

WALDEMAR W.I. 50th ANNIVERSARY 1968

Waldemar Women's Institute celebrated their 50th anniversary in the hall, on June 17, 1968 with an attendance of 125 ladies from neighboring institutes as well as former members and visitors. The president, Mrs. H. Burke was in charge of the program which was opened by singing Institute Ode and "O Canada" and repeating "The Mary Stewart Collect." Mrs. Wilson Hunter welcomed the guests to this special occasion after which Mrs. J. Finlay conducted the In Memoriam service. Mrs. Irwin Maltby, of Laurel, favoured us with two lovely solos. Mrs. Elmer Hillis gave a reading on "The Institute." Greetings were brought from the area by Mrs. R. Westlake, one of the Provincial Board directors, Mrs. Still, president of South Dufferin Institute, Mrs. Schmitt, retiring Home Economist, Miss Bateman, the present home economist of Dufferin County. Mrs. H. Burke introduced the guest speaker of the afternoon, Miss Helen McKercher, a former home economist of Dufferin and now from the Federation Women's Institute of Ontario, who gave a very interesting and informative talk on the work of Women's Institute and also on 4-H Home-making Clubs. Mrs. J. Byers thanked Miss McKercher for her message. Mrs. Schmitt then rendered two appropriate solos. "Hymn of all nations" was sung by everyone. The history of the Waldemar Institute was compiled and read by Mrs. F. Gamble. The Institute was organized in January, 1918, with Mrs. George Gamble as president and Mrs. A. Bushby, sec-treas. At our 50th anniversary, we have one chartered member, Mrs. Ross Lomas, two life members, Mrs. Ross Lomas and Mrs. Arthur Graves. Through the years our institute has sponsored many 4-H Homemaking Clubs, two of our girls receiving the Dufferin scholarship, Sharen Small (Gamble), Ellen Bryan (Black) and others awarded special trips. Senior projects have also been well attended. Mrs. Kenneth McKitrick, the curator, then commented on the Tweedsmuir history book which was on display. Mrs. Burke thanked all for making the afternoon such a success and the meeting closed by singing, "God Save the Queen," and Institue grace, after which a bountiful lunch was served, including an anniversary cake and a social time was spent renewing acquaintances.

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