

Springfield Women's Institute Officers

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1938-39	Mrs J. F. Lamb	Mrs E. Vincent.
1939-40	Mrs J. F. Lamb	Mrs C. Rocky.
1940-41	Mrs J. F. Lamb	Mrs M. Harris.
1941-42	Mrs John Hodgson	Mrs H. Burgess.
1942-43	Mrs John Hodgson	Mrs M. Harris.
1943-44	Mrs J. F. Harris	Mrs C. Rocky.
1944-45	Mrs J. F. Harris	Mrs S. Leeson.
1945-46	Mrs J. F. Harris	Mrs C. Rocky.
1946-47	Mrs J. F. Harris	Mrs J. Leeson.
1947-48	Mrs. Ida Harris, Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. A. C. Davies, Mrs. J. Hodgson	Mrs. Leeson, Sec. Mrs. Rocky, Treas.
1948-49	Mrs. A. C. Davies	Mrs. Leeson, Sec. Mrs. Craik, Treas.
1949-50	Mrs. Leo Harris	Mrs. Ida Harris, Sec. Mrs. Fille, Treas.
1950-51	Mrs. Leo Harris	Mrs. M. Charlton, Sec. Mrs. Ida Harris, Treas.
1951-52	Mrs. John Hodgson	Mrs. M. Charlton, Sec. Mrs. Cathus, Treas.
1952-53	Mrs. Elton Wolfe	Mrs. M. Charlton, Sec. Mrs. S. Buchner, Treas.
1953-54	Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Davies Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Vincent	Mrs. Rose Brooks, Sec. Mrs. S. Buchner, Treas.
1954-55	Mrs. Roy M. Clintock	Mrs. M. Charlton, Sec. Mrs. S. Buchner, Treas.
1955-56	Mrs. L. Strong	Mrs. Milton Charlton, Sec. Mrs. S. Buchner, Treas.
1956-57	Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Leeson Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Strong	Mrs. J. M. Whinnis, Sec. Mrs. Roy M. Clintock

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The Springfield Women's Institute of East Elgin was organized in 1907. The late Mrs F. C. Maller was the first president. Mrs Dr Shaw was the first secretary, and the late Mrs W. J. Atkin was the first district director.

In the early days of the institute the work of clearing, and improving the East Cemetery was undertaken. The grounds were thoroughly cleaned, new buildings erected, all fallen tombstones cleaned, and erected in proper positions. The U. J. ladies did the painting of buildings themselves.

They instituted "Decoration Day Service" and cared for all graves, who had no one to look after them. They also made an Annual donation to the Cemetery Board.

They conducted their meetings in the various homes of the members, until the institute outgrew the size of most homes. The local School Board then gave them permission to use the School Auditorium for their meetings. But as this sometimes interfered with examinations, and the school being closed during holidays, proved unsatisfactory. The council then granted them the use of one of the downstairs rooms in the Council Chamber. This was fitted up for their meetings and also equipped for serving of suppers. The late Mr Clinton Young gave them their first stove.

The "Children's Shelter" St Thomas benefited from their "showers" of fruit, eggs, canned goods and clothing. They also helped to support an Armenian refugee during World War I. Northern Ontario received bales of clothing and quilts. The ladies also bought chairs for the use in the school Auditorium.

During World War I the gift boxes sent overseas to the boys were numerous.