



PLANT EVERGREENS

Rockton WI members planted three evergreens at the Community Centre grounds during their Anniversary year.

Forty-five members and guests celebrated the Rockton WI 75th Anniversary, including Life member Mrs. H. Abel, daughter Mrs. M. Moore, granddaughter Mrs. H. Harrison and 4-H member great granddaughter Anne Harrison.

Rockton WI have been active in Community affairs since 1902. Members sewed and knitted during the war years, assisted in TB clinics, aided burned out victims and sponsored 4-H Homemaking Clubs, Brownies, and A Queen of the Fair contest. They provided wheel chairs and a rocker for Wentworth Lodge, and during centennial year, completely equipped a new kitchen.

Skits were enjoyed and a slide presentation and commentary provided by Mrs. H. Spicer, Dundas.



Rockton WI members attend 75th Anniversary.

Elmbrook WI set up committee in charge of Michelle Hadley and Rhea Lounsherry to compile a Tweedsmuir Booklet on Historical Buildings.

Beechwood WI present 5 life memberships to faithful members, Mrs. Frank Cornell, Mrs. Elliott Leeson, Mrs. Bruce McKinley, Mrs. James Wright, Mrs. Robb Skake.

WALSINGHAM WI's ON-GOING PROJECT

In 1967 the 123-year-old South Walsingham Township Hall was destined to be either razed or demoted to a storage shed. That was until Walsingham WI's adopted the restoration as a Centennial project.

The Women's Institute project has come a long way in the last 10 years, but not without problems. The first hurdle to overcome was when Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit decided to lock it up because of improper sanitation facilities, the heating system and facilities for serving food.

The first thing was to modernize the kitchen and update the sewage system. The old wood stove was given to the Backus Museum and replaced by an oil furnace.

Mrs. Sharon Hamm President says the next step is to restore the outside to the 1863 era when it was first used as a Council Chamber.

It will be painted white and landscaped in the 1800's design.

Inside, it's not as easy, paint is hard to strip so it might be repainted according to Mrs. Hamm, however they will definitely preserve the original benches and stage.

The building now serves as a Community Hall with many and varied activities, the only stipulation "no liquor".

So far the cost is about \$9,000.00, plus a great deal of hard work and dedication by 25 WI members. They raise their money through bake sales, pancake breakfasts, draws and annual fireworks display.

Recently the Branch hired a janitor this makes it easier when renting for business meetings and tobacco elections.

Walsingham WI have almost come back full circle, Mrs. Hamm says "now we're renting the hall to the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit to run their spring rabies clinic—the very building they almost condemned."

Havelock WI Mrs. Olive Scott, Branch member gives talk to the Rotary Club on the history and achievements of the Havelock WI.

Bluevale WI Motto: "A dollar won't do as much for us now as it used to because we won't do as much for a dollar." Each member participated in shopping comparison e.g. canned corn versus frozen corn; different brands of hair spray, cold tablets; cake mixes versus home-made cakes.

South Macaulay WI Agriculture and Canadian Industries roll call: Something pertaining to Canadian Industries. Motto: You can always start a fire with a chip on your shoulder. Paper: by Mrs. Ed Ruttan on pulp and paper industry in Espanola.

River Valley WI Family and Consumer Affairs roll call: A Consumer beef that affects your family. Film: "Eat Drink and be Wary."