

be passed along. Following an anniversary party at **Dublin** Institute in Halton County, the two top storeys of the birthday cake were presented to the residents of Halton Manor, the County Home for the Aged.

Interesting features of **Cobourg's** fiftieth anniversary meeting were remembrances from Institutes in England — cards from Smithbrook branch and a beautiful inlaid wooden tray from the link branch, Kent. A Cobourg member, Mrs. C. Parson, reported that she had carried on a correspondence with Smithville members for fifteen years.

North Essex district celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at a dinner with Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova of the Unitarian Service Committee as guest speaker.

Mrs. Lloyd Lymburner, FWIO Board member, was guest speaker at the fiftieth anniversary of **Jarvis** Institute. One hundred and fifty registered in the guest book and four charter members were present: Mrs. Nathan Miller, Mrs. Martha Smith, Mrs. Annie Law and Mrs. Richard Telford. The oldest member of the branch, Mrs. William Robinson cut the birthday cake. Tribute was paid to the late Mrs. J. J. Parsons, the first president.

Norval celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with a dinner attended by ninety-eight including three charter members, Mrs. Jack Clark, Mrs. Hugh Clark and Miss Annie Noble. Mrs. J. E. Houck spoke on her experience as a delegate to United Nations.

Rodney branch and the **District of West Elgin** were both organized fifty years ago. The first district meeting was held in Dutton on May 28, 1906, with only two branches, Aylmer and Springfield. Mrs. E. J. Schmid and Mrs. Margaret Bisnet, of Rodney, attended this meeting and they asked the speaker, Miss Helen Wells of Syracuse, N.Y., to come and organize an Institute at Rodney. The organization meeting was held in June. No minutes were kept of this meeting other than that "four women paid a twenty-five cent fee." By the end of the Institute's first year there were thirty-eight members.

Members of **Tehkummah** and **Sandfield** Women's Institutes with their husbands celebrated the fiftieth anniversaries of the two branches at a supper followed by a programme.

At **Hopeville-Swinton's** anniversary, the historian recalled the early days when the Farmers' Institute was still an active organization and once a year the secretary of the Farmers' Institute of the district "used to bring a man and a woman to speak at a joint meeting of the men's and the women's groups." Two charter members were present at the anniversary and another who had joined during the first year.

At **Hymers's** fiftieth anniversary, the record showed that the branch was organized in June 1906 by Miss Laura Rose. Six Institutes were organized in Thunder Bay by Miss Rose in the same year but Hymers is the only one of them to remain active to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. At the anniversary tea there was

exhibited an old Institute minute book, a scrap book and a Tweedsmuir history along with a blooming gloxinia in memory of deceased members. This table was in charge of Mrs. M. Thatcher who came to Hymers in 1900. Another exhibit included a homemade table and on it an early Edison gramophone and other articles all over 50 years old. And on the wall was a display of old pictures and cards of 1906. This was in charge of Mrs. W. Hymers who also came to Hymers in 1900.

A rather unusual feature of **Inglewood's** anniversary meeting was to have a photographer before the programme began, take pictures of the charter members, past presidents and secretaries, life members, the present executives and the whole assembly. These pictures could be procured from the secretary later. In memory of deceased members, a cross of white 'mums' was placed on the platform. This Institute is fortunate in having its minute books for the half century intact and from these Mrs. Gerald Leader compiled and read its history. The provincial president, Mrs. MacPhatter, brought greetings. The following Sunday the members in a body attended a special church service.

Forest celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with a banquet at which Mrs. George Wilson, F.W.I.O. board member, spoke on "Building Memory Pictures." In giving the history of the branch, Mrs. J. McIntyre reported that when the first Fruit Commissioner for Canada, Daniel Johnson, a man of the district, travelled about the country he encountered some Women's Institutes and brought back stories which started the movement to organize a branch at Forest.

Milberta in Temiskaming marked its golden anniversary by a special church service on Sunday June 24, followed by a supper in the church basement. The minister in his sermon stressed the importance of the work of the pioneers in this comparatively new part of Ontario. At the supper meeting, Mrs. J. H. McDonald, F.W.I.O. board member, brought greetings from the board and spoke of the need of taking "short glances backward to remember friends and days that are gone and long looks forward to envisage what can be done in the future."

At **Courtland's** fiftieth anniversary a special feature was the presentation of life memberships to Mrs. Arthur Adams and Mrs. Ethel Troyer in recognition of what they had done for the community as well as for the Institute.

A press report of **Kinsale's** fiftieth anniversary says: "Fifty years ago the Kinsale Women's Institute held its May meeting at the Kinsale public school. This has been an annual event through the years and this year the fiftieth meeting was held. The minutes of the first meeting were read and a number of those who had taken part in the children's programme fifty years ago were present with memories of that first day and of later meetings." Mrs. R. Birrell brought greetings from the F.W.I.O. board.