

Twente Women's Institute

The Twente W.I. was organized on July 4th, 1947 at the home of Mrs. Alice Haines. Our organizer was the late Mrs. H. Hallans and assisted by the late Mrs. Cartwright & Mrs. Hawells.

Twenty ladies made up the charter member list of which ten have passed away.

The charter members were: Mrs. Florence Anderson, Eva Bennett, ^{Florence} Mrs. Desmond, Marge Draper, Lillian Evans, Myrtle Hagar, Elsie Hurlap, Eva Haggins, Alice Haines, Bertha Jones, Jasie Baranowski, Blanche & Gisele, Mrs. Larson, Esther McHaren, Betty Bennett, Mildred Brickman & Elsie Wyckoff and a Mrs. ^{Margaret} Travers & Mrs. Wenfield.

Our first slate of officers were:

President - Alice Haines.
1st Vice president - Margaret Draper
2nd Vice president - Wenfield
Secretary - Florence Anderson
Treasurer - Elsie Haggins

Our first fund raising venture was the selling of benches at the R. Westraak farm sale, the fall of 1947.

That same fall we had a chicken supper at the Twente school, charging adults 50¢ each and children 25¢ each.

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In 1949 Mrs Mildred Brickman, one of our members, became Constituency Convener. She held the position of ally, and well and at the end of her term was presented with a W.I. life membership.

In 1953 we furnish a single ward in the new wing of the old hospital. It has since been demolished and the old part was retained and turned into a museum.

In 1955 we entered a float in Vikings Jubilee parade and won first place in our class.

Down through the years we
raised our money by selling
lunches at sales, raffish home
like sales. For several years our
big fund raising event was the
selling of picnic dinners at Camp
Lake again only charging adults
50¢ and children 25¢.

This day served as a real
get-together for all the district
including a lot of people from
the town of Viking.

In 1948 the County turned the
Quinte school building over to us
as it had been closed the

previous year as a class room.

We used this building for
our meetings and district get
togethers for several years. We
eventually sold it as vandals
started destroying the building.

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care of our local Lake Oboya
cemetery. We had a clean up
day once a year, also planted
trees in memory of departed
members and erected the arch
over the gate. In later years
a district cemetery ^{committee} took over the
care of the cemetery.

Through the years we have
donated to many charities. In
the later years we did quite a
bit of catering to wedding receptions
etc. so was able to donate money

arena: Roof
to such things as Wabing Senior
Building Fund, Telarama, Wabing
Handy Van, the mammography machine
and many other charities.

We ago have treated our-
selves to parties, picnics and tours.

Now as most of our members
are grandmothers we find we
have to slow down but we
have had forty years plus of
gratifying and enjoyable work
and we have many memories
to cherish.

Four of our W.I. members received
Branch Membership pins this year
(1989) for our forty years as
W.I. members, namely Betty Bennett,
Elsie Neslap, Catherine Evans & Lillian
Evans & Alice and first president