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In 1907 the ladies of Berrow District organized a Berrow Institute for some years it was known as "The Farmers & Womens Institute" with joint meetings held in the Royal Hotel Berrow the first President was Mrs Adon Cook and Secretary Miss Madge McKinney Mrs (Mrs Hewitt) They were called Winter & summer series with speakers sent from the Dept of Agriculture with women speakers for the women and men speakers for the men. at the time of the joint meetings there was over 50 attending

From 1912 to 1916 the meetings were held in the homes for the ladies some of the interesting topics for these years were: Child welfare Systemic House Keeping, Hurray and Wray as well as house work, well the Dairy cow removal the mortgage, Benefits of the Womens Institute

To make money in the early years they put on concerts In Feb 1913 they decided to have a short course on Bread and Pastry to be held in the Odd Fellows Hall and to charge 10^s admission. The Proceeds from this was 30^s They had a lot of speakers at their meetings

In April 1913 the members introduced a Question Drawn where a lot of good Questions and Answers was given.

In Nov. there was a discussion on Canning fruit and the importance of sterilizing all jars before using them. The ladies all took part in these meetings with reading, Dict, solo, topics, demonstrations etc

In May 1914 it was moved that they give a donation of 500 to Queen Mary Hospital Torquay

The June meeting was held on Mrs Jans McKinneys lawn with guests from Kincardine & Ripley Mrs Parria gave a talk on raising chickens and getting them ready for Market. There was to be 8/1000 donation to the Red Cross with the money yard. Cattle were bought also two boxes of clothing, pillows and blankets (120 lbs) were sent to the Red Cross.

There was 4.50 donated for Prize money to Kincardine Fall Fair

In Aug 1915 it was moved that the ladies were to do their knitting for Red Cross at their meetings. It was moved that any member over 80 years old was to be an Honorary Member and not asked for help unless they desired to help and they are not to pay membership

From 1915 to 1918 only Ladies and Red Cross work was done by the Institute

In 1922 it was discussed on having work done on the Cemetery. It was moved the mill be paid Sturgeons and be discontinued. There was a demonstration on a Firdens Cooker which was enjoyed by everyone. Each member was to make a block for a crazy patch quilt to be sent up next.

In 1923 there was a discussion on whether to sponsor a Ward at Kincardine Hospital. There was an appeal for fruit to be sent to the Queen Children Hospital Torquay it was moved that each member