

growing menace of the submarine blockade, and in their common purpose the old social barriers were beginning to crumble.

Into this moment of crisis came Mrs. Alfred Watt, a woman of missionary zeal, who had watched the birth and growth of the Women's Institute movement in Canada and was convinced that the same

movement was needed in rural England. Hers was a character hard to deflect from its purpose and on September 11th 1915 a band of courageous women, infected with her enthusiasm and with the blessing and support of the Board of Agriculture, started the first Women's Institute in the British Isles, at a meeting in a small creeper-smothered garden-room at Llanfairpwll in Anglesey.



*Left/Above - The first members of the first W.I. in Britain, Llanfairpwll Anglesey.*

*Below/left - Chairmen: The Lady Denman, D.B.E., 1917-1946. left to right - The Countess of Albemarle, D.B.E., 1946-1951. Lady Brunner, J.P., 1951-1956. Lady Dyer, J.P., 1956-1961. Mrs. G. L. S. Pike, J.P., 1961-.*

*Above - The first officers of Stony Creek, founder institute of the W.I. movement, with the first speaker and reader of a paper.*

*Below/left to right - Founder: Mrs. Alfred Watt, M.A., M.B.E. General Secretaries: Miss Inez Ferguson (Mrs. Jenkins, C.B.E.), 1919-1929. The Hon. Dame Frances Farrer, D.B.E., 1929-1959. Miss Alison King, 1959-.*

