

The W.I. was organized by Mrs. John E. Miller of Goshen with the following:

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Kenneth Gillan; vice-president, Mrs. M. Barr; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. George McNab district director, Mrs. Y. H. Hamilton. Fourteen members joined at this charter meeting.

The charter members were; Mrs. A. Carswell; Mrs. Stuart Anderson; Mrs. George Eady; Mrs. P.J. Russett; Mrs. Kenneth Gillan; Mrs. M. Barr; Mrs. Henry Simpson; Mrs. James Cherry, Mrs. J. Scobie, Mrs. W. H. Hamilton; Mrs. John W, Hamilton: Mrs. C. Hamilton; Miss Edna McMillan; Mrs. George McNab.

In later months of the same year, seven more members joined the Glasgow Institute. These were Mrs. Milton Stewart, Mrs. R. A. Stewart, Mrs. Taylor Carswell, Mrs. John Wright, Mrs. John Watt, Mrs. John Mitchell.

In the passing of the years some members dropped out of institute work, others moved away, or joined other branches. Others were called to the Great Beyond. There were thus only two of the charter members left, along with two members who joined later In the first year, Mrs. Milton Stewart and Mrs. R.A. Stewart, and two others who are still members, but of a neighbor Institute, Mrs. John Watt and Mrs. John Wright. In addition, the Institute has one quarter-century member, who joined in 1946 - the new district president. Mrs. J.A, Young.

The following year there was a break In the membership when a new branch was formed at Stewartville, and some women from that locality, who had been loyal and active members in the Glasgow group, left to take offices in what was then their home branch. Both branches are still carrying on as good friends and neighbours.

Through the years that have passed, much Interest has been taken in community work and many worthy causes. Exhibits have been entered in local fairs, and short courses sponsored. The Glasgow branch has been especially interested in the production



Group taken at W.I. meeting at Mrs. John Odbers, July, 1918

of stage entertainments and plays, which its members feel have not only been a means of enjoyment for their audiences and a source of revenue, but even more have been of great value and satisfaction to those taking part. As well, members have been always ready and willing to accept offices on the district board when asked. Mrs. W.H. Hamilton served as district secretary from 1951-1956. Other members have acted as district conveners and on committees.