



## Westmount

Eight members and sixteen guests gathered to celebrate the Women's Institute Centennial. We followed the set pattern, singing the Anniversary song and taking up a collection for the Headquarters' fund.

Our guests were presented with Anniversary pens. Greetings and certificates were received from local dignitaries. We enjoyed a skit presented by the Washago Branch.

## West Shore

West Shore Women's Institute, along with daughters and granddaughters decorated our President's van for the Santa Claus Parade. All the ladies dressed in heritage costumes and carried baskets of candy to distribute.

Our Parade Float

## Kempenfeldt District

On February 19, 1997, Mitchell Square branch was hosted other branches in Kempenfeldt District at the Centennial Celebration at the OMAFRA office in Barrie. Fifty-five women attended, representing nine of the ten branches.

Vice-President, Jean Crawford welcomed all present. During the planned programme District President, Marjorie Bell led the ceremony to light the special candle marking the 100 years of the Women's Institute.

The speaker, Helen Coutts, a long time member of W.I. and Mayor of Springwater Township gave a spirited and inspirational address about the Institute. She recalled attending meetings as a little girl with her mother and of other anniversaries. Jean Crawford thanked Helen and presented her with a copy of "Outhouses and Apple Pie" written by one of our members, Loreen Rice-Lucas.

Branches are: Clowes, Craighurst, Dalston, Crown Hill, Guthrie, Little's Hill, Mitchell Square, Stroud and Thornton.



Bernice Hickling, Barbara Robertson, Marjorie Bell

## Clowes

Clowes Women's Institute celebrated on Feb. 19, 1997 at the Edgar Community Centre. Present were our present and former members, husbands and local dignitaries.

The evening began with "O Canada" followed with the welcome by President, Louise Martin and greetings from M.P.P., Allan McLean, Ian Beard, Mayor of Oro-Medonte and Marjorie Bell, Kempenfeldt District President. The minutes of the first meeting held on Nov. 27th, 1924, of Clowes Branch were read. Hazel Shellswell lit the Centennial Candle and dinner followed.

Entertainment was provided by Becky Desroches on guitar and Elaine Miller at the piano.

## Craighurst

On February 19, 1997 our branch held a special meeting to commemorate 100 years of Women's Institute. We had learned the W.I. Centennial song and everyone sang with gusto and lit the blue candle (which we continue to light at all subsequent meetings).

Betty Veitch (FWIO Board Director) gave everyone an overview of Women's Institute in Ontario.

Fay Craig presented a historical report on Craighurst. Barb Robertson gave a synopsis on Craighurst today. Barb Dunsmore gave us a glimpse into possible future of Craighurst. Betty Veitch presented Fay Craig with her 50 year pin and a special certificate.

A picture was taken of the members present:

Back - Pat Toal, Doris Robson, Joyce Sinton, Trish Byers,  
Elaine Joyce, Barb Sinton, Fran Baker, Jenny Cooper, Rae Smith,  
Mary Caston

Front - Ilene Cook, Fay Craig, Coreen Tatton, Barb Robertson, Mavis Burnham, Barb Anne Dunsmore, Betty Veitch

Absent - Anna Small-Adams, Betty Lou Carr, Brenda Hore, Ann Wilson



This picture was then enlarged and mounted and placed in Craighurst Community Hall. This past year we enlarged, mounted and hung picture of bygone days in Craighurst at the hall as well.

## Dalston

A number of our members attended special celebrations at Guthrie and Mitchell Square. The members celebrated in their own special way on Feb. 24, 1997 by holding a meeting as it may have been held 100 years ago. Members wore hats from that time period. Our programme recounted the accomplishments of the Institute over this period of time. Some of the planned programme was used.

Tweedsmuir books were on display. An old fashioned lunch of hard boiled eggs and homemade bread, ginger bread and whipped cream was served. Tea was served from a silver tea service as in days gone by.