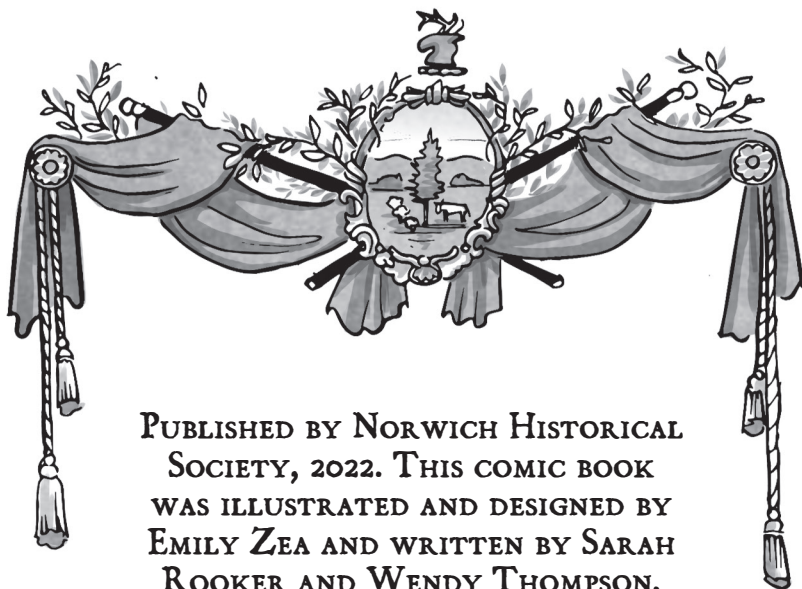


THE WOMEN OF NORWICH

CHANGE-MAKERS!





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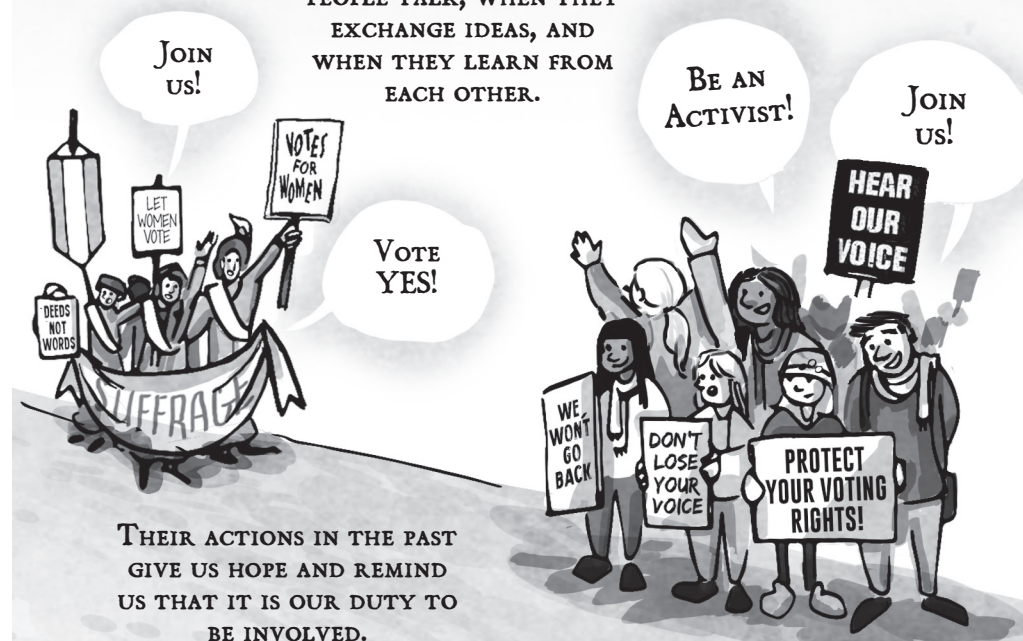
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WE ALL NEED TO BE
CHANGE-MAKERS.

NORWICH WOMEN HAVE BEEN CRAFTING CHANGE FOR OVER 200 YEARS. THEY EDUCATED THEMSELVES AND THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS ABOUT THEIR CAUSES, THEY BECAME ALLIES, AND SOMETIMES EVEN TOOK TO THE STREETS TO SPREAD THE WORD.

DEMOCRACIES WORK WHEN
PEOPLE TALK, WHEN THEY
EXCHANGE IDEAS, AND
WHEN THEY LEARN FROM
EACH OTHER.



THEIR ACTIONS IN THE PAST
GIVE US HOPE AND REMIND
US THAT IT IS OUR DUTY TO
BE INVOLVED.

IT'S THE SECRET TO DEMOCRACY.
WE ALL NEED TO TAKE PART.



