

affair it was. There were duets by Institute members, Mrs. Harold Wilson and Mrs. Jack McFarlane. Then for an evening session Mr. Ralph Kidd arranged a program of music that will be remembered as a highlight of the conference: Mr. Kidd's boys' choir from St. James Anglican Church, Guelph; a group of solos by Phil Andrewes of Lincoln County, a student in agriculture whose avocation certainly must be music; an organ and piano recital by Mr. and Mrs. Kidd and a piano solo by their son David. An evening like this gives us some idea of the cultural opportunities for students at this agricultural college.

Everyone enjoyed the film, made by Mrs. Winnifred Hobbs, at the Anniversary Luncheon.

Padre W. A. Young Honored

WOMEN'S Institute members in their gatherings at the Ontario Agricultural College have appreciated Padre W. A. Young as a song leader, a speaker and a public relations officer. Many have had him as a guest speaker in their own communities. So they will be happy to hear that on May first of this year he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from his Alma Mater, Knox College, University of Toronto.

As Chaplain at the O.A.C., each Sunday Padre Young conducts a non-denominational Church Service for the students, a popular part of student life at the College. As student counsellor he advises students on their personal and academic problems. His feature column, "Religion and Life" in *The Farmer's Advocate* has a wide following. And another consideration that led to the conferring of the degree was Dr. Young's development of the School for Rural Clergy held annually at the College. Dr. Young is a family man, very proud of his five daughters and seven grandchildren.

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OLD SHOES

By Patience Strong

Old shoes, shabby and discarded, wake the memory — and evoke the strangest thoughts that lead us suddenly — through a maze of recollections, long forgotten ways — take us back into the country of our yesterdays.

Silver slippers, frayed and tarnished. Ah that magic night! Music — and the sea a dazzle in the moon's white light. Scarlet sandals, worn and faded. Well do I recall — that lovely island holiday — the loveliest of all.

Heavy brogues. They gave good service when my friend and I — tramped the fells of Cumberland and climbed the rocks of Skye. Satin shoes, once fairy white, now dusty, drab and grey — take me back to live once more my happy wedding day.

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Fifty Years Old and Over

Editor's note: Occasionally someone still sends us a picture taken at an anniversary celebration. Some years ago it was decided that we could not publish either pictures or reports of anniversary parties — there are so many of them that they could fill a whole issue and no member would be interested in any but her own. This is the sort of publicity that is especially good for local papers where most of the readers know the people involved.

Since the last issue of *Home and Country* was published we have heard that the following Institutes have celebrated their anniversaries of fifty years or more:

Elgin East District, fifty years
 Stirling in Hastings West District, fifty years
 Patricia in Algoma East District, fifty years
 Lanark South District, fifty years
 Kars in Carleton East District, fifty years
 Snelgrove in Peel North District, fifty years.
 Grenville South District, fifty years.
 Stormont District, fifty years.
 Iroquois and Dundas District, fifty years.
 St. Paul's in Perth South, fifty-one years
 Lucknow in Bruce South, fifty-four years
 Ayton in Grey South, fifty-four years
 Elgin East District, fifty-five years
 Braemar in Oxford North, fifty-five years
 Kingsmill-Mapleton in Elgin East, fifty-five years
 Lambton Mills in York West, fifty-five years
 Sebringville in Perth South, fifty-five years
 Cainsville in Brant North, fifty-five years.
 Oxford North District, fifty-six years.
 Kent East District fifty-seven years.
 South Waterloo District, fifty-nine years.
 Oxford South District, fifty-nine years
 Norfolk North District, sixty years
 Huron East District, sixty years
 Shelburne and Dufferin District, sixty years
 Aylmer in Elgin East, sixty years.
 Bayham in Elgin East, sixty years.
 North Waterloo District, sixty years.
 Thornhill in York East, sixty years.
 Selkirk in Haldimand West, sixty years.
 Kincardine in Bruce South, sixty years.
 Tavistock in Oxford North, sixty years.
 Winterburn in Waterloo North, sixty years.
 Dufferin County, sixty years.
 Rockton in Wentworth North, sixty years.
 Wainfleet on Welland West, sixty years.
 Walkerton in Bruce East, sixty-one years.
 Halton District, sixty-one years.