

WOMENS' INSTITUTE 95TH BIRTHDAY NOV. 8, 2000.

1. Welcome everyone. -ladies, gentlemen, members of the press
-guest speaker, fellow W.I. members.
2. Please stand while we repeat together - Opening Ode
- Mary Stewart
Collect.
3. This is our birthday. 95 years ago a group of ladies organized the 1st Women's Institute of Castleton - 1905 ! These were concerned women who cared about the health and welfare of their families, friends and neighbours. Joyce Murray, our present secretary, will read that list of members and the minutes of their first meeting.
4. Sue LaBerge, our Tweedsmere historian, has set up a display of scrapbooks of clippings saved over the many years. Please feel free to browse later.
5. Our Castleton W.I. branch has 1 Life Member, Myrtle Ducie. We would like to recognize her years of dedication. Joyce Murray has a presentation to make. While she is here we would like her to cut our birthday cake. We will have pictures taken now. Cake will be served later. Helen Holmes, one of our past members is visiting from England.
6. Cathy Galt has a presentation to make.
Our present Reeve, Stu Oliver has a presentation.
Dorothy Harnden brings greeting from FWIO.
7. Roll Call: Greetings from each branch present.
Roseneath, Baltimore, York Road,
Community, Codrington, Whites School
Seymour E, Seymour W, Wooler, Maple View.
8. Guest speaker - Introduce -
Thank her.

There are a number of remaining copies of Eileen's book available for purchase after lunch. She will sign these for you.

Some of our branch accomplishments are : the Castleton library co-sponsored by our W.I. and a drama club, the village cenotaph, the 3-way stop at the village corner, village picnic tables, and during the war years the ladies knitted, wrote letters, sent parcels and so many other remembrances. These are just a few of our accomplishments over the years.
9. I would like to thank all those who have come today to help us celebrate this special occasion. Also thanks to our own members who have helped put this day together.
10. I will now ask God to bless the luncheon we are about to share: Oh Lord our God, thank You for the opportunity to live in a country such as ours, to participate in the democracy of today; to have our input into legislation such as the pasteurization of milk and the right of women to have a voice in Parliament. Bless this food to our use and us to Thy service. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.
11. Please accept our invitation to sit together in friendship and enjoy our special day.