EUTHA CULBERT, Minnie Lock and Adelene Martyn stand proudly behind the 75th anniversary cake of the Ripley Women's Institute. Lieutenant Governor Pauline McGibbon was at the Ripley United Church last Wednesday to help the WI in its celebrations. Mrs. Culbert has been with the WI over 50 years while Mrs. Martyn has been a member for 49 years. Mrs. Lock, president of the Ripley WI was the organizer of the event. (Bev Clark Photo)

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The Ripley WI held its 75th anniversary tea last Wednesday in the Legion Hall. Many of the ladies dressed up in early 20th century costume for the occasion; one of them was Mrs. Lohnes, right, shown here with the president of the Ripley WI, Mrs. Walter Lock.

Mrs. Grant Collins receives WI citizenship award

Mrs. Grant Collins of R.R. 1, Kincardine, is the recipient of the 1979 Bruce County Women's Institute Citizenship Award.

Mrs. Collins, who is very active in community work and the Pine River branch of the Women's Institute, received the Bruce County Tartan Award trophy and $300 when the Bruce County WI rally was held in Armow on Thursday. Each WI branch in the county has the opportunity of nominating someone for the award.

Bruce McGillivray of the 12th of Bruce was the winner of the Agricultural award for Bruce County while Brian Thompson of R.R. 2, Kincardine was a runner-up.

Mrs. Margaret Gemmell, right, in charge of press relations for the Ripley Women's Institute, pins a corsage on Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, Pauline McGibbon. Mrs. McGibbon was in Ripley to take part in the Women's Institute 75th anniversary celebration.

Pauline McGi[illegible] hand for Ripley WI's 75th anniversary

The Honourable Pauline McGibbon, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, visited Ripley last Wednesday as part of the 75th anniversary celebrations of the Ripley Women's Institute. Mrs. McGibbon was guest of honour at a luncheon for 102 members and guests of the Institute, and later gave an address.

After arriving with an OPP escort, Mrs. McGibbon was greeted on the steps of St. Andrew's United Church by Mrs. Walter Lock, [illegible]

Larry Needham.

Having another engagement, the lieutenant-governor was forced to leave immediately after the ceremonies were completed. She was accompanied throughout the visit by one of her aides-de-camp, Superintendent Fullerton of the OPP, and she was piped into and out of the church by 15-year-old Larry Needham.

[illegible] her husband, and expressed her appreciation of the gift in her name to the hospital.

After speaking, the lieutenant-governor stayed [illegible] an informal reception in the Legion Hall where she spent a lot of time personal around her at all [illegible] not listened to a solo performed by Kathy Nugent, and presented 40-year members of the Ripley WI with certificates. Receiving these certificates were Mrs. Annie Scott, Mrs. Margaret Gemmell, Mrs. Violet Mackenzie, Mrs. Norma MacLennan, Mrs. Lilla Gulbert, Mrs. Francis Gillies, Mrs. Mary (John A.) MacDonald, Mrs. Margaret Scott.

Her Honour's address. She spoke on the role of the Crown in Canada, giving a brief history of the creation of the offices of Governor-General and lieutenant-governor and their present day functions. She noted that, in the five years she has been lieutenant-governor, she has signed 52,794 documents, made 589 visits to all parts of the province, spoken to 412 organizations, and welcomed 67,552 people at 828 receptions in the Lieutenant-Governor's [illegible]