

## At Belmont W. I.

The Grandmothers present were honoured at the regular meeting of the Belmont Women's Institute held in the Township Hall last Thursday.

Guests were welcomed from Norwood, Stanwood and Havelock to the lively program conducted by the convener, Mrs. Viola Embleton.

Mrs. John Beatty sang "Mother Macree" and asked all to join her in singing "When your hair has turned to silver." Mrs. Elden Patterson sang two songs, favorites of her grandmothers, Mrs. W. Akins and Mrs. Martha Whitney, "Scarlet Ribbons" and "If I have wounded any soul today." Mrs. D. Althouse, Mrs. Beatty and Mrs. Patterson together sang a parody on "This Old House."

A humorous reading "Grandmothers Have Changed" was given by Mrs. Charles Ellis, and Miss V. Scott read "The Equalizer."

Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Francis Wrightman demonstrated an odd-time waltz, and Mrs. Althouse conducted a contest which was won by Mrs. Chester Hall of Norwood.

Mrs. Wm. Anderson was at the piano, and as the oldest member present she was presented with a golden slipper by the convener. Mrs. Begg of Norwood won the lucky chair prize, a lovely plaque, "My Kitchen Prayer", made by John Embleton.

Mrs. Edward Barker, president, conducted the business session when it was decided to carry on the weekly card parties.

The roll call, "Date and place of your wedding, and the minister's name" brought out many memories from almost as far back as the turn of the century. Comments on the motto, "Grandmother's first home" were given by Mrs. Redden of Stanwood and Mrs. Anderson.

Much interest was shown in a Penny Sale table supplied with donated articles from the members, with Mrs. Jesse Anderson and Mrs. Donald Elmhirst in charge.

A Smorgasbord lunch was enjoyed by all at which time Mrs. Ethel Wrightly, in honour of being the oldest grandmother present, was asked to cut the beautifully decorated cake. (It was Mrs. Wrightly's first visit to the Township Hall!) Hostesses were Mrs. D. Hoard, Mrs. D. Clark, Mrs. Embleton and Mrs. Ellis

## Summary of Farming At W. I. Meeting

The regular meeting of the Belmont Women's Institute was held in the Township Hall on Thursday, with several members absent through illness.

There was an invitation from Trent River to attend their meeting on March 9; an application for a reservation for a delegate to the Officers' Conference in Guelph in May; and instructions to conveners as to where to send their reports.

The euchre party committee gave a good report, and these parties will be continued.

Every member is requested to bring in items for the Tweedsmuir History so that the book can be brought up to date very soon. This is important.

Mrs. Donald Elmhirst commented on the topic, "Coming together is a beginning, working together is progress", stating that Women's Institute is a fine example of the progress that can be made when "we all put our shoulder to the wheel."

The Agriculture convener was Miss V. Scott and she gave a resume of farming in Canada from the 16th century to the present day, and closed with a reading "I want my boy to be a farm boy."

Mrs. Kriedemann and Mrs. J. Beatty entertained with a medley of love songs, in honour of Heart month.

The tea hostesses, Mrs. E. Barker, Mrs. Alex Keene, Mrs. Beatty and Mrs. Alfred Althouse served a dainty lunch with a special St. Valentine dessert.

The March meeting is to be under Public Relations when it is hoped there will be a good attendance.