

Brown's Women's Institute

The first five years - 1938 - 1943

At the meeting on April 16, 1942 there was discussion on the question of continuing the Institute. The subject was brought up again at the meeting on April 15, 1943. Following discussion, a vote by ballot was taken. Marjorie Leadman and Barbara Williams counted the ballots. It was decided to continue.

On May 22, 1942, the District Annual was held in Dorchester U. C. Those attending were Mrs. S. Switzer, Mrs. K. Munro, Elaine Showers, Joyce Burgess, Mrs. K. Veen, and Mrs. J. Hawkesworth. That was the last District Annual we attended in Middlesex.

At the May 12, 1943 meeting Mrs. T. Leadman read a letter from Miss Clark regarding our transfer. It was moved by Mrs. S. Switzer seconded by Elaine Showers and approved, that we ask for a transfer from East Middlesex to North Oxford District. It was moved by Mrs. K. Munro seconded by Mrs. L. Kirk and approved that our branch be known as Brown's Women's Institute. This transfer was made official at the District Annual at Kintore on June 8, 1943.

At the meeting on September 10, 1942 it was decided to discontinue serving lunch at meetings. At the meeting on April 25, 1945 it was decided to serve lunch at all meetings.

During the war cigarettes, knitted articles and other articles were sent to the thirteen boys from the neighbourhood who were serving overseas. We raised money by having sales, etc., and finally in September, 1944 decided to canvass the neighbourhood to raise funds for this purpose. The boys serving