

## FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE INHERITANCE

A book about Ontario's Century Farms, past and present by John and Monica Ladell.

In 1967, as a centennial year project, the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario decided to locate farms which had been owned by the same family for one hundred years or more, and to allocate to each one a "Century Farm" sign. Soon displayed by over 6,000 farms, this sign became a familiar sight along the country roads of Ontario. Although many have now passed out of the hands of the original families, many continue to thrive in the face of seemingly insurmountable problems, not the least of which is urban encroachment.

The story of Ontario's century farms is indeed the story of the settlement of the province. John and Monica Ladell have recorded this remarkable story, along with photographs by Bert Hoferichter.

Their fascinating study shows how farms have shaped the land and, more important, how the land has shaped the men and women to whom the province, and the country, owe so much.

It is an exciting story of great events, inexorable change, and of individuals who were part of the past and present of the land.

**RUSHVIEW W I, DUFFERIN NORTH DISTRICT** celebrated their 65th Anniversary. Present members as well as the Dufferin North President, Mrs. Ruby Willmetts enjoyed a social evening. The highlight of the evening, especially for two members who had belonged for fifty years, Mrs. Maurice Jones, past FWIO Board Director and Mrs. Priscilla Pennox, were presented with engraved pens honoring the occasion.

### NEW W I PLAQUE

To celebrate their 70th anniversary the members of Arkell W I entertained members of the community to an evening of music, skits and historical tales concerning the Branch.

Badenoch W I catered for the dinner with the W I colour scheme dominating in table appointments through to courses which were presented to all life members.

A new mahogany plaque bearing the W I crest was made by Mr. Glen Ray, in appreciation of his generosity, he was made an Honorary Member.

Life membership badges and certificates were presented earlier in the day to Mrs. J. P. Bennett and Mrs. W. S. Ferguson by Mrs. L. E. Coulson.

Later in the evening husbands, children and families of W I members and friends were entertained with music, poems and skits depicting the history of Arkell Branch over the past 70 years. A highlight was the "kitchen band", the performing members included Mrs. H. H. Lodge, Mrs. Gordon McKelvie, Mrs. S. B. Palmer and Mrs. W. F. Boreham.

The surprising finale was entertainment by the husbands of the W I members who decided to form their own "OHI" (other half institute) and proceeded to show how a meeting should be run. The light heartedness of the meeting included a slide presentation by D.C. Smith showing local projects that Arkell W I had contributed to. The program, included a magic act by John Buitendyk.

The outcome of "their" meeting was an announcement that plans had been made for a community dance.

Piano music and entertainment throughout the evening was provided by Mr. and Mrs. H. Lodge.

## FAMILY UNITY MONTH

The month of May in Ontario is Family Unity Month. The Ontario government has made this annual proclamation to promote an awareness of the value of family life and to encourage families to spend time together.

Why not begin to plan now for your special May activities — so that Family Unity Month can be celebrated in a special way!

**NO 9 MOSA W I, MIDDLESEX WEST DISTRICT** celebrated their 60th anniversary with a reception for members, former members, and friends. Of special interest, Mrs. Will Brown, a member for 55 years was present. Mrs. Cecil Langelles cut the anniversary cake.

**PONSONBY W I, WELLINGTON SOUTH DISTRICT** have devised a unique plan for delivering Christmas cheer gifts to the sick and shut-ins of the community. Rather than a committee appointed to visit, each member will visit one person — a good method of total involvement.

At the **HASTINGS NORTH DISTRICT ANNUAL** members decided to exchange branch visits in order to become better acquainted. Marmora W I drew the Harts-Riggs branch as an exchange and planned a pot luck dinner and evening entertainment.



At the 70th Anniversary of ARKELL W I, WELLINGTON SOUTH DISTRICT members wore period costumes appropriate to the era when the Branch was organized and told about activities in the early years. L-r Mrs. L. E. Coulson, Mrs. S.B. Palmer and Mrs. G. E. Trudeau.