

## 70TH YEAR CELEBRATED

The Roseland Women's Institute is 70 years old and the members celebrated the occasion with a buffet, entertainment and reminiscing about days gone by. The president, Mrs. William Robertson read the minutes from the meeting of March 1934, the first time they had met in the new hall on Ronald Avenue. Excerpts from the minute books told that they had raised \$4.25 at a card party and they figured that wasn't too bad, since the weather that night was 15 below zero.

Mrs. Alda Russette gave an abbreviated history of the branch, noting that she was given the task "not for my ability, but for my longevity, having been a member since 1917."

In 1906 they were organized as Oldcastle Women's Institute and later when Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen moved to Jackson Corners (now Roseland), Mrs. Allen started up the branch here and it became known as Jackson Corners Institute. There was no written records from then until 1923 as the minute books were burned. In 1926 a contest was held to change the name of the village to a prettier name, and Roseland was chosen, with hopes that many rose gardens would beautify the community, and this has been accomplished over the years. Prior to 1934 members met in the homes and in 1930 they bought the lot on Ronald Avenue from Charles Allen for \$800. In 1933 they bought a school building for \$370 and had it moved to the site. Over the years many improvements have been added. Mrs. James Shuttleworth remembers that the building had only one door and it was necessary to build a back door for fire regulations. They also had to bring fuel for the stove and water from home until these facilities were improved.

Mrs. McConnell and Mrs. Russette were chosen as captains for money-making drives and they became very busy with card parties, baked goods sales, auctions, teas and other social activities.

Among other projects besides keeping up the meeting hall, included their good works during World War II. They canned over 4,000 pounds of jam, sewed, quilted, knitted and offered the hall for Civil Defense. Since then they have helped furnish a room in Riverview Hospital and always helped where misfortune fell in sickness and fires.

Their Centennial project was \$100 for children's books for Budimir Library. Their interests also extend to educational courses, home nursing, crafts, foods and homemaking.

### ALGOMA NORTH SHORE DISTRICT

Donations for community services both home and abroad were given by branch members.

A 4H Homemaking Club member from Algoma District will attend the United Nations, the District collected \$40.50 as their share of the cost. A further \$80.00 was collected to be used for student awards in the foods, cosmetology, restaurant services and related fields at the Secondary School.

A donation to Pennies For Friendship amounted to \$116.39. Branch donations—Bar River \$22.00; Desbarates \$5.10; Echo Bay \$17.45; Echo Bay Evening \$22.88; Echo Valley \$4.84; Five Lakes \$12.00; Gordon Lake \$7.00; Laird \$11.18; MacLennon \$8.94; Portlock Royal \$5.00.



Roseland WI celebrate 70 years.

Forty-one members and guests of the branch enjoyed a party celebrating its 70th anniversary. At the cake cutting ceremony are shown L — r Mrs. Alda Russette, who has been a member since 1917, Mrs. Violet Shuttleworth, president in 1934 and Mrs. Ruby Robertson, 1976 president.



Mrs. F. H. Bonnett won first prize for her valentine. All members were to make one from whatever they had around the house. Mrs. Bonnett is a member of the East Fort William WI and former Board Director of FWIO. "Lillie" has given strong support over the years to the WI members in her District and has been a true friend to every Provincial President.