

to the branch. It was recalled that while no one could remember the exact date when the Institute was organized, it was a very cold February afternoon in the year 1908. The women met in the village hall but it was so cold that one of their number, Mrs. Nelson Culham, invited them to her home and there they were organized as an Institute by Mrs. J. McDonough, for many years Secretary of North Wentworth District. The first regular meeting was held on March 25. The history as reviewed at the anniversary meeting marked Sheffield as one of the Institutes that has never lost its enthusiasm and its capacity for steady, worthwhile work.

**Comber** celebrated its fiftieth anniversary party to which family and friends were invited. A charter member, Mrs. Thomas W. Taylor cut the birthday cake. In a history of the organization it was recalled that at the first meeting "a pattern for mending men's underwear was given, also a recipe for furniture polish." And there was a talk on butter-making and a paper, "The Prosperity of Canada and Memories of our Queen." (This would be Queen Victoria.) A note of special interest was that in 1920 the Institute interviewed the I.O.D.E. regarding co-operating to buy a community hall. They held a series of card parties to raise money and bought a lot with the intention of building a hall but later gave the lot to the township for its new township hall.

**Delhi** celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at a dinner for members and a few guests, the ladies of the local Legion catering. Among the interesting items in the history of the branch given, as far as possible, by each past-president reviewing the highlights during her term of office, was a record of a drive for members by two early officers that brought the membership up to 206. A charter member, Mrs. Eliza Turnbull cut the birthday cake.

At **Millgrove's** fiftieth anniversary, the first secretary, Mrs. John Drummond reviewed the Institute's history. Mrs. George Wilson showed slides and spoke on the A.C.W.W. Conference

in Ceylon. The District President, Mrs. Russell Wise presented the branch with a gavel and the South Wentworth President, Mrs. H. A. Dickenson and the area chairman, Mrs. Fred Matthews brought greetings. The birthday cake made by Mrs. Harvey Binkley and iced by Mrs. Clifford Lester was cut by a charter member, Mrs. Oscar Lester. Mrs. Walker Drummond, Wentworth county, "woman of the year" was introduced.

Over two hundred women attended **Nobleton's** fiftieth anniversary celebrations. It was noted that several other branches in the district grew out of this branch and that the daughters and granddaughters of charter members are now the active members of the branch. An amusing feature of the programme was a skit by members dressed in costumes of fifty years ago. Mrs. Elton Armstrong was guest speaker and the birthday cake was cut by the oldest life member, Mrs. Sarah Hambly.

**Highland Creek** celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at a luncheon with the oldest active member, Mrs. Craven as guest of honour, also the District President, Mrs. Cattnach and Miss Florence Morrish, daughter of the first president. The branch's history was reviewed in a skit prepared by Mrs. Miller.

**Maple** had its sixtieth anniversary in April with guests from other branches in the district and from other districts in York county — a very pleasant social occasion. Mrs. Haggerty and Miss McKercher brought greetings. Mrs. W. T. Cook, the only charter member present, cut the birthday cake and her grandchildren Helen and Kenneth Payne gave readings. The soloist of the evening, Mrs. Sierheller, is a daughter of one of the early presidents, Mrs. J. Manning. Life memberships in recognition of outstanding service to the branch were presented to Mrs. Milton Palmer and Mrs. Donald Allen. On exhibit were displays of "antiques" related to the Institute's historical research work and an array of lamp shades made in this year's local leader home economics extension project.

## *Films For Young People*

Now that so many Institutes are using films both at their own meetings and meetings for the community, we thought that this film might be of interest to some branches. Perhaps some Junior Institutes could use it at one of their meetings.

**HOW TO SAY NO.** 1951, 11 minutes, b & w. A group of teen-agers discuss ways and means of saying "no" without offending others. They begin by discussing situations in which saying "no" is relatively easy and then move on to the problem of how to say "no" when the individual has to take a stand on such questions as drinking, smoking and petting. The film should have considerable appeal to high school

and junior college audiences.

The film is available for a small service charge from the Canadian Film Institute, 142 Sparks Street, Ottawa. Requests should give full particulars as to time, place and purpose of the proposed showing. The comments are those of the film reviewing committee of the Department of National Health and Welfare. The film is 16 mm., sound, and black and white.

The National Film Board announces a series of Canadian Animal Filmstrips which should entertain an audience of any age—or of varied ages—but which will have a special inter-