

50th ANNIVERSARY GILBERTS' MILLS INSTITUTE

A delightful afternoon tea was held Wednesday, October 22, 1958, at Doxsee's Church to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of Gilberts' Mills Institute with an attendance of seventy. Members from two of the branches could not attend.

The table at the front of the church was very attractive, draped with a white damask cloth, centred with the anniversary cake which was decorated in the Institute colours, blue and gold. There were yellow mums in gold candlestick holders, along with gold and blue streamers completing the table decorations. Throughout the church were beautiful mums of yellow and gold and there was also a beautiful plant in yellow bloom.

In the absence of our Presidents, Mrs Harold Cross, the guest were received at the door by the two Vice-Presidents, Mrs Clarence Calnan and Mrs George Benway.

Mrs George Benway and Mrs Willieam Orsborne presided at the signing of the register.

Mrs Clarence Calnan welcomed the guest with a few well chosen words. Greetings were expressed from the Institutes present and the District President Mrs Clifford Barber expressed greetings from the District.

Our entertainment for the afternoon consisted of singing of the Institute Ode, readings and music from the visiting branches.

Mrs Clarence Calnan gave a brief review of some of the work the Institute had accomplished in the last fifty years and read the minutes of their annual meeting for the year 1918, which was the earliest minutes we could find.

Mrs Tom Crawford was our first President.

Mrs Albro Cole our first Secretary.

This brought our programme to a close by singing "The Queen".

The guests were served tea, assorted sandwiches, relishes and fancy cookies.

Then our Past Secretary Mrs Clayton Morden and our present Secretary Mrs Walter Snider were called to the front to blow out the candles and cut the birthday cake which was served to all guests and a social half hour was spent together.

We have one life member living, our past Secretary Mrs Clayton Morden who served as our secretary for nineteen years before retiring from the office in 1957.

*by Phyllis Lowe*