

The Kars branch, of Ontario Women's Institute was organized by, Mrs. W.A. Magee, on January 6th, 1912.

The officers elected were, -

President, Mrs. W.E. Stratton.

Vice- President, Mrs. J.S. Graham .

Secretary- treasurer, Mrs. W.A. Magee.

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Outstanding events, - During World War 1, Kars Women's Institute members .....

built up an impressive record of Red Cross work. They, also, made caps, mitts and quilts for a ward in a military hospital, in England.

(2) In 1915, they were responsible for the first street lights, in Kars.

(3) In 1927, the members purchased a hall and equipped it with chairs, dishes and tables, for the community's use.

(4) The 25th Anniversary of the branch's organization was celebrated with a banquet. For the 40th Anniversary, the members invited Miss Maud Ferguson, C.B.C commentator, as the guest speaker. On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary, 1962, Mrs. James Haggerty, F .W.I.C, President, was the guest speaker.

(5) In 1964, Kars Tweedsmuir History was entered in the National Competition and won first prize.

(6) 1967 projects included erecting "Welcome to Kars" signs at either end of the village; two picnic tables were given to the R.A. field; name signs were erected for the streets of Kars. A flower bed is planted, each year, with "KARS" in flowers.



September 8, 1977.

Kars branch Women's Institute celebrated their 65th Anniversary, with a fine dinner at the local hall. Mrs. B. Noblitt, Ottawa, and many former members were guests. The banner was the work of Miss Isabel Drew.

Picture, from left to right, front row, - Mrs. John Craig; Mrs. Herbert Wilson; Mrs. Randolph Dillion; Mrs. Donald Murdock. Back row, - Mrs. C. Strike; Mrs. Clarence Mussell; Mrs. Brian McCleary; Mrs. Larry Renton and Mrs. Hugh Lindsay.

Picture contributed by, Mrs. H. Wilson.

Recorded, 1972, by - Mrs. Ernest Somerville, Spencerville.