edmonton, just such a centre, and the name by which it will be known is 'the Goodwill Depot'."

A clothing exchange was one of the helpful features of the Depot. There were many items of clothing in short supply, especially in children's articles. Here a mother could bring some piece of clothing that her child had outgrown and exchange it for something that was the right size.

The Depot tried to keep a woman on hand who was experienced in practical home cooking. She had on hand a supply of recipes for meat and fowl, vegetables, nutritious simple puddings and desserts, cakes and pastry and cookies.

There was also an opportunity for young women to receive help regarding general health and child care. Literature from the Department of Health and Child Welfare was on hand, as well as material pertaining to Cancer Clinics, tuberculosis treatment and free maternity care.

Over a friendly cup of tea the young mothers could discuss their problems with an older, experienced woman. The Depot met a very real need. It was opened on June 6th, 1946 and continued for some time.

What is needed today is a new group of leaders. Needed are Statesmen who will look beyond partisan politics to solve society's problems. Required are men and women of virtue and talent who have high ideals and who are prepared to sacrifice to meet those ideals.

—Werner Schmidt





### The Death of Mr. Aberhart

Mr. Aberhart's death on May 23rd, 1943, came as a shock to the people of Alberta. Not only his friends and colleagues but others, too, mourned the death of a great man.

The "Edmonton Journal" in an editorial referred to Mr. Aberhart's determined efforts for the good of humanity. It stated:

"There is something about such a career that transcends the achievements of statesmanship, something finer and more eternal that the empty phrases of politics.

'He loved his fellow man'."

Mrs. Muriel Jury, Provincial President of the S.C.W.A.'s represented that organization at the funeral service in Vancouver. She, too, paid tribute to Mr. Aberhart's great humanity. She quoted the words of Mr. L. Turnbull, M.L.A. Hamiola, Manitoba. She said:



"Because he worked for man that man's lot on earth be better,

Believing that the body must be fed and clothed to soul unfetter,

Because he worked for man, and not for party, state or class.

His name shall live, while other names shall vanish as vapor from a glass."

At the fall Convention, Mrs. Edith Gostick paid tribute to Mr. Aberhart using as her theme, "To You the Torch Is Thrown."

Learn to persevere against discouragements.

-Hon. E. C. Manning, 1964





### Raising Money

The financial backing of the Women's Auxiliaries has helped to undergird the work of the Social Credit League. All across the province the women are busy with various moneyraising projects.

Banquets have been a popular way of raising money. If all the turkeys that have been carved by helpful husbands were alive today, the Social Credit League might start up a turkey farm!

In fact on Auxiliary Day, 1969, the Edmonton Council of Auxiliaries expressed their appreciation in a humorous tangible way. They presented a skit, Rub-a-Dub-Dub! Three Men in a Tub!" The butcher was Mr. George Whittingback, who had carved countless turkeys and hams. The baker was Mr. Floyd Baker whose enthusiasm and help had greatly increased the sale of the Social Credit Women's Auxiliary Cook Books. He was a general handyman who could be counted on in any need, from carrying chairs to constructing a frame. The candlestick maker was Mr. Orvis Kennedy, who often sat up late at night thinking up ideas. Each of these men was presented with engraved cuff links.

Another way the women made use of their culinary art was through a food booth at their local Exhibition. Many towns and cities beside Calgary and Edmonton used this device.

For some years the Edmonton ladies served homemade pie with tea or coffee at the Exhibition. At that time saskatoons grew in abundance in the environs of Edmonton. The ladies made pies of freshly-picked berries. At the same time they used their pies as a means of advertising Social Credit. A recipe card was printed and folded in four. The front cover stated: SOCIAL CREDIT MUST COME IN CANADA. SUPPORT IT! WORK FOR IT! BOOST IT!

The back cover advertised the Social Credit paper, "The Canadian Social Crediter". On the inside were "Success-



ful Cooking Suggestions", with recipes for saskatoon pie, saskatoon jam and saskatoon vinegar.

As the years passed, the ladies introduced a variety of other foods as well as pie. Finally the rental of the booth became prohibitive and it was discontinued. The last time it was in operation was in 1970. At that time Honorable Harry Strom was Premier.

Someone conceived the idea of "Stromburgers". These were long buns filled with ham, cheese, tomato and mustard. They proved to be very popular. A large picture of Mr. Strom eating one of his burgers appeared in the Edmonton Journal one night.

All across the province teas and bazaars have been a popular way of raising money. Aprons, knitted articles, and various types of novelties were sold. Of course the homebaking table was always popular.

Several money-making projects have been sponsored by the Provincial Executive of the S.C.W.A.'s. One of the first of these was "The Alberta Homemaker", a cook book filled with favorite recipes of the Social Credit ladies. Thanks to the untiring work of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Baker who travelled all over the province selling advertising space, the cost of printing the book was greatly reduced. It was ready for distribution at the Convention in November, 1947, priced at \$1.00.

Then began the work of selling the book. Every Auxiliary did its part, and the money began to flow in to pay for a meeting hall and offices for the Social Credit League in Edmonton.

The cost of this building at 9974 Jasper Avenue, was \$20,000. The M.L.A.'s had made personal loans to pay for this, but the ladies paid them back. And how they worked! Banquets, teas, catering. As one lady said, "All the quilts we made!"

Before moving into Alberta Hall, during part of 1940 and 1941, the Social Credit League had been housed in Haddon Hall on 97th Street. This was an old former restaurant, in rundown condition. Boards were broken, the floor was





dirty and oily. It was not a pleasant prospect but the women knew there was a job to be done, and they fell to with mops and brooms.

Many years later some of the ladies reminisced about that Haddon Hall experience:

"Those old benches — we could hardly sit on them!"

"The boards would meet you if you didn't step on them right and hit you in the face."

"But look at the fun we had!"

A novel way of raising money for Alberta Hall was originated by the Edmonton ladies — a kitchen band! With Mrs. Carter at the piano, Mrs. Floyd Baker on the toaster, Mrs. Len Williams on the tub, and others with their instruments, the ladies brought down the house! They were well received wherever they went. And travel they did — to many of the nearby towns — not only giving pleasure and raising money, but helping to advertise Social Credit.

One of the most successful money raising projects sponsored by the Provincial S.C.W.A. Executive was the sale of Centennial spoons in 1967. During that year the Auxiliaries cleared over \$6,000. In fact the spoons have proved so popular that they are still being sold.

The spoons were manufactured in Montreal and shipped to the Landeryou residence in Lethbridge for distribution by Ruth and Jack. At one jolly Auxiliary gathering, Mr. J. C. Landeryou was presented with a huge spoon in appreciation of all the coffee spoons that he had shipped to the centres across Alberta.

Canada needs what Alberta has . . . leadership, progress, stability.

-Hon. E. C. Manning, 1965





### **Money Raising Ideas**

Sundre Auxiliary hold an annual Auction Sale, where anything donated is sold to the highest bidder. Mr. Robert Clark is one of the favorite auctioneers.

Camrose: These ladies hold a Christmas get together turkey supper. They have a booth at the Camrose 2 day Jamboree in June.

Bow Island: Teas, bake sales, perennial root and shrub sales, dutch auctions, catering to banquets. A sale of souvenir plates designed by members of the Auxiliary, quilt raffles and all provincial projects such as cook books, spoons, etc.

Bow Valley Empress: Bake sales, travelling basket, cook books, apron sale, raffle of a quilt designed by the members, each block containing the name of one or more members, and a white elephant sale.

