

Waterloo South

Little's Corners and Branchton

These two W.I.'s held a joint meeting on Feb. 19, 1997 to commemorate the 100th Anniversary. Twenty-two ladies met at the home of Marion Henderson for this special occasion. Several members appeared dressed in antique clothing.

Little's Corners, President, Gwen Haney chaired the opening exercises and gave the motto. Jean Paddock read the original minutes of the first meeting. Gwen Haney lit a candle and the prepared programme was followed. A video giving the facts from the first meeting was viewed. A special collection was taken for the Headquarter's fund.

A special lunch was enjoyed also birthday cake decorated by Mein Donkers and cut by Peggy Stafford and Gwen Haney. Everyone agreed that it was a good evening. Several items of antique clothing were on display



▲ "Dressed to go" Jean Paddock, Rose Rivers, Gwen Haney, Mein Donkers, Elma Fraser

Central Dumfries

This branch joined with neighbours and friends to celebrate the Centennial on Feb. 19, 1997. The suggested programme was followed. A skit presented by members and some guests entitled "Don you know that?" was enjoyed by everyone. We all participated in a lively sing song using songs from the W.I. songbook.

A sumptuous lunch recalling early days was served. It was a wonderful afternoon of reminiscing about times past and looking forward to a bright future.

President Evelyn Murray and Secretary Treasurer Dorothy Bell at Centennial Celebration ▶



New Dundee

◀ Our branch was organized June 13, 1907 with 28 charter members. Current membership is 67 with many being younger women. The members are serving at other levels of W.I. as well as in many community groups and projects.

We joined other W.I.'s around the world to celebrated the 100th Anniversary. A skit "The Women's Institute - Beginnings" featured members portraying W.I. founders and projected visuals to highlight the story. Lunch of assorted tea sandwiches, gingerbread and anniversary cake was served.

Members and guest were dressed in period costumes, gloves and hats. A special guest was Mrs. Alys Alexander of New Zealand, who presented a tea towel commemorating the 75 Jubilee year of New Zealand W.I.

Waterloo North District

Bloomingtondale

Bloomingtondale branch held the following special events to celebrate the 100th Anniversary. On Feb. 19, 1997 we held an old-fashioned supper, using the suggested menu. Past and present members enjoyed the festivities which included a skit about Erland Lee and how he helped found the W.I.

Some of the ladies wore old fashioned costumes and one member wore a dress which was made using one of the 100th Anniversary patterns.

On Oct. 6, 1997, members who attended the Convention '97 planned the programme on highlights of the convention using pictures, slides and a panel.