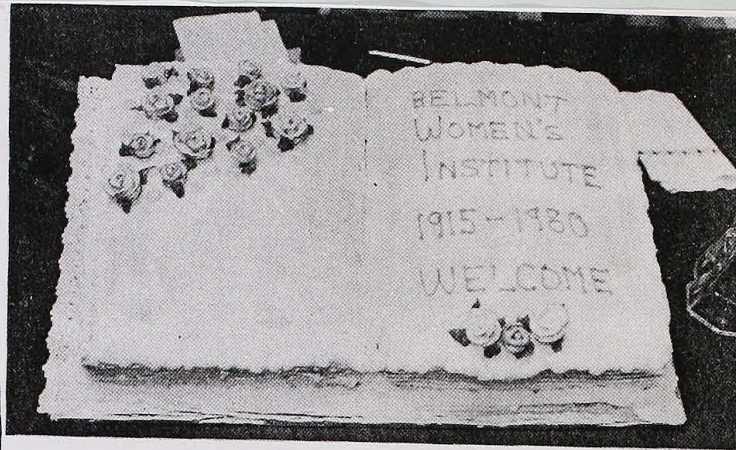


duced by President Leoma Pollock as the singing reeve, brought a short message of congratulations from the township, commented in light vein about his obviously minority status as one man amongst a room full of women, then delighted the assembly by singing two solos, accompanied by pianist Isabel Stinson.

Shirley Patterson also sang two numbers and then was joined by the pianist in singing, for the first time at a gathering of the Belmont



The beautiful anniversary cake was made and decorated by Mary Wright.

W.I., the prize-winning "Children of the Future" written by member Irene Magill. The poem and music took first place in a Canadian contest held in honour of the "Year of the Child" and is now competing internationally for world first place.

Tweedsmuir History Curator, Viola Embleton, gave a brief resume of the history of the Belmont W.I., noting that the organizing meeting was held on November 24, 1915, with Miss N.V. Powell of Whitby, Ontario, chair-

lady, assisted by Mrs. Macoun of Campbellford. Twenty members were enrolled and Mrs. John A. Sexsmith elected president. Other officers were Mrs. H. Tinney, Mrs. James Freeman, Miss Maggie Peoples and directors Mrs. Joseph Seabrook, Mrs. George Smith and Miss Hattie Sexsmith. Auditors were Mrs. M. Rylott and Mrs. William Anderson.

Mrs. Embleton further noted that the Belmont W.I. had been busy ever since their first day. During two world wars they sent boxes

containing home knit clothing to soldiers overseas, garments were made and sent to the Canadian Red Cross as well as cash to the British and Canadian Red Cross and the Navy League. Maple trees were planted around the grounds of the township hall and named after the local soldiers killed overseas.

In past years they have stood behind the work of the 4-H girls' club and at the present time are aiding the Bel-Mar Majorettes under leader Miss Jennifer Wright. The main source of

money-raising for some time has been euchre parties held every Tuesday night.

There have been 27 presidents in the 65 years since the W.I. started and nine of these were present at Thursday's celebration. They were called forward and presented with gifts by Mary Wright.

The entire event was one of gay mood and celebration from the reeve's light-hearted comments to the final skit put on by several members of the W.I. who depicted a W.I. meeting at which the hostess retired

from the room giving those left behind a chance to do some uproarious behind-the-back talking. After doctoring up what they thought was beet soup the hostess had simmering in a kettle, the punch line at the end had the whole audience laughing when the hostess returns and tells her gossipy friends they had been sampling her red curtains.

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The average American grower feeds 60 other people—including 15 in foreign countries.
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Pictured at head table at last Thursday's Belmont W.I. 65th anniversary celebration are [from upper left

to lower right]: District Director, Dora Elmhirst, Sec. Violet Scott, Pres. Leoma Pollock, charger

members Mae Reynolds and Hazel Hartin, Viola Embleton 1st vice president, Pat Hamilton, Ell-

wood Hamilton Reeve of Belmont Methuen and Isabel Stinson, pianist.

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