Holden: Cook books, spoons, etc.

Calgary Bow: sold beautiful quilts made by Mrs. Jas. Wilson (83 years).

Medicine Hat: sold key chains, spoons, pins, bake sales, quilt raffles and held auction sales.

Red Deer: A booth at the Red Deer Annual Fair.

Drumheller: Catering in the local Social Credit Hall. This hall has been a project of the Drumheller group down through the years. (1973 it is in the process of being sold).

Progress: "Bazaar in a basket" — a variety basket brought to each monthly meeting. Items are donated by and purchased by fellow members or guests.

Barrhead: Annual Banquet that began as a "Cabinet Minister Night". This year, Leader Werner Schmidt was the featured speaker.

Stettler: This auxiliary has compiled a Recipe book. Copies are available at \$2.50 each from Mrs. Blanche Chambers, Stettler.



Castor: These ladies are selling an excellent quality of vanilla. Anyone interested in such a money raising project should contact Mrs. Mary Embree, Castor.

Edmonton Auxiliaries: "A Stall Bazaar" is held each year. Proceeds from the Tea and Shoppers Supper go to the Council. Each participating auxiliary is responsible for its own stall and obtains the proceeds from it.

Remember: "Faith without works is dead."

There are two facts that should permeate our souls continually:

- 1. The absolute need of faith in God on the part of every one of us.
- 2. The urgent need of combined and co-operative action to bring about complete deliverance and victory.
  - -Hon. William Aberhart





### **Social Times**

Social Credit women seem to have a faculty of enjoyment that can turn any occasion when two or three of them are together into a social time. Even during the difficult thirties there was always enough for hospitality—perhaps only a cup of tea and a biscuit. Sometimes members contributed nickels or dimes — sometimes pennies, to help towards the cost.

Mrs. Ruth Landeryou commented that the first social event held by their Lethbridge Auxiliary was a tea in her honor, after her marriage to John C. Landeryou, M.L.A.

The money-raising teas and banquets held by Auxiliaries all over the province, provided, also, opportunities for friendly mingling. However, some gatherings were purely social.

Premier E. C. and Mrs. Manning attended the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953, Mrs. Manning representing the women of Alberta. On their return the Premier and his wife were invited to speak to the Edmonton Auxiliaries. Of course the women wanted to see the gown which Mrs. Manning had worn on that important occasion. The gown, of ivory satin damask, was embroidered with pearls and diamente, and had a flowing skirt with a slight train. The tiara was of brilliants. A fur wrap was worn. This beautiful creation was gracefully modelled by Mrs. Ernest Wickens.

When Princess Margaret visited Alberta in 1958, Mrs. E. C. Manning, the honorary President of the Auxiliaries was among those welcoming Her Royal Highness.

### RECEPTION to Honor MRS. MANNING

The Social Credit women were eager to express to their Honorary President, Mrs. E. C. Manning, their deep appreciation of her steady help and encouragement over the years. The Edmonton Council of Auxiliaries decided to hold a reception in her honor in the Jubilee Auditorium, May 18th, 1965.





Ruth Bowen. the Women's Editor of the Edmonton Journal, considered this event of sufficient importance to discuss it in her column on two occasions. She wrote of Mrs. Manning: "She has presided at social functions of the 11 branches in Edmonton, has addressed local meetings and provincial meetings, has spoken to other women's organizations, has attended innumerable social functions throughout the city and province . . . Mrs. Ernest C. Manning's place in the hearts of Social Credit women is a warm one . . ."

The evening of May 18th was a gala occasion. Mrs. Manning, in a short, full skirted evening gown, received the guests with Mrs. Orvis Kennedy, convener, and with the National President, Mrs. Ian Smith, and Mrs. Norman Willmore, the Provincial President.

Coffee was served from a long table centred with lighted tapers among white gladioli and pink carnations.



Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Baker were the speakers of the evening. In his address Mr. Baker referred to Mrs. Manning as "a great woman supporting a great man."

Mrs. Orvis Kennedy presented Mrs. Manning with a silver coffee pot.

### Reception to Honor PREMIER AND MRS. H. E. STROM

In May, 1970, the Edmonton Social Credit Women's Auxiliary Council sponsored a reception for Premier H. E. and Mrs. Strom. It was a pleasant mingling of Social Crediters and the general public. It provided an excellent opportunity for people to become acquainted with their Premier.

The card of invitation read:

The Edmonton Social Credit Women's Auxiliary Council invite you to attend a Reception to be held in honor of Premier and Mrs. H. E. Strom on Tuesday, the fifth day of May, nineteen hundred and seventy at the Jubilee Auditorium. Reception seven to nine p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.





On October 26th, 1963, the ladies of the Busy Bow Islanders Auxiliary sponsored a 25th anniversary party in honor of Honorable and Mrs. H. E. Strom at the Legion Hall in Bow Island. The Burdett Women's Institute catered for the lunch for about 500 guests.

The Camrose Auxiliary holds a Christmas get-to-gether supper for Auxiliary members and young couples who have shown interest in Social Credit. This has not only provided a happy social occasion but has increased both the membership and the funds.

The Holden Auxiliary held a "Meet the Premier" banquet and social evening for Honorable and Mrs. H. E. Strom. They have also entertained the 4H clubs at a social in the hall.

The Coronation Auxiliary hold an annual Auxiliary banquet in the fall. This year the Leader of the Alberta Social Credit Party, Mr. Werner Schmidt, was the guest speaker. This was a climax to the Tour of the Leader throughout the Constituency.

These ladies hold an annual Christmas party to which their M.L.A. Ralph Sorenson and wife Jean are invited.

The group also participates in the Annual Constituency picnic held at Gooseberry Lake.

The Stettler Auxiliary became actively involved in the Annual picnic held at Big Knife Provincial Park.

They were recently involved in planning "a Werner Schmidt Day" to introduce the new leader to the people of the area.

A popular social event throughout the years has been the annual Garden Party held at Sundre.



The Sundre Auxiliary and the ladies of the Constituency combine efforts in making their Pot Luck Supper an important part of the Annual Meeting of the Olds-Didsbury Constituency. These same ladies join forces in helping to make their annual picnic a success. This happy event is held at the farm of their M.L.A., Bob Clark and his wife Norma.

W.

The force of women may be the stabilizing force in the Social Credit Movement . . .

Many years ago the Handicraft Guild of America was formed "that a little bridge could be thrown from the Island of Waste to the Island of Want"... Social Credit was formed that a bridge be thrown, both politically and economically, from the Island of Waste to the Island of Want in our society.

—Mrs. N. P. Sidor (Speaking to the Muriel Manning S.C.W.A., 1973)





# THOUGHTS FOR THE BARRHEAD AUXILIARY MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET

June 10th, 1970

Today is a day of rejoicing Tho' we live in a time of unrest: The ferment that goes with all changes Will have as its outcome, "The Best".

You, who are mothers and daughters, Who work to bring change the right way Through principles solid and worthy, Together bring light to this day.

The "girls" of the present and future, Giving voice to the words of our creed, Send a call to all who care deeply To join in fulfilling this need.

Society needs Social Credit!

The gap is one you can fill —

And it's not between your generations —

It is meeting man's needs — if you will.

Tho' we all stand unique to each other, What we need is the same basic right; To fulfill it is our obligation, Daughters and mothers, tonight.

