

Beamsville organization
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Of special interest was the birthday party of the Women's Institute which was held in the community hall on Monday afternoon.

The hall was decked with flowers and fern in honor of the occasion.

Mrs J.A.Toohy and Mrs C.C.Lyall welcomed the guests assisted by members of the exec.

Those present were members of the Prov. Board, presidents of the district, members and friends of the local branch.

The tea table, which was effectively arranged with lace cloth, yellow and blue flowers, and was lighted by tapers in the institute color Mrs G.O.Greves and Mrs M.Wilcox presided, and wore the lovely corsages of roses presented by the institute. A large three-tiered birthday cake also had a place of honor on the table.

A candle-lighting ceremony commemorating this outstanding event was a feature.

Mrs R.Hobden lighted a white taper in remembrance of the departed members. Mrs Banks a gold candle for the pioneer members, and Mrs Lyall, blue for continued success of the work.

A very attractive little brochure in the W. I. colors which contained a brief sketch of the origin, activities and progress of the Institute, was a souvenir of the historic occasion, and was presented to Mrs.R.A.Saunders, secty, to be kept in the minute book for future reference.

Mrs. C.H.Prudhomme gave a talk on the history of the Institute, informing those present (that on Friday, June, 29th, 1906, Mrs Adelaide Hoodless of Hamilton organized this branch at the home of Mrs Walter E.Tufford, who became

our first president, Mrs J.A.Hewitt, vice-pres, and Miss McCombs, secretary-treasurer. The speaker reviewed the activities of the branch up to the present time. Appreciation of these valued officers was voiced, and nosegays were presented to Mrs Tufford, Miss McCombs, and Mrs S.Russ daughter of the late Mrs Hewitt receiving this honor.

Mrs J.H.Carscallan, federation representative, Bartonville, Mrs Bostwick, Hamilton, daughter of the late Mrs Hoodless; Mrs Moyer, Canfield, district president; Mrs J.S.Davis and Mrs R.N.McCollum of Smithville, all spoke briefly, expressing pleasure on their visit to Beamsville and paid tribute to the splendid work of the branch.

Tea was served under the capable convenership of Mrs E.F.Hurst, and Mesdames Tallman and Jeffrey had charge of the program. The instrumental solos by Miss M.Teeter and Mrs Tiesson were much enjoyed; solos by Mrs F.Jeffrey, Mrs C.Tallman, and a duet by Mrs W.Fairbrother, ^{Mrs Bartlett} were greatly appreciated as were the readings by Miss Mary Tufford, grand-daughter of our first pres, and violin solos by Mrs B.M.Garratt.

A happy hour was spent over the tea cups and many friendships of early days renewed and reminiscences exchanged.

A poem composed by Mrs L.B.Tufford was read by her daughter, Mary, which was dedicated to her grandmother, Mrs W.E.Tufford.