

MALCOLM W.I. CELEBRATE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

An old time stage setting and a 75th anniversary cake were part of the celebration held by the Malcolm W.I. in honour of the 75th anniversary of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

The Elmwood Community Centre was attractively decorated for the occasion and Malcolm W.I. had as their guest Chesley, Louise, Gillies Hill, Lamdash, Solway and Campbell, s Corner W.I., s numbering 100 in all.

Mrs. Lloyd Musehl gave the opening address speaking on the work of the institute throughout the 75 years and acted as master of ceremonies.

Jane Ahrens on the guitar and Eleanor Schlorff on the autoharp played and sang several numbers.

A skit An old time institute meeting held at the home of Sec. Treas. Mrs. Mirandi Seymour proved very interesting. The stage was an old parlour scene typical of 50 to 75 years ago and the ladies were in centennial dress. Playing the parts were president Mrs. Samuel Doolittle was Mrs. Milton Ahrens, Mrs. Seymour was Mrs. James Jacklin, Mrs. Jeremiah Brown was Mrs. Wilbert Musehl, Mrs. Matthew White was played by Mrs. Walter Atton, Mrs. John Smith, pianist, was Mrs. Alvin Schlorff while the school marm, Miss Hattie Thompson was played by Mrs. Eldon Alles and Mrs. Ephriam Jones was played by Mrs. Norman Bartz.

Barbara Schlorff gave several accordion numbers.

Mrs. Alvin McComb, 1972 president, welcomed the ladies and gave the highlights of the work of Malcolm W.I. she said "On behalf of the members of Malcolm W.I., I wish to extend to you all a hearty welcome and hope you will enjoy our program and later have lunch with us, in this our part of celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Institutes of Ontario."

I want to give you a short preview of our Malcolm W.I. which was formed in April 27, 1954. The first meeting was held in the Malcolm school with 12 ladies present and by the end of the year the roll call numbered 24 and now 32. Some have dropped out, some have moved away and some have been taken by death, but we do keep adding new ones.

Mrs. Arthur Mundrell of Southampton who was District president of Bruce East presided over the first meeting and was assisted by Mrs. Frank Kennedy of Tara who was the district secretary. The first president was Mrs. Duncan McCallum and Mrs. Norman Ahrens was the first secretary. The ladies named the group the Malcolm W.I. as it is known today.