So let us not fumble nor falter, Let us steadily work toward that goal Where mankind is not hungry nor lonely, And contentment brings peace to the soul.

MARGARET WOURNELL, President, Edmonton S.C.W.A. Council



### The 30th Anniversary of Social Credit

Social Credit's 30th anniversary was celebrated in November, 1965. Both the Provincial and National Conventions were held in Edmonton at that time. The Women's Auxiliary Convention met for one day.

The Edmonton Council of Social Credit Women's Auxiliaries, provided entertainment for the whole gathering. A chorus of senior citizens entertained the delegates with a number of songs. Some were old, and recalled happy memories. The Chiropractic Association presented a skit entitled "The Shooting of Dan McGrew".

The Edmontonians dressed in Klondike costume for the occasion.  $\label{eq:klondike}$ 



Most of the women attended the banquet of the Social Credit League in the downstairs foyer of the Jubilee Auditorium. This was one of the biggest banquets ever held by the League. The tables ran the whole length of the foyer.

Even a good cause has no more hope of success than the dedication of those who espouse it.

-Hon. E. C. Manning





### The 50th Anniversary

of

### Women's Franchise in Alberta

The commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the franchise for women in 1966 was a memorable event for the Auxiliaries. The Calgary and Edmonton Councils celebrated this event by means of dramatic presentations honoring the women of Alberta. The Government did its part by proclaiming the week of October 16th to October 22nd as Franchise Week.

#### HISTORICAL FASHION PAGEANT

The Calgary Auxiliaries presented an Historical fashion pageant, honoring the women of Alberta. It depicted the changes in women's opportunities and status, over the past fifty years.



The pageant, convened by Mrs. Lavonne Ludwig was presented in the Calgary Allied Arts Centre, Oct. 21st. Later, under the convenership of Mrs. Olive Lowry it was presented to the delegates at the fall convention of the Social Credit League.

The Honorable Mrs. Ethel Wilson, Minister without Portfolio, composed and narrated the script.

Louise Big Plume represented the Indian women. Three sisters from the Order of the Grey Nuns represented the first white women to come to Alberta.

The costumes modelled by the Auxiliary ladies, or others, were authentic, even to the first dress worn in the Legislature by Mrs. Wood. There was a riding habit with split skirt, a hobble skirt, the uniform of a First World War Nurse. A school girl modelled the costume of the Commercial Grad's basketball team. The bloomers and middy were borrowed from a former member of the team.



MRS. SOPER — MR. MANNING

 ${\rm Mrs.}$  Soper tries out the Speaker's Chair at reception following opening of the Legislature. Mr. Manning looks on.

Courtesy Alberta Social Credit League (Goertz of Edmonton)







### BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE

On old Social Credit Hall, April 5, 1954. Mrs. Floyd Baker, Mr. C. J. Craig, Treasurer of Constituency, Dr. Lou Heard, Pres. of Constituency. Courtesy Edmonton Journal



SOCIAL CREDIT WOMEN'S VALENTINE TEA

Social Credit Hall, Edmonton, February. Left to right: Mrs. W. White, Mrs. Floyd Baker, Mrs. Geo. Whittingback.

Courtesy Mrs. Floyd Baker





RECEPTION FOR MRS. E. C. MANNING

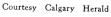
Sponsored by Edmonton Council Social Credit Women's Auxiliaries. Hon. J. Percy Page, Mrs. Gladys Kennedy, Pres. Edmonton Council S.C.W.A.'s, Mrs. Page, Mrs. E. C. Manning, Mrs. Marion Smith, Nat. Pres. S.C.W.A.'s, Mrs. Dorothy Willmore, Prov. Pres. S.C.W.A.'s, Mrs. R. Rieirson was convener.

Courtesy Alberta Government



PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE, 1946

Mrs. Floyd Baker, Pres., Mrs. J. A. Stanger, 1st Vice Pres., Calgary, Mrs. Wm. Aberhart, Honorary Pres., Mrs. Roy Hillborn, Drumheller, 2nd Vice Pres., Mrs. Geo. Whittingback, 3rd Vice Pres.







Hat Decorating Competition
NATIONAL S.C.W.A.'s CONVENTION, OTTAWA, 1961

Hats made and modelled by Auxiliary members across Canada.

Courtesy Mrs. Floyd Baker



SOCIAL CREDIT WOMEN'S KITCHEN BAND

Mrs. C. J. Craig, Mrs. F. Baker, Miss Stella Hughes, Mrs. F. Ward, Mrs. C. McNaughton, Mrs. Rosie Hales, Mrs. Erlys Williams, Mrs. Allegra Carter, Mrs. "Kal" Kendall, Mrs. T. R. Irwin.

Courtesy Mrs. S. Carter





OFFICIAL OPENING OF ALBERTA HALL

9974 Jasper Ave., Edmonton. Mrs. Marion Smith, Provincial Pres. S.C.W.A.'s.

Courtesy Alberta Social Credit League



SOCIAL CREDIT KLONDIKE BANQUET

Mr. Orvis Kennedy makes the final adjustment on his wife's dress before the party, Nov., 1965.

Courtesy Edmonton Journal



50th ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S FRANCHISE

A scene from "Stars in Time" a salute to the pioneer women of Alberta who worked to obtain vote, Oct., 1966.

Courtesy Edmonton Journal





MRS. ELIZABETH SCOTT IN CITIZENSHIP COURT

Where she has welcomed hundreds of New Canadians, representing Social Credit through the Citizenship Council.



PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK "ABERHART OF ALBERTA"

To the Glenbow Alberta Institute by Mr. Lee Leavitt, Social Credit M.L.A., on behalf of the Calgary Council S.C.W.A.'s, June 9, 1971.

BACK ROW: Mrs. P. Kelly, Mrs. Peggy Orr, Mr. Lee Leavitt, Mrs. Betty Barker, I. R. McCloy, Head Librarian, Mrs. Leavitt.

FRONT ROW: Mrs. Margaret Windsor, Mrs. Baptiste, Mrs. R. B. Dowling.

Courtesy Mrs. Betty Barker





Mr. Strom was Premier of Alberta from 1968 until, 1971.

Courtesy Ponich Studio and Alberta Social Credit League





MR. WERNER G. SCHMIDT

Recently elected Leader of the Alberta Social Credit Party, with his wife, Teena, and sons Allan and Dwayne.

Courtesy Mrs. G. Loewen



A picture of H. E. Strom, E. C. Manning and W. G. Schmidt taken in August, 1971, during the provincial election campaign. Holding the umbrella is Rudy Balzer, campaign manager for Werner Schmidt in the Edmonton-Belmont Constituency.

Courtesy Alberta Social Credit League



Representatives of twelve ethnic groups that have made Alberta their home took part in the pageant.

The women in their costumes led the audience through various phases of Alberta's history, depression, two wars, the changing status of women.

The pageant closed with a challenge to the women of today:

"Into the hands of the women of this century life has dropped its most spectacular challenge, its greatest responsibilities. It is an historical fact that since time began, women have established the moral standards of nations: Nations have risen — they have fallen, because of moral standards. This is perhaps the greatest challenge of our time.

We, each in our own way, write the pages of history, leave footprints in the sands of time, to become the inheritance, for good or evil, of future generations. This is a suitable time to dedicate ourselves to the task of doing those things which will once again preserve the future for freedom and justice for people everywhere."

Error dies when those who know the truth act upon it.

