



MRS. PHYLLIS LOWE, DISTRICT PRESIDENT, 1986-88

Born in Amherst, Nova Scotia, to Percy and Evelyn Ripley, one of seven children, I attended a one-room school; later I completed a secretarial course at St. Charles Commercial School.

In 1955 I married Arthur Lowe of West Amherst. Three years later, we moved to Ontario, taking up residence in our present home on Bethel Street in 1965.

We were blessed with seven children, -five sons and two daughters, -Michael, Gary, Thomas, Roger, Judy, Paul and Sandra.

As a break from being a busy housewife and mother, I acquired as hobbies sewing, knitting, photography and bell collecting.

I am a member of Friendship United Church in Demorestville. Arthur and I are members of its choir also.

In 1968, I joined Gilbert's Mills Women's Institute, taking the convenorship of Resolutions, Education and Cultural Activities, and finally Branch president from 1977 to 1979. From 1982 to 1985, I enjoyed the offices of Tweedsmuir History Curator and District Director.

In 1984 I held the office of District Third Vice President, moving to District President in May of 1986. During this term of office, I had the opportunity to visit each branch, meeting the members, gaining valuable experience and acquiring interesting and useful information on Institute work. By bringing greetings from the District, I helped to celebrate numerous Branch birthday parties.

An additional rewarding experience was presenting, on behalf of the District, scholarship certificates to three 4H winners, namely Susan Leavitt, 1986... Kelly McNeely, Margaret Ann Barber, both in 1987.

To all the public and school libraries of Prince Edward County, I presented, on behalf of the District, copies of the book, "Adelaide Hoodless - Domestic Crusader".

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