

COPY OF MINUTES OF ORGANIZATION OF ARNPRIOR WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On January 8th, 1932, a meeting was called in the Council Chambers for the purpose of organizing a Women's Institute. Mrs. Robt. Mc Ewen of Renfrew, Box 394 very emphatically explained the Aims and Objects of an Institute.

Twelve ladies then enrolled for membership paying 25¢ fee which amounted to \$3.00. It was then moved by Mrs. Archie Close and 2nd by Mrs. Harold Cunningham that an Institute be organized, known as "The Arnprior Women's Institute". This motion was carried then declared by Mrs. McEwen.

The nomination of officers then took place, Mrs. John A. Gillespie and Mrs. Harold W. Cunningham both being nominated for President. A vote was taken which resulted in a tie, with Mrs. Gillespie declining in Mrs. Cunningham's favor, who was then declared elected President. Moved by Mrs.H.W.Cunningham, 2nd by Mrs. James S. Wilson that Mrs. Wm.Bethune be 1st Vice-President, declared elected. Moved by Mrs. John Thomas, 2nd by Mrs.H.W.Cunningham that Mrs. Archie Close be Secretary, declared elected. Mrs. John A. Gillespie was then elected Treasurer. Moved by Mrs. John Thomas 2nd by Mrs. Thos. McElligott that Mrs. Earle Bethune be Press Secretary elected .

The Committees were then appointed:

- Sick Mrs. Jerry Hayes, Mrs. J.S.Wilson, Mrs. John Thomas, Mrs.Earle Bethune
- Health Mrs. Earle Bethune, Mrs. John Thomas
- Historical Research Mrs. Jerry Hayes, Mrs. Angus Bethune
- Programme Mrs. J.S.Wilson, Mrs. J. Thomas, Mrs. Wm. Bethune, Mrs.J.A.Gillespie

Mrs. Robt. McEwen than asked that a list of members names and a report of the meeting be sent to Mrs. John E.Miller, R.R.1, Renfrew, Ontario.

Mrs. H.W.Cunningham then offered her home for the February meeting which was accepted, the meetings to take place the first Friday of each month. Mrs. J.A.Gillespie and Mrs. H.W.Cunningham as Hostesses for February.

Mrs. Wm. Bethune then tendered a vote of thanks to Mrs. Robt. McEwen for the able way in which she conducted the organizing of the Arnprior Branch of the Women's Institute. Mrs. McEwen responded very graciously thanking the ladies.

The meeting then closed by all singing God Save the King.

Sgd. Mrs. H. Cunningham
Mrs. Archie Close

CHARTER MEMBERS

- Mrs. Angus Bethune
- Mrs. Earle Bethune
- Mrs. Wm. Bethune
- Mrs. Archie Close
- Mrs. Harold W. Cunningham
- Mrs. Clarence Elliott
- Mrs. Ned Gallagher
- Mrs. John A. Gillespie
- Mrs. Jerry Hayes
- Mrs. Guy Lindsay
- Miss Maddie MacDonald
- Mrs. Thomas McElligott
- Mrs. John Mooney
- Mrs. Oliver Murphy
- Mrs. Ezra Smith
- Mrs. Jack Thomas

Mrs. James S. Wilson