-Hon. E. C. Manning, 1967

# PH.

### Stars In Time

The Edmonton Council undertook a major production, "Stars in Time" depicting in pantomine, the conditions and events which culminated in the franchise. This production honored not only the women who helped to bring the franchise — it was a salute to the patience, the courage and initiative of the Social Credit women who through the years have worked and sacrificed to make Social Credit a reality. They, too, are "Stars in Time" — not only the women of earlier times, but those of today.

This entertaining and informative production was written and directed by Mrs. Rose McDonald, of the Edmonton Strathcona Auxiliary. It was convened by Miss Margaret Wournell. The commentator was Mrs. Cornelia Wood, M.L.A. Mrs. R. H. Jamieson was the Master of Ceremonies for the program, which was held in Victoria Composite Auditorium, October 17th, 1966.

The cast, consisting of some seventy women from the fourteen Auxiliaries comprising the Edmonton Council, presented the pantomine in seven scenes:

SCENE 1 Woman's Place was in the Home

SCENE II The Legal Status of Women

SCENE III Women's Franchise Movement in Alberta

SCENE IV Women's Franchise Movement in Britain

SCENE V Acts for Franchise and Recognition of Women
—Alberta Legislature

SCENE VI Five Famous Women — Alberta Privy Council —England

SCENE VII Professions for Women Now with Special Mention of Alberta's members of the Legislative Assembly.

On stage for the final scene were Mrs. Edith Gostick, Mrs. Edith Rogers, Mrs. Rose Wilkinson, Mrs. Ethel Wilson, "Stars" of more recent years.





Pictures of Alberta's "Five Famous Women were shown in Scene VI." These were: Mrs. Henrietta Muir Edwards — Macleod, Mrs. Nellie McClung — Calgary, Mrs. Louise McKinney — Claresholm, Judge Emily Murphy — Edmonton, Mrs. Irene Parlby — Alix.

Following the performance a reception was held in Alberta Hall.

From the proceeds of this very fitting tribute to the pioneer women of the 20th century, the Council made a contribution to the placement in the Legislature of a portrait of Mrs. Roberta McAdam, who was the representative of the Armed Forces from 1917 to 1921.

Perseverance to the ultimate attainment of our goal is more important that the initial enthusiasm with which we began our offensive.

—Hon. E. C. Manning





### **Publications**

Mr. Aberhart, the initiator of Social Credit in Alberta, was a teacher. He realized the importance of the printed word. Publications of various kinds played an important part in spreading the knowledge of Social Credit.

Following the Chronicle, "Today and Tomorrow" became one of the publications of the Social Credit Party. It was edited by Lucien Maynard, now Judge Maynard. One page of this paper was edited by one of the women. It dealt with various topics of interest to women, informative, inspirational, and challenging. With increased interest nationally and Mr. Maynard assuming Cabinet responsibility, "The Canadian Social Creditor" made its appearance. The Auxiliaries made good use of this..

"The Canadian Social Creditor" then became a national paper, published by the Social Credit Association of Canada. The format and name were changed. Focus thus made its appearance.



The need for more local and provincial news triggered the beginning of a small but important publication called "The Busy Bee". This became the official organ of the Alberta Social Credit League.

A regular feature "Gran on Social Credit" written by Mrs. Vera Hattersley, proved to be an excellent method of propounding the basic ideas of Social Credit. It was simple, down to earth, interesting and factually sound. These articles were compiled into a booklet under the same title.

Mr. and Mrs. Hattersley had studied Social Credit when they were living in England. When he learned of the Movement in Alberta, he carried on lengthy correspondence with Mr. Aberhart. Then he decided to come to Alberta and see for himself. If was arranged that Mr. Floyd Baker would meet him at the station, carrying a Social Credit publication for identification.



Later Mrs. Hattersley joined her husband in Alberta. Here they continued to work for Social Credit the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Hattersley made a tremendous contribution through her writing. She was a member of the Oliver Auxiliary.

"The Busy Bee" was published until there was a desire for a larger publication with color and feature articles of the Government which led to the introduction of "Insight". This proved a popular magazine and continued until the Government changed and the Social Credit Party became the Official Opposition.

"Alberta Challenge" made its appearance in 1973 and has been welcomed as an interesting and informative newspaper. "Through the Auxiliary Window" is a most interesting feature, written by the Provincial Auxiliary President, Mrs. Doris Oliver of Lethbridge.



We must build a new era on a strong foundation.

—Hon. H. E. Strom, 1969

Human resources development will expand physical resources development.

—Hon. H. E. Strom





### **Educational Material**

A major purpose of the Auxiliary movement has been to keep the women informed on party matters and government policies. Over the years the Provincial Executive for the Social Credit Women's Auxiliaries has provided resource and study material for its members. Reports of the various Government Departments were regularly mailed. These reports were written especially for the Auxiliaries by the Premiers and the Cabinet Ministers of the time.

A study of the history and thinking of Social Credit through the years was presented by means of a series of articles by H. E. Nichols, "Gran on Social Credit" by Mrs. Vera Hattersley, "Lessons on Social Credit" by R. E. Cantelon, "Social Credit in a Nutshell" by Mr. Manning and "Principles and Policies" by Orvis Kennedy were other publication distributed for study.

In 1970 a new format for educational material was designed by Mrs. Elizabeth Sidor to make information and resource material more readily available to each Auxiliary member. Publications of "Social Credit '70, '71, and '72" followed, each containing interesting factual articles on people, policies and legislation. This material helped to keep the members alert and aware of issues of the time. They were better able through letters and resolutions, to give some input to the government regarding policy.

For seven years, Mrs. Marion Smith was editor and publisher of the National Bulletin of the Social Credit Women's Auxiliaries across Canada. This publication gave news of Auxiliaries across Canada as well as reports of conventions, resolutions and items of inspiration and general information.

The ladies of the Castor S.C.W.A. have distributed 500 copies of "Alberta Challenge" in the town of Castor and the surrounding area.

The Edmonton Northwest Auxiliary of the Jasper Place Constituency mailed 60 copies of "Alberta Challenge" to







those whose membership had lapsed. An insert was enclosed inviting them to renew their membership.

The Social Credit Women of Alberta have supported, financially, the publishing of "Alberta Challenge". They have been, in no small way responsible for the movement having this newspaper.

Successful women have always known that to be listened to, to have an effect, to be influential, requires excitement and interest. They have also known that

"Nothing is so new as the truth Nothing is so new as a smile Nothing is so new as love Nothing so new as the desire to be successful."

-Werner Schmidt





### Social Credit Women and Community Service

Since the first principle of Social Credit is the importance of the individual, it is not surprising that the Social Credit women should become involved in community service.

Some of the first resolutions dealt with at their conventions concerned the welfare of people. One was a resolution to urge the Canadian Government to increase old age pensions from \$20 to \$30 a month.

During the Second World War, the parcels sent through the women's War Service Depots were a great source of encouragement to the men overseas. Throughout the period of transition after the war, the Goodwill Depot, manned by the Edmonton women, met a very real need.



What is right . . . not what is expedient . . . Circumstances may change but principles never.

-Hon. E. C. Manning





### **Welcoming New Canadians**

Soon after the passing of the Canadian Citizenship Act in 1947, courts were set up in Alberta for conferring citizenship on newcomers who had fulfilled the necessary conditions.

Mrs. Elizabeth Scott was the Social Credit representative on the Edmonton Citizenship Council. She headed up the coffee parties at which the New Canadians were welcomed after they had received their citizenship. Through the years her cheery welcome has caused people of many nations to feel that Canada is a friendly country.

