

BURGESSVILLE W. I. CELEBRATES 70th ANNIVERSARY

The members of the Burgessville Women's Institute together with Past Presidents, Secretary-Treasurers, former members, 4-H Homemakers Club Leaders and friends numbering fifty-three met in the United Church Parlor on Thursday afternoon at 1:30 February 8th to celebrate their 70th Anniversary. One member present, worthy of mention, was Mrs. Vernon Dennis, who has been a member of the Institute for fifty-three years.

The President, Mrs. Charles Kelly, who had the honor of presiding at the 50th and 60th Anniversaries, welcomed the guests to the 70th Anniversary. As an opening thought Mrs. Kelly gave a reading "Old Friends". Following the Ode, Mary Stewart Collect, the Minutes of the last Meeting were read by Mrs. Wilbur Morley. The Roll Call was answered by recalling, "Glimpses of happenings of years ago". This proved to be very interesting with much reminiscing and amusing instances related.

Mrs. Hugh Hughes, who was pianist on the previous Anniversaries, was the guest pianist for this occasion and favoured us with a couple of piano selections in keeping with the past years.

Mrs. William Wallace of Ingersoll, District President, brought greetings from the South Oxford District.

Mrs. Earle Dickson gave a paper, which was prepared by Mrs. Emmerson Chant, on "Glimpses of Years Ago".

Mrs. Grant Smith and Mrs. Fred Buckrell rendered two duets, "Jesus Brings Sweet Joy to Me" and "The Old Rugged Cross".

Miss May Dennis read a paper "Happenings of the 1930'S".

The Burgessville Institute has been interested for many years in the 4-H Girls Home-making Club. Many of these Leaders were present - Mrs. Fred Newton, Mrs. Clarence Larmon, Mrs. Paul Fleming, Mrs. Wray Broad, Mrs. Gordon Smith, Mrs. Allan Gilmour, Mrs. Jack McCready, Miss May Dennis, Mrs. Lloyd Wettlaufer, Mrs. Fred Buckrell, Mrs. George Malcolm, Miss Carolyn Malcolm, Mrs. Bill Orth, Mrs. Leslie Dickson, Mrs. Wm. Esseltine, Miss Nancy Esseltine and Mrs. Leslie Knott. Words of appreciation were expressed for their loyal support and each were presented with a rose in recognition of their services.

Mrs. Emmerson Chant had prepared some interesting information about the Library, which has been one the Institute's main projects through the years. Mrs. Leslie Dickson, a member of the Library Board, gave this report.

To refresh our memories of former years' activities, Mrs. Bill McMillen showed some interesting slides.

Mrs. Kelly in closing outlined a few high lights of our present activities. As we continue our 4-H work it is becoming almost a Regional Project, as we have girls attending from other Institutes. We are proud of one of our girls, Carolyn Malcolm, who obtained Provincial Honors, having completed the 18 units. In 1969 the girls had a splended display of Needle work at the Club Achievement Day. We try to have fun as well as having interesting programmes stressing the educational angle. Mrs. Kelly expressed her appreciation in having the honor of representing our Institute at the 75th Anniversary Banquet in Toronto in 1971 and also being presented with a Life Membership Certificate and Badge on her 50th Wedding Anniversary, 1971.

Mrs. Jack McCready gave the courtesy remarks.

Following the Institute Grace and God Save the Queen, the ladies assembled around the nicely decorated tea tables, with the main table carrying out the Institute colors in flowers, ribbons and candles. The dainty lunch was served by the Committee in charge, who were dressed in traditional fashion. It proved to be a day of days for visiting with old friends.

Typed by - Mrs. Wilbur Morley

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