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us know for our history book.

Visitations: Combermere hosted the District Annual Meeting three times. In 1946 in the Anglican Mission Hall. In 1953 in the Roman Catholic Parish Hall with a banquet at Combermere Lodge and in 1968 at St. Mary's Convent with banquet at Stevenson Lodge.

A 75th Anniversary celebration of the founding of all Women's Institutes was held at St. Mary's Convent by our branch in 1972...centennial dress.

The Fall Executive meetings held in Renfrew for the District are always in the Department of Agriculture building. The first attended by this Branch was in Mr. Denches Office on Nov. 15th 1935 ...there were 9 women present, where the usual number is between 25 and 30.

The first year the Branch entered the Renfrew Fair there net profit was \$1.35 as now we are paid \$20.00 for entering a full display! Some change. Speaking of finances...one year the bank balance was 98¢...I am sure it was well spent. We have had a few lean years but not that bad.

Some years ago we 'adopted' as our child, a girl in the Smith Falls Home for the mentally retarded children. Mary Allen was about 12 years old at the time; she is now in her 25th year. She has advanced over the years from the mental level of about 6 years when we started caring for her to where she is now in a training centre, correct me on this if I am mistaken, and last year was able to write a note to us on receiving a Birthday gift.

Recreation: Day trips have been greatly enjoyed by our members and friends...including a trip to Ottawa for the Tulip Festival. The Mill of Kintail in Almonte...Upper Canada Village in Cornwall Fort Henry in Kingston....Centennial Musieum in Peterborough and the most recent... a day in Ottawa.

In Centennial year 1978 the Projuct for W.I. here was the Financing and opening of the Mayflower Park in memory of those lost on the Ferry boat which sailed the Madawaska River with freight and passengers many years ago. The boat was lost in a storm on Kamineskeg Lake in 1912 on November 12th.

We like to remember the older and the shut-in friends so three years ago we started a "Secret Friend" club and have derived much pleasure in thinking of these friends, we do hope that they do as well.

We have a good working group now and I think everyone feels that Women's Institute still has a roll to play. The Mayflower Park is evidence, a lasting one, at the public park in town. In the last 12 years or so we have sponsered many 4-H clubs and our most recent Adult class for the women was "Sewing with Knits" in the new materials. It was a well attended course and worthwhile.