

They also sewed and knitted for local Red Cross.
The U.S. was a friend to all unfortunate people
in their times of trouble and distress, especially
to those who lost their all thro fires.

In August 1931 the ladies decided to erect
a Memorial Cairn and place it in the park.
In memory of the Springfield and South Dorchester
men who fell, and in honor of those who served
in World War of 1914-18. And due to their untiring
efforts, and especially to the work and time given
by the late Mrs George Stewart and Mrs S. C. Muller
the ladies saw the completion of their worthy
work on November 15th 1931, in the unveiling
of the cairn in the presence of some 1200 people.
Every year since dedication an annual
Remembrance Day service, and also the sale of
poppies on Poppy Day has been sponsored.

And now an added task is to undertake
to place another plaque on the Cairn in memory
of our honored dead of War II 1939-45.

In 1938 the ladies decided they
would like a permanent home of their own, and
also for the use of the village. As the opportunity
arose where by they could purchase a suitable
building, a committee of ladies preceded to the
Court House at St Thomas and made the purchase.
After securing the building, they formed an old
fashioned "Bee" of willing helpers of the village
and had the building raised, foundation laid,
new windows and doors, new roof, painted
and decorated inside and out. Had gas
installed for heating and cooking. Bought
piano and chairs and installed kitchen
equipment. And today the ladies are very
proud of their "Home".

During the recent years and especially
during the second World War, the U.S. once more

sewed and knitted, and again the gifts and parcels -
found their way overseas to our local boys. Over a ton
of jam was made in their kitchen. Honey bought and
sent overseas. After the erection of our local airport
the institute entertained on several occasions, the boys
from the airport to chicken suppers and concerts.

Officers for 1946 - 1947 -

President — Mrs Ida Harris.
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After 40 years of service for "Home and Country"
these ladies are still carrying on the good
work set by the pioneer ladies who so nobly
started.

The "Springfield Women's Institute".

Taken in
front of
Institute Hall

Officers of 1941

Grandmothers W.I. — Institute members