

**REMEMBER WHEN...  
WAUPACA COUNTY HCE TIME CAPSULE (1940-1955)**

Victor Quick, the Waupaca County Agricultural Agent in 1940 organized the Waupaca County Extension Homemakers with 6 newly formed clubs: South Branch, Royalton Community, Wrolsted, Evanswood and Iola. In 1941 three more new clubs were organized. Gladys Stillman, a University specialist gave the lessons. In 1942 Readfield Homemakers was a new club. In 1946, Waupaca County Homemakers had their first fulltime Home Agent, Mrs. Minerva Jepson. The first elected County President was Mrs. Verna (John) Jenson. New clubs were Baldwin Mills, Marion, Marble and Oak Grove which started their membership with 34 members.



**OAK GROVE HOMEMAKERS - 1946.** *Thirty-five years ago these women comprised the membership of the Oak Grove Extension Homemakers Club. Left to right, front row, Mrs. Max Stern, Ann Stern, Mrs. Jipson (Home Agent), Grace Poppy, Jane Wendt, Mrs. John Cottrill. Second row, Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Barber, Lydia Zeichert, Mary Shaw, Almeda Gruetzmacher, Eleanore Kuehl, Joyce Popke, Margaret Pomrening, Mary Catherine Shaw, Helen Connell, Lorraine Gorges, Charlotte Grunwald, Fanny Huntley. Back row, Mrs. Louis Poehlman, Alma Christian, Ione Berg, Elvera Schimke, Elsie Pomerening, Tess Klatt, Lula Oberstadt, Tess Thorn, Mary Millard, Pearl Gorges, Alice G., Vivian Dobberstein, Clara Schellin. Francis Yohr and Gerv Kloehn.*

In 1947 Miss Eileen Niedermeier started as County Home Agent in October. Two new clubs were organized: Barton and Sugar Bush. Some of the Programs that year were Tuberculosis, Polio,

Rheumatic Fever and Cancer. In 1948 there were 3 more new clubs organized; Pac-A-Doers, Fremont and The Originals. Special Interest lessons were dress forms and frozen foods. In 1949 Mrs. Harlan Kirchner was President, Mrs. Lloyd Schultz Vice President, Mrs. Gerald Tietz, Secretary and Treasurer. New clubs that year were Variety Pak, Roosevelt, Homemakers Hobby and King.

In 1950 Miss Ann Magnin was our new County Home Agent. That year dues changed from \$1.00 per club to 10 cents per member. In 1951 Mrs. Art E. Smith was the new County President. Waupaca County gave \$19.19 for Pennies for Friendship. Homemakers planned and prepared a recognition dinner for 66 4H Leaders. Our new club that year was Lone Pine. In 1952, 47 Homemakers attended the Farm and Home Week in Madison (later called College Week). Spring Council at Readfield had 27 clubs and 63 members represented. Ann Magnin resigned to take another county position.

In 1953 Miss E. Mae Reese became the new County Home Agent. Mrs. Charles Mack was County President. The Upham Woods 4-H Camp Project collected \$55.20 from Waupaca County. Fall Council was held with 31 Clubs represented with 85 members attending. New club was Manawa Homemakers. Membership is now at 720 with 42 clubs in Waupaca County. The County Treasury was \$67.73. In 1954 Achievement Day was held with 37 Clubs represented. Mr. Hugdad of Madison encouraged us to start a state homemakers chorus. In 1955 State dues were \$10.00 per county. Annual club dues were set at 25 cents per member.

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