

## Lincoln South District

### Rosedene

Two members dressed in authentic costumes greeted the guests: Mayor Konkle, Lorne Nelson and his wife, a former member, Ladies Friendship Circle of a local Church and ladies of two other local churches.

The Hall and tables were decorated in blue and gold. The suggested programme was followed and various members added local information. Rosedene Tweedsmuir histories were on display and much interest shown. A buffet lunch followed. We found this an effective means to promote W.I. in the community.

### Hineland

A Centennial Tea was enjoyed by friends and neighbours who attended. The Tweedsmuir histories were on display and W.I. colours were used at the tables.

### Virgil

On Feb. 19, 1997 we met at the home of Nan Ford. A special ceremony, led by Margery Brownlee and Kathy Moran was held with all members reading the parts of the W.I. history and lighting candles.

The Community Builders branch joined us for a potluck lunch at the home of Peggy Muir in St. Davids. Louise Smith developed a trivia game based on W.I. and Virgil branch history.

The branch celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a large floral display at the entrance to Niagara-on-the-Lake. The W.I. crest and centennial years were painted on a sign in the garden. with blue and gold flowers around the border.

A quilted banner was designed for the June Convention. It was displayed on a royal blue background with gold lettering and various fruits grown in the area and the date of the founding of the Virgil Branch in 1916.

## Norfolk North District

About 50 members of the Norfolk North District met on Feb. 19, 1997 in the Villa Nova Baptist Church to celebrate the Centennial of the first W.I. meeting held in Stoney Creek. Greeting everyone at the door was District President, Lis Buckborough, dressed as Adelaide Hoodless, and District Secretary-Treasurer, Marian Austin, dressed as Erland Lee.

Greetings were brought from Mayor Rita Kalbach, who presented a framed certificate to the president and a congratulatory letter was read from M.P. Bob Speller. The branches present were Bealton, Lynnville, Villa Nova and Wilvancrest and Villa Nova Junior W.I. The Centennial song was sung. Minutes of the first meeting were read along with the first meeting of the branches, read by the present secretaries.

Lunch consisted of homemade soup, sandwiches, tea biscuits and homemade jam and desserts.

The room was decorated with many antiques and artifacts, century-old quilts and clothing, coal-oil lamps and books. These antiques were supplied by Loretta Demers who needs a special commendation for bringing these to the hall and transforming the hall back to the 1800s.

Marion Anderson - Treas. Bealton W.I. and Nellie Kruis draw attention to old-fashioned clothes and prices in Eaton's catalogue. ▶



### Lynnville

Our branch made a beautiful quilt, as our Centennial project. There were many tiny pieces and it was a work of art. We sold over 1600 tickets and had a profit of \$1300.00. It was drawn at our Christmas meeting. The lucky winner was a local lady, who came to our meeting soon after being informed and of course she was thrilled with her beautiful new quilt.

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On February, 19, 1997 six branches in Norfolk South joined together in celebrating the Women's Institute 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Port Dover. The program and lunch followed the suggested format. The hostess for the day was Fay Linn, President of Lynedoch W.I. Isabelle Powell of Lakeshore W.I. spoke on the motto.

Norfolk North and South Districts Fall Rally and Fashion Show featuring a spectacular cake celebrating 100 years. ▶

