



Lucknow

16 members of Lucknow W.I. gathered in the Institute room at the Town Hall, Feb. 19, 1997 to recognize the Women's Institute's 100th Anniversary. President Alice Taylor chaired the meeting and followed the program that was suggested. Members took turns reading the history of W.I. Susan McNaughton has been a member since 1950 and joined soon after coming to Lucknow from Scotland. Delicious anniversary cake and ice-cream were enjoyed by all.

Present at celebration:

Back row L-R Kay MacIntosh, Edna MacDonald, Alice Taylor
 Middle row - Edna Young, Dorothy Brown, Jean Hicks,
 Noma Campbell, Lois Goodhue, Mabel Whitby, Grace Gibson.
 Front row - Joan Whitby, Celia Aitchison,
 Bernadine Ritchie, Bernice Johnstone. Absent - Rita Gilmore.



L R: June Gilchrist, Una Matthews-secretary, Donna McBride- president at tree planting

Bruce South District

Kinloss-Kairshea

The executive of our branch hosted the celebration of the Women's Institute 100th Anniversary, Feb. 19, 1997 at St. Peters Anglican Church hall. President, Alice Ritchie welcomed the 36 members and guests, including children, to the afternoon festivities.

Donna McBride explained the motto "Celebrate the Past - Challenge the Future". All members took part in individual readings from the planned program. For entertainment, the Ritchie family recorded a skit at home and played it at the meeting and a humorous reading by charter member Margaret Mowbray, "W.I. from One Man's Point of View". A single candle was lit by Elsie Houston in commemoration the 100th. Door prizes were given and a lunch served in keeping of the early 1900's.

At the Lucknow Fall Fair, Kinloss-Kairshea, Lucknow and St. Helen's branches set up a display, receiving many fine comments. The branch donated a copy of "For Home and Country" to the Lucknow library. In commemoration the W.I. made a donation to the residents of Pinecrest Manor toward the purchase of a therapeutic machine. The members also planted 2 trees at the Lucknow and District Sports Complex.

Bruce Center District

Arkwright

This Institute was very active during Centennial year with several projects. In February a euchre was held and proceeds were donated to the Saugeen Memorial Hospital. Also in February we joined with Tara branch to celebrate the 100th Anniversary. In July we set up a Food Booth at the Bruce Centre Hobby Fair in Southampton. Later in July the branch hosted a Meet Your Neighbours Pot Luck Dinner which a number of community folk attended. At this event engraved pens were presented to Grade 8 graduates at Tara Public School

In October, members enjoyed dinner out to celebrate member Alice Richards having been chosen as one of the Provincial Award winners. In November the proceeds from a second euchre was donated to the Tara Rotary Elevator Fund.

In 1998 Arkwright branch will celebrate its 90th anniversary.

Burgoyne

The Saugeen Fire Department in the local township had a new sign and planter constructed. Burgoyne Women's Institute hired a local landscape business to plant the shrubs and plants that the branch purchase, as their centennial project.

Members and the Fire Chief at the department sign.



Grey Centre District

Grey Centre District Women's Institute held an 1897 County Fair, Aug 2 and 3, 1997 as our celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the W.I. It was named "Buckskins and Bows" and held at the Whitney farm in Bentinck Township. Special guest included FWIO President, Marg Harris, M.P., Ovid Jackson, M.P.P., Bill Murdock and local dignitaries.

Fifty-six crafters dressed in 1897 finery demonstrated and sold their crafts. Represented were a cooper, blacksmith, potter, canoe builder, wood carver, sheep shearer, etc. Centreville W.I. quilted and Louise, Lamdash, Desboro, Marmion, Cornoch, Elmwood, and Zion branches all sold food, from hot dogs, corn on the cob to pie and fudge.

A Tea Room opened in the afternoon for those in need of a "cuppa" and a slice of homemade cake. Contests and events over the week-end were tug-o-war, pie eating, children's games, horse drawn wagon rides, look-a like contests Tom Sawyer and Anne of Green Gables.

A variety show was held Saturday night and an interdenominational service Sunday morning with 5 churches taking part. Proceeds from the event were given to local hospitals, churches, community groups, ice storm relief and Pennies for Friendship.