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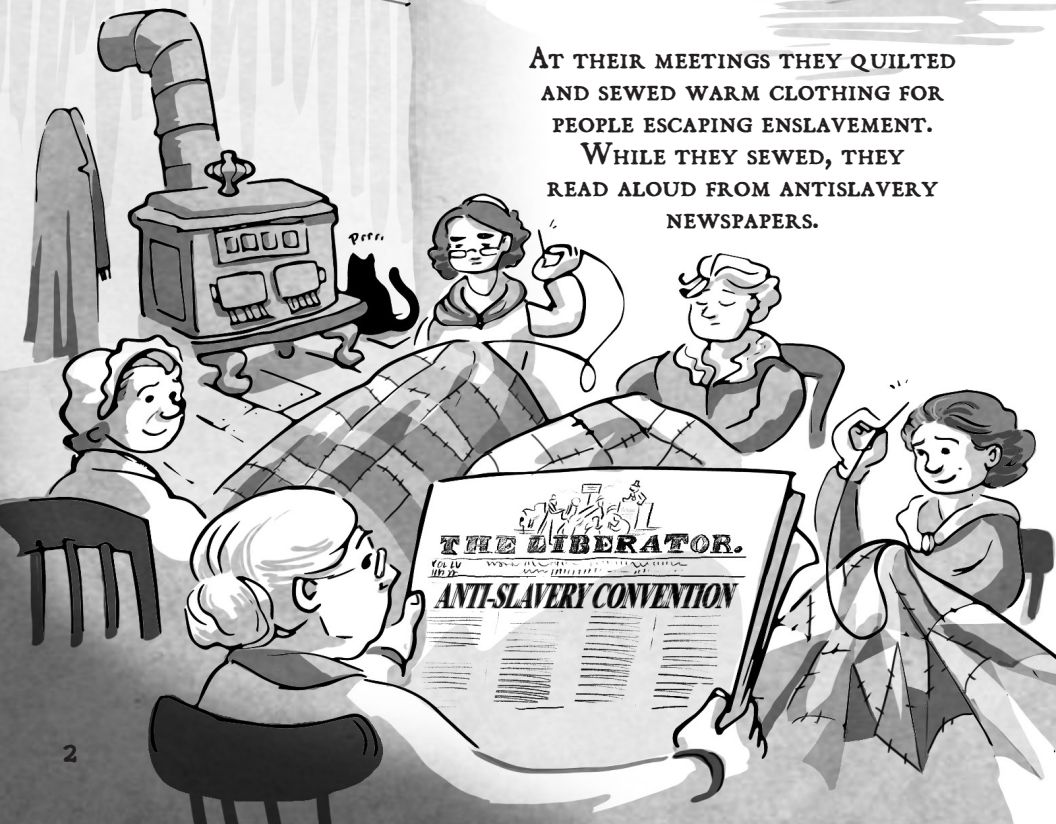
CHANGE-MAKERS TAKE
THE TIME TO LEARN
ABOUT THE ISSUES FIRST.

IN 1844, A GROUP OF WOMEN FORMED
THE NORWICH FEMALE ABOLITION
SOCIETY. THEY VOTED FOR THEIR
OFFICERS, ORGANIZED MEETINGS,
AND RAISED MONEY. THEY WERE
BECOMING CHANGE-MAKERS.

THE CHURCH WAS A PLACE TO GATHER
AND SHARE IDEAS IN NORWICH.

AT THEIR MEETINGS THEY QUILTED
AND SEWED WARM CLOTHING FOR
PEOPLE ESCAPING ENSLAVEMENT.

WHILE THEY SEWED, THEY
READ ALOUD FROM ANTISLAVERY
NEWSPAPERS.



BE AN ALLY

CHANGE-MAKERS
ACTIVELY REACH
OUT TO HELP.

DO YOU NEED
A COAT? IT'S
COLD!

THANKS FOR
THE RIDE!



SUSANNAH
MORRIS WAS
PRESIDENT OF THE
NORWICH FEMALE
ABOLITION
SOCIETY.

HER FAMILY LIVED ON ELM
STREET AND HOSTED PEOPLE
ESCAPING ENSLAVEMENT.

CAN WE HELP WITH
SOME CHORES WHILE
WE'RE HERE?

THANKS FOR
BREAKFAST.

