

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Jinks, now living in the house by the Church, with their daughter Mrs. Gibson, celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on February 15th. Members of the W. I. visited them during the afternoon.

**Celebrate 60th Anniversary**



**QUEEN, Feb. 14** Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Jinks, one of the North's pioneer couples, celebrated their 60th anniversary here tonight. Both born and raised in Prince Edward County in Southern Ontario, they were married February 15, 1887, at Rosam. After going to New York, they came to pioneer settlements in New Ontario on the famous boat "Meteor" in 1892. After spending several years there they moved West to Alberta. They returned to Northern Ontario in 1902.

Mr. Jinks is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Jinks of Prince Edward County. His great-grandfather, Col. Henry Young of the British Army, is said to have built the first habitation in the Province of Ontario. Mr. Jinks is in excellent health, spends his own money and cuts his own wood.

Mrs. Jinks, 82, is the former Miss Elizabeth Gibson of Prince Edward County, one of her uncles, Captain George Gordon of the Union Army was a prisoner of war for 21 months in Liberty Prison during the Civil War in the United States. Captain Gordon is now 90 years of age, his wife, who he married in 1860, is 84. They have 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

When Mr. Jinks of Port Hope, Ontario, will be home for his vacation which will last some time in the next few days. He is now in the hospital. Many friends from this district will also be on hand to celebrate the occasion.

Miss Helen Dodds spent several months in North Bay during the winter, receiving instruction in weaving. When she returned home all were thrilled to see her beautiful samples. Her father set up a large loom for her in the front room and there was much interest shown as Helen demonstrated its intricate workings.

Miss M. Benson of Cochrane, who was attending Normal School in North Bay, came out to Mrs. Knight for her week of observing and practising in a rural school, at the beginning of January. She stayed during the week with Mrs. R. Dodds.

Mr. Hamel continued bringing the National Film Board pictures to the school. The School Board had "blackouts", framed tar-paper made for the windows. On one of his trips he brought a Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who told of an essay competition for Northern Ontario, which we entered. A prize was won by Brenda Stiles.



**LARGE BIRTHDAY CAKE** of a glitter with lighted candles will be used to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Women's Institutes in Canada. Organized here a half century ago, the Women's Institutes have spread from Canada around the world. Institute members across Canada are holding celebrations on February 15th. Ontario Institutes sponsored an Anniversary Dinner Competition.

**WT's Celebrate 50th Birthday**  
By KATE AITKEN

In 1894 Mrs. John Hoodless of Westport County, Ontario, lost her 18-month-old baby because the milk she used was impure. Grief-stricken Mrs. Hoodless said, "I should have known. We women must learn ways to protect our children; we must have more knowledge."

At that same time the Ontario Department of Agriculture began its campaign for the improved health of farm animals. Mrs. Hoodless went to the Department of Education, urged that the health of humans was as important as the health of animals. She begged the Department to teach the rudiments of health in public schools but the answer was no.

John Lee, a young farmer, visited at the Ontario Agricultural College at Galtville. He heard Mrs. Hoodless and was tremendously impressed with her story. He asked her to speak at the Farmers' meeting of the Farmers' Institute at Stony Creek, Ontario. At that meeting Mrs. Hoodless suggested a women's organization similar to the Farmers' Institutes. The following Friday evening, February 14, 1894, 20 women assembled, the first Women's Institute was founded. It has since spread to all parts of the Dominion.

When British troops came to Canada in 1915 the women's institutes were organized to help them. They provided the British with the expert instruction for a very small enrollment.

**Community Field**  
But it is the business of being neighbours that the Women's Institutes do. Most rural communities lack recreational facilities. What is needed, the WT members plan to raise the money and a hall, throw it open for the community enterprises, and so on.

**Canadian Scope**  
Every province in Canada carries on Women's Institutes work through the various Departments of Agriculture. Every province with the exception of Alberta has a Government-appointed executive head and staff. The Alberta women decided they wanted to be free of Governmental authority and to conduct their own affairs. In all the provinces instructional classes are held in food, in sewing and in home-making. The Women's Institutes food program has been a success story. It was the institutes who first started the cooking and sewing classes to help hungry Canadian boys and girls. The institutes have the reputation of being the best source of information on the subject of home-making.

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supplies of clothing and home supplies donated by Canada. Our Canadian Women's Institutes made stores of warm clothing and supplies for Britain, sent thousands of men and garden seeds to the British organizations.

**Happy Birthday**  
From all countries, congratulations are coming in to the parent organization here in Canada. On February 15, 1947, we will celebrate our 50th anniversary since we were first organized. Mrs. Carney, now president of the Federal Women's Institutes of Canada, will speak to Canadian women in regard to their progress.

**The British Institutes**

Country-loving Britishers organized Women's Institutes in hundreds with County, county and church organizations, and the rural movement. Birmingham and Windsor branches and Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth as their Honorary Presidents. But the women themselves managed the institutes, with a masterly programme of community activities. In the early days, the institutes were busy with the war effort. Throughout World War II the British Women's Institutes took an active interest in the government's campaign for food and clothing. In conjunction with their Canadian sisters they arranged for the distribution of milk and...

**WINNING WRITERS ON THE MOUNTIES**

Since Miss Mrs. A. J. Hamel, National Film Board representative in Northern Ontario and a Royal Canadian Mounted Police representative in the area, secured for this district a great number of shows in the district. Mr. Hamel showed a special film entitled "The Police" and after the showing Const. S. E. Seguin of the R.C.M.P. gave a short talk to the audience on the duties of the police. Each pupil was asked to write an essay on the subject of the police. This showed into a contest.

The winners and the schools they represent:

Helen Weston, Charlton School, Grade 5, S.S. No. 1, Hamel.

Grace E. Engstrom, P.S. 1, Hamel.

John Miller, Keams, S.S. No. 1, Virgintown.

One Sister, Ansonville.

Lucette Hamel, Swickland.