For some years women of various organizations took turns helping with the coffee parties. But Mrs. Scott was always there in the background.

In the fall of 1968 the Canadian Government took over the responsibility of the coffee parties. Still Mrs. Scott is there with her friendly smile and a welcoming hand. During the years since the inauguration of the coffee parties, Mrs. Scott has attended the citizenship ceremonies each week. She has helped to welcome hundreds of New Canadians.

No nation or community can tax or borrow its way into prosperity.

-Hon. E. C. Manning





### Hilltop House

In 1965 Mrs. Ethel Wilson, Minister Without Portfolio, was largely responsible for the Social Credit Government's providing a home for women with problems.

Later Mrs. Wilson reported on this project to the Inglewood Auxiliary, of which she was a member. She told them that Hilltop House, on 107th Street in Edmonton, had been obtained by the Provincial Government as a home for women with problems. It was under the direction of Mrs. Catherine Stocker, an experienced nurse. There was accommodation for 21 residents. The Home would be operated on a cost sharing basis with the Federal Government.

Those were the facts. Little did Mrs. Wilson know at that time that Hilltop House would become a home where hundreds of women would be able to find an answer, and return to their work, to their children, to their husbands and live a normal life.

Since its opening Hilltop House has had over 4,000 admissions, an average of over 700 a year. The average age is 24 years. So far the youngest has been 12 years — the oldest 89 years. There is no distinction as to color or creed. The door is locked on the outside but never on the inside. It is their home.

Through this house, which is truly a home, pass women whose lives have been remade because of their time at Hi!ltop — because of people who cared — who helped them face their problems and do something about them.

When you despair or become distressed at the way things are going in society, remember you hold the balance of power.

—Hon. E. C. Manning (Speaking at an S.C.W.A. Conterence, Red Deer, 1964)



### Social Credit Women Members Of the Legislature

### Contributed by Mr. A. J. Hooke

In the election of 1935, two ladies were elected as Social Creditors, one being Mrs. Edith Gostick, representing Calgary, and the other, Mrs. Edith Rogers representing Ponoka. Both these ladies had the advantage of being schooled in Social Credit by Mr. Aberhart and both of them lectured throughout the length and breadth of Alberta and organized Social Credit groups. Mrs. Gostick devoted most of her efforts in the area from Red Deer south, while Mrs. Rogers organized Social Credit groups from Red Deer north.

While they both sat as members for one term only, their work still stands as a monument to both of them.

They succeeded in their efforts to have included in the Mothers' Allowance Act women who had been deserted by their husbands, as well as those who had been widowed.

Mrs. Rogers devoted much time to the field of education and was largely instrumental in bringing about the act which established teaching as a profession. Her name is still well known, especially in Edmonton, where she has served for many years as a trustee on the School Board.

Mrs. Gostick is best remembered for her contribution as a member of the Public Welfare Committee which toured Alberta under the chairmanship of the late Dr. Robinson, which committee brought in recommendations resulting in a larger payment to Old Age Pensioners and a grant to assist mothers who were unable to attend a hospital during child-birth. In this particular program the names of Mrs. Gostick and Mrs. Rogers will always stand out.

It was about 1937 that these two lady members did much work in organizing the Social Credit Women's Auxiliaries, with Mrs. Gostick again devoting her efforts to the southern part of Alberta and Mrs. Rogers to the northern.

Speaking particularly of northern Alberta, I recall on one occasion when a number of ladies met in the Speaker's



suite in the Legislative Buildings and a discussion took place regarding the establishment of women's groups in Edmonton. Mrs. Rogers was the chief speaker but the names of several Social Credit women of that day are remembered. Some were Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Hartt, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. Whittingback and Mrs. Williams and there were, of course, many others. The late Honorable D. B. Mullen was Minister of Agriculture and was sitting member for Edmonton. Mrs. Rogers believed that the least "D.B." could do was supply tea for the ladies and approached him with that proposition. In all seriousness, Mr. Mullen replied: "I'll do that, but how many pounds will it take?" When the late D. N. Duggan, the leader of the Conservative party of that day heard of the ladies' party in the Speakers' suite, he phoned Mrs. Rogers and suggested that the least she could do was to invite him to attend the ladies' party.

The result of this meeting was that 16 women's groups were organized within the next week in the City of Edmonton.

Mrs. Gostick went on to become, until her retirement, Provincial Librarian, while Mrs. Rogers is still a very active member of the Edmonton School Board. During their term in the Legislature, both were staunch and vocal supporters of monetary reform.

The election of 1940 saw Mrs. Cornelia Wood elected as the member for Stony Plain. She remained in that position from 1940 to 1955, and again held the seat from 1959 to 1967, a total of 23 years.

Like Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Gostick, she was a strong supporter of the Women's Auxiliary and for many years was in charge of the resolutions that came before the women's conventions. She, too, was a keen student of monetary reform and advocated the same on every occasion. Her articles on the women's page of the Social Credit publication "Today and Tomorrow" were numerous.

Mrs. Wood became a champion of the anti-flouridationists and made many speeches in and out of the Legislature in which she not only condemned mass medication, but spoke in favor of organic fertilizers as opposed to chemical fertilizers.





I recall an interesting anecdote when Chester Sayers, farmer, and M.L.A. for Camrose, took issue with Mrs. Wood on the question of chemical fertilizers. Mrs. Wood had pointed out that there was still no substitute for barnyard manure when it came to fertilizing fields, and Chester, serious as all

Mrs. Wood has always been active in Social Credit at all three levels of government-municipal, provincial and federal and played a most active part in town planning legislation, provincially and federally.

get-out, stated that modern tractors didn't produce such

things, so substitutes had to be found.

In 1944 Mrs. Edith Thurston, a long-time Social Crediter, was elected to represent the Cypress constitutency and Mrs. Rose Wilkinson was elected to represent Calgary.

Like Mrs. Gostick and Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Wilkinson had had sound instruction in Social Credit under the tutorship of Mr. Aberhart and was a very vocal advocate of monetary reform. Both she and Mrs. Thurston had been active members of the women's auxiliaries from the time of its inception. Mrs. Wilkinson had been an alderman in Calgary for a number of years and was extremely active in connection with all phases of municipal legislation.

Mrs. Wilkinson, an outspoken advocate of monetary, reform, spoke from personal experience when she pointed out that although she was a nurse by profession, she had found during the great depression that it was necessary for her to perform the most menial tasks in order to make an honest living. An Irish wit, she never allowed St. Patrick's Day to go unnoticed in the Legislature and took advantage of Mr. Speaker's leniency to bring to the attention of the House the stories of St. Patrick and usually added a touch of humor concerning the little leprechauns for which Ireland is noted.

About the time of her retirement, the City of Calgary honored her for her long service as an alderman and as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mrs. Thurston, while not so vocal as Mrs. Wilkinson, was an ardent supporter of women's rights and told many



stories of the hardships of pioneers in the early days of Alberta's history. Mrs. Thurston served only one term, 1944-1948, while Mrs. Wilkinson served until her retirement in 1963.

Following the death of the late Hon. Dr. Robinson, Minister of Labor and member of the Legislature for Medicine Hat since 1935, his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, affectionately known by all as "Davey", became the Medicine Hat member in a by-election in 1953. She served in that capacity for nearly 8 years when her untimely death brought about another by-election in the Medicine Hat constituency. Davey will best be remembered as a strong advocate for a better deal for women whose husbands had been physically incapacitated or killed while working in industry. In this field she was capable of giving to the Legislature first-hand information from the private records of her husband who had been extremely active in social work ever since being the Chairman of the Welfare committee to which I have made reference and of which Mrs. Gostick was a member.

