

History of South Saugeen W. I. cont'd:

Mrs. Arlie Virtue was our President from 1966 to 1968. In the summer of 1966 we enjoyed a bus trip which included a visit to the Black Creek Pioneer Village on the outskirts of Toronto. Here we enjoyed a picnic lunch on the lovely grounds of the village, then journeyed on to Toronto to visit beautiful Casa Loma. Supper was a 'treat' at the White Horse Restaurant at Paris, and a tour of the shopping plaza at Kitchener rounded out a full day!

Centennial Year, 1967 was a busy and interesting time. At the March meeting, honor was paid to Mrs. Mel Black on her 80th birthday. She was presented with a corsage, and a cup and saucer with the W. I. crest on it.

Mrs. Black is not only a valued W. I. member, she is also highly esteemed by the Senior Citizens Club of Port Elgin, where she now resides. Following is her description of the December '67 meeting of the Sr. Citizens -

"The 'Seniors' of Port, on the eighth of December,
Had a dinner, the kind that one likes to remember;
The place was the "Centre", the time was six-thirty,
The attendance was good, near a hundred and sixty.

There was turkey, the trimmings, pickles, salads and pie,
All arranged on long tables, looking good to the eye;
Elsie Webb and her crew, as they saw food diminish,
Worked with high-powered speed each dish to replenish.

The guests helped themselves, to small tables returning,
To consume their collection, for which they were yearning.
President Smith, in his official capacity as host,
Kept the lines rolling smoothly so that no time was lost.

The orchestra tuned as the feast neared completion,
Twelve players in all, they formed in position;
And for full thirty minutes old melodies blended,
As the diners relaxed, replete and contented.

A short program followed of music and singing,
The carols of Christmas left soft echoes ringing;
One by one guests departed, said farewell and good wishes
for a Happy New Year and a wonderful Christmas".

The 4-H Girl's Club, with leaders Mrs. Russell Eby and Mrs. Kent Lamont, held a Centennial tea, in April, at Mrs. Lamont's home, to which all members were invited - requested to wear centennial dress, if possible. Pictured here are Mrs. Russell Eby, Mrs. Mel Black and Mrs. Kent Lamont in their pretty outfits.



These snaps donated by Mrs. Kent Lamont.



Pictured above are the girls and some of their guests. Back row, from the left, Mrs. Jas. Bell, Kathryn Kelly, Janice Virtue, Doris Lamont, Carolyn Kelly, Edith Sampton, Mrs. Austin Cluley. Front row, Mrs. Alex. Lamont, Mrs. Ewart McKinnon, Mrs. Cliff Scott, Mrs. Will Williams, Mrs. Grant Glazie, Mrs. Mel Black, Mrs. Arley Virtue, Mrs. J. W. Brunton, Sharon Bell and Mrs. Archie McCulloch.

In June, 1967, our Branch observed its 20th Anniversary. Following are extracts of the report from the Port Elgin Times:

"Tuesday evening, June 13th, the South Saugeen Institute celebrated their 20th anniversary at the home of Mrs. Harold Sutherland.

The Institute was organized at the same place 20 years ago, when Mrs. Mel Black was hostess on the 4th of Saugeen.

..... Mrs. Grant Glazie and Mrs. Geo. Pollock gave reports of the District Annual held recently in Port Elgin. Discussion followed regarding plans for the booth at the Institute's Centennial 'Hobby Fair'.

..... Mrs. Mel Black and Mrs. Art Beoch gave papers on Public Relations from 1867 which proved very amusing.

..... Refreshments were served by the hostess and Mrs. Mel Black was called on to cut the anniversary cake."