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Stoney Creek WI

Congratulations From Around World Arrive For Jubilee Celebration

birthday celebration that was noted with affection by women throughout the world was held Tuesday at Stoney Creek's Hotel

The occasion was the jubilee celebration of the world's Mother Institute — The Stoney Creek Institute — and more than 150 members, friends and civic dignitaries packed the banquet to capacity to pay tribute to their founders and to the mammoth birthday

be framed, and accorded a degree of honor in the Institute

Archives, was a letter of congratulation from the Queen, sent from Sandringham, Norfolk.

Floral tributes, birthday cards, telegrams and messages of congratulation were sent from women from every corner of the globe.

It was an especially proud occasion for the five charter members present whose combined ages totalled 402.

To Mrs. H. P. Van Wagner of Stoney Creek, the eldest of the original group at 88, went the honor of cutting the three-tiered cake, a gift of Mayor

Lloyd D. Jackson of Hamilton.

Miss Muriel Bostwick of Hamilton, granddaughter of Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless who founded the Institute together with Mr. Erland Lee, lighted the candles, and Mrs. McKinley Morden 80, of Hamilton, blew out the candles.

Other charter members, all of whom sat at the head table and were distinguishable by their gay pink corsage bouquets were: Mrs. J. B. Smith 85, Mrs. E. J. Smith, 75, and Mrs. George Glidden 74, all of Stoney Creek

Mrs. Angus B. Jackson, president, welcomed members and introduced the 22 head table guests. The head table was decorated with four floral tributes. They were from: Mrs. A. E. Walker of Hamilton, a past Dominion president of the WI Brantford WI, Saltfleet WI and Mount Albion WI.

Daffodils, yellow chrysanthemums, pink snapdragons, iris and tulips made up the gay profusion of blooms.

Many Tributes

The Rev. John L. Anderson gave the blessing and following the dinner Mrs. Cecil G. Hopkins, secretary, read several congratulatory messages.

From Natal in Africa came a message from a new group: "The Natal sapling greets the parent tree." From Bergen, Norway, came a letter from one enthusiastic crusader who told of women who "fight their way in small motor boats or skil for miles to reach a meeting hall."

Lake Hill WI, Victoria, B.C. the oldest WI in B.C. sent "affectionate greetings and sisterly congratulations" Chairman of the National Federation of Women's Institutes in London, England, Lady Barbara Dyer wrote: "like a diamond the fire and light of the movement is held in you."

Greetings were also sent from Mrs. Hugh Summers, area vice-president Associated Country women of the World of Fonthill, Ontario and from St. Kitt's, British West Indies.

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copies of the Institute constitution and bylaws which had belonged to her mother. She commended the Stoney Creek Institute for its latest project. With a \$1,000 bequest left the Institute by Mrs. Muriel Hoodless Peck, a sister of Mrs. Hoodless members will endeavor to raise \$2,000 to be used as a bursary fund to send girls to Macdonald Hall at Guelph.

Mrs. James Haggerty, provincial president, proposed the toast to the Mother Institute and its charter members. From the "tiny seed planted here in Stoney Creek 60 years ago," the Institute can now boast 1,500 branches in Ontario alone, Mrs. Haggerty said.

In keeping with the Institute's emphasis on a cultural as well as practical program of adult education special speaker Tuesday evening was Mrs. John E. Houck, of Brampton, a recent delegate to the UN General Assembly.

Her subject was Canada's International Role in the Cause of Peace. "Adjustment can't always come from the other fellow", Mrs. Houck told the gathering. "You can't judge other countries by our standards." Countries who have widely different backgrounds, traditions and beliefs cannot be expected to fall in with the Western point of view overnight, she said. It was for the West to learn patience.

The success of the UN can't be measured in a ten-year period, but rather in its accomplishments in the field of such humanitarian projects as WHO, FAO, UNESCO and UNICEF — "organizations that receive too little publicity from the press," said the speaker.

The UN will be successful. . . I believe in the future of the UN and world peace — if we

do our share", Mrs. Houck declared.

In a lighter vein, Mrs. Houck described how she had met and partly broken through the reserve of a five-woman delegation from the Soviet bloc while at the UN in New York. Molotov, whom she had encountered across-the-table at a luncheon, had told her through an interpreter that the "UN should have more women like yourself working for peace here".

Mrs. Houck was introduced by Mrs. Chester Nash and thanked by Mrs. Harvey Clough.

Mrs. Vernet Still thanked the president, secretary and Mrs. Walter Scott, treasurer, for the many hours of work they spent ensuring the success of the anniversary celebrations.

Head table guests who brought greetings included Mayor Jackson of Hamilton, and Mayor John Watson of Stoney Creek, who were present with their wives Miss Florence Eadie, of Toronto, representing the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Mrs. Gordon D. Conant of Oshawa, daughter of the first Stoney Creek WI president, Mrs. Christina Ann Armstrong Smith.

Describing her mother as "a very close friend of Mrs. Hoodless," Mrs. Conant read from a report in her mother's handwriting describing the progress of the Mother Institute soon after it was started.

Mrs. Conant presented the Institute with one of the first

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