

Current Events

Women's Institute War Work :-

During World War II the Institute Women, did sewing for the Red Cross Organization at Brighton; packed "food boxes" for the boys overseas, gave donations for Red Cross Work; Salvation Army and British Children.

Salvage was collected by Brighton ladies who volunteered for this work. Mrs. Frank Tougas and Mrs. Gerald Solomon were especially active in this work.

The following foods were rationed :- sugar, butter, meat, corn syrup, molasses, canned fruit, evaporated milk. Ration books, issued by the government, were used, each man, woman and child was given one, containing coupons which came due at certain intervals.

Blood Donors went to Belleville at different times to a clinic there.

Peace Celebrations

In all the surrounding communities the schools were closed and a mass parade of school children was held in Brighton.

When the armed forces' personnel returned they were welcomed by their own community and also by the township. A banquet for all the returned men in the Township of Brighton was held in the Town Hall at Brighton. Our Institute helped to provide the food and serve the men and their wives, mothers or friends.