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45 years of service  
to the community celebrated by  
Williscroft Women's Institute

It was back in March of 1949 when a group of women on the 12th of Elderslie, between the 5 and 10 sideroad, met at the home of Eva McKelvey to form what has recently celebrated its anniversary.

The Williscroft Women's Institute celebrated its 45th anniversary last Wednesday night with a banquet at Saugeen Trails Country Inn with 32 members and former members in attendance.

Judy McKinnon introduced Kay Remus of Walkerton as the guest speaker. Kay spoke on how WI has helped Home and Country over the years starting in Ontario and spreading around the world.

Pat Calhoun and Lois Freiburger brought greetings to the banquet and Roll Call was "what I remember or gained from WI." Pat Calhoun gave a reading "The Life Cycle of a Tea Cup" and a poem "My Mother goes to WI." She presented a 45th anniversary certificate to Branch President Irene Patterson.

The head table at the anniversary banquet included Pat Calhoun, president of Bruce East District, Lois Freiburger, board member of provincial board of Sub-Division 17, who brought greetings from the board and read a poem called The Family, Irene Patterson, president of Williscroft WI, Joy Patterson, secretary of Williscroft WI, Mary Dudgeon, 1st vice and treasurer of Williscroft WI, and Kay Remus, guest speaker from Walkerton. Letters were read from former members unable to attend.

Others in attendance included Violet Grant, Mina Shaw, Eva McKelvey, Doretta Potts, Barbara Fullerton, Helen Cumming, Irene Patterson, Judy MacKinnon, Dorothy Wolfe, Bessie McKay, Mary Dudgeon, Ruth Baxter, Reta Davis, Marguerita Perkins, Betty George, Edna Dailey, Greta McLaggan, Marion Teasdale, Marg MacKay, Bea MacKinnon, Frances Kingston, Marie Charbonneau, Gladys Fiss, Mary Black, Helen Calhoun, Glenna Clements, Doris Sweiger, Melba Alpaugh and Joy Patterson.

It was moved and seconded that we send in our branch members to the Bruce County Museum. The quilt made by the Branch for Participation Lodge was on display as well as the District Quilt for which tickets are on sale and which will be on display in Thompsons Furniture window in Paisley. Table bouquets were won by Glenna Clements, Greta McLaggan, Dorothy Wolfe and Pat Calhoun with birthdays nearest March 2nd and June 8th.

Williscroft W.I. has been a busy, community oriented group over the past 45 years with sponsoring courses in sewing, horticulture, cooking and 4-H Clubs and participates at Fall Fairs. Several donations have been made to the Bruce County Museum in Southampton and has been the WI of many officers for the district, area and even a provincial board director.

The Institute also provided funds to erect a cairn to settlers at Williscroft and maintains the tweedsmuir history.

Presidents since 1949 include; Mrs. Neil Pool, Mrs. Harvey Grant, Miss Eva McKelvey, Mrs. Arthur Teasdale, Mrs. William Kingston, Mrs. Victor Dudgeon, Mrs. Harold MacKay, Mrs. Ross Wagner, Mrs. Arnold Grant, Mrs. Mel Dailey, Mrs. Ed Wolfe, Mrs Harvey Davis, Mrs. Les Kingston, Mrs. Eldon MacKinnon, Mrs. Eugene Perkins, Mrs. Ron Wolfe, Mrs. Earl Calhoun, Mrs. John Patterson, Mrs. Carmen Fullerton, Mrs. Jack Cumming, and Mrs. Syd Patterson. Irene Patterson and Eva McKelvey served two terms as president of Williscroft WI.

Secretary-treasurers since 1949 included; Mrs. Orville McLean, Mrs. Harold MacKay, Mrs. Ross Wagner, Miss Eva McKelvey, Mrs. Baisil George, Mrs. Harry Potts, Mrs. Alex McLaggan, Mrs. William Wolfe, Mrs. Garry Grant, Mrs. Gordon Parr, Mrs. Earl Calhoun, Mrs. Syd Patterson and Mrs. Ross Dudgeon as treasurer only.

The meeting closed with president Irene Patterson reading "Something to Think About" from the last issue of Home and Country, submitted by the Grey Bruce area.



The Bruce East District Women's Institute met in Chesley Thursday night and a new executive was elected. From left to right Lucille Shaw, first vice president, Pat Calhoun, president, Linda Freiburger, secretary and Eileen Lamb, treasurer. The women are holding a district-made quilt which will be the prize of a draw the Women's Institute is holding. Tickets are \$1 each and partial proceeds will go to the quilt competition at the Centennial Celebration of the WI in 1997. All WIs in Ontario will be participating. The draw will be held October 4 at the area convention.

Williscroft Women's Institute celebrated its 45th anniversary last Wednesday night with a dinner at Saugeen Trails. W.I. President Irene Patterson (right) cuts the anniversary cake during the evening with charter member Eva McKelvey, (left) who has been a member of the Williscroft W.I. since its inception, when she held the first meeting to organize the group at her home 45-years-ago.