

History of Young W.I. By Mrs. Lorne Breadner.

The Young W.I. was organized Wednesday, Oct. 15, 1947 at the home of Mrs. George Thompson (south of Young) with Mrs. W. Clugston of New England and Mrs. R. N. White of Melaport in charge of the meeting. Mrs. White presided for the election of officers which were as follows - President, Mrs. Harry Breadner; 1st. vice-president Mrs. Rye Sparling; 2nd vice, Mrs. J. McCrabb; Sec. - Treas. - Miss June Williams; assistant Mrs. Oliver Fitzsimmons; District director, Mrs. Geo. Thompson; Branch directors, Mrs. L. Sparling, Mrs. Ross Breadner, Mrs. Frank Curry; Pianist, Mrs. L. Sparling; assistant, Mrs. E. Ptolomy; Conveners - Mrs. R. Breadner, Mrs. J. McCrabb, Mrs. Sam Woods, Mrs. Herb Lemon, Mrs. Martha Williamson; Auditors, Mrs. J. Bowler, Mrs. Lorne Breadner; Press Reporter, Mrs. A. Williamson. Other Charter member Mrs. Emerson Kirkpatrick.

Fee of .25[¢] was paid by 15 members. It was decided to have the meeting the third Thursday in each month; four members to bring lunch (later changed to two). Mrs. Ross Breadner offered her home for the November meeting. In November our secretary-treasurer changed her name from Miss June Williams to Mrs. Jack Sparling - on the same day as Princess Elizabeth, our present Queen, was married.

Papers were given on citizenship, home economics, agriculture and many interesting readings were read. A donation was given to Save the Children Fund, candy was made by the

members and sold; a bazaar was held, a croquinoise party and euchre was held. It was decided to charge 2.00 for quilting quilts. On May 20, 1948 the Annual meeting was held. The officers were left the same for the coming year.

Papers were given on good citizenship, agriculture, the woman of note - Pauline Johnston - a trip to her native country by a W.I. member; home relations, a talk on the first W.I. at Stoney Creek, organized by Adelaide Hoodless; and current events. A book, "Fifty years of Achievement" was bought. Donations were given to the Hoodless Fund; Save the Children Fund; and to Rocklyn Memorial Hall. Quiltings and bazaars were held. A layette was made and sent away. In July we went to Rocklyn and put on the program.

In April 1949 the Annual meeting was held. The membership fee was changed to .50[¢]. Mrs. James McCrabb was elected president for the coming year; Mrs. Jack Sparling Secretary - Treasurer. Mrs. Clugston spoke on the duties of standing committees. Donations were made Save young and children in the San; to hospital incubator; to building fund of Sick Children's hospital; and to the March of Dimes Campaign. A film, "Let there be Light" was shown in the hall. Several quiltings were held. Our branch visited Walter's Falls W.I.

The Annual meeting was held in April 1950. Mrs. Carman Curry was elected president; Mrs. Herb Lemon Secretary - Treasurer. Papers were given on "Mother's Day"; Community activities; Agriculture; and historical research. Donations were made to Manitoba Relief Fund; toys for children overseas; March of Dimes; to Carbert family in Weston, San.; Institute pins were bought and paid for by members. The fee for quilting was changed to 3.00. Our branch entertained Walter's Fall W.I. and Rocklyn W.I.