In 1962 the 7th lady to be elected on the Social Credit side of the House was Mrs. Ethel Wilson from the City of Edmonton. Like Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Wood, she had much experience in municipal affairs, in that she had been an alderman in the City for a number of years. Like all the rest, she was a strong supporter of the Women's Auxiliary and took an active part in the organization, both before and after her election.

It was a standing joke among male M.L.A.'s when one would say that before making up his mind on some particular subject, he wanted to hear the views of the 3 W's—Wood, Wilkinson and Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson took an active interest in municipal legislation but will best be remembered for efforts in establishing the Women's Bureau, which deals with all aspects of legislation pertaining to women.

Mrs. Wilson was responsible for the establishment of the Girl's Parliament, the first of its kind in Canada.

Hilltop House came into being as a result of Mrs. Wilson's concern for women with problems.





The entire seven Social Credit lady M.L.A.'s saw that due recognition was given to every woman who had played an active part in Alberta's political life and the portraits which grace the halls of the Legislative Building attest to their efforts. Apparently one had been missing for a long time, that of Mrs. Roberta MacAdams who had been a nurse during World War I, serving in England, Mrs. MacAdams was born in Sarnia. Ontario, but was elected by the military personnel to serve in the Alberta Legislature as the soldiers' representative. She was elected as a result of legislation passed by Alberta's Liberal government and served until the armed forces' representation was abolished by the U.F.A. government. The Social Credit ladies saw to it that an appropriate portrait of Mrs. MacAdams was painted and the same now hangs in the Legislature, along with such noted personages as Nellie Mc-Clung, Irene Parlby, Louise Crummy McKinney and Mrs. O. C. Edwards. The Social Credit Auxiliaries participated in the cost of this portrait.



Active participation by the wives of many of the Social Credit Members of the Legislature has been an encouragement to the Auxiliaries.

A. J. HOOKE

No problem is really resolved until it is settled right.
—Hon. E. C. Manning





### **Conventions**

The Conventions of the Alberta Social Credit Women's Auxiliaries provide an opportunity for friendly socializing with women from many rural and urban areas of Alberta. But they do much more than that. Their conventions give the women insight into the needs of people all across the province. They create an awareness of problem areas. They challenge the thinking and open the heart enabling the women to give traction to many of their highest thoughts and desires. Because of the awareness created at the conventions and through the resolutions passed, it has been possible to correct many wrong situations.

The following items selected from various conventions illustrate concerns, effectiveness, and value of the Auxiliary organizations.

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION JANUARY 9th, 10th, 1939 VICTORIA HALL, CALGARY

It was decided to ask for a creed to be read at the opening of each Auxiliary meeting held in the province. With the help of Mr. Aberhart the following creed was developed:

"I believe that Social Credit is the only solution for our present economic problems, and I am determined to stand shoulder to shoulder with our Government in this great fight for Financial Freedom. I will also endeavor to co-operate in every way possible with the members of this Auxiliary in any work they shall deem necessary to promote this cause."

A prayer also, was presented to the Auxiliaries:

"Almighty God, our Father in Heaven, we do acknowledge Thy goodness and mercy to us. Thou hast provided an abundance for Thy creatures, but mankind in its selfishness has been unable to distribute Thy bounty.

We pray Thee to guide us so that we may overcome this difficulty.



We acknowledge our trespasses and our failures. May Thy great grace and mercy be effectual in us.

We seek Thy merciful protection and guidance. Lead and go with us all the journey of life, so that we may learn to 'live and let live'.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we ask it.

-Amen"

The women decided to have an annual Auxiliary fee at the rate of  $10\phi$  per member each year with a minimum of \$1.00 to be paid to the Social Credit League.

There were 49 resolutions presented to this convention, 21 dealing with the Auxiliary organization.

# SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION DECEMBER 12th, 13, 1939 — EDMONTON

Mr. Aberhart, in his address, stressed the importance of women in the social and economic life of the province. He said, "This Movement of yours is economic, not political." He defined economics as "the utilization of everything without the loss of anything."

Paying warm tribute to the ladies of the Auxiliaries he said, "I am satisfied you are doing a good job. Conferences and Conventions are the mechanism of a true democracy. There the individual can express himself. There an association of individuals can frame resolutions. These can then be forwarded to the government which will then do as people want. That is true democracy."

## FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION, 1941, EDMONTON

A motion was passed stressing the "urgent necessity of immediate and complete mobilization of Canada's industry and natural resources and the conscription of finance followed, if need be, of the conscription of her manpower."

Resolutions concerning Freight Rates, Old Age Pensions and Mother's Allowances were among others presented.



## THE SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION DECEMBER 7th, 8th, 1943 — CALGARY

The president, Mrs. Muriel Jury, pointed out the responsibility of the Auxiliaries — to assist the league, to assist the Government in carrying out their mandate which was given them in 1935, and renewed in 1940.

She reported as a result of a resolution passed at the previous Convention (in Edmonton, 1942) that the Auxiliaries initiate good will exchanges, that Drumheller and Calgary, Fort Saskatchewan and Edmonton, and Camrose and Edmonton had carried on very successful exchanges.

Mrs. J. M. Aberhart was given an Honorary Life Membership in the Social Credit Women's Auxiliaries.

#### TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION NOVEMBER 20th, 1961 CALGARY—PALLISER HOTEL

Mrs. Floyd Baker refreshed the delegates memories of the first Cook Book which the Auxiliaries had sold in 1948 by means of which \$4,000.00 was donated to the Building Fund of the League Office in Edmonton. Mrs. Baker presented to the Provincial Executive a certified cheque for \$105.92 which had been in a trust account all those years, and which was the balance of the late returns of the sale of that first Cook Book.

## TWENTY FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION NOVEMBER 9th, 1962 — EDMONTON

Mr. Manning presented a challenging address to the ladies. He told the women that through their discussions they were able "to make suggestions and recommendations that help the Government in changing its programs in the fields of social welfare, education, etc."

He said also, "Effective action in a democracy requires recognition of our interdependence on one another. There never was a time when it was more important for people to work together."





#### TWENTY NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION NOVEMBER 21st, 1966 PALLISER HOTEL — CALGARY

Winners of a centennial essay contest "I am proud to be an Albertan" reported to the convention:

First Prize: Mrs. Mabel Freek, Lethbridge.

Second Prize: Mrs. Effie Butterwick, Brownfield.

Third Prize: Mrs. Ida Keating, Edmonton.

In view of the subsequent designation of the Alberta flag the following resolution passed at this convention is of interest.

"WHEREAS the Province of Alberta does not have a Provincial flag, and



WHEREAS such a flag for Alberta would be of interest to schools and tourists, and

WHEREAS a Provincial flag would be of general interest to all Albertans:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we go on record as desiring and requesting a Provincial flag."

An excerpt from the president's report dealt with the Tele-Facts project to which the Auxiliaries had given major financial backing. Mrs. Landeryou said,

"Regarding Premier Manning's Tele-Facts, I am happy to report that these interesting visits with our Premier and his Cabinet through the media of television are being continued this winter. I would like to thank all Women's Auxiliaries for your contributions over the past years to Tele-Facts, as these dollars help to make this wonderful program possible. I do sincerely hope that your contributions will continue and should be a "first" as far as your allocation of funds is concerned. I do feel that this media of getting the message across to our people is very, very valuable. Thank you Ladies."





