

## White Lake Women's Institute Song

(written by Mrs. Willis Raycroft)

55 years ago to-day  
Our Institute began  
Seventeen ladies had an idea  
Mrs. Parsons had a plan  
They gathered all together  
They were a happy lot  
They worked for Home and Country  
And a fee of a quarter they brought.

They elected a slate of officers  
Each an office for to hold  
They worked to promote the Institute  
Each with a heart of gold  
They sewed up shirts and knitted socks  
And many a quilt did make  
They brought along refreshments  
Sandwiches, tea and cake.

They'd short courses, leaders schools  
And fair work to attend  
They donated time and money  
And always a hand to lend  
They planted potatoes and hoed them  
They held their socials too  
There wasn't a thing too big  
For the Institute to do.

25 years of meetings  
Were held in the Orange Hall  
Then they moved into the Temple  
In '40 in the fall.  
Many happy memories  
Linger from those days  
When we wore away the evenings  
With euchre, teas and plays.

We played euchre in the main hall  
We played euchre in the shed  
We nearly froze to death one night  
For a packed house we had  
For the next 23 years or so  
The W.I. did work  
On many, many worthwhile things  
With never a moment's shirk.

Then in 1963  
John S. Box did make  
A donation of a new hall  
For our W.I.'s sake.  
We honored John  
We thanked him too  
Then down to work we got  
We washed and cleaned we swept and raked  
District Annual was our plot.

Then came 1965  
Our 50th we did plan  
We sent out invitations  
To ever lady and her man  
They came from near, they came by far  
They came by truck, and came by car  
They came in the sun, and came in the rain  
And we hope someday  
They'll come again.

55 years from that first day  
What is left, what more to say  
We've accomplished much, good times we've spent  
And many a helping hand we've lent.  
So let's carry on, and light the way  
Let's do our work and have our play  
Let's carry on and meet the test  
For on our laurels we'll never rest.

enjoyed the delicious meal.  
servers were members of the  
H Girls Club who also assist

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