

which have become dependent upon electricity for their lighting, heating and cooking. Strangely enough, we do not have a great deal of snow, but the snow, which does fall is blown about, causing big drifts. The roads from the farms down to the main highway are impassable and often dangerous because of the icy surface. The temperature varies greatly, one day there may be rain and the next day many degrees below zero, so that the pipes freeze. Cars cannot be used at this season either because of the extreme cold or the condition of the roads. There are no built-in garages on the old farms, where the houses are often several hundred years old. On the old door to our 'stabbur' (a small house built on pillars for the storage of food) there is carved the date 1741.

It is understandable that this valley with its contrast of wild, bare mountains and rich vegetation is popular with tourists. In the months of July and August we hear many foreign languages being spoken in the village shops and on the buses. There are many very good hotels in the district, even high in the mountains among the peaks, glaciers and foaming rivers.

For us, on the farms, summer is a short and hectic season. Everything grows so quickly and the harvesting must begin at once, before the frost and cold of an early fall overtakes us.

I hope I have given you a little glimpse of life on a farm in one of Norway's numerous valleys and that it will interest you."

Fiftieth Anniversaries

A feature of **Morewood** Institute's fiftieth anniversary celebration was a display of antiques and a set-up of an old-time store with ladies dressed in the costumes of the time doing their shopping. This anniversary celebration took the form of an "open house" in the church hall both afternoon and evening.

MacLennan at its fiftieth anniversary had a display of quilts made by some of the members, and an address by Mrs. John Nott who was president when the institute was first organized.

At **Fenella's** fiftieth anniversary Mrs. W. A. Goodfellow gave a sketch of the institute's "fifty years of achievement," and the first secretary read, and commented on the minutes of the meeting when the branch was organized.

Mount Pleasant marked its anniversary in a rather unusual way. In addition to having an anniversary tea with a birthday cake, guests and an appropriate program, the following Sunday the institute placed flowers in the church and attended the service as a group.

Westmeath had an anniversary banquet at which special guests were members of longest standing in each of the eighteen branches in the district. They had a roll call of the branches in the district answered by a representative giving the institute's outstanding achievement since its organization. A charter member, Mrs. Grylls, was chairman; Mrs. Leslie Davis, guest speaker.

The history of **Blackheath** institute as reviewed at its fiftieth anniversary celebration, recalled that the branch was organized by Mrs. Erland Lee who had helped her husband to organize the historic first meeting at Stoney Creek in 1897. Miss Marjorie Lee was a guest at the anniversary. The history also reported that the cash receipts in 1905 amounted to \$15

as compared with \$1037 this year. Miss Edith Collins, formerly of the Women's Institute Branch, was guest speaker; and the district secretary, Mrs. N. Fletcher, presented the branch with a secretary's brief case.

North Oxford district's anniversary program featured an historical pageant, "Through the Years" and a member from each branch was dressed in a period costume of the time of the organization of her institute which, the report says, "caused great hilarity." Padre Young of the Ontario Agricultural College was guest speaker, also "leading in a rousing sing-song."

Stouffville celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at a tea with more than one hundred and sixty visitors from twelve neighboring institutes. The main feature of the program was a review of the institute's accomplishments in war work and local work to make the community "a better place to live in, economically, socially and spiritually."

Fenelon Falls' fiftieth anniversary celebration had a forward as well as a backward look. The historian, after showing how the institute had consistently worked closely with the original ideas of the founder, Mrs. Hoodless, "with a view to raising the general standard of the health and morals of the people, and the carrying on of work for the uplift of the home and the betterment of community life," gave this final pronouncement: "These fifty years have been years of achievement and progress. But there are greater tasks ahead. We need more members, young, strong, willing women, who will take up and carry the torch older members are forced to lay down."

West Korah Senior Institute celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with a social evening in a home to which all former members and present members and their families were invited.

The Institutes of **Lambton County** celebrated fifty years of Institute work in a get-together