# THIRTY FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION DECEMBER 3rd, 1968 CHATEAU LACOMBE — EDMONTON

Receipts and Disbursements show rather interesting figures concerning some of the province wide projects noted in this book:

| Tele-Facts Contributions | \$1,624.53 |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Sale of Spoons           | 1,425.33   |
| Sale of Key Holders      | 144.00     |

At this convention recognition of Mr. Mannings' years of service was voiced through the following resolution:

"WHEREAS The Honorable E. C. Manning has been a member of the Alberta Legislature for 33 years, 25 of which have been as Premier of this Province, and

WHEREAS the Premier has announced his retirement this year:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Convention go on record as commending Premier Manning for the outstanding leadership he has given our Province; Leadership which was made possible because of his selfless devotion to duty and his interest in and service to the people of Alberta."

A resolution was passed dealing with a request that no geographical restriction be placed on the membership of the Women's Auxiliaries. The constitution was amended accordingly, following the passage of the resolution at the 1969 Main Convention. At the same time the fee structure of the auxiliaries was changed to be included in the League membership.

32nd ANNUAL CONVENTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 1969 PALLISER HOTEL — CALGARY

#### MORNING SESSION

9:00 Registration of Delegates

9:45 "O Canada"



"O God Our Help in Ages Past" Pianist: Mrs. Marion Simpson Creed Convention Prayer— Honorable Ethel Wilson, Edmonton Address of Welcome— Vice President, Mrs. Mary Johnson Reply to Address of Welcome— Mrs. Keith French, Hanna, Alberta 10:00 Appointment of Committees 10:05 Roll Call— Mrs. L. C. Halmrast, Lethbridge 11:00 Treasurer's Report— Mrs. L. C. Halmrast for Mrs. F. Parker, Edmonton 11:15 President's Report— Mrs. N. P. Sidor, Edmonton 11:20 New Business— 11:25 Resolutions— Mrs. A. Ludwig, Edmonton 12:00 Luncheon— Turner Valley Room, Palliser Hotel Address— Mrs. H. E. Strom Presentation of Cash Awards New Members (over 20) New Members (over 10) Attendance Mrs. H. E. Strom Past President's Pin to Mrs. J. C. Landeryou, Lethbridge Vocal Soloist—Mrs. Hazel Skulski

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

"Onward Christian Soldiers" 1:45 1:50

Report of Credentials Committee

1:55Greetings— Mr. Orvis A. Kennedy, President, The Alberta Social Credit League





- 2:05 Report of the Nominations Committee
- 2:10 Election of Officers— Mr. Orvis A. Kennedy
- 2:15 Address—
  Honorable H. E. Strom,
  Premier of Alberta
- 2:35 Musical Selection—
  Violin Duet—
  Sandra Shatto, Steven Heinz
- 2:50 Resolutions and Unfinished Business
- 4:00 "God Save the Queen"

### MESSAGE TO WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES

For the past thirty-four years Alberta has had a Social Credit Government. Mr. Aberhart, our first Social Credit Premier, introduced policies and programs that encouraged the development of our Province and made it a land of opportunity and challenge.



Mr. Manning endorsed those policies and introduced new programs and progressive legislation that has made Alberta's position the envy of all other provinces.

The strong support of our women has assured our continued success.

The representation given by our women in our Legislature has contributed much to our record of achievement.

I pledge myself to work for the principles of Social Credit. We need your help and support for continuing success in the future.

There is much that needs to be done; much that can be done. We appreciate and thank you for your untiring efforts. I encourage you to keep up the good work.

It is a pleasure for me to welcome you to our thirty-second Annual Conference. We wish you well as we work together for a successful 1970.

HONORABLE H. E. STROM

#### THIRTY SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION NOVEMBER 29th, 1969 PALLISER HOTEL—CALGARY

Through the years the farsighted thinking of the memters of the Social Credit Women's Auxiliaries has been the tasis for legislation to improve the social conditions of Alterta Citizens.

Resolution Number 8 of this convention presented by the Hanna Women's Auxiliary, and later brought up in the Legislative Assembly by the M.L.A. for the Constituency, Keith French, is still undergoing study by the Institute of Law, Research and Reform.

It reads as follows:

"WHEREAS the Parliament of Canada has passed a new Divorce Act, and that by reason thereof there has been a substantial increase in the number of divorce actions commenced in the Province of Alberta, and

WHEREAS our Society has its foundations built upon a strong family unit, and

WHEREAS the division of property between husband and wife is the Constitutional responsibility of the Province, and

WHEREAS the laws of the Province of Alberta are based on English Common Law as altered from time to time by statute law, and

WHEREAS women have played a vital role in the acquisition of property used by the family, and

WHEREAS the law of the division of property between husband and wife in the event of Divorce has not been revised to reflect the modern role of women in our Society, with the result that there are many inequities and injustices caused by the existing law:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government of the Province create a Committee immediately, to study the problems of property rights between spouses, the



protection of children in the event of divorce, and pass such laws as may be required, so that social justice may be done; and that this committee be composed of an equal number of men and women."

Following the retirement of Mr. H. E. Strom, changes were made in the Provincial Executive of the Social Credit Women's Auxiliaries. Mrs. Strom became the Honorary Counsellor, a position created after Mrs. Manning's retirement as Honorary President, and Mrs. Teena Schmidt, wife of the newly elected Leader of the Party, became the Honorary President of the Auxiliaries.

To achieve our goal as a movement requires some effort on the part of all, and much effort by a few.

—Hon. E. C. Manning

V.

Our need is not more talk of what should be done, but more doing of what has already been said.

-Hon. E. C. Manning

It is what we finish that determines the value of what we begin!

—Hon. E. C. Manning

The tendency to put Social Credit into a "right" or "left" pigeonhole is a mischievous habit. Social Credit's purpose is to serve an ideal — the development of free and creative individuals in a society that is economically free, where the purpose of government is to meet the needs of people in a stable and secure political, social and economic climate.

—Werner Schmidt



# EXCERPT FROM A MESSAGE TO THE EDMONTON S.C.W.A. COUNCIL

June 3rd, 1969 by Mrs. E. C. Manning

"Whatever lies ahead you may be sure will be exciting and challenging. You have faced up wonderfully to challenges in the past year although you were accustomed to a comfortable routine — to operating under the same form of organization — the same leadership — all of which had served you well in the past and under which you had achieved phenomenal success. Suddenly this sameness is broken and you are asked to select new leadership — you are now in the process of seeing the form of organization under which you will work drastically changed. None of this is easy but I know that you are equal to anything that is asked of you.

We live in a changing world — almost a tiresome cliche but it is a fact. We as Social Crediters are witnessing that change in our own movement. When it comes that close to us it is not so much of a cliche but a close personal experience for each of us. How we face up to it may well change the face of this Province and this Country.

The Social Credit Government of the past 33 years, (your leaders, your organization personnel and your membership at large) has acquired a Great Reputation! The Accomplishments of this Province under its Social Credit Government have acquired a great reputation.

A great reputation is not an easy thing to build, either for a man or a movement. It is often a labour of years; factors of principles, goals and standard of performance are its foundation. Furthermore, once it is built it must be maintained. In the case of a movement such as ours, this can only be accomplished by a constant reappraisal of our methods in the light of changing circumstances and a continued expansion and broadening of our concepts to meet the changing world in which we live and in addition, it requires a continued dedication to excellence of performance.

