

## Historical pictures from Baysville Tweedsmuir History

It is only in the past few years that the Baysville branch of the Women's Institute has ceased to meet regularly. The branch was organized in 1904, with Mrs. P. B. Bastedo as first president, and over many years accomplished much for its community. Perhaps W.I. work will be revived in Baysville at some time.

One of the legacies from the Baysville W.I. branch's active years is the Tweedsmuir history of Baysville and the Lake of Bays community. When this was started Mrs. Dan Vanclieaf was the convener, and the late Mrs. J. J. Robertson did a great deal of work in compiling the history, from information gathered by others, principally Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. G. McCormack, Miss M. Smith and Miss B. Piper. For some time the work on the

Tweedsmuir history was undertaken as curator by Mrs. Adabel Robertson, and most recently the curator has been Mrs. Marie Vanclieaf.

Mrs. Vanclieaf said she placed the book in the Baysville Public Library, where it has often been consulted by interested persons. In keeping with the presentation of pictures and material from Tweedsmuir histories of other branches of the Women's Institute in Muskoka, Mrs. Vanclieaf kindly made arrangements for the contents of the Baysville historical collection to be made available for selection and publication by The Herald-Gazette. We are pleased, therefore, to present a few of the pictures from the Baysville Tweedsmuir History on this page this week. Other pictures will follow in future issues.

Annual Report of Baysville W.I., 1947.

"Baysville Women's Institute was organized in July, 1904 with 20 members. The President was Mrs. P. B. Bastedo and the Secretary, Mrs. Schwook. Besides quilting and sewing, the group was responsible for the building of a community kitchen on the Town Hall and taking care of the cemetery. The Institute was inactive from 1931-37. When a Junior Branch was formed and this functioned till 1941.

The reorganizing of the Baysville Branch took place October, 1946. President, Mrs. T. M. Armstrong. Secretary, Mrs. Geo. Robertson. 16 members. We purchased Stage Curtains for The Town Hall and are sponsoring a School Fair in Baysville this coming year. We have sent boxes to a W.I. in England. Financial: Receipts, '84.<sup>35</sup>, Expenditures, '83.<sup>87</sup>. Balance .48."

Baysville was disbanded, March 31, 1969.