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HISTORY OF BROWN'S WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On April 17, 1936, thirty girls under the leadership of Mrs. Bolton Fitzgerald and Mrs. M. McIntyre of Thorndale Senior Institute and Miss Verna Lee of Thorndale Juniors were organized under the name of Nissouri Junior Institute at Brown's Corners with the following officers: - President, Miss Jean Brown (Mrs. Robert Arthur); Vice-President, Miss Annie Rumble (Mrs. Hubert Uren); Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Susan Muir (Mrs. George Towle).

On May 6, 1938, this organization became a Senior Women's Institute in the district of East Middlesex with the following officers:- President, Mrs. John Hawkesworth; Vice-President, Mrs. Hubert Uren; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Elaine Showers, District Director, Miss Leone Facey (Mrs. Gladwin Hooper).

In May, 1943, with a membership of twenty, the name Nissouri was changed to Browns and we joined the district of North Oxford. Some of the projects have been sewing and knitting for Red Cross, book reviews, speakers, Glee Club, drama, demonstrations, family night with a hot supper, exhibiting at St. Marys and Thorndale Fairs, bus trips to Brantford, Stoney Creek, London, Toronto and attending the Shakespearean Festival.

Aside from this we have corresponded with the Lady Tweedsmuir Institute in England sending them a gift of ten pound cheese at Christmas; sponsored a course given by St. John Ambulance, St. Marys; compiled our favourite recipes into booklet form and sold 200 copies.

We were divided into five groups, each with a convener; through this effort four hundred dollars was given to St. Marys hospital.

As each president finishes her term of office we present her with a "Life Membership and Badge."

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