



At the fiftieth anniversary of Thornhill Women's Institute in East York. The group includes the President, Mrs.

S. Findlay, past and present branch and district officers and guests.

## More Fiftieth Anniversaries

Every year, more Women's Institutes are celebrating their Golden Jubilee. The following fiftieth anniversaries have come to our attention since our last issue was published:

**Thornton** in Simcoe county.

**Canfield** in Haldimand. Here a charter member, Mrs. Judson Teeft gave the gathering a glimpse of the Institute fifty years ago.

**Creemore** in Simcoe county. A résumé of past activities was given by Mrs. Maude Mackay, Creemore librarian who was president for the four years of the first world war 1914-1918.

**East Huron** marked their fiftieth anniversary at their district annual. Mrs. Allan Munro, alternate federation representative outlined the history of Institute work in the district.

Three hundred Institute members attended **West Kent's** fiftieth anniversary celebration. A former district president, Mrs. F. C. Crewe, read a history of fifty years of achievement in West Kent, compiled by Mrs. Garnet Lloyd. **Kent Bridge** Branch presented a skit of the meeting when the first Women's Institute was organized at Stoney Creek.

**Rockton** in Wentworth county celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with Miss Anna Lewis as chief speaker. Following a résumé of the fifty years' activities, as each deceased president's name was called a white carnation was placed in a vase in her memory.

## A Thriving New Institute

Elmdale Women's Institute in North Waterloo was organized only last May. In a letter to the Department in November the secretary reported:

"Our membership now is twenty-seven. We have responded to the appeal for relief for Korea—sent eight bales of warm clothing in our first lot and expect to send more very

soon. We are just waiting for the filling for more comforters to come from the factory. In our first bales we had five comforters, ten heavy overcoats, men's and women's two-piece suits, footwear and children's clothing, and the members are still collecting and finding more at home. It has been a good test and we feel so good about it all. We are making a first effort at increasing our treasury at a baking sale at the Kitchener market . . . Centreville Institute and Elmdale are meeting together this evening and we are looking forward to a very pleasant time . . . Will you please send us ten of the kits on Kitchen Improvement? We have sent to the Department of Health for radio health programmes. We listened to the broadcasts and they are really worthwhile . . . Our members offered to buy their own maple leaves so the treasury would not be disturbed."

(Quite a "progress report" for six months' work! — Editor.)

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I walked a mile with Pleasure  
She chattered all the way,  
But left me none the wiser  
For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with Sorrow,  
And ne'er a word said she;  
But, oh, the things I learned from her  
When Sorrow walked with me.

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Every organization that brings together people of different races and different religions, and shows that in spite of differences in beliefs they can work together for the objectives of our democracy, is creating a part of our backlog of defence.—Eleanor Roosevelt.