For over 33 years this Social Credit movement has represented the highest standards and most up to date thinking



in the field of public affairs and government. It has been a powerful and persuasive force in promoting the principle of the dignity of the people and that the major function of Government is to bring the people the results that they want in the management of their affairs to the end that they may live in freedom with security, and only now is the rest of Canada beginning to appreciate the wisdom of this basic philosophy.

Our goal is still the same and our principles are still the same . . ."



Thank God for Canada if only because it has given us Alberta!

—Lord Sempill, famous English aviator, at a private meeting in England (Quoted by Miss Olive S. Gage at a Goodwill banquet held in Edmonton, 1942)



### What of the Future?

What are the younger Social Credit women thinking and doing today? One of them expressed it this way:

"I have talked with younger ladies who are now members and I have found that we are anxious to study Social Credit. We want to know and understand the principles the Party stands upon . . . I'm convinced that if we could have more study groups we would have more dedicated members."

Another young woman is showing her faith in Social Credit by acting as President of the Calgary Council.

If they are typical of the young Socreds throughout the province, and if these young people will all study and work in the spirit of the pioneers of the Movement, the future of Alberta is in good hands.

—Mrs. Cornelia Wood, when the men became too boastful: The cock croweth, but the hen delivereth the goods!



### **Provincial Presidents**

### Alberta Social Credit Women's Auxiliaries From Date of Organization

1937 - 1939 Mrs. W. T. Williams, Edmonton (deceased)

1940 - 1942 Mrs. V. A. Bendiksen, Edmonton (deceased)

1943 - 1944 Mrs. M. Jury, Calgary (deceased)

1945 - 1947 Mrs. F. M. Baker, Edmonton

1948 - 1949 Mrs. Florence Olson, Calgary

1950 - 1951 Mrs. G. Whittingback, Edmonton

1952 - 1953 Mrs. J. A. Stanger, Calgary

1954 - 1955 Mrs. F. Ward, Edmonton (deceased)

1956 - Mrs. R. Hillborn, Drumheller

1957 - 1958 Mrs. D. A. Ure, Edmonton

1959 - 1963 Mrs. I. E. Smith, Calgary

1964 - 1965 Mrs. N. A. Willmore, Edmonton

1966 - 1968 Mrs. Ruth Landeryou, Lethbridge

1969 - 1972 Mrs. N. P. Sidor, Edmonton

1973 Mrs. Golden Oliver, Lethbridge



# 6

Life Memberships

|      | mic memberships               |          |
|------|-------------------------------|----------|
| 1943 | *Mrs. J. M. Aberhart          | Calgary  |
| 1959 | Mrs. F. M. Baker (Stella)     | Edmonton |
|      | Mrs. E. C. Manning            | Edmonton |
| 1960 | Mrs. Percy Kelly              | Calgary  |
| 1961 | Mrs. Mary S. Parker           | Edmonton |
| 1962 | Mrs. Lela Ward                | Edmonton |
|      | Mrs. Ruth Whittingback        | Edmonton |
| 1968 | *Mrs. Gladys (Orvis) Kennedy  | Edmonton |
| 1970 | Mrs. Mary Miller              | Calgary  |
|      | Mrs. Kristine Keown           | Calgary  |
|      | Mrs. Ella Hammond             | Calgary  |
|      | Mrs. Edna Evans               | Calgary  |
|      | Mrs. Dora Phillips            | Edson    |
|      | Mrs. J. A. Giebelaus          | Holden   |
|      | Mrs. J. A. Davies (Beulah)    | Edmonton |
|      | Mrs. Alice Lodge              | Edmonton |
|      | Mrs. O. Spiessmen (Elizabeth) | Edmonton |
|      | Mrs. Marie Link               |          |
|      | Mrs. Caroline Stark           | Camrose  |
|      | Mrs. Rolinda Roth             |          |
|      | Mrs. Cora Croome              |          |
|      | Mrs. Isobel Wright            | Edmonton |
|      | Mrs. Lillie Bly               |          |
|      | Mrs. Mabel Kelly              |          |
|      | Mrs. Elsie Valpy              | Edmonton |
|      | Mrs. Susan Mohs               |          |
|      | Mrs. Ethel Smith              |          |
| 1971 | Mrs. Margaret Yuill           |          |
|      | Mrs. Violet O'Dell            |          |
| 1972 | Mrs. Harry Strom (Ruth)       | Edmonton |
|      | Mrs. L. M. Miller (Lela)      |          |
|      | Mrs. Maude Reed               | Edmonton |
|      | Mrs. Selina Burvill           |          |
|      | Mrs. Eunice Wenger            |          |
|      | Mrs. Violet Switzer           |          |
|      | Mrs. Harrish Cunningham       |          |
|      | Mrs. Calista Gould            |          |
|      | Mrs. Mary Campbell            | Calgary  |
|      | *deceased                     |          |





### **Auxiliary Family**

EDMONTON COUNCIL CALGARY COUNCIL

BANFF

BARRHEAD

— CALGARY —

LOYAL — McKNIGHT — VICTORIA PARK

McCALL JETS

**CAMROSE** 

CASTOR

BUSY BOW ISLANDERS

DRUMHELLER

**EDSON** 

— EDMONTON —

ABERHART — AVONMORE — CALDER — GLENORA HIGHLANDS — INGLEWOOD — JASPER PLACE

MAID MARION — MEADOWLARK ACTION

MILL CREEK — MURIEL MANNING — NORWOOD

NORTH WEST — PROGRESS — STRATHCONA WEST

FORT McLEOD

HOLDEN

**CLARESHOLM** 

CORONATION

HANNA

LACOMBE

LETHBRIDGE

LITTLE BOW

MEDICINE HAT

SUNDRE

RED DEER

**NANTON** 

STETTLER

SYLVAN LAKE

STONY PLAIN

TABER

THREE HILLS

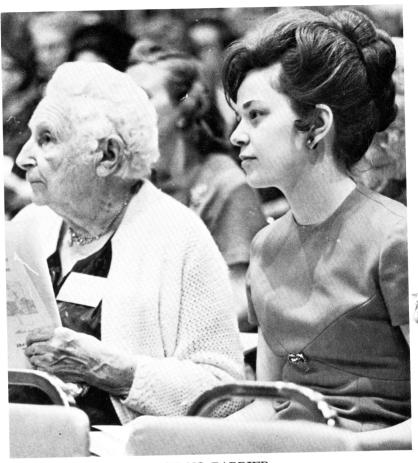
WAINWRIGHT

LITTLE BOW NO. 2 (Champion)



Stella M. Baker. Thloyd M. Baker.





AGE NO BARRIER

No matter what the age, the world of politics is engrossing. Mrs. Lillie Bly, 90, of Claresholm is just as interested in her 33rd annual Women's Socred Convention, at the Chateau Lacombe as is Mrs. Ingrid Speaker, 26, of 14411 MacKenzie Drive, attending her fourth. Mrs. Bly is the oldest member of the Women's Socred Association and attended the first convention in 1937. Mrs. Speaker, the youngest member of the association, is the wife of former Social Development Minister Ray Speaker.

Courtesy Edmonton Journal







Published by the
WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES OF THE
ALBERTA SOCIAL CREDIT LEAGUE
December, 1973

