



**AN ANNIVERSARY PARTY TO REMEMBER--**The Pinkerton Women's Institute celebrated their 75th anniversary last Wednesday, June 24 with a cake and dinner at Inspiration Place, outside of Paisley. From left to right are: Judy MacKinnon, Bruce-East district president; Carrie Metcalfe, earliest president from 1938-39; Sadie Fitzsimmons, lifetime member; Lorraine Sawyer, current president, and Mabel Burrel, lifetime member. (Maloney photo)

## Pinkerton WI celebrates 75th

Members, both past and present, of the Pinkerton Women's Institute gathered at Inspiration Place in Paisley on Wednesday, June 24, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the organization.

The evening was one of reminiscing and looking back over the history of the Pinkerton W.I.

Pinkerton W.I. was organized on June 26, 1912, in Centre Bruce Area by Mrs. Isaac Shoemaker of Paisley. The first executive consisted of Mrs. David Pinkerton, president, Mrs. George Mason, vice-president, Miss Ethel Mutre, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W.H. Moffat, district director, and Mrs. John Cruickshanks, Mrs. J.W. Moffat and Mrs. Ethel Birrell, branch directors.

Owing to the death of Mrs. David Pinkerton in August of that year, Mrs. W. Stuart was elected president to finish out the term.

During the early days of the W.I., many topics pertaining to home-making were the features of the meetings as they are today. The W.I. has always been an educational

organization with some social activities too.

During both wars, regular activities stopped as only an executive existed and everyone took part in knitting and sewing for the soldiers. The W.I. helped with the Forrester's Hall and the members were responsible for a room in Bruce County Hospital. Many donations throughout the years have been given to local and beyond projects and charities.

For many years the W.I. has supported homemaking courses and now 4-H clubs and senior homemaking clubs which the institute sends leaders to who will come back and lead the clubs. This sounds like all work, but members have fun too with picnics, trips, dinners, quiltings and so on. Members also include their husbands and families from time to time in their social functions.

At the celebration of the 75th anniversary, members looked back at the past, but they are also looking forward to the future and holding on to what Women's Institute stands for, which is 'Home and Country.'

### *Announcement*

*Pinkerton Women's Institute*

*75th Anniversary*

*Dinner*

*Celebration at Inspiration Place*

*June 24th - 5:30p.m.*

*Dinner \$5.00*

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**PINKERTON W.I. celebrated its 80th anniversary last Wednesday.** Cutting the cake from the left are: Sadie Fitzsimmons, life member, Carrie Metcalfe, oldest member, Mabel Birrell, life member, Phyllis Metcalfe, president, and Sadie Pilgrim, Bruce East District president. (Wassink photo)