

Women's Institute celebrates 70th anniversary

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In celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Campbell's Corner Women's Institute on June 24, the Masonic Hall at Campbell's Corner was tastefully decorated with blue and gold streamers and flower baskets, including crimson weigela, yellow lilies, variegated iris, peonies and roses. The focal point was a large sign suspended from above displaying the W.I. crest and "Campbell's Corner W.I. 1925-1995."

MPP Bill Murdoch attended and presented a congratulatory scroll to the branch president. An afternoon of entertainment followed with W.I. singing, music with The

Amigo's, and Ryan Magwood singing. Let's Reminisc, to mention a few of the entertainment numbers.

A delightful luncheon was served from attractive tables centered with blue and yellow flowers. The anniversary cake was also decorated in blue and yellow and was cut by the two oldest members attending, Edna Kunsenhauser and Viola Metcalfe.

The Campbell's Corner W.I. was founded May 25, 1925, at the home of Mrs. G.S. Hopkins, on the second concession north of Campbell's Corner. Throughout the years, the branch has been active in the community. The Institute placed many facilities in the Campbell's Corner school in 1972, prior to its closing. Other

activities included donating prizes and placing exhibits in the fall fair, awarding grade 8 scholarships, supporting Grey County museums, participating in the Lodge, sponsoring workshops and short courses, contributing to the Grey Bruce Regional Health Council and local hospital, and promoting recycling, tree planting, fellowship and learning opportunities.

The original objective of the Institute was to promote a knowledge of household science, whereas the focus today is on personal development, the family and community action. The strength of the W.I. is the support and feeling of friendship with others, and a great camaraderie has always existed.

Harrison Park setting for Louise W.I. meeting

by Marilyn Paulnitz

In July Louise W.I. met at Harrison Park in Owen Sound for a potluck lunch. From there they visited the Owen Sound Museum where items of the past were on display.

Tea, juice and iced tea, muffins

and biscuits with jam were enjoyed by the ladies on the porch of a replica of an old home.

In August the meeting opened with greetings from president Carol Weibe. The scripture read was from Luke 2:41-51 and All Things Bright

and Beautiful was sung. Roll call was "kids say the cutest things." Anniversaries and birthdays for Beatrice Krauter, Marion Hastie, Helen Collins, Lorretta Rier and Shirley Veen were celebrated by singing Home on the Range for them.

Beatrice Krauter introduced the guest speaker Marie Krauter. She spoke on her trip to South Africa and displayed a collection of leather animals, chair, elephant hair, good luck doll, ostrich egg and many other items.

Marie enjoyed an agricultural tour and showed her slides. The large short horn cattle farms are about 15,000 to 30,000 acres with approximately 450 hired hands. They also boast the largest ostrich farm in the world.

Louise entered a display at the Desboro Fall Fair, the theme being Down on the Farm. Edith Geffken brought clay and the ladies were shown how to shape it into vases, dishes and other assorted articles.

Lunch was served by the hostesses and assistants. The next meeting will be September 13th, 7:30 p.m. at Lamash Hall.

Gillies Hill W.I. meets

Thirteen members and one visitor from the Gillies Hill Institute journeyed to Parkhouse, the W.I. headquarters on Marden Road near Guelph for their May meeting.

A guide took us on a tour of the old stone house, built in 1885, leased and renovated by the W.I. in 1993. After the tour we met in the boardroom for our meeting.

Margaret McDonald, our new president opened the meeting with a poem, the Opening Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Grace Snider read the minutes of the last meeting. Ella Mae Black,

treasurer gave the financial report. The roll call, "My Most Embarrassing Moment," was enjoyed by all.

Grace read the correspondence and it was dealt with along with several items of business.

Elsie Bell and Ruth Davey were program conveners. Ruth introduced the guest speaker, Mabel Thaler from Scone. She spoke on Cuba, its history, geography, economic status and particularly as a tourist attraction. The current events were given by Ruby Legge and the meeting adjourned.