

Golden Anniversaries

NOW THAT the Women's Institute movement is fifty-seven years old, each year brings such a crop of fiftieth anniversaries that we can do little more than list them. Here is the list of anniversaries as we gathered them from press clippings and an occasional report.

Incidentally, this seems a good place to remind our readers that copies of the Women's Institute history "Fifty Years of Achievement" are still available from the F.W.I.O. Secretary, Mrs. Gordon Maynard, Unionville, Ont. Price \$1.00.

Beechwood: Its first big project recalled at the anniversary party was establishing a local library; its last, the buying, remodelling and redecorating of an Institute Hall.

Minesing: The historian said; "If you go through the books you will see that the same problems we have today faced the members fifty years ago. Then papers were given on how to keep the girl on the farm and how to keep the boy on the farm. Of course, our members will stoutly deny that they of that age ever presented such a problem." Members gave a skit, "An Institute Meeting of Fifty Years Ago."

Woodbridge: This Institute, it was reported, began with six members. In the territory it covered there are now three flourishing branches.

South Wentworth: Mrs. A. E. Walker reminded the gathering that three branches in the district — Carluke, Jerseyville and Binbrook were organized very shortly after the mother Institute at Stoney Creek—also in the district. At first the Stoney Creek officers acted as district officers.

Centre Simcoe combined its fiftieth anniversary celebration with the district annual meeting.

Belfountain-Rockside, as a feature of the fiftieth anniversary celebration had guests, as they were welcomed, sign their names in the Tweedsmuir history book. Five life memberships were presented.

North Brant: In recognition of North Brant's fiftieth anniversary the district published a booklet giving its history and the history of each branch, and stories of the Adelaide Hoodless birth place and memorial cairn at the junction of Highways 5 and 24, two miles west of St. George.

Branchton at its fiftieth anniversary had its history reviewed by the reading of the minutes of the twenty-fifth and thirty-fifth anniversary meetings.

An interesting feature of **Hillsburg's** fiftieth anniversary was the president's address on the Institute's papers of fifty years ago. A charter member, Miss Ada Walker, gave an account

of the organization meeting and Institute work fifty years ago. Antiques and old hand books were on display.

Sandusk at its fiftieth anniversary had five charter members, still active. Eight neighboring Institutes were represented at the celebration.

At **Maxwell's** fiftieth anniversary, the first president, Mrs. Hugh Fenwick, the only member of the original group present, made a speech and all the past presidents were called on for brief talks about the work during their presidency. The provincial president, Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter was guest speaker. Part of her address dealt with the work of the provincial board, part with the idea "Always more work ahead to do, always horizons to pursue."

Clanbrassil celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with nearly two hundred members and guests. Miss Edith Collins who had just completed fifty-one years' service with the Institutes Branch was guest speaker.

A special guest at **Markham's** fiftieth anniversary was Miss Reynolds of Hampton who assisted in the organization of the branch.

At **Ripley's** fiftieth anniversary thirteen presidents were there to give reminiscences of their days in office. The roll call was "An article I could donate to the museum."

At **Beechwood** fiftieth anniversary a life membership was presented to Mrs. Arthur Cowie, the only woman who had been a member for the whole fifty years. The district president, Mrs. H. Wales, spoke on the qualities of a good homemaker.

Lion's Head fiftieth anniversary was celebrated with a banquet. The district president, Mrs. Byron Greig, read an address to the charter members, Mrs. J. H. Davidson, Mrs. W. B. Moore and Mrs. S. C. Cooper, and these ladies were presented with cameo brooches. Mrs. J. Everatt, ninety-six years old, cut the birthday cake.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

TO OUR GUEST
By Nancy Byrd Turner

If you come cheerily,
Here shall be jest for you;
If you come wearily;
Here shall be rest for you.

If you come borrowing,
Gladly we'll loan to you;
If you come sorrowing,
Love shall be shown to you.

Under our thatch, friend,
Place shall abide for you;
Touch but the latch, friend,
The door shall swing wide for you!