

Russell District Women's Institute marks seventieth year anniversary

NAVAN - *The Russell District Women's Institute marked their seventieth year anniversary with a special award ceremony in recognition of ladies with over fifty years of membership. During the District Annual meeting held at St. Mary's Anglican Church in Navan on May 27, eleven members were honored for their dedication.*

Representing Cumberland Branch were Catherine Monette, who joined in 1944, Margaret Elliot, in 1943, and Kathleen Black. From Lenoard Branch was Eva Henry, who joined in 1948. Two ladies from Navan Branch, Mildred Wall and Betty Devy, joined in 1948 and 1952,

respectively. From North Russell Branch were Irene Paul and Margaret Burton, who joined in 1952. Russell Branch was represented by Leila Twiname, 1943, Florence Mc Caffrey and Georgie Gamble. On a sad note, Georgie Gamble passed away on the night of May 28.

"A wonderful friendship is just like a rose because it brings joy as it blossoms and grows," said Florence Mc Caffrey upon receiving the award. She acknowledged how much she had enjoyed her time spent as part of the Russell Women's Institute.

Guest speaker, Christine Reabourn, Past President F.W.I.O., spoke about her experiences as President, noting that after traveling over 50,000 kilometers, it was a wonderful way to see the world and other women. "I will always cherish this experience, the sharing of ideas and the chance to work with other Women's Institute members," said Ms. Reabourn. She encouraged all members to gain knowledge within the Women's Institute Organization, to advocate and promote their branches and emphasized the lobbying power of the organization.



From left to right, front: Eva Henry, Mild Wall, Leila Twiname, Florence McCaffrey, to right, back: Catherine Monette, Betty D and Joyce McGregor (accepting for her mother Margaret Burton who is absent). Also miss are Margaret Elliot, Kathleen Black, Irene P and Georgie Gamble, who passed away on May 28.