

Goshen WI honors 50 year members

A memorable evening was enjoyed by members of Goshen WI, when they honored seven senior members by holding a 6 o'clock dinner party in the home of Mrs Paul Yantha on Friday evening June 26. Mrs Yantha who is well-known for her catering ability and baking skill, excelled again by serving a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

The long table was beautifully set for over 25 people. The table was centred with a large birthday cake with blue and gold icing, the WI colors, and topped with a gold lace card with "50" marked on it. Red roses in tall vases were placed at each end of the table and gold candles framed the cake.

Mrs John E Miller one of the honored guests has been a member of Goshen WI for fifty years. The other honored senior guests were Mrs Harvey Jamieson Sr, Mrs W T Roffey, Mrs Della Barr, Mrs R M Phillips, Mrs Lawrence Seely and Mrs Wesley Miller - the former Lizzie Harding, who was the first secretary when the Goshen WI was organized August 17, 1914.

The honored guests were welcomed at the door by the president Mrs Glen McCallum who presented them with corsages and also to past presidents and secretaries attending.

The secretary, Mrs Ernie Burton, and Mrs Glen McCallum placed all guests at the table. Grace was said by Mrs Glen McCallum. Everyone enjoyed the delicious meal. The servers were members of the 4-H Girls Club who also assisted

in setting the attractive table.

The lovely cake was cut by Mrs Harvey Jamieson and Mrs John E Miller.

Mrs Ernie Burton read several congratulatory letters and cards which were received from Women's Institutes in South Renfrew district. There was also a congratulatory letter from Mr Paul Yakabuski of Barry's Bay, the Provincial Member of Parliament for South Renfrew. The very kind messages these cards and letters contained were very much appreciated by everyone.

Under the convenership of Mrs Crawford Dewar much reminiscing followed. There were many amusing stories told of happenings, and of good times and some not so good, all of which were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Mrs Crawford Dewar is a member of this WI and has a particular interest being the daughter of the late Mrs Malcolm McLaren, whose interest and leadership lead to the organization of Goshen WI on September 17, 1914.

Amusing and enlightening comments followed which were gleaned from some of the minutes books of the early days and read by Mrs Glen McCallum.

Each member was to bring a stick of wood over her shoulder - some were big and others were small - to the next meeting.

We regret the loss of Mrs W H McGregor who has moved into Renfrew. We welcome Mrs John E Miller in her place - smaller in structure, but full of vigour for her work.

More meetings and old time

gatherings have been held in Mrs John E Miller's home than in anyone else's.

Renfrew Rotarians and their ladies held two Rural and Urban dinner parties in the J E Miller home - one on July 20, 1941 and another August 10, 1942. Both were successful.

Memorial Gates for Goshen Cemetery were purchased June 4, 1931 and were installed as a Centennial gift due to the fact that the first person to be buried in this cemetery was in 1831.

The late Mrs Minnie (Carswell) Peever was the convener of this project and its committee.

On June 18, 1919, a supper in Alex McArthur's grove - a beautiful grove. (This farm is now owned by Paul Yantha). Charges for this supper were adults 35 cents, children 20 cents.

It is understood a Goshen man and his bride-to-be had chosen this date, June 18 for their wedding. Some of the committee members called on this couple to ask them to change their wedding date as many active with the work of the supper would be guests at the wedding. They agreed to change their date to June 17, 1919.

Two lawn socials were held on the lawn at David Carswell's one on August 12, 1920 and the other August 2, 1922. Both were very successful as a large crowd of people attended both socials.

Much reminiscing was again enjoyed and more stories told in regard to the above incidents by the senior guests which caused much merriment and proved quite interesting to the more recent members.

The various toasts followed and again much reminiscing



Celebrating 50 years as members of the Goshen Women's Institute - Mrs John E Miller, Mrs Harvey Jamieson Sr, Mrs Ellen Phillips, Mrs W T Roffie and Mrs Della Barr.

was enjoyed.

The toasts: To past presidents proposed by Mrs John McCallum, reply by Mrs Harvey Jamieson Sr; To secretary-treasurer - proposed by Mrs Ernie Burton, reply by Mrs John E Miller; To girls Home Making Clubs - proposed by Mrs Paul Yantha, reply by Mrs W T Roffey; To dependable helpers - proposed by Mrs Alex McDermaid, reply by Mrs R M Phillips and Mrs Della Barr. Comment - These three ladies have always taken charge of the work curtailed when any special events were held in the Goshen Hall - washing dishes,

preparing lunches and general clean up - which has been appreciated through the years. To the two war efforts - Comments were general by the senior members; To the Renfrew Fair Efforts - proposed by Mrs Harvey Jamieson Sr, reply by Mrs John J McArthur; To Goshen Hall - comments - general by senior members; To Goshen W I Orchestra - proposed by Mrs Crawford Dewar, reply by Mrs Wesley Miller, Mrs Lawrence Seely and Mrs John E Miller. In Memoriam - proposed by Mrs Harvey Barr, reply by Miss

Mary Mc to those have gone - 1914-1 McLaren (swell) P McNee, Mrs W Robert S Simpson, Mrs Ale minutes served.

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