

ORGANIZE AT DELAWARE IN 1914

Delaware 1947

Thirty members joined the Delaware Women's Institute when it was formed June 8, 1914, at a meeting in the parish hall, Delaware. Later the membership grew to 53.

First officers were: President, Mrs. R. Ruddle, 1st vice president, Mrs. F. Eichenberger, 2nd vice president, Mrs. J. H. Mathews, secretary-treasurer, Miss Gertrude Prior, diectors, Mrs. J. Munroe, Mrs. H. Trumper, Miss G. Quirrie, auditors, Mrs. V. Jackson, Miss M. Gibson

In September after organization an informal meeting was held in the parish hall at which the men were present and in co-operation with the women it was decided to canvass the township for funds to help the financial condition resulting from the first Great War. The amount was to be divided between the Y.M.C.A. and the Red Cross More than \$400 was collected and more was promised.

The institute bought the piano for the hall and a hospital bed which has been of great benifit to the community.

The institute with the co-operation of the Township Council and the village trustees cleaned up the township cemetery and kept the grass cut and made a small park of the village green. Jam for Britain and clathing for Russia were contributed during the Second World War.

Officers who served during the 33 years have been, Presidents:

- Mrs. R. Ruddle
- Mrs. Eichenberger
- Mrs. J. H. Mathews
- Mrs. H. Trumper
- Mrs. R. Lowthian
- Mrs. D. A. Janes
- Mrs. J. Martin
- Mrs. H. Elviage
- Mrs. N. Podkin
- Miss I. Hay
- Mrs. A. Farnes
- Mrs. E. Elliott
- Mrs. E. Monteith
- Mrs. J. Hay
- Mrs. F. Ireland
- Mrs. E. Eichenberger
- Mrs. C. Lenfesty
- Mrs. E. Jackson

Secretary-treasurers

- Miss G. Prior
- Mrs. J. Laurie
- Miss G. Janes
- Mrs F. Weld
- Miss G. Patrick