

with the odd great grandmother, and we entertain and support the Girls' Club which we have sponsored for many years. It has been our policy to provide leadership and support for the various clubs which we have sponsored. There are many young women with skills and graces learned in the Consecon Clippers or the Sunshine Circle who treasure the silver spoons or the water glasses awarded yearly by the Consecon Women's Institute to those who completed the course.

With the outbreak of World War II there were increased demands on the home front. But why rehearse those anxious years? We had faith that "There'll be Bluebirds over the White Cliffs of Dover tomorrow tomorrow". Enough to say that Institute members responded gallantly as they always do in a crisis as we were called upon to work and wait and see.

But the end of the war did not mean peace to war-torn Europe. Once again women were called upon to aid other women and their children. In a certain area of Greece every able-bodied man and boy had been killed or enslaved by the Nazi Invaders. We helped to provide a tractor for the women of the village. There was war in Korea. We supported the fund which provided Korean widows with looms and sewing machines. And then there was the contribution for the supply of garden seeds which English women needed so desperately.

In May 1952 the president of the District requested us to wear a purple ribbon at our meeting in memory of H.M. King George VI and we no longer closed the meeting with God Save the King for we had a young and gracious Queen.

It could be that Consecon W.I. has established a record. We have catered to the annual banquet of the Masonic Lodge since 1936, over half a century. In 1951 the price was \$1.50 per plate. But times were hard and in the following year a delegation from the Lodge expressed a wish that we cater again but could we do it at a lower price. After much discussion the fee was set at \$1.15, to be reduced still further in 1953 to an even dollar. The banquet must have been well attended for during that year we were able to send a cheque for \$100 to furnish a room in the new Prince Edward County Hospital. Times must have continued to improve for by 1956 the Masons were willing to pay the goodly fee of \$1.25 for a well appreciated supper.

When I was asked to prepare this report of Branch activities, it was suggested that the time limit should be 15 minutes or at the longest 20. But it would take hours not minutes to give you more than an outline of what our Consecon Branch has contributed to HOME AND COUNTRY. For 75 full years it has been our aim to make a worthy contribution to community welfare and to each other.