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**LUCKNOW W.I. IN FORTY-NINTH YEAR**

Lucknow Women's Institute, in common with many other branches, commemorated the 60th anniversary of the founding of the movement. Locally the birth-day was observed last Tuesday evening, February 19th, on the exact date that the Institute was founded three score years ago at Stoney Creek.

The movement was born out of tragedy. A young mother, Mrs. John Hoodless, better known in W.I. circles as Adelaide, spurred the movement so that women could improve their knowledge, after she had lost her 18-months-old baby from impure milk. Her grief was the greater because she felt as a wife and homemaker she should have known the milk was unfit for use.

The Lucknow Branch of the Women's Institute is in its 49th year and next year will fittingly mark the 50th anniversary.

Last Tuesday night's observance of the founding opened with a delicious buffet supper, served from a table attractively decorated in the Institute colors. There was a large attendance of members, friends and guests.

Mrs. Charles Cook presided for an interesting program, explaining that this social evening was their way of celebrating the diamond anniversary. Dr. James Little and Elmer Umbach provided musical numbers. Mrs. J. W. Joynt led in a rousing song.

Mrs. R. H. Thompson, a life member who joined during the first year of the local branch's existence, did some reminiscing, comparing the meetings now to those of many years ago, when a W.I. meeting was a highlight of a woman's life. With fewer organizations then, it was an important social occasion, as well as having its educational and civic purposes. Those were the days of trips to the homes of country members by wagonette and carryall.

There were baking contests where young brides were encouraged in the art of baking, whereas today there is a ready-

mix for most everything. There were flower shows at the meetings, the annual At Home or family night, at which dancing was not at first permitted, but did feature a promenade in which the group circled the hall seemingly endlessly.

Mrs. Thompson didn't specify the projects they had undertaken, but referred to the fellowship of those meetings and the happy memories of those who have passed on. She concluded with the poem "Friends of Yesterday".

Mrs. W. J. Douglas, who came to Lucknow forty-three years ago, and joined the Institute soon after, was made a life member last year. She and Mrs. Thompson were presented with bouquets of flowers. Mrs. J. L. MacMillan made the presentation address and Mrs. Alex MacNay and Mrs. Robert Struthers presented the flowers.

Reeve George Joynt brought greetings on behalf of the town and extended congratulations to the local branch for their civic projects during the years, including street signs, the drinking fountain, the war memorial, and the decorating of the south wing of the Recreational Centre.

Mrs. Edgar Rowe of Kincardine, district president, stressed the opportunities offered by the organization. She pointed out that the South Bruce District, which was the 12th to be formed, was organized in 1901. The Institute is the rural women's university, she said.

Mrs. McKellar of Kincardine, who is a member of the provincial board, stated there were 1,493 branches in Ontario with a membership of 45,000. She referred to the extension courses in which the field gets broader and broader in the family and community interests.

Mrs. Jessie Allin and Mrs. Gordon Montgomery played piano duets, Mrs. J. W. Joynt and Mrs. Philip Stewart contributed two vocal duets and Miss Dean MacLeod gave a humorous reading.

L. C. Thompson extended congratulations, remarking that one never hears of an Institute folding up. They go quietly about their work, and though sometimes small in numbers, have a record of accomplishment through the years, and with such a high purpose as "For Home and Country", are certain to continue to play a very important role in the community.

**MRS. ROACH HEADS LUCKNOW W. I.**

Some forty members of Lucknow W. I. gathered in the Recreational Centre on Monday, April 8th, for their annual meeting which was concluded with a delicious pot-luck supper.

The retiring president, Mrs. C. Cook, conducted opening exercises and business details, during which it was voted to contribute \$10 to the hockey boys. Delegates to the District Annual are Mrs. P. Stewart, Mrs. Roach, Mrs. Havens, Mrs. MacMillan and Mrs. W. Welsh. The Baker Home committee is Mrs. MacMillan and Mrs. Isobel MacKenzie.

The conveners of standing committees brought in their reports and the secretary, Mrs. B. Gammie, reported a good financial standing.

On behalf of the Society, Mrs. W. Welsh presented Miss Mary MacLeod with a life certificate and pin, and Mrs. R. H. Thompson voiced the appreciation of the members to Mrs. Cook for her untiring efforts as president during her four year term.

