

Bervie WI celebrates 100 years

On June 6, the Bervie Women's Institute celebrated the 100th birthday of its building in Bervie.

President Isabel McConnell welcomed 16 members and guests at noon with the Opening Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and the singing of the Institute Grace. Grey Bruce area president Fran Farrell welcomed guests Wanita Halliday, Grey Bruce area voting delegate; Gunne Weber, Bruce County district past president; Sylvia Hasbury, Bruce County

district president; and the Bervie branch members.

Halliday presented the 100th anniversary pins to the Bervie branch members. Isabel McConnell acknowledged Emily Bushell and Mildred Griffith as 60 year members. Also recognized with pins were: Margaret Harkness, 50 years; Virene Thompson and Hentje Kloosterboer, 40 years; Janice Hewitt and Betty Jean White, 30 years; and Norma Hartwick, 10 years.

Marjory Nicholson and Margaret Stevenson served a lovely salad dinner, and anniversary cake. The tables and flowers reflected the yellow and blue colours of the Institute. Commemorative pictures were taken.

Members then presented a skit based on what could have taken place at their first meeting 100 years ago with Betty Anne and Virene Thompson, Isabel McConnell, Hanna Splettstoesser, Norma Hartwick, Sandra MacDonald, Islay Eby, Elsie Schuler, Hazel Jean McLelland, Mildred Griffith and Sylvia Hasbury. Hazel Jean sang *Silver Threads Among the Gold*, then Sylvia had a reading and Hanna gave current events from 1913. The meeting closed with *The Queen*.

Members learned a great deal from pictures taken by Islay and Stan Eby on their trip to Australia and New Zealand last year.

Reid's Corners WI

BARB MESSENGER

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

On June 20, 23 members of the Reid's Corners Women's Institute embarked on a most interesting tour, under the guidance of branch directors, Sheila Murray and Eunice Emmerton.

Our first stop was in Hensall at "ice culture inc". A fascinating family business started 18 years ago and now has a staff of 50 and four divisions.

The next stop on our outing was to a family owned greenhouse, then on to Clinton to an original CNR school on wheels, the first of which was started in 1926 and toured northern towns to teach the children in scattered settlements. They would teach in each spot for a week, leave the children homework, then travel on to the next destination, returning in 4 or 5 weeks. Eventually the rail-

road car was purchased and is now a very interesting tourist attraction.

Our final stop was for dinner, then home. Many thanks go to Sheila and Eunice for arranging a great day away.

Ladies, be sure to jot on your callendar the upcoming play on Aug. 8. to see a presentation of "Boardwalk". Contact Carol Helfenstein right away for a ticket.

The Alzheimer Tea on Tuesday, Aug. 14 will be held at Pine River United Church instead of Sharon Courtney's. Hope to see a good attendance in support of this worthwhile organization so come out and bring a friend.

Our next regular meeting is Sept. 19 with Anne Boyd as convenor.

My closing thought: If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?

The first stop was the family business Ice Culture Inc. in Hensall. Started 18 years ago, they now employ 50 staff in four divisions. They are a world leader in the hospitality ice business, producing 25,000 blocks a year which are shipped all over the world. They are presently working on a new 7,500 square foot indoor sculpture

which will be a walk-through attraction this Christmas.

South SAUGEEN
60th ANNIVERSARY
SHORELINE BEACON

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Photo by Rob Rombouts

Irene Eby, left and Marjori Lawrie, two original members of the South Saugeen Women's Institute cut a cake to celebrated the branch's 60th anniversary on Thursday, June 14.