

W. I. MARKS BIRTHDAY

First President Congratulated at the Branch's
25th Anniversary.

Cheltenham, July 10.- Mrs.W.W.Wilkinson, first president of the Cheltenham branch of the Women's Institute received official congratulations yesterday, in company with the present chief executive, Mrs. Wilbert Wilkinson, on the 25th anniversary of the branch.

Mrs.W.W.Wilkinson gave the history of the inception of the branch, shortly after the county institute was formed. Mrs.D.McClure, Brampton, the then county president, organized the branch, Mrs. F.P.Haines being appointed secretary. Another of the first officers was Miss Lottie Wilson. Miss Susie Campbell, for many years county secretary, was present at the inaugural meeting, and the special speaker of the day was Mrs. Wells, Syracuse, N.Y. who outlined the work, then new in Ontario. The first meeting was held in the same house as yesterday's meeting, Mrs.W.W.Wilkinson being the hostess of 25 years ago, while her daughter-in-law, Mrs. George Wilkinson, was yesterday's hostess.

Present were Mrs.J.A.McBride, county president; Mrs.W.McClure, secretary; Mrs. John Porter, central vice-president; Miss K.F.McIntosh, home demonstrator.

Musical numbers were given by Marion Haines and Evelyn Lyons. Following an address by the secretary, Lizzie Campbell, the past secretary, Flowella Henderson, was presented with a pearl necklace and a book of remembrance by Mrs. Jack Moddison in which those present signed their names.

Addresses were made by the former presidents, Mrs. Jack Troughton, Mrs. George Love, Mrs. Jack McQuarrie, Mrs. James Lyons, Mrs. Thomas Lyons, a tribute of respect being paid Miss Mary Hunter, the only president who had died.

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