Mrs. P. Stewart brought in the slate of officers, who were installed by Mrs. W. Douglas: pres., Mrs. B. Roach; 1st vice, Mrs. A. Havens; 2nd vice, Mrs. G. Kennedy; sec.-treas., Mrs. B. Gammie; district director, Mrs. P. Stewart; directors, Mrs. R. Robertson, Mrs. W. Welsh, Mrs. A. Wilson; publishing and press, Mrs. Brooks; pianist, Mrs. J. W. Joynt; auditors, Mrs. G. MacDiarmid, Mrs. I. MacKenzie; standing committees: Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. P. MacMillan; Historical Research, Miss Mary MacLeod; Community Activities and Public Relations, Mrs. C. Cook; Citizenship and Education, Mrs. J. MacMillan; Home Economics & Health, Miss Flora Webster; Resolutions, Mrs. A. MacNay; Federated News, Mrs. A. Struthers; Cheerio committee, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Barkwell.

**GRANDMOTHERS' DAY AT THE LUCKNOW W.I.**

Some forty members and visitors of the Lucknow Women's Institute gathered in the Recreational Centre on Friday, October 11th for their grandmothers' meeting. The president, Mrs. Burt Roach, conducted opening exercises and business details, during which it was voted to contribute \$10.00 to the Institute for the Blind and \$10.00 to the Children's Aid Society.

Mrs. G. F. Brooks gave a report on the finances for the booth on Lucknow Fair Day. Mrs. P. MacMillan led in a sing song. Miss Hazel Webster gave a reading, "Is Our Building Today Worthy of our Forefathers Foundation".

**W. I. IMPROVES REC KITCHEN**

The Lucknow Women's Institute has added much to the facilities of the Recreation Centre kitchen by the installation of a series of electric cooking units, a two-plate coffee maker, and a warming cupboard, with electric unit.

A social evening was held on Tuesday night of last week, when the gift was officially presented by Mrs. Burt Roach, president of the Lucknow Institute. It was accepted by Reeve Geo. Joynt, who later "cut the ribbon".

Mrs. Roach pointed out that there were no strings attached, that the cooking equipment was for the convenience of all who use the kitchen, and all that was asked is that they use it as they would if it were in their own home.

W. B. Anderson, a member of the Recreation Committee, referred to the numerous good works the Institute had done during the years. Reeve George Joynt added his appreciation of the most recent project, which was equipment badly needed. He referred to the history of the Centre, which was a Clansmen project and later turned over to the Town, under a 7-man supervisory committee. The Institute represents a great organization, he said, and wished them continued success.

Prior to the ribbon cutting, the Institute ladies sang a chorus, with accompaniment by Mrs. Grant MacDiarmid.

W. G. Webster, on behalf of Silverwood Dairies, presented a plaque to mark the installation of the cooking units, and which bears the date, and the names of Mrs. Burt Roach, and Mrs. Bert Gammie, the president and secretary, respectively.

Twenty-six tables enjoyed an evening of Shoot, followed by lunch. Prize winners were Russ Button and Mrs. Les Purves, with consolation winners being Mrs. R. J. Button and George Joynt.

Miss Mary MacLeod gave a fine demonstration on the making of artificial flowers.

Mrs. A. Havens gave two instrumentals on the mouth organ, accompanied by Mrs. G. MacDiarmid on the piano. Mrs. Sam Reid won the prize for the tallest grandmother and Mrs. Jas. Webster for being the shortest grandmother.

Mrs. G. MacDiarmid gave a very fine report on the Institute Convention held in Guelph recently. The meeting was brought to a close by singing the Queen. The committee in charge served a dainty lunch and all enjoyed a social half hour.

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LUCKNOW — A beautiful contest for grandmothers was won by Mrs. Bert Gammie at a meeting of Lucknow Women's Institute held in the Town Hall.

Mrs. Philip Stewart presided for the business session and Mrs. G. MacDiarmid reported on the Institute booth at the Fall Fair. Roll call was answered by "My thanksgiving blessings."

Mrs. Charles Stewart presided for the program and welcomed the grandmothers present. Mrs. Thom read an article entitled, "This Getting Older" which stressed its advantages, rather than disadvantages.

Miss Margaret Rae contributed a solo and community singing of old favorites was accompanied by Mrs. MacDiarmid. The motto, "Do not resent growing old, many are denied the privilege," was prepared by Mrs. A. Marshall and read by Mrs. R. Robertson.

Mrs. Howard Robinson reported on the area convention at Guelph and pointed out that each Institute member has a part to play in maintaining progress.

Two prizes, donated by William Schmid, were won by the oldest and youngest grandmothers, Mrs. Sam Reid and Mrs. A. McNay.

A contest, "Pioneering with grandmother," was won by a group comprising Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. M. Johnston and Mrs. G. Elliott.