

Sept 18 Mattawa WI honors long service members

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MATTAWA—It was more a
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pproximately 30 ladies from
vin Township and
herglen came to participate
gathering of the Mattawa
nch of the Federated
en's Institute of Ontario
n four members of the
ttawa group were honored
long service in the
anization at the Mattawa
den Age Club.

Mrs. David Gauthier has the
gest service record in the
ttawa branch. She joined in
8 and has never missed a
embership drive during her
ars in the organization.

Mrs. Archie Smiley has been
member of the Institute since
4 but she first joined the
lvin group.

Annie Lamont first joined in
37 but had some breaks in her
rvice during the intervening
ars.

Mrs. William Walters, Sr.,
ame into the organization in
55.

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The four long-service ladies
were presented with corsages
and a cake, specially baked by
Thelmas Smiley, was also
presented to the four honored
women.

During the evening a bingo
was held in addition to contests
and the evening developed into
a social event which terminated
with a buffet prepared by the
members.

A special report, "Spotlight
on Bread," was given by
Thelma Smiley and Barbara
Wall.

The program for the evening
was prepared by Marjorie Wall
who is a member of the
provincial board of the

Institute. Mrs. Wall was the
first person to represent
Mattawa on the board.

Winners of prizes during the
evening function included,
Irene Childs, Valma Beckett,
Bonnie Eldridge, Elsie Blais,
Marguerite Oulmette, Phyllis
Duquette, Marilyn Sparks and
Mrs. Earl Farmer.

According to the records of
the Mattawa group, the branch
was first formed in 1908 and
Mrs. Borrowman, the wife of
the public school principal was
the first president.

The first regular meeting was
held July 9, 1908 when it was
decided to publicize the
Women's Institute by holding a

tea on the school grounds and
admission was 10 cents.

The records also show an
exchanging of recipes and
household hints were given at
the meetings. There is mention
of a paper being read and the
subject matter was "our friend,
the hot water bottle."

But the work and aims of the
Institute at that time were not
too different from today and in
1909 it was decided to teach
knitting and sewing at the
meetings.

Average attendance was 10 to
12 persons and there was the
same thrust to make the
meetings interesting.

During December, 1909 a

Mrs. Hoben demonstrated
making of bread with the aid
a mixer.

By 1913 the group
providing facilities for
residents of the town
district and plans for a pu
rest room were made. It
stated the rural visitors to
town greatly enjoyed this m

Membership badges sold
20 cents. Today they go
approximately \$3.

In those times they also
long-service persons and t
is record of Mrs. Her
Hazelwood, the first secre
treasurer of the Matt
branch who served in the s
capacity for 22 years.



Four members of the Mattawa branch of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario were honored this week at Mattawa for long service in the organization. From left are: Mrs. William Walters Sr.; Mrs. Archie Smiley, Annie Lamont and Marjorie Wall, who organized the program who is a member of the provincial board of institute. Missing from the picture was Mrs. D. Gauthier.