



Pellatt-Laclu Institute's class in Dressmaking conducted by Miss Eleanor Kidd of Home Economics Service, centre, seated. Pellatt-Laclu in Kenora is the Ontario Institute farthest from Toronto. The women were organized only a little over a year ago but already they have had two very successful extension courses.

## *Fiftieth Anniversaries*

**W**HEN Hanbury Women's Institute in Temiskaming celebrated its fiftieth anniversary the local newspaper called it a celebration of "fifty years of service to the community." Features of the programme were the singing of old-time songs, a roll call "Something I remember about a member who has passed on," a resume of the work done by the branch over the past fifty years and a supper complete with birthday cake made and decorated by Mrs. W. G. Vosburgh and Mrs. A. R. Marshall and cut by the oldest member of the branch, Mrs. Routliffe.

Two charter members, Mrs. Roy McGregor and Mrs. Arthur Moore, took part in **Kingsmill Mapleton's** fiftieth anniversary meeting, Mrs. Moore giving the address of welcome and Mrs. McGregor conducting the memorial service. The guest speaker was Mrs. John Adamson, formerly of the community, now living in Stratford. Mrs. Adamson spoke on the Shakespearean Festival and showed pieces of costumes worn by actors and actresses at the festival. A three-tiered birthday cake was a feature of the tea following the programme.

At **Mount Forest's** fiftieth anniversary an interesting feature of the history of the organization given by Mrs. J. A. Robertson, was the note that one of the members, Mrs. G. L. Ernst, now of Mount Forest, attended the Women's Institute Convention in Guelph in 1903 as a delegate from Holstein. This convention was addressed by Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, founder of the Institute movement. Mrs. Robertson credited the Holstein Institute with providing the inspiration for the formation of the Mount Forest branch. The honour of cutting the birthday cake went to Miss Mary

Belle Kilgour who became a member in 1912 and acted as secretary for twenty-three years from 1914 to 1937. Entertainment included a programme of old-time songs by members dressed in costumes of fifty years ago. The flowers from the tea table were sent to the only living charter member, Mrs. Alfred Hutchinson, now in hospital.

**Malton** had a very happy, sociable fiftieth anniversary meeting with a former member, Mrs. M. Ackroyd, making and donating a birthday cake. Mrs. Harry South gave a history of the past fifty years but there was a note of concern as to how long the Institute may be able to continue, as a number of the members' farms have been expropriated for the extension of Malton Airport.

**Trout Creek** had the minutes of its organizational meeting read by the oldest member, Mrs. C. Jenkins. Among the messages of congratulation was a telegram from a charter member, Mrs. R. Merner, who could not attend because of the death of a friend. Another feature of the meeting was an address by the retiring district home economist, Miss Lilly Petty.

**Golden Valley** had both an afternoon and an evening session for its anniversary. Flowers were presented to the oldest member attending, Mrs. Jenkins.

All but three of the sixteen Institutes of West Haldimand were represented at **Hagersville's** fiftieth anniversary. An original feature of the programme was a skit with women dressed in the authentic costumes of fifty years ago representing the first president and

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