

A SHORT HISTORY OF GRAVENHURST W.I.

ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER THE NINTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY SIX, AT THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF REAY W.I., IN THE PRESENCE OF MRS. KIRCKPATRICK, DISTRICT PRESIDENT, AND MRS. BAILEY, DISTRICT SECRETARY - TREASURER, IT WAS DECIDED TO DIVIDE REAY W.I., THOSE MEMBERS FROM GRAVENHURST AND CLOSE SURROUNDING DISTRICT THEREAFTER TO BE KNOWN AS GRAVENHURST BRANCH W.I.

THEREFORE, ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER SIXTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY SIX, TWELVE MEMBERS WERE PRESENT AT THE HOME OF MRS. J.E. MILLER FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF GRAVENHURST W.I. THESE MEMBERS WERE AS FOLLOWS :

MRS. A. MCPHEE
MRS. B. PEATTIE
MRS. W. WAITE
MRS. T. CATON
MRS. J. E. MILLER
MRS. W. DRAPER

MRS. LILY READ
MRS. T. LEMAY
MRS. R. YOUNG
MRS. TINCOMBE
MRS. WILLIAMS
MRS. HUNTER

THE FIRST OFFICERS WERE :

PRESIDENT : MRS. CATON
VICE-PRESIDENT: MRS. J. E. MILLER
SECRETARY-TREASURER: MRS. T. LEMAY
SUNSHINE CONVENER : MRS. W. WAITE

GRAVENHURST W.I. HAS GROWN STEADILY TO THE PRESENT MEMBERSHIP OF SIXTY LADIES. MEETINGS ARE HIGHLIGHTED WITH GUEST SPEAKERS, MUSIC; AND STUDIES OF CHILD STUDY, ADULT EDUCATION, FROZEN FOOD, FOOD AND NUTRITION, MODERN MEDICINES AND THEIR USES, ETC. HAVE BEEN MADE. PLAYS AND CONCERTS HAVE BEEN HELD, AS WELL AS JOLLY QUILTING BEES, TO RAISE MONEY FOR SUCH WORTHY THINGS AS MANITOBA FLOOD RELIEF, ENTRANCE CLASS AWARDS TO PUPILS IN GRAVENHURST SCHOOLS, CHRISTMAS CHEER TO SICK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, AND PATIENTS IN MUSKOKA HOSPITAL. DELIGHTFUL TEAS AND BAKE SALES HAVE BEEN HELD FROM TIME TO TIME.

W.I. FORCE FOR PEACE

" WOMEN'S INSTITUTES CAN BE A FORCE IN DETERMINING WORLD PEACE, THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL ONTARIO AREA WAS TOLD AT IT'S OPENING SESSION AT THE ROYAL YORK HOTEL. "THROUGH W.I. WORK WE LEARN TO LIVE BETTER WITH OURSELVES, WITH OUR FAMILIES, AND WITH PEOPLE OF OTHER COUNTRIES" DECLARED MISS ANNA LEWIS, W.I. DIRECTOR. " THE PATHWAY TO PEACE" SHE CONTINUED "IS THE PATH FROM YOUR HOUSE TO MY HOUSE, AND LET US REMEMBER WOMEN OF OTHER COUNTRIES ARE JUST AS ANXIOUS FOR PEACE AS WE ARE ".

