

PICTON BRANCH
WOMENS INSTITUTE

There had been an Institute branch in Picton in the early 1900's, but it had disbanded in 1919. In 1963 an urge was felt again for Institute work in Picton. Mrs Earl Onderdonk, member Rednersville W.I. and President of Prince Edward District, attended a meeting of interested women who had gathered at the home of Miss Florence Barber on Queen Street. She outlined the work and activities of W.I. and told some of the duties of the various officers. The Picton ladies decided to organize and after the proper advertising the organizational meeting was held in the Agriculture Board Room, Elizabeth Street, on February 7, 1963, at 8 p.m..

Mrs T. Pick was elected President of the first slate of Officers. Mr. Pick was posted out of town in May this same year, and of course, Mrs. Pick followed. The first vice president, Mrs. L. Gribble, stepped up to the presidency. But her husband had already been posted to Waterloo, so at the June Meeting Mrs. Pierce Jones was appointed acting President. She was elected President in 1964, and held that office until April, 1967.