

Grout, Miss Erie

Former Pupils Pay Tribute to Miss E. Grout

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Approximately 120 former Home Economics class students at Belleville Collegiate last night paid tribute to a former teacher who is retiring after 34 years on the staff at B.C.I.

The gathering, taking the form of a buffet dinner party at Centenary United Church Hall, was not only a surprise retirement party for Collegiate teacher Miss Erie Grout, but also served as a reunion for the girls who came from as far as Toronto and Ottawa and even Quebec.

Former students from as far back as 1928 attended the party. Mrs. Kenneth Kerr acted as master of ceremonies.

Miss Grout was presented with a handsome blown glass centrepiece by her former students.

"It was a real class reunion," Mrs. Kerr stated today. "Some of the girls hadn't seen each other since 1928 and there were introductions all around."

Next week at the Club Canara an official retirement party will be held by fellow teachers for Miss Grout and for Mr. Morley H. Hancock, both of whom are retiring at the close of the present school term.

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