

Campbell's Corner

The members of Campbell's Corner Women's Institute, former members and friends celebrated the 100th anniversary of the founding of the organization, on Feb. 19, 1997 in Valleyview.

The Amigos, a musical group entertained the ladies with several numbers. Poems and readings were read by members taking part in the planned programme. Afternoon tea was enjoyed in the dining room, with sandwiches, sugar cookies and ginger bread.

A Centennial Tea and Bazaar was held May 3, 1997 at which members sold crafts and tickets on their Centennial quilt.

Judy Steeband & Gladys Kube tend the Crafts table ▶

Hampden

Hampden Women's Institute celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the W.I., Feb. 15, 1997, with 12 members and 16 visitors present. The program followed the suggested form and each member answered the roll call by relating how the Institute had shaped her life, and all the friendships she had made through out the years.

Our Institute Hall, formerly a schoolhouse was decorated with a collection of W.I. tea towels. This was at noon in the form of a buffet luncheon. Meat trays were donated by a local store and members brought other food. Prizes were donated by local merchants. One member, Rose Blasing, spoke at the Opening of Aytton Fall Fair of the Institutes' accomplishments over the years, and was very pleased with the amount of interest generated. ▼



Sunnyview

The Centennial meeting of Sunnyview W.I. was held Feb. 19, 1997. The suggested programme was followed. The roll call was answered by each member relating something she had learned by belonging to the W.I. The only living charter member, Annabelle Lawrence lit the Birthday candle.



Grey North District

◀ The Women's Institute of Grey North District celebrated the Centennial with a party held in the Bognor Community Centre on June 3, 1997. Those attending were met at the door by District Past Presidents, Dona Norton and Doris Edwards. The evening program was chaired by President Blanche Martin, assisted by Margaret Taylor Secretary-Treasurer.

Seven branches were present, Bognor, Massie, Woodford, Bothwell's Corners, St Vincent and Riverside who contributed to the program with readings, skits and poems. Music was provided by Hugh Neelands with guitar, singing familiar songs with the audience joining in. North Grey Junior Institute members sang two numbers, written especially for their 20th Anniversary and the W.I. Centennial.

Leona Stubbings, Provincial Board member brought greetings as well as County representatives. Two long standing members were present, Isabel Free of Meaford, 70 years and Jean McPherson 64 years of Massie branch. The meeting closed with O Canada and Anniversary Cake. About 130 registered.

100th Anniversary Award winners: Blanche Martin - Massie Branch
Gwen Mitchell - Annan Branch
Jean Mc Pherson - Massie Branch

Bognor

written by Lois Keeling, Bognor W.I

COME GROW WITH US IN W.I. Grey Bruce Area August 1980

Listen carefully and I'll tell you why

Many years ago the seed was sown.

Our founder knew heartbreak and vowed she would share

A dream of improvement to spare other's despair.

A charter was drawn, W.I. was born and through our nation, the ideas grown.

How proud that first group would be

To see faith of today's members, their love and generosity.

Not only with friends and neighbours in communities you share

Our ideas and plans reach global affairs.

Those women didn't visualize a world of rockets and planes, or
any member receiving worldly acclaim

They only saw a way of living to pass on to others.

It only takes our creed to make as one

When we think progress, we remember what's been done,

And we look forward to continuing on our Institute ideals and
pledges made, lest we forget and memories fade.

If we don't keep on growing we are nearing the end

Let's use our talents and invite new friends, try the impossible