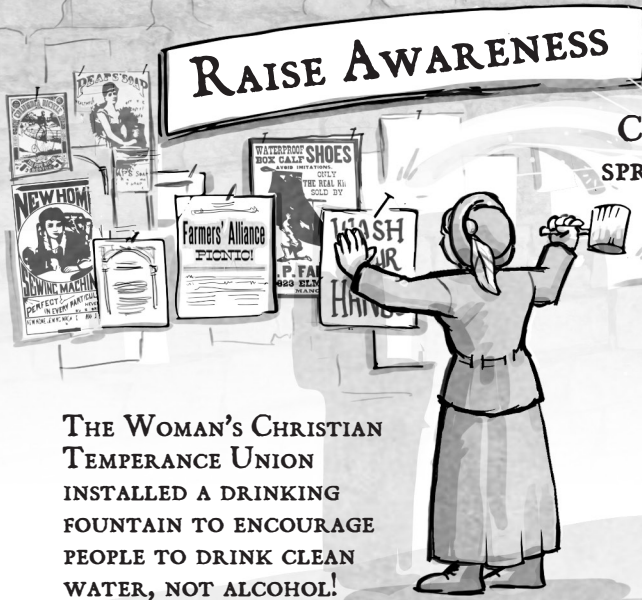
IT WASN'T SO
DANGEROUS FOR
RUNAWAYS IN
THIS AREA.

TRAVELERS
SOMETIMES
STAYED FOR
SEVERAL DAYS.



A VISITING DARTMOUTH STUDENT RECALLED
COMING DOWNSTAIRS TO BREAKFAST AND
SEEING A GROUP OF FREEDOM SEEKERS AT
THE BREAKFAST TABLE.

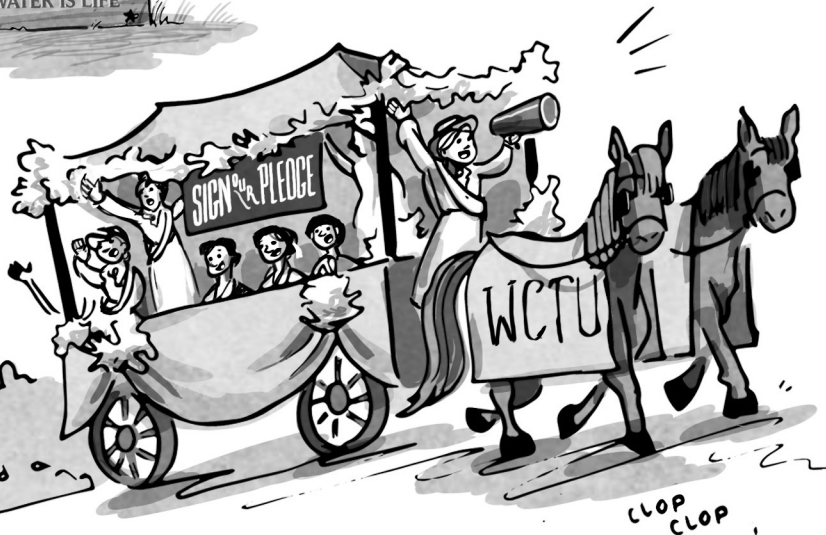
RAISE AWARENESS



THE WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION INSTALLED A DRINKING FOUNTAIN TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO DRINK CLEAN WATER, NOT ALCOHOL!



MARCHING IN PARADES WAS (AND IS) A FUN WAY TO REACH MANY PEOPLE. WOMEN DRESSED IN WHITE AND SANG SONGS ALL ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT VOTING AND TEMPERANCE.



CHANGE-MAKERS SPREAD THE WORD.

IN THE EARLY 1900s NORWICH GRANGE WOMEN SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THEIR CAUSES.

BE INFORMED



CHANGE-MAKERS DON'T GIVE UP. IT TAKES YEARS TO ENACT CHANGE.

IT TOOK MANY YEARS OF ACTIVISM BEFORE WOMEN WON THE RIGHT TO VOTE.

LET WOMEN VOTE! GIVE US THE BALLOT!

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WOMEN HAD BOOTHS AT FAIRS, COLLECTED PETITIONS, RAISED FUNDS, AND EVEN PARTICIPATED IN PROTESTS.

LET WOMEN VOTE! GIVE US THE BALLOT!

IN NORWICH THEY DISTRIBUTED PAMPHLETS, WROTE NEWSPAPER EDITORIALS, AND HELD LECTURES IN THE HALL ABOVE WHAT IS NOW DAN & WHIT'S.



BE WILLING TO LISTEN

CHANGE-MAKERS
LISTEN TO OTHER
POINTS OF VIEW.

DEBATE
TODAY

IN 1914, THE
NORWICH WOMAN'S
LITERARY
CLUB HELD AN
EDUCATIONAL
DEBATE.

DEBATES ARE AN IMPORTANT
ASPECT OF A DEMOCRATIC
SOCIETY AND PROVIDE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE IDEAS.

