

A Prayer

Heavenly Father, we are gathered here today, on this our 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute. We look back with pride on the many things we have accomplished, among them the Scholarships to students. We will never know what impact these have made on our young people; nor the influence it has had on their life.

We look back too, at the many times we have gathered together in small groups, the cooking classes, the Arts and Crafts group. We touched one another and were richer for it. We remember too, those members who have passed on, but have left behind many deeds, thoughts and kindnesses, never to be forgotten.

We thank Thee that our Sister Institutes are here with us today. They too must look back with pride on their accomplishments. Our Motto, For Home and Country, should be a vital part in our living today. Never in the history of our organization has it been needed so much. Our homes should be a place of peace and understanding, and O Lord let us carry the Torch high for our Country.

Lord, give us faith as individuals, and as an organization, let us be like the man who stood at the gate of the year who said, "Give me a light that I may tread safely unto the unknown, and He replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the hand of God, that shall be to you better than a light, and safer than the known way.

O, Lord, let us take Your hand and let us join and make a chain that will reach around the World; The Chain of Peace.

On this the birthday of our organization, we thank Thee for what it has been. We ask Thee to make it grow, to draw us together in real unity, and above all else, we ask Thee to help us set a high standard for the future.

Set us afire Lord, Stir us we pray—
 while the world perishes, we go our way,
 Purposeless, passionless, day after day.
 Set us afire Lord, Stir us we pray—
 Let this be our prayer for the years ahead,
 in Thy name—

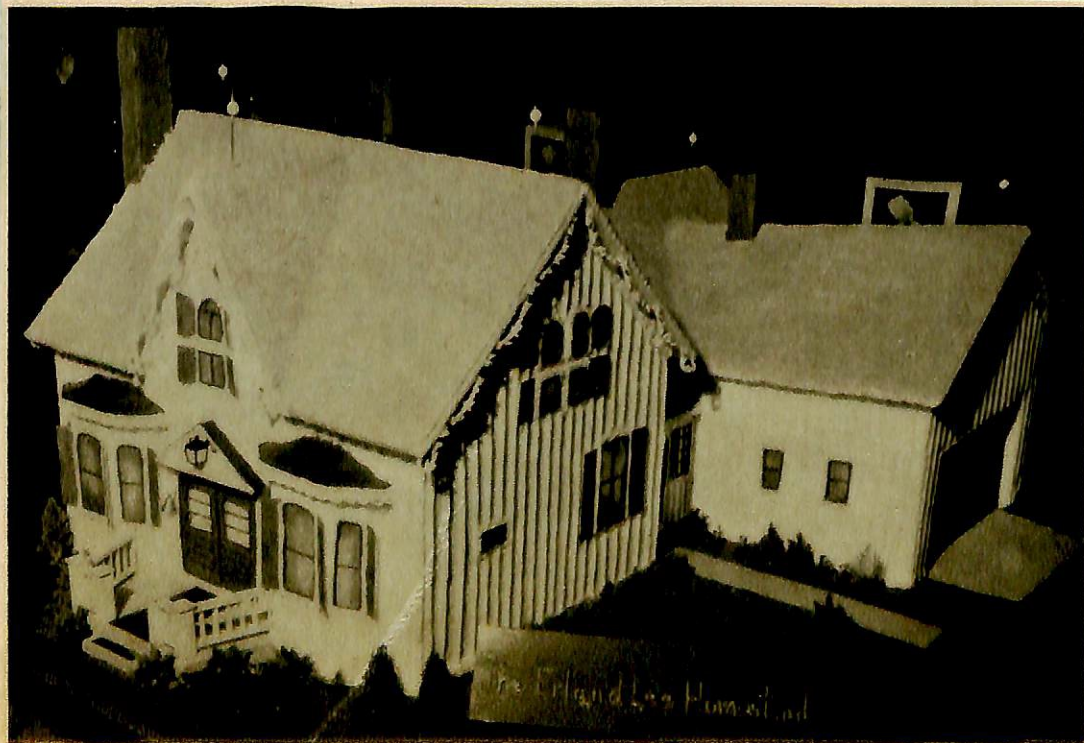
Written for the 75th Anniversary
 By Mrs. Ruth Buzza



At the 75th Anniversary — from left — The Honourable W. A. Stewart, Mrs. Harvey Noblitt, Mrs. O. L. Farquharson, Mrs. E. V. Fulton, Mrs. Austin Zoeller.



The crowd, over sixteen hundred women attending the 75th Anniversary Celebration.



The birthday cake created by Mrs. Willard Gingerich of Baden, Ontario.



Guests Mrs. J. Philip Matheson, A.C.W.W. Vice-President for Canada; Dr. Irene Spry, A.C.W.W. Deputy World President; Mrs. Noblitt, F.W.I.O. President; Mrs. Wm. Miller, F.W.I.O. Secretary-Treasurer.



From left — Mrs. D. H. Rogers representing Stoney Creek Women's Institute with Miss Marjorie Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erland Lee.