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12 members were present as well as the District President Lyle Larone, of Renfrew, and Marilyn Misner, 1st Vice President, of Arnprior.

In 1934, on November 16th, the first Women's Institute meeting was held.

Rev. R.H. Thatcher was instru-

mental in forming the group. He was the Anglican Pastor of St. Paul's Church at the time.

The branch has carried on without lapse for sixty years.

At present we have 14 members. During the war years 1939-1945 the group was very active supplying the young men overseas with care packages.

Looking back in the old records you will find such entries... \$2.00 paid to musicians for a dance, \$1.40

for gas for a trip to Renfrew, \$0.40 for meals, \$0.50 was paid for cleaning the hall.

Women's Institute members have compiled a "Tweedsmair History." This is a history of our own area. We are always looking for more information.

Please feel free to join us, our meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month.

Submitted by

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