

Women's Oct 5. 1977 Institute celebrates 80th anniversary

On Thursday evening, October fifth, Women's Institute members of East Hastings District met at Gilead Hall, to celebrate the eightieth anniversary of the founding of the W.I. at Stoney Creek and the Queen's twenty-fifth silver Jubilee.

The Hall was decorated in the Institute colors of blue and yellow, the East Hastings Banner, cluster of silver bells, pictures of the Royal Family and mementos, made a fitting setting for the occasion.

The District president, Gwen Hall presided and read a tribute to Adelaide Hoodless the founder of the W.I.

The secretary read a letter from Lois McMechan saying she was sorry she could not be present. A tribute to the Queen was read by Mrs. McLennan of Melrose. A solo, "Juanita" by Mrs. Freeman of Melrose was enjoyed.

A tribute to Lady Tweedsmuir was given by Bethel-Zion, who saw that our history should be recorded and gave the task to the women. Hence our Tweedsmuir Histories.

A skit was presented by Chapman Tweed. A solo, "O Danny Boy", by Joan Bates, Roslin. A skit, Marriage Ceremony, by "Tyendinaga East". Maude Harrison led in a singsong with accordion accompaniment. A playlet by Plainfield, "The Newcomer", chorus by Carmel, "Jolly Farmer Boy", and "Why do the girls wear breeches".

Refreshments were served and a social time was enjoyed.

E. Hastings WI Marks Anniversary 1977

A party which celebrated the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute was held in the Gilead Community Hall on the evening of April 5. A crowd of 125 WI members which represented the combined Institutes of East Hastings attended. Each branch contributed a number for the entertainment program.

The hall was appropriately decorated in the WI colors of blue and gold. A table centered with a birthday cake, in the form of an opened book, faced in white with decorations of blue and gold stood at the front of the hall. Candles at either end were lighted.

District president, Mrs. F. Wellman, presided and opened the meeting. She extended a friendly welcome to all following which the district secretary, Mrs. Whitmore read the order of branches to appear in the program.

First on line was Tyendinaga East branch who gave a humorous reading which dealt with the problem of buying clothes to suit a teenage boy.

Melrose ladies: Mrs. New Comer, Mrs. Old Timer and Mrs. Young Family presented a play in which the advantages of being a WI member were expressed.

Nellie Redcliffe of Roslin Branch rendered a solo with Mrs. A. Bates as accompanist.

Mrs. A. Mitchell, representing the Quinte branch, gave two humorous readings. Plainston Zion and Plainfield branches presented a fashion show in which eight ladies took part. Mrs. Harrison provided music throughout the style show. Mrs. Harrison then

led in a sing song with Mrs. Jack Parrott at the piano. Mrs. Vance contributed an oral poem on behalf of the Lonsdale branch.

Cannifton - Corbyville and Carmel branches gave a presentation which dealt with the "Mary Stewart Collect." Sincerity in repeating the Collect was emphasized. A humorous reading concluded their part of the program.

The president congratulated the branches on their various contributions, Board director, Mrs. C. Barber spoke to the group on Institute work.

Happy anniversary was sung and the presidents gave concluding remarks. Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.