

Anniversaries Celebrated

Each month now brings word of several fiftieth or fortieth anniversaries celebrated by Institutes over the province. Since our last issue went to press we have heard from the following:

Haldimand county celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at Selkirk, home of the first Institute in the county, on June 17th.

South Simcoe celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at Bond Head on May 22nd, at the time of the District Annual meeting.

North Waterloo has its fiftieth anniversary this year but the celebration had not been arranged at the time of writing.

Horning's Mills in Dufferin county celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at a banquet on the evening of July 9th.

South Grenville marked its fortieth anniversary with a brief ceremony as part of the District Annual meeting at Maynard on May 30th.

At all of these meetings charter members were honored and life membership certificates were presented to a number of women in recognition of the fine contribution they had made to the work of the Institute.

Winger-Wainfleet Institute celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on June 11. An entertaining feature of the programme was a skit put on by some of the older members portraying an Institute meeting of many years ago.



Officers and past officers in Simcoe West, cutting their Fiftieth Anniversary cake.



Twenty-fifth Anniversary Cake Cutting Ceremony at Camden East, Addington District.

Citizenship Day, Peel County

At a Board Meeting of the South Peel Women's Institutes a committee was appointed to plan a "Citizenship Day." The committee called a meeting of representatives of all the organizations in the district and it was unanimously agreed to go ahead with a Citizenship Day celebration. The participating organizations were: Women's Institutes, Business and Professional Women, Boy Scouts, Canadian Legion, Girl Guides, High School, Hospital Auxiliary, I.O.D.E., Junior Red Cross, Kinsmen, Lions, Lionettes, Public School Council, Rotarians, Rotary-Anns, Victorian Order of Nurses and Junior Farmers who gave the use of their hall for the occasion.

The celebration was held on Canadian Citizenship Day, May 22. The Public School Inspector, E. R. Underhill, acted as chairman. The New Canadians were welcomed by Mrs. J. E. Houck, Convener of Citizenship for the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada. Judge Cochrane presented Citizenship Certificates. The High School Glee Club sang "Land of Hope and Glory," their teacher, Miss Ethel Frey, played the vibraharp and there were vocal and piano solos by New Canadians, Marie

Laveauskaite and Calvka Nickolowa. The speakers were Gordon Graydon, M.P., and John Bries, a young Latvian who, with his parents, escaped the Russian invasion. It is reported that everyone was thrilled with John's talk on "Why I Came to Canada." About ten nationalities were represented in the two hundred and fifty people who attended the ceremonies. At the close of the meeting Institute women were hostesses at a social hour with a snack of coffee and doughnuts.

An editorial in a local paper made this comment: "It is a good thing to see New Canadians blend into the general scene, absorbing—where necessary—the language and customs of their adopted country as quickly as possible. But in our desire to make the New Canadians 'feel at home' here and fit into the Canadian scene, let us not discourage the continuance of their great cultural and recreational traditions. From the culture and folk ways of many of the new arrivals, Canada could adopt those worth while, and in so doing enrich our way of life." This seems to indicate the spirit of the whole project as planned by the Institutes.