

Ladies' Aid Society

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church, Seaforth, was organized September 27th, 1960, with the following officers; President, Mrs. S. Dickson; Vice President, Mrs. Larkin; Secretary, Mrs. Hepburn; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. W. D. McLean; Treasurer, Mrs. Papst.

The object of the Society was to assist the managers in building a new church or renovating the old one. It was started with a membership of forty-three ladies, the membership fees being twenty-five cents a year. Money was also raised by the mite system, each member giving so much a month, and putting same in an envelope and placing on the collection plates. The Society met once a week for sewing and raised a considerable sum of money in this way, and then by its monthly ten cent teas, a good sum was realized. The Society paid for the seats in the new church, which cost \$2 100.00; and also paid for the pipe organ which cost \$2,425.00; and has \$200.00 on hand now to pay towards installing an electric motor for pumping the organ. About \$1,000.00 has been paid on the church debt; several improvements have been added to the manse; a pulpit gown was presented to our pastor, Dr. Larkin, and a Life Membership of the Missionary Society, was presented to Mrs. S. Dickson, who was the able president for fourteen years. Since the war began the Society has given several teas for Red Cross and Patriotic work.

The present membership is sixty-one ladies, and the following are the officers: Honorary President, Mrs. J. D. Hinchley; President, Mrs. William Schlater; Honorary Vice President, Mrs. Murray; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Arch. Scott; Mrs. McIntosh; Mrs. (Dr.) Cooper and Mrs. Boyd; Secretary, Mrs. John Finlayson; Treasurer, Mrs. George M. Chesney.