

Donnegal

A special meeting was held on Feb. 19, 1997 at Donnegal United Church to celebrate the founding of the Women's Institute 100 years ago. The full membership of 25 and 4 visitors enjoyed the luncheon of egg and ham sandwiches, cucumber pickles, tea biscuits and jam for dessert.

Following the meal the programme was held in the sanctuary which had been decorated in the Institute colours. The suggested format was used. A memorial service for deceased members was held. Dorothy Buchanan read the history of Donnegal, which was formed in 1949.

The Centennial Song was sung and many of the ladies wore centennial dresses or vintage dress. Six Life Membership Certificates and pins were presented by June Cockwell, District President to Eva Buchanan, June Cochrane, Mildred Douglas, Phyllis McCluskie, Beth Petrie and Margaret Rock



Gowanston

Approximately 70 women gathered on Feb. 19, 1997 at noon in the Wallace Township Hall to celebrate 100 years of Women's Institute. Tables were decorated with blue candles and blue and yellow flowers for this festive occasion. Members attired in centennial dresses served a lunch that may have been served 100 years ago.

Entertainment for the afternoon was a Show of Fashions. Diane Bender, Adriene Noble and other members put together a show that delighted everyone. All kinds of beautiful and vintage clothes were modeled, such as suits, dresses, underwear and night clothes. Old pictures, lamps and articles were displayed in various areas. It gave on the feeling of walking through the century.

◀ A looney draw was held with the proceeds sent to the Headquarter's Fund



Listowel East

The members of Listowel East A Britton W.I.'s combined on Feb. 19, 1997 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary at the home of Verna Coneybear. The President opened the meeting with the Ode, collect and a poem entitled "Prayer". The proposed programme was used with the members taking part. Pianist Ethel Corry accompanied the singing of the Centennial Song.

Following the business meeting of each branch, the suggested menu was followed. The enjoyable afternoon ended with an hour of visiting. Listowel East also celebrated their branch's 90th Anniversary on May 26 in Britton Hall with the District President, Secretary, Board member Winnie Mann and members of neighbouring branches as guests.

The anniversary cake was cut by Lillian Cleland who has been a member for 72 years and also Branch and District Life Member.

◀ "Singsong"

Listowel West

We met on Feb. 19, 1997 at the home of Gwen Perkin. Under the leadership of Vice-President, Gwen, the branch followed the proposed program. Elaine Carson announced that Winnifred Mann is the recipient of a Centennial Award and presented her with a dozen red roses and a pin award.

The Motto "Celebrate the Past, Challenge the Future" was given by Anne Mayberry. We all sang the Centennial song. The roll Call was answered by members saying they are still using recipes from Baking with Yeast or skills from Quilting and being a 4-H leader. Secretary Muriel Hawthorne read the minutes of the first meeting at Stoney Creek and of our January meeting. A special collection of the day was sent to the Headquarter's fund. Following the singing of grace, items from the proposed menu and Centennial cake and ice-cream were served.

Winnifred Mann recipient of Centennial Award ▶

