

Rylstone

It was a beautiful day, perfect for the Victorian Tea held on the lawn of Dorothy Thomson's home. This special event on June 1, 1997 was to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of W.I. Many ladies wore period costumes. There were interesting displays to view, spoons, Victorian card collection, fancy plates, cats collection, tea figurines, dolls and cribs, twig and willow furniture.

A W.I. display board, Tweedsmuir History and scrap books were in the house for all to see. An old-fashioned lunch was enjoyed, tea and coffee served in china cups, and cool lemonade in tall glasses.

Rosella Clancy, Provincial Tweedsmuir Curator and Jean Clancy, District President were among the guests. Photo: A Victorian Tea ▶



Northumberland East District Castleton

Castleton Women's Institute held a Garden Party on June 18, 1997 to celebrate 100 years of W.I., at Sunny Hill Farm and Country

Garden, home of Jim and Irene Osborne. Invited guests were from White's School W.I., Codrington and Grafton W.I. and Deputy Fire Chief Brian Rusaw. As rain began to fall, colourful umbrellas appeared and the tour of garden continued. The Centennial Rose that had been purchased was healthy, but the buds weren't open. The Tea was now moved to the garage, there the result of our spring labours in the form of Teddy Bears were presented to Brian Rusaw

and the local firemen for Kids in Crisis; and were duly accepted. An Institute project was the installation of Castleton Women's Institute sign at the south entrance of the village, Dec. 1997.

About forty persons were at the party including sixteen of our own members. Some of the members names are: Irene Osborne, Joyce Murray, Mary McKague, Margaret McMichael, Myrtle Ducie, Sue Le Berge, Verna Rusk, Shirley McComb, and Ruth Harren.

◀ Photo: Centennial Project, a W.I. sign installed at the entrance to the town.



an Institute member.

The Centennial Award "letter" was presented to Cathy McCann, who will receive the award at the convention. Entertainment was Scottish dances performed by Jennifer Nelson and Katrina Seckar, daughters of members.. Names of some members are: Linda Wallis, Lillian Peister, Edna Cameron, Florence Butcher, Arlene Dorland, Gwen Dingman and Elsie Postma Photo: A few "old" hats ▲

Seymour

Our meeting was very well attended by 18 members and 3 guests. The Mayor of Campbellford, one of our guests, presented the branch with a certificate of appreciation for all that we have done for the community.

We enjoyed a lunch of tea biscuits, jam, apple butter, sugar cookies, tea and coffee. A collection was taken for the Headquarters Fund.

White School

White School Women's Institute celebrated the 100th Anniversary on Feb. 19, 1997. We used the format sent to us and asked a former branch to help us celebrate. Along with our history, they were asked to give a little history of their branch before they disbanded.

President of White School branch, Earline Armstrong and Secretary, Joyce Glover performed the traditional "cake cutting"; the beautiful cake was made and decorated by member, Olga Evans. The room was decorated with W.I. artifacts, and tea tables were set especially for guests and members.

Photo: (next page) Earline Armstrong (right) and Joyce Glover (left), cut the Anniversary cake.

