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Ann Wilson, a member of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario for almost half its 80 years, cut the cake Tuesday when members gathered at Poplar Hill Memorial Park for an anniversary luncheon. With her are federal representative Honor Stanley, left, and scholarship winner Kathy McVicar.

36-year member of WI cuts anniversary cake

The privilege of cake cutting at an anniversary picnic doesn't come easy.

For Ann Wilson of Blanshard Township it was the result of a 36-year involvement in the Middlesex County Women's Institute.

Mrs. Wilson sliced the cake at the 22nd annual rally celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario.

More than 100 women from 31 chapters in Middlesex County attended the luncheon picnic at Poplar Hill Memorial Park

on Tuesday.

Mrs. Wilson started and edited an institute paper circulating in the Northwest Territories for 12 years before editing the Federated News in 1973. She joined the Granton chapter in 1941 and has held various positions including president and provincial board director at the district level. She re-

tired last year because of illness.

Kathy McVicar, 19, of Newbury, was presented with a \$110 scholarship for her outstanding work in the 4-H clubs sponsored by the institute in Middlesex County. Kathy plans to enter a mathematics and art course at the University of Western Ontario this fall.



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Home Economist for Kent County

the future which will certainly take a considerable amount of time from the agricultural office in Chatham is the International Plowing Match which will be held in Kent County in 1979.

The staff members associated in the Kent County office of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food are responsible for various programs. These are described often in the rural press and are summarized here by the individuals.

As County Home Economist, with the Ministry, Kathryn Biondi coordinates programs of interest to rural and urban women and girls. The most significant objectives of the Home Economics Branch read "to give training to rural women and girls in Home Economics, and to encourage girls to participate in home activities and to share responsibility in family and community life." 4-H Home-making Clubs are the means by which both age groups contribute to the betterment of the individual and the people of the area. "To discover, stimulate and develop local leaders", another objective is achieved, not only in 4-H Clubs, but also through courses offered to women's groups, such as Women's Institutes, and church women. Sometimes the Home Economist acts as a resource person and assists in the planning of "Ladies Day" for certain county or district agricultural events. Information on consumer problems and a loan library are available through the Home Economics Branch. Publicity for women's programs is essential and much appreciated in Kent County.



MIDDLESEX COUNTY CONTESTANTS IN MISS CNE CONTEST-- From left are Miss Dorchester Fair, Cathy Barons of Dorchester; Miss Western Fair, Roberta Broadley of London; Miss CNE 1976, Carolyn Adams of Denfield; Robert Eaton (MPP-Middlesex) Parliamentary Assistant to the Hon. William G. Newman, Minister of Agriculture and Food; Miss Strathroy Fair, Gwen Shore of R.R. 3, London; Miss Ilderton Fair, Marilyn McLachlan of R.R. 4, Komoka; Miss Caradoc Fair, Sherry Brown of R.R. 2, Mount Brydges and Miss Glencoe Fair, Carol McLean of R.R. 4, Glencoe. (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food)