

ST. ANDREW'S WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

A branch of the Women's Institute was organized on February 12 1935, at the home of the late Mrs. Flora Saunders, Concession 13, Yarmouth Township, Elgin County. Mrs. Curtis, East Elgin district president, spoke on the aims and objects of the Institute, and Miss Myrtle Paddon, district secretary, outlined the obligations and other points of routine. It was decided as fitting, to name this association 'St. Andrew's', as the community and church on Concession 8, Westminster, founded in the pioneer days of 1854, bore the name of the patron saint of Scotland. The list of officers was as follows: President, Mrs. Flora Saunders; 1st vice-president, Mrs. D.F. Turner; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. A.V. Coulter; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. A. McInnis; Assistant, Mrs. D. McLachlin; district representative, Mrs. N. Watson; branch directors, Mrs. J. McKellan, Mrs. G. Carr, Miss Mary Belle Thompson, and Mrs. D.E. Fowler. On the roll for 1935 are the names of 32 members, and of these, the following have continued active members: Mrs. D. Turner, Mrs. A. Coulter, Mrs. D. McLachlin, Mrs. D. Fowler, Mrs. A. Black, and Mrs. G. Wright.

The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Dan Turner on March 14th, with an attendance of 33. The president was in the chair, and Mrs. J. K. Nichol was the accompanist. The program included a solo by Miss Jean Ferguson, a biography of St. Patrick by Mrs. D. McLachlin, Current Events, Mrs. A. Coulter, a selection by St. Andrew's Ladies' Quartette (Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. McLachlin, and Mrs. McMillan), a rug-hooking demonstration by Mrs. McInnis and Mrs. McLachlin.

This Institute was the thirteenth branch of the district, and has drawn members from both Elgin and Middlesex Counties, the largest enrolment being 45, the present number, 35. It serves a large area, stretching from Tempo on Highway #14, east to Belmont, and from south in Yarmouth Township, north to Concession 6 of Westminster Township. This includes six school sections-- Tempo, S.S. 14 Westminster. White Oak, S.S. 13 Westminster, Townline, and Dewar's.

The meetings are held in the homes, and for most of the social functions, the people of the community gather at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Glanworth, at St. Andrew's Church, and at the new Westminster Township Hall.

This Institute has made notable contributions to cultural activities in the community. It has given constant support, both intellectually and financially, to Glanworth Library, which in 1946 became a free public library. A member of this institute, Mrs. W.H. Shore, gave devoted service for many years as librarian. On different occasions guest speakers have congratulated this group on their musical talent, which has been generously shared and enjoyed, not only at meetings, but also at all community entertainments. In this connection, special mention might be made of Mrs. James McLachlan, music teacher in the district schools, and who has ever been ready to preside at piano or organ. Mrs. L. Carrothers has gathered valuable information from