Browns WI celebrates 70 years of fun and fellowship

The 70th anniversary of Browns Women's Institute was observed at Browns School on May 20 with a Hat and Glove Tea.

President Evelyn Douglas welcomed everyone. The Mary Stewart Collect and Institute Ode were repeated. Pianist Nancy West provided appropriate background music.

Anne Innes, president of the London Area Women's Institute, and Carol Innes, of the Oxford District Women's Institute, brought greetings. The minutes of the first Brown's Women's Institute meeting, held on May 27, 1938, were read.

Evelyn Arthur shared some highlights of the past 70 years, including short courses, sponsoring 4-H clubs, sponsoring ambassadors for local fairs, providing displays for fairs, participating in the Stepping Out dinners at the St. Marys Friendship Centre and sponsoring euchre luncheons for various charities. Almost \$18,000 has been raised from the euchre luncheons over the years.

An In Memoriam service was presented by Evelyn Arthur and Liz Harrison. Life memberships were presented to Kay Conn, Betty Barons, Irene Richardson, Ruth Gill and Joyce West. The presentations were made by Carol Miller and Evelyn Douglas.

A tasty luncheon of fancy sandwiches, squares and birthday cake was enjoyed. The Tweedsmuir Books and scrapbooks were on



At the Browns WI 70th anniversary celebrations, honourary lifetime memberships were given to, from left, Betty Barons, Evelyn Douglas, Joyce West, Ruth Gill, Irene Richardson and Kay Conn. (Macko photo)

display for all to enjoy.

Joyce West expressed appreciation to the committee who had arranged the tea. Winners at the May 22 euchre are as follows: Ladies' high, Donna Cooper; Ladies' lone hands, Doris Champion; Ladies' low, Alice Pounds; Men's high,

David Arthur; Men's lone hands, Ernie Oliver; Men's low, Andy Kittmer.

The next euchre will be on June 5 at 8

