

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF WALDEMAR W.I.

Waldemar Women's Institute was organized forty years ago in the Orange Hall, on the evening of June 25, 1958, Six neighboring Institutes were invited and assisted with the excellent program, which was enjoyed by over eighty person in attendance.

The President, Mrs. H. Burke took charge and after the singing of the Ode and "O Canada", the Mary Stewart Collect was repeated. At this time Mrs. Burke welcomed the guests and everyone present on this memorable occasion. Two of the twenty charter members, Mrs. T.W. Reid and Mrs. R. Lomas were present and stood at the request of the president.

Miss Elaine Irvine and Miss June Hillis favoured us with two songs. Mrs. Oliver, the Maples, played two delightful piano solos. Mrs. J. Woodland, Orangeville, brought greetings from the County Executive and congratulated the ladies of the Waldemar branch on their past achievements and expressed pleasure at being able to attend. Miss Shirley Hustler sang very sweetly, two solos, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Goram Hustler. The history of Waldemar Women's Institute was compiled and read by Mrs. Frank Gamble. Mrs. George Gamble was the first president and Mrs. Alfred Bushley the secretary-treasurer. The Memorial service, prepared by Mrs. McCallum, was conducted by Mrs. R. Lomas. Another musical highlight was the duet "Juanita" sung by Mrs. W. Gamble and Mrs. C. Lindsay, accompanied by Mrs. F. Gamble.

Mrs. H. Francis, member of the Provincial Board of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, was guest speaker. She reviewed the history of the Women's Institutes of Ontario from its formation of Stoney Creek when Adelaide Hoodless, through tragedy, saw the need for better-informed homemakers. Through discussion on many activities, Mrs. Francis explained that, though the Institute aims and program are essentially educational, it has branched out to include almost every aspect of community life.

The Institute Rally was sung, Mrs. Allen Howlett of Marsville gave a humorous recitation on "The Sack Dress." Two piano solos by Miss Frances Hillis received much applause. The voices of Misses Sharen Gamble, Elizabeth Hunter and Gloria Irvine blended well in the numbers which they chose.

Mrs. Irvine thanked all who had helped in any way to make the evening such a success. The Queen and Grace was sung, after which a dainty lunch was served by the ladies. Seated at the tea table, four life members, Mrs. A. Burke, Mrs. T.W. Reid, Mrs. R. Lomas and Mrs. A. Graves, assisted the president in pouring tea.

A social half-hour of reminiscing and of meeting new friends followed, bringing