



Formerly Teeterville public school, this is now the Women's Institute's Community Centre.

took approximately sixteen weeks. At the close we held a very successful Open House.

Walford Women's Institute Hall

From a Report by Mrs. A. T. Hartwick

FEBRUARY 14, 1962, is a day long to be remembered by the officers and members of the Walford Women's Institute. It was on that day that our new Institute Hall was officially opened and dedicated to the use of all who care to patronize it, by Rev. L. A. Villeneuve. It was on that day we saw a dream of thirty years fulfilled, not ours alone but also one of our mothers and grandmothers before us. These latter were our charter members of forty-eight years ago.

In spite of a terrible snowstorm that swept our District the night before, a turkey supper was served to well over three hundred folk by our own local branch, assisted by our 4-H Homemaking Club girls who were of great help. Our Provincial Board Representative, Mrs. Len Trivers, was our guest speaker.

The need for a Women's Institute Hall had been felt here for many years. We had been struggling along trying to raise enough funds to build a hall for our own. In the past we have sponsored Girl Guides, Brownies and Boy Scouts, 4-H Homemaking Club leaders and a large class of girls; also, 4-H Potato, Forestry and Calf Clubs. Due to a lack of funds and a place to hold our affairs we are down now to one 4-H Homemaking Club.

The property had been donated to us many

years ago and from Miss McKercher we learned how to go about getting a charter. We formed a corporation without share capital. Money had to be borrowed. We contacted a neighbor and found he would loan us \$5,000 at 6% interest. With that sum plus the \$884.40 which we had of our own funds we proceeded to build our Hall.

It was a lot of work. Some of it was volunteer labor but a certain portion of it had to be paid for, costing us \$889.42. While the men labored, the women worked, too, to provide extra money to finance the project. Our receipts for the year were \$7,773.40. This included, of course, the money we borrowed.

We raised our money in various ways. We bought material and a pattern of the 'Flower of the Month Quilt'. We worked on it for three months as a group; some stamped the blocks others did the embroidery work. One lady put it together. Four or five others quilted it. Two members put the binding on by hand. It was finished just in time to enter at the Massey Fall Fair. How proud we were when we saw it decked out with a red ribbon. A sale of tickets on the quilt realized \$325.

(Editor's Note: We regret lack of space for all the details, but further sums were raised by the sale of boxes of special chocolate bars, vanilla, greeting cards, rummage sales, bake sales, dances. The women have further plans



Mrs. Wm. Gagnon, Pres. Walford Institute, and Mr. Romeo Leroux, Agricultural Representative for Sudbury District, officiate at the ribbon cutting ceremony opening the new hall.