

SCHOOL HOUSE

Troy W.I., Wentworth North District, purchased the century old school in 1962. Previous to that it had been closed for two years and then the Beverley Area School Board used it as headquarters for a couple of years.

There was a real need for a Community Centre so the Troy W.I. purchased the building and community needs have been met ever since.

Known as the Troy Community Centre, it is completely operated and maintained by the Women's Institute.

The W.I. rent it out to the Troy Tots Co-Operative Nursery School three mornings a week. It serves as a library depot for the Wentworth County Library, and piano lessons are taught there as well.

The W.I. hold their meetings in the Centre; Craft classes, community gatherings and social evenings have made the Centre the hub of activity for the community.

This summer the Troy W.I. acted as a centennial committee to arrange a celebration honoring the 100-year old school. Former pupils, teachers and community folks enjoyed a day which meant a great deal to all who attended.



Troy W.I. buy 1878 school. Attending centennial reunion of school, front row L-r Mrs. Samuel James, caretaker; Mrs. Vernon Smith, W.I. member, and Mrs. Elgin Patrick, are the oldest living former pupils; Troy W.I. members appointed to school centennial committee, back row L-r Mrs. Alfred Nowell, former pupil and teacher; Mrs. Walter Scott, chairperson, former pupil and current nursery school teacher; Mrs. Harry Dayman, custodian; Mrs. Sterling Hunt, former pupil, W.I. Vice-President. photo—Mrs. Eileen Kennedy

RIDEAU EXCHANGE VISIT

Rideau W.I., Lanark South contacted Picton W.I. in Prince Edward County to host a bus tour last year. Because everyone enjoyed the visit so much, this year there was an exchange tour. The mayor was on hand to greet the Picton members then a tour of the local Hershey Chocolate plant, the Community Hospital, craft shops and sightseeing. The day ended with shopping at the Mall and dinner.

This was so successful the members are looking forward to exchange visits with other branches.

LUCKNOW W.I., BRUCE SOUTH DISTRICT, entertained members and guests. A poem read by the President, Mrs. Mary MacGillivray "Moments to Remember" set the mood for the 70th Anniversary.

Lucknow was organized by Laura Rose Stephens with Mrs. Garnet Armstrong, President and Miss Fern Reid, Secretary.

Life member, Mrs. Philip Stewart, reviewed the branch history telling especially about the work of the last ten years. The community has benefitted in many ways; a wheel chair for the Wingham and District Hospital; provided the finances for a fence enclosure around the local swimming pool; an autoclave and light donated to the medical centre; and a donation to the Lion's Club for dishes in the Community Centre.



Lucknow W.I. members, Bruce South District, dressed in old fashioned costumes, re-enacted the first meeting at the 70th anniversary celebration. L-r Mrs. Olive Kennedy, Mrs. Winnifred Gammie, Mrs. Gertrude Leddy, Mrs. Tilly Wilson, Mrs. Ida Barger, Mrs. Mary MacGillivray, Mrs. Grace Campbell.

THIRTY-FIVE W.I. YEARS

ROSEBANK W.I., RENFREW SOUTH DISTRICT—celebrated their anniversary by entertaining former members and the young women of the community to a dinner in the Northcote Community Centre.

Six charter members were present and life memberships were presented to two charter members, Mrs. Emerson Briscoe and Mrs. Emerson Crozier. Guest speaker was a well-known columnist for the Renfrew Mercury, Mrs. Doris Humphries, who gave an illustrated talk in verse and prose.