

### Skipness Women's Institute

On the evening of May 11, 1951, twelve Skipness Community ladies met at the home of Mrs. Graham Chambers for the purpose of organizing a Women's Institute. Mrs. Norman Smith, Bruce North District President and a resident of Park Head, took charge of the election of officers, and the group became the Skipness branch of the Women's Institute. Officers were as follows: President, Mrs. Graham Chambers; First Vice-President, Mrs. Archie Blue; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. David McDonald; District Director, Mrs. Harvey Beirnes.

One of the first projects was the buying and selling of cards to aid the Warton Hospital. The group worked to help the Bruce County Children's Aid Society as well as Institute projects.

As time went on, interest waned and on March 31, 1966 at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Harvey Beirnes with seven members present, a motion was made that due to lack of interest by the members the Skipness branch be disbanded.

On April 20, 1966 the motion was passed and the Branch disbanded. The last president was Mrs. Harvey Beirnes; the last secretary was Mrs. William McDonald.

Several of the Skipness Community ladies joined the Zion Amabel Women's Institute and in 1982 there were The Skipness Community ladies in this branch.

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