

Christmas at the Lee

The weatherman was generous, helping to make the day a real success.

The first "Christmas" event drew 355 people who were taken back in time to 1897 when they stepped over the threshold to find the Home decorated with cedar garlands, the kissing ball, the popcorn and cranberry strings and the pioneer kitchen table laden with food.

The table arrangements with the apple pyramid and spruce cones and cedar boughs would have been typical of that period.

The Drive House was a little more modern with the decorated cedar tree and garlands. All enjoyed the hot mulled cider and old fashioned cookies.

The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Her Honour Pauline M. McGibbon was the special guest of the afternoon. Her Honour had the opportunity to tour the Home, meet the Committee, Board Directors and especially the members assisting. Erland Lee's daughter, Mrs. Alice Freel, member of Saltfleet Branch and her three nieces called in too.

Miss Molly McGhee, Director of the Home Economics Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food as well as a member of the Erland Lee Committee extended greetings to all on behalf of the Branch.

A welcome was extended to all by the Chairman, Mrs. Margaret Zoeller, Her Honour spoke briefly and then mingled throughout the crowd chatting with those present. Mrs. Diamond extended thanks to Mrs. McGibbon and to all those assisting, while Mrs. Miller welcomed all upon arrival, and the secretary treasurer Mrs. Morden responsible for sales had the newly designed hasti notes and trivet with the Home on it on sale for the first time.

Many members helped to make the day a success and a special thanks to Blackheath Branch for stringing popcorn and cranberries and to Board Director Mrs. Geo. Collings for making the kissing ball.

To relive the past, gave all an opportunity to appreciate the future activities for the Erland Lee (Museum) Home.



Upstairs hallway



Mr. Tom Nimmo, pipes Her Honour and the official party into the Lee Home to meet more members.



One of the demonstrations in the upstairs in the Drive House. York West members Mrs. E. Kellam(1) works on a quilt block and Mrs. C. Graham demonstrates needlepoint.



Traditional Kissing Ball