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Winterbourne WI, the oldest branch in Waterloo North District, celebrated the special event with over 100 present.

The Woolwich Community Centre was decorated with Institute colours, and artistic programs showing fashions through the years. Displays of pictures over the years added interest and the stage was set as the 1905 living room of Mrs. Hamilton's home where the original planning meeting was held.

The skit "The Way of the Past" paid tribute to the Farmers' Institute and Mr. J. G. Hurst of the Conestoga area. He suggested the women should form a Women's Institute like the one organized by Mrs. Hoodless and Mr. and Mrs. Lee five years before.

The performers all dressed in period costume talked about the topics of earlier meetings such as Cooking of Foods, butter making, kitchens past and present. In those days, it was highly recommended that members prepare their own papers especially during the winter months when there was more time.

Debates and demonstrations were popular and some joint meetings were held with the Farmers' Institute and such topics discussed as "How to pay the mortgage" and "Home training for the boy".

Subscriptions were purchased to the Ladies Home Journal, Good Housekeeping and the Home Magazine and passed around to the members.

Mrs. Wm. Aberle welcomed the guests while Mrs. Gleason Snyder, President introduced the special guests, including Mrs. H. Scott, District President. Tribute was paid to the leaders of the 4-H Homemaking Clubs especially Mrs. I. Gole who has lead the last 13 clubs.



First Branch organized in Waterloo North District remains a flourishing Branch after 75 years. Cutting the special 75th anniversary cake of the Winterbourne WI L-R, Mrs. Florence Weber, life member; Mrs. Edna Ariss, former member; Mrs. Laura Martin, member of longest standing.

BUTTER AND EGG WAGON

Hensall WI entertained the local Huron County Historical Society. Stories were told, how needles and threads, dry goods, clothing, produce etc. were sold from the "Wagon." This vehicle travelled the township roads, calling on farmers and the village folks.

FIND REASONS TO STAY TOGETHER

Halton District members were the first group to ask MP Dr. Frank Philbrook to speak on Canadian Unity.

"To put the two parts (French and English Canada) together as a country was a nervy, bold experiment," he said. "It was a matter of necessity—they didn't want to be overtaken by Americans. We didn't come together for the usual positive things."

But he stressed the country cannot be run as a "book-keeping exercise." "The question we all have to answer is why should we stay together?"

"Until modern communication and transportation threw the two parts of the country together, they lived separately, and were able to bury any problems between them. He said some ideas of Quebec's "quiet revolution" became perverted to a radical movement. "Somewhere along the line it became anti-English."

The majority of people in Quebec consider themselves Canadian. "They may not want to separate but they want a fair deal and a new deal," the MP said. "That gets into the technical side," he added, noting that although there are laws to join Canada there are no laws to leave the union.

Dr. Philbrook also said there was no point in wasting time trying to convert the few committed separatists. Rather, he said, the ordinary ties that exist among people, business, labour, service clubs, school exchange visits—need to be strengthened.

The MP, who said he had a knowledge of French, told a questioner who asked why Canadian children from other ethnic backgrounds had to study French, that people had to remember they were Canadians "Once you come to this country, you're not Dutch, British or anything else. You're Canadian," he said. "And Canada has two official languages."



Following his talk on Canadian Unity to the Halton District WI Frank Philbrook MP was presented with a book by Mrs. Glen Campbell, President.

PENNIES FOR FRIENDSHIP

From surplus funds, the Bruce County Plowing Match Committee presented a cheque for \$500.00 to the Bruce County WI Rally to be donated to Pennies For Friendship.