

## Bowen Road

Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was held as a Fashion Show. Members donned old-fashioned gowns and traveled back to celebrate their history. This branch held its inaugural meeting at the Bowen Road school house in 1908 so now have a 90 year history of their own.

In June we climbed on a hay wagon and Bev Jewson pulled us with a John Deere tractor along the side roads ringing all sizes of cow bells, letting the folks know we were celebrating our W.I. birthday. The Ladies all went for a walk through the Old Erie Beach Amusement Park.

Our final celebration, planned by Bev Jewson was a Victorian Harvest Bazaar. We had a Tea Room and served chilli, sandwiches and sweets, and had a display of dresses.

A hayride to Old Erie Beach. ▶



## De Cew Falls

De Cew Falls Branch enjoyed the reading of this poem at our special Anniversary Lunch, Feb. 19, 1997. It was written by one of our members who was 97 at the time and had been an active vital member until very recently when ill health prevented her attendance at our regular meeting.

*100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY* written by Elsie Moore, De Cew Falls W.I. (deceased in May 1998)

*A hundred years ago  
Our women's Institute began  
Adelaide Hoodless and Erland Lee  
Met at his home in Stoney Creek  
And there devised a plan  
For our Women to meet  
Once a month throughout the year  
And as the different seasons appear  
A fitting program is made  
To enlighten our members and make them see  
That working together in harmony  
Brings happy results to your and me*

*As we celebrate this anniversary  
May it be one of kindly deeds  
Supplying friends and members with their needs  
May we love our neighbours, kindness to them show  
That through the Institute we'll let them know  
Our meetings begin with a hymn and Lord's prayer  
It lets us know God is there*

*At our District Annual each year with kindly words  
And flowers we remember those who have passed on  
We'll never forget them although they are gone  
May all the activities of this year  
Be filled with happiness and cheer  
May we not forget that without the passing of  
Adelaide Hoodless's dear son  
Our Women's Institute would never have begun.*

We hosted two bus loads of Scottish W.I. ladies at luncheons in May and in September. After lunch, gifts were exchanged and we had a chance to view their display of crafts as well as our own. They in turn hosted dinners at a local restaurant to thank their Canadian companions. Both days were most enjoyable. This was a joint event with five branches participating.

## Stamford

Members of Stamford Women's Institute held a luncheon recently to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of W.I. with 45 special guests, a group of Scottish W.I. members who stopped in Niagara before heading on to Stoney Creek.