PRO-SUFFRAGE ARGUMENTS

- THOSE WHO MUST OBEY LAWS SHOULD HAVE A VOICE IN MAKING THEM.
- THOSE WHO PAY TAXES SHOULD HAVE A VOICE.
- EQUAL SUFFRAGE WOULD INCREASE THE NUMBER OF EDUCATED VOTERS.

VS

ANTI-SUFFRAGE ARGUMENTS:

- SUFFRAGE IS A THREAT TO FAMILY HARMONY.
- MOST WOMEN DO NOT WANT THE VOTE.
- WOMEN LACK THE EXPERTISE TO OFFER OPINIONS.



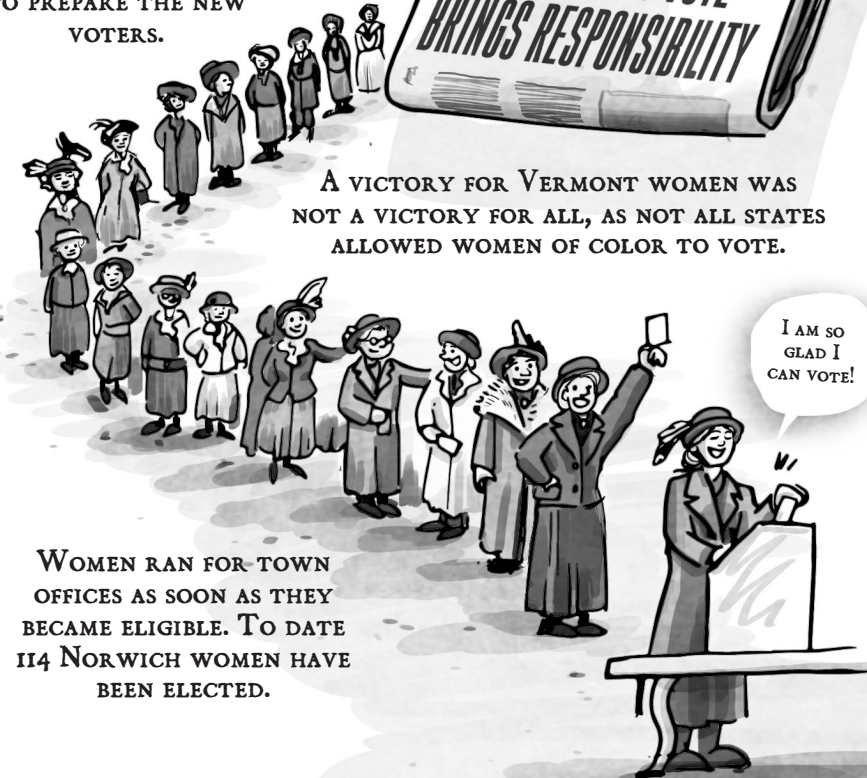
THE 1921 TOWN MEETING
WAS THE FIRST TIME ALL
NORWICH WOMEN COULD
VOTE IN THE FEDERAL
ELECTION.

CHANGE-MAKERS
REMAIN INVOLVED.

THE WOMAN'S
LITERARY CLUB HELD A
MOCK TOWN MEETING
TO PREPARE THE NEW
VOTERS.



A VICTORY FOR VERMONT WOMEN WAS
NOT A VICTORY FOR ALL, AS NOT ALL STATES
ALLOWED WOMEN OF COLOR TO VOTE.



WOMEN RAN FOR TOWN
OFFICES AS SOON AS THEY
BECAME ELIGIBLE. TO DATE
114 NORWICH WOMEN HAVE
BEEN ELECTED.

LOOK AROUND YOU

THERE ARE CHANGE-MAKERS
IN OUR OWN TOWNS.

THE IMPROVEMENTS BY THE NORWICH
WOMEN'S CLUB HAVE HELPED MAKE
NORWICH WHAT IT IS TODAY. THEY
HAVE FUNDED THE FIRST ELECTRIC
STREET LIGHTS AND...



BOUGHT
BUCKETS FOR
THE NEW FIRE
DEPARTMENT...

INSTALLED RUNNING
WATER AT THE
SCHOOL...

BROUGHT HOT
LUNCH TO THE
SCHOOL...

ESTABLISHED MUSIC
INSTRUCTION...

AND RAISED OVER \$750,000
IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
LOCAL STUDENTS...

THANK YOU NORWICH
WOMEN'S CLUB!

CONGRATULATIONS!



CALL TO ACTION!

BE A
CHANGE-MAKER!

WHAT DO YOU THINK COULD BE
MADE BETTER IN YOUR TOWN?

I WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY:



**IT'S YOUR TURN TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

