

Abering

The branch held its first commemoration on Thursday, February 13, 1997, using the planned programme. An old fashioned lunch reminiscent of 100 years ago was served by oil lamplight as it would have been then.

During the September meeting a dramatic reading about the Women's Institute since its inception was presented to the members. The members have also taken turns reading the Centennial Book over the past year. The branch plan to hold a further event in May of 1998 with a Tweedsmuir Tea and history displays.

Duntroon

The Duntroon Women's Institute of Simcoe West District met on Tuesday, February 13, 1997 to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Women's Institute. We were also celebrating the 95th Anniversary of Duntroon branch, which was formed on February 19, 1902.

We used the proposed menu for our luncheon followed by the 100th Anniversary agenda. Our members took turns reading sections of the programme. The meeting ended with our own Anniversary cake and tea.

Maple Valley

Our branch celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Women's Institute in Stayner, on February 19, 1997, with Zion Jubilee, Mrs. Alfred Wattl, and Stayner, taking part in the programme.

In the summer we visited Simcoe County Museum to see the Women's Institute exhibit on display there.

Maple Valley Community Centre, a former schoolhouse, will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in August, 1998. A special celebration is being planned with old pictures on display. The first class in the school was held September, 1898.

Our branch celebrates its eighty-third Anniversary in 1997 and has two members who are relatives of its first officers, Muriel Lewis and Marion Priddle. We are proud to have one sixty year member, Hazel Scott.

New Lowell

The New Lowell Women's Institute celebrated the 100th Anniversary on February 19, 1997, at the Sunnidale Community Centre at 1:00 p.m.

Our nine members were present along with a senior member who is now in her nineties, Jean McQuay, but no longer able to attend our regular meetings. Some of our members were in period costumes which made a nice topic of conversation and for the photo session.

President: Thelma Lighthouse

P.R.O.: Joan Beattie

Members of New Lowell W.I. at their 95th Anniversary held on June 10/95 at the home of Nora Snow.



Stayner

The members of Stayner Women's Institute marked the beginning of the W.I. by attending a noon meal at Centennial United Church with an excellent programme in the afternoon.

A history book entitled "For Home and Country" has been donated to the local library by the Stayner branch which was organized in 1912.

A special Women's Institute rose has been ordered to plant at the library, but not yet received due to a short supply.

Names of the branch members who were at the celebration are as follows:

Simcoe Centre District

On February 19, 1997, women around the world gathered to celebrate the founding of the Women's Institute in 1897.

Seven branches in Simcoe Centre joined to mark the occasion in St. John's United Church, Elmvale, Centre Flos, Crossland, Edenvale, Pine Ridge, New Flos, Saurin, Silver Maple, and Vasey from Simcoe North.

The luncheon was similar to that probably eaten 100 years ago. The afternoon programme followed a planned format. An interesting display of antiques and oil lamps decorated the room.

Louise Wanless of New Flos branch and Leda Archer of Crossland were presented with corsages by their presidents as winners of the W.I. Centennial Awards. The programme closed with O Canada- a great day of celebration.

Candlelighting

Birdetta Stone, Lorna McGrath, Ariel Buchanan, Cornelia Giffen, Bd.Dir. Shirley Gleadall, Nora Knuff, Margaret Stone, Eileen Kenney, Betty Woolhead.

