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MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN

Robert Burns

Many and sharp the numerous ills
Inwoven with our frame;
More pointed still, we make ourselves
Regret, remorse and shame;
And man, whose heaven-erected face
The smiles of love adorn,
Man's inhumanity to man,
Makes countless thousands mourn.

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Dublin Institute members in Halton County celebrated their fiftieth anniversary by taking a chartered bus trip to Toronto for sight-seeing, shopping and a movie.

Kent Bridge Institute's anniversary date is June 5th "but," the secretary writes, "we held our celebration earlier in order to get our husbands out. We treated them to a turkey dinner which we prepared but had our 4-H Homemaking Club girls serve." The birthday cake was in the shape of an open book; place cards were of blue paper with gold lettering; paper napkins were yellow decorated with an F.W.I.O. seal; there were favors made of yellow marshmallows and gumdrops like little clocks; and every woman was given an old style yellow paper bonnet with blue ribbons to wear during the programme. The oldest and still an active member, Mrs. Frank Merritt, aged 83, cut the birthday cake.

Braemar celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at a tea with visitors from many branches in Oxford County and Mrs. Anna Lewis Ewen as guest speaker. Mrs. James MacKay, a charter member recalled that the women at the organization meeting "weren't too enthusiastic at first, but a Women's Institute lecturer, Dr. Annie Backus and another outsider present pushed it through." It was also remembered that at a meeting that first year, Miss Gertrude Gray demonstrated the cuts and cooking of beef.

Bromley celebrated its fiftieth anniversary by holding a party at which the members entertained their husbands, in the home of a member. The meeting also commemorated the sixtieth anniversary of the Institute movement. Interesting stories of pioneer days were told in answer to the roll call. A two-act skit depicting the life of the Bromley Institute and the work of Ontario Institutes over the last sixty years had been prepared by Mrs. Russell Kirk and was presented by eleven of the members. One of the men led the group in singing old time songs and the men paid a tribute to the ladies by singing "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." The only charter member present, Mrs. James Forrest, was presented with a corsage.

Sebringville celebrated its fiftieth anniversary and the sixtieth anniversary of the Women's Institute movement at a joint party with a number of guests who were early members of the branch. There are no charter members living. It was recalled that fifty years ago, Mrs. Valentine Stock of the Tavistock Women's Institute which had been organized in 1905 wrote to Mrs. B. J. Kastner of Sebringville to ask if Sebringville would be interested in forming an Institute. A meeting was called and a branch organized with Mrs. B. F. Kastner as president and Miss Mary Kastner as secretary-treasurer. Among the projects carried through was the installing of street lights in the village, the Institute canvassing the citizens from door to door for financial aid. The district president spoke at the anniversary comparing customs and modes of travel fifty years ago with those of today; and past presidents gave highlights of their term of office. The members presented a basket of yellow daffodils and blue iris as a tribute to Mrs. Hoodless and the fifty-three members who have passed away in the past fifty years. The president, Mrs. Glen Wilgust, cutting the birthday cake, expressed a tribute to the past and a challenge to the future. The Tweedsmuir history was on exhibit.

To celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of **Glen Morris** Institute, one hundred and sixteen Institute members and friends met for a luncheon at Fearn Lodge near Galt. The editor of Home and Country was guest speaker. The president, Mrs. Geo. T. Kelman presided. Mrs. D. M. Allemang, song leader of Hamilton area convention led in sing-songs; five members who joined the Institute during its first year were present: Mrs. Alex Wier, Mrs. Walter McCormick, Mrs. John Sandilands, Mrs. Robert Aitken and Mrs. George Aitken; and eleven past presidents and nine past secretaries were introduced. In addition to this anniversary day, Glen Morris had made its fiftieth year an anniversary year. The year's programme was printed on gold paper, and when North Brant District published a fiftieth anniversary history of the district, Glen Morris of course had a part in it.

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MEMORY

Thomas Bailey Aldrich

My mind lets go a thousand things,
Like dates of wars and deaths of kings,
And yet recalls the very hour—
'Twas noon by yonder village tower,
And on the last blue noon in May—
The wind came briskly up this way,
Crisping the brook beside the road;
Then, pausing here, set down its load
Of pine-scents, and shook listlessly
Two petals from that wild-rose tree.