

## The Skead Road Women's Institute

The Skead Road Women's Institute was organized by - Anne Williams, (Mrs Harry) in March of 1943. She also served as it's first President, along with Mrs. Thomas (Sarah) Reed as the first Secretary Treasurer.

We have no record of the Institutes membership as the minute book for the first three (3) years is missing. It is understood that well over twenty (20) women first joined.

### Meetings:

were held in members homes for the first year until a hall was built in 1944.

The financing of the Skead Rd. W.I. was done by having a card party twice a month, and a Tea & Bazaar twice a year. Rent for the use of the hall, by other organizations, grants and other small donations.

Funds: were used to finance delegates to Annuals and Area

Conventions. Fruit for the sick, short ins, gifts of blankets for new babies. Donations to the Toronto Star Fresh Air Fund, Santa Claus Fund, Red Cross. Wool was purchased for school children, with members going to the school to teach children to knit, as part of their home economics training. Candies and fruit were provided for school children at Christmas.

Prizes and ice cream for their annual Field Day. A projector was purchased for the school.

The Skead Rd. W.I. also purchased part of the supplies for making hot cocoa for the children during the coldest winter months. This was started in 1947, with members taking turns going down to the school to prepare the cocoa. This practise is still carried on, with the W.I. covering all costs in this service.