

# Loughborough Seniors Celebrate Christmas

photos by Betty Roberts

130 people sat down at the 24th. Annual Christmas dinner for senior citizens sponsored by the Women's Institute and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 496. At each place was a party favour made by the 1st. Sydenham Guides and Pathfinders, and a Christmas card by pupils from Loughborough P.S. One guest was delighted to discover that his card had been made by his grandson.

Guests who had reached ninety years and over were acknowledged during the program, and Betty Roberts presented the program, and Betty Roberts presented the Will Shales with a gift from the Women's Institute acknowledging his contribution to collecting and preserving local history. Hilda Campbell, much to her surprise, was presented by Lulu Maybee with a Life Membership Certificate to the Sydenham Women's Institute. A Life Membership is given after 25 years of continuous association with the W.I., but in fact Hilda has been a member for nearly 45 years, since coming to Sydenham as a bride.

A handmade afghan, by Leah Hartman was won by Ann Davison of Elginburg.

Stanley Bendle, whose mother lives at The Meadowbrook, was Santa. As the last guests were leaving and the helpers were tidying up, Santa picked up his bagpipes and gave us a wee concert of Scottish airs.



Santa as a piper.



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Dianne Brett, Sydenham W. I. President, pins life membership badge on a delighted Hilda Campbell.

Tree Farm