

Two minutes silence was observed in honor of those who had made the supreme sacrifice* Frank Cavers, Robert Duncan, Russell James, and James Pye. Mrs. Edgar Cavers, Mrs. Ed. Duncan, Mrs. W.T. James, and Mrs. James Pye received lockets in their memory. A memorial and unveiling service was also held in the community hall on Sunday, April 27th, 1947, to honor those who served in the war of 1939-1945. Forty-six names were on the honor-roll. Each year since, on Remembrance Day a wreath has been placed on the Cenotaph in memory of the fallen. Showers were given for the two war brides who had come to make their homes in Appleton. In 1947, when institutes everywhere were celebrating the 50th anniversary of it's founding, Appleton branch marked the occasion by a concert and party with an old-time dress parade in the village hall on February 28th, 1947. A play composed by Mrs. H.D. Gilmour with a cast of twenty W.I. members was presented.

The fifty candles on the birthday cake were lighted by Mrs. R. Lyons, and blown out by Mrs. Alvin McKay. Twenty-nine girls, members of the home-making clubs were given complimentary tickets to this event. Refreshments were served at the close* One of the major objectives of Institute work, trying to enrich and brighten the social life of the community has not been neglected in this area by our Community Activities and Public Relations conveners. Almost every year we have sponsored a school picnic, a Christmas tree and Concert, a Hallowe'en Dance, and a Grandmother's meeting when each grandmother was presented with a small token, a Family night, and a bus trip to some interesting place. This was educational as well, since we have visited many manufacturing plants, such as Caldwell Linen Mills, the Mint, etc,. The grade eight pupils from the two schools are given complimentary passes for the bus trip. Pancake teas, Hobo teas, Valentine Parties, Christmas gift exchanges, treats for Pre-school children at Christmas and the entertaining of sister branches from time to time have kept alive a fine spirit ; of kindness and friendship. Each year too, the shut-ins, the sick and the Bereaved were remembered with fruit, flowers and cards, and the leaders of the home-making clubs received tokens of appreciation. Chairs were purchased for our hall and for the ladies rest room in Carleton Place, money, quilts and clothing to several fire victims, money to help purchase an artificial limb, and money donations to outside charities such as Prisoners of War, Navy League, Cancer Society, Institute for the Blind, Sick Children's Hospital, Save the Children Fund, Tractor fund for Greece, and bales of used clothing for overseas relief were donated.

In order to provide funds for such activities many schemes have been tried out. We have served meals at auction sales and machinery demonstrations, held bake sales and auction sales of at each meeting. During the ten year period over Four Thousand Dollars (about \$4,565.09 to be exact) has been raised, by the branch.

Another busy convener ship has been that of Home Economics and Health. Since the girls of to-day are the mothers and home-makers of to-morrow, home-making clubs have each year been one of the main objectives of this committee. Our girls have been a credit to the leadership received from the W.I., and have demonstrated their work at the C.N.E., the Ottawa Area W.I. Convention, the Inter-Provincial competition at Guelph where they won the rose-bowl, and at the Royal.