



MELBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Fifty years to the day after its organization on March 11, 1926, Melbourne W.I. members and former members celebrated with a banquet. The blue and gold colours of the W.I. were depicted in the corsages presented to charter and life members as well as in the beautifully decorated cake.

President, Mrs. Viola McLean presided and read greetings from former members unable to attend. Curator, Mrs. Margaret Murray gleaned through our record books and gave highlights and amusing anecdotes which had transpired during the past 50 years.

Guest speaker, Miss Sally McCracken, managing editor of the local paper, continued the discussion of days gone by with reminiscences from old records of the local paper.

Mrs. Mary Reily, District President brought greetings and Mrs. Marion Gates, first president of the Junior Institute also organized in 1926, expressed her appreciation and that of the other visitors for the opportunity of attending this celebration and complimented the present members for continuing the work started by dedicated women many years ago.



Cheque amounting to \$400.00 was presented to Tom Burgis by Shirley Puddephatt, Mrs. Clarence Thompson and Mrs. Dick Beattie. The donation to be used toward the completion of a look-out park in Campbellford.



Four charter members attend Melbourne W.I.'s golden anniversary. L-r Mrs. Margaret Hiscox, Mrs. Margaret Olde, Mrs. Pearl Campbell, Mrs. Marion Gates.



Schreiber WI life members. L-r Mrs. N. Smith presents life membership to Mrs. W. Campbell, and Mrs. E. Bolan receives a life membership from Mrs. A. Niemi.



Elk Lake WI sponsor a Sportsmanship Trophy to a girl and boy each year at the local public school. Individual trophies were presented to this year's winners Mark Daub and Tracy Verreault. A permanent plaque remains in the school and names have been recorded for the 5th year. Presentation of the plaque was made by the President Mrs. Jean Schryer to Principal Mr. J. Somerville at right assisting with presentation is Mrs. Eileen Pritchard.



Avonmore WI host 75 members and guests representing a dozen Women's Institutes at a Grandmothers' Night. L-r—Avonmore President, Mrs. Lillian Kyle, PRO Mrs. Julie Johnstone, Mrs. Jennie Finlayson, oldest grandmother; Mrs. Arnold Alquire, youngest grandmother Cornwall Centre; Mrs. Lily Worrall Secretary-Treasurer. The doll was made by the PRO Mrs. Johnstone.