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supper at the Twinto school
charging adults .50 cents each
and children .25 cents. We sold
picnic lunches at Camp Hale for
several years charging the
same prices. first 25th

Over the years we
raised funds by selling lunches
at sales, raffling different articles
such as turkeys, blankets, cakes,
hazards & home made sales.

During our first years as a W 2
the members all lived out in
the Twinto district east of Wiking.

In 1948 the Twinto school was
turned over to us and W 2 and
here we held our meetings
and card parties in the
winter time also a dance once
in awhile. When vandals
started damaging our building
we said it and held our
meetings in the different homes.

In our earlier years we
cared for our cemetery, had
"clean-up" days & planted trees
and erected a name arch over
the gateway.

In 1949 one of our members,
Mrs. Mildred Brickman became the
Constitutional Convener & held that
position until 1953.

In 1952 we furnished a room
in the new addition at the
Wiking Hospital.

In 1955 we entered a float in
Viking's Jubilee and won first
prize in our class.

For awhile around the end of
approximately ¹⁹⁵⁵ twenty five years we
became less active due to
members retiring from farming
and moving so our member-
ship grew less and now for the
last fifteen years ^{or so} we have
stayed around the dozen mark
and of course our member-ship
list has really changed except
for the three who are charter
members.

In the last fifteen years, as most of our remaining members have retired from farming and retired to fishing or are ^{operative} from the town but we ^{still} have farm country members. Having new and young ladies we have done a lot of catering to wedding receptions, anniversaries etc.

We have raised a fair amount of income so have been generous with donations to various charities such as to the Viking S.C. Citizen's building fund. Every year we have donated to the funds such as the T.B. Association, Dr. Ross Cairns School, Seguinville, Wen House in Edmonton and Ramrath, Children's Hospital ^{Burnaby Centre} Foundation, Telarama Edmonton Water for all for Third World countries, Frank Bark, ^{Knitted} ~~Knitted~~ of 1000 squares to Zambia, W.D. office fund ^{for W.D.} having fund, Christmas seal fund & piano fund at Extensicare, Viking Hardys. We also put on high day parties at Extensicare & Health Lodge. Viking we always remember our sick & bed-ridden people with cards, flowers & fruit and by sending food to homes of the bereaved.

We don't forget ourselves as we have treated ourselves to many parties, picnics & tours. But as most of our members

all grandmothers we are finding.
we have to slow down but
we have had forty years of
gratifying work and innumerable
praise and we have many
memories to treasure.

Dead Office Support

One member lives on Quinte site