

June 15 1949.

Today we celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the organization of Temperanceville Women's Institute. This is a good time to look back. We are told that nothing stands still. We either go forward or back word.

We are very proud to say that although at times we have had difficulties and were apt to be discouraged we have always had the thought that we must advance and we have tried to do so.

Our membership has never been large. We organized with twelve members and our highest membership was just over forty.

The organization meeting was in Temperanceville church where we are meeting today. Mrs. P. Hamilton of Newmarket District President and Mrs. Charles Aurora District Secretary Treasurer wrote Mrs. F. Wilkins asking her to try and arrange a meeting of the ladies of this community to hear Mrs. Laura Rose Stephen who was giving a series of lectures on W. I. work in the District and had one free afternoon.

Anyone who has ever heard Laura Rose Stephen would want to hear her again. We had a very good group of ladies out. One of our members Mrs. J. Jennings had known her when she was Laura Rose



and used to attend District Anniversaries  
at the Manitowish. Perhaps just here  
for the benefit of those who have never  
heard her we might say that as Fama  
Rose she was the first speaker the Women's  
Institute had and she organized the second  
W.I. which was at Whithy.

Those of you who attended the jubilee  
at Luelph last summer heard her give  
an address. She said she was 82 years  
young. sometimes tired but never retired.

Mrs. Stephen also gave us our motto  
and badge. While sitting in Committee  
discussing this subject she said "our  
organization is to help women and children  
especially in the home, then to help others in  
our Community. For Home and Country  
Then she took a pencil and sketched our  
badge suggesting the W. I. Colors. Blue  
and gold and putting the motto around  
it. The Committee accepted the idea and  
the motto and badge have been used ever  
since.

This was the lady that came to address  
us. She gave a wonderful talk on the  
ideals of the W. I. and the responsibilities  
and duties of the individual members.

After her address she asked if we  
would like to organize. Some were



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very enthusiastic about it and others wanted to think it over. Twelve ladies joined up and an election was held. President Mrs. F. Wilkins, Vice Pres. Mrs. N. Thompson Sec. Treas. Mrs. W. Jennings Directors Mrs. H. Clark, Mrs. J. Brown, Mrs. J. Lloyd and Miss Mary Barker. We decided to meet the second Wednesday in the month at 2.30 P. M. in the members homes.

Our ~~spectu~~ executives at all times have endeavored to make our meetings interesting and instructive. With good papers or talks suitable to our community life. Demonstrations on making rubbers, soaps of different kinds, rug making etc and contests on biscuit and cake baking, uses of apples, buttonhole making etc have added to the interest of our meetings.

We have made aprons and sold them among the members. also jam and pickles the proceeds going to help our fund.

We have had seven Presidents one of whom Mrs. C. Henshaw was called to Higher Service. The others were Mrs. Wilkins Mrs. N. Thompson, Mrs. W. Jennings, Mrs. M. Beynon, Mrs. F. Hare and Mrs. C. Beynon our present officer. These all still active members of our W. J.



We have had five see Treas. Mrs. W. Jennings, Mrs. F. Watson, Mrs. E. Parton Mrs. Young and Mrs. D. Chalk. Two of these ladies have moved away.

We have held Bazaars, teas etc. to raise money and our Picnic has become an annual affair to which husbands and children are invited. Our work under the comership of Mrs. Nelson Thompson kept the members busy and many necessary and useful articles were handed in at each meeting.

We have raised money by baking for a Toronto organization several times having booths at farm sales and this has aided us very nicely in helping to support the boy and the girl we have adapted through the same the children fund. We send them parcels and have received very nice letters from them.

Today on this our 15<sup>th</sup> birthday we feel that it would be very nice to have you all see our Charter members who are still with us. So we will ask Miss Alice Ferguson who has always been ready to help us with talks on gardening, education even the Ice age. and with good advice



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on W. J. matters when needed and  
we who is one of our Hon. Pres. to  
come forward also Mrs. F. Wilkins  
our other Hon. Pres. Mrs. N. Thompson  
Mrs. W. Jennings, Mrs. H. Clark and  
Mrs. J. Jennings. We would at this  
time like to pay tribute to their  
faithful service and ask them to  
accept from Temperanceville W. J. this  
book 50 years of W. J. and we  
all wish them many more years  
in the W. J. an organization in  
which they are deeply interested

### Charter Members



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Mrs. N. Thompson Miss A. Ferguson Mrs. H. Jennings Mrs. F. Wilkins  
Mrs. H. Clark Mrs. J. Jennings



# Past Presidents



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Mrs. C. Beynon, F. Haro, M. Beynon, H. Jennings, N. Thompson, F. Hillkins

## Our third President



Mrs. C. Haro, Henshaw  
Passed away Apr 22, 1943