

First Sixty Years



Our long time life members-Mrs.A.Graves and Mrs.C.Rea.

Ellen(Black)Bryan receiving the Dufferin Scholarship and some other girls winning travel awards.Senior Projects have been well received by not only our members,but by many other women in the community.

Our minute book records that a cold meat supper with fruit cake was planned for the 25th anniversary in January of 1943.The charge was to be 35 or 25 cents.However this was postponed indefinitely,possibly due to the weather.

The 40th anniversary was held here in 1958 and the 50th celebrated in 1968.Since that time Mrs.Harold Burke(Mrs.W.Wolfe),Mrs.Harvey Gamble,Mrs.Wilson Hunter and at present Mrs.Oscar Irvine have filled the President's chair.

It is of interest to note that Waldemar's membership number has ranged between only twenty and thirty women,but a very good attendance has always been recorded.In fact at our last meeting,a perfect attendance of twenty-five wq s noted.

To-day as we gather to celebrate our 60th anniversary,we are pleased to have ten life members in the Waldemar Branch present.Would these ladies please stand as their name is called?

Our Institute has entertained the community over the years in several ways-a choral group was sponsored in 1924 with a Mr. Pearce from Guelph being hired as instructor. Plays have been organized and presented not only in Waldemar but in the surrounding communities. Social evenings were always looked forward to in the fall of the year.In the past two years, square dance instructions have been provided. Bus trips to many parts of Ontario have proved very popular and our displays at the local fairs have attracted attention.

Through the years,our Institute has sponsored most of the 4-H Homemaking Projects,with twenty-three girls to date receiving Provincial Honours,two girlsnamely Sharon(Gamble(Small and



Former membersMrs.Stanley McPherson and Mrs.W.J.Irvine(oldest lady present)chatting with Mrs.Graves and Mrs.Rea.