

Silver Lake WI celebrates 50th anniversary

On Aug. 30, 1957, 18 ladies from the Kinloss-Kingarf met at the Kinloss Public School. Five guests from neighbouring institutes joined them to talk about the work of the Women's Institute and see if the ladies wanted to organize a Women's Institute group in the area.

On Sept. 17 the group formed the Silver Lake Institute with a full slate of officers and 17 members. The first president was Mrs. George Young and the secretary-treasurer was Mrs. Neil MacDonald.

Last Wednesday the ladies of the present group held their 50th anniversary with former members present. Also attending were Purple Grove, Bervie and Kairshea Institutes. District president, Sylvia Hansburg,

presented the club with congratulations to be displayed at the community centre. The club is pleased to have four charter members still living: Margaret (Bannerman) Slessor, Joyce McEwan, Hughena Cornish and Jean Colwell.

Erlma Haldenby chaired the program by welcoming everyone and introducing the guests. The Ode and Mary Stewart Collect opened the meeting and a memorial service for those who are gone was held to honour their dedication to the WI.

Gloria Bullock read the minutes of the first and second meetings. It brought back a lot of memories. Gloria introduced the guest speaker, Barbara Ross, from the Alzheimer's Society in Owen Sound. Barbara talked about keeping our

brain active to delay the onset of this debilitating disease. She also shared information on diet, exercise and lifestyle. Eleanor Kraemer thanked Barbara and presented her with a gift.

The meeting was turned over to Helen Stanley for fun time. Helen had two brain teasers and a hilarious reading. Alice Husk and Helen Stanley had a skit with a magician who outwitted a few people.

A gift was presented to Margaret Slessor who had a birthday closest to Aug. 30. The members sang "Sisterhood" and "Grace".

Margaret Slessor cut the anniversary cake that was decorated by Marjorie Nicholson. Cake and ice cream were served to the guests and a time of fellowship followed.