



# WALKERTON EVENING INSTITUTE WAS ORGANIZED IN YEAR 1947

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The Walkerton Evening Institute was first organized on a stormy winter evening, February 4, 1947, in the I.O.D.E. room of the Walkerton Town Hall, with the help of District Director, Mrs. W. A. Tolton and Mrs. McBurney, president of the Afternoon Walkerton Institute. Several young ladies were present.

Mrs. Tolton read the purposes of the Institute and the following

officers were elected: President, Mrs. N. B. Crozier; Vice President, Mrs. W. Schmidt; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. C. Cunningham; Dist. Representative, Mrs. L. Cartwright; Directors, Margaret Fortune, Mrs. C. McNaughton, Mrs. Geo. Gear, Miss Gay O'Bright; Pianist, Jessie Hyndman.

It was decided to hold the Evening Institute meetings the second

Tuesday of the month, which is still carried on. It was suggested they would study Historical Research, Home Economics and Social Welfare; also decided for meetings were, solos by talented members, flower arrangements and fancy sandwich making, etc.

At the third meeting, Mrs. J. Harkley gave an interesting outline of handicrafts that she could teach the Institute Girls, and Miss Margaret Fortune sang a solo.

Miss Lewis of the Department acknowledged the organization of the Evening Institute.

The meeting continued for one year in the I.O.D.E. Room. The first Home Meeting was held at Mrs. C. McNaughton's home the following Feb. 10th, 1948. Miss Nora Crozier gave a talk on the Bruce County Health Unit.

The officers elected May 11th, 1948, were: President, Margafet Fortune; Vice President, Mrs. Dawne Cunningham; Sec.-Treas., Jessie Hyndman; Directors, Edith Filsinger, Dorothy McGregor, Luella Taylor; District Director, Florence McNaughton; Press Secretary, Dorothy Cartwright; Pianist Ruth Gear; Auditors, Nora Crozier and Mrs. J. Johnson.

The Evening Institute, now numbering 35 members, has supported to date, many worthy causes by donations, such as the Bruce County Hospital, Salvation Army, Children's Aid, Unitarian Relief, Mental Health Association, Cancer Society, Community Activities, Refugee Funds, Blind Association, Retarded Children's Association. Money has been raised by holding teas, Bake sales, raffles and sponsoring the Maytime Musicales for four years.

The officers for 1960 are, President, Mrs. Ralph Walker; Vice Pres., Mrs. W. Hougham; Sect'y.-Treas., Mrs. P. Siegfried; District Convener for East Bruce, Mrs. Ross Hobley; District Director, Mrs. Ray Taylor; Ass't. Director, Mrs. N. MacDonald; Directors, Mrs. Hannah, Mrs. Wm. Brown, Mrs. G. MacGregor; Press Secretary, Mrs. O. Kerr; Sunshine Committee, Mrs. Clarence Thompson; Pianist, Mrs. Bruce Thompson; Auditors, Mrs. Marie Campbell and Mrs. G. Rae.

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