



Picture of Miss Audra Brickman at the 65th Anniversary of Rednersville W.I., May 1974. Picture donated by Mrs. Roy Wetherall.

MISS AUDRA BRICKMAN

Audra Brickman was born March 3rd, 1903, on Lot 83, Gore Road between Concessions 1 and 2 of Ameliasburg Township. She has resided here all her life, the 6th generation of the Brickman family to live on this Prince Edward County Centennial farm. Her father was Lorne Brickman, and her mother the former Emma Ainsworth. She was an only child. She attended Victoria public school, S.S.8 Ameliasburg.

Audra joined Rednersville Women's Institute in 1919, and has been a member continuously ever since. She has been a very active and enthusiastic W.I. worker, always willing to open her home for meetings and to assist with all W.I. projects. She has served as convenor of the various standing committees, as President for 7 years from 1940-41 to 1946-47 inclusive, and as District Director for 4 years. She has always been very generous with her musical talent, singing many solos at W.I. meetings and other functions. During World War 2 the Brickman family donated the use of their canning factory for Red Cross jam-making, and here 8,800 pounds of jam were made and sent overseas.

Audra served as Prince Edward District President in 1947-48 and 1948-49. On June 30th, 1948 she entered <sup>tain</sup> in her home all the district branches with 34 Rednersville W.I. members and 91 visitors present. Audra also served as Area President for 2 years in 1955-56 and 1956-57. On August 22nd, 1957 Rednersville W.I. entertained all the district branches in her honour at Albury Church with 35 members and 73 visitors present. The W.I. presented Audra with a corsage and a 5 o'clock teaspoon with the W.I. crest. Audra was made a life member of Rednersville W.I. in April 1956 in recognition of her outstanding service in Institute Work.

Audra has also been a very active Church, Sunday School and Women's Association worker. She taught a girls' Sunday School class for many years. She served as Secretary-Treasurer of the County Sunday School Convention for 20 years and as Secretary-Treasurer of the Ameliasburg Township Sunday School Convention for 25 years. She was President of Victoria Women's Association for 11 years. She was the first Secretary of the Belleville Presbytery Women's Association Convention organized in 1933, was Secretary for 6 years, then filled all the offices from 4th Vice-President up to President, which office she held in 1945 and 1946.