



Mrs. Beatrice Bruin is shown here at her retirement party after being a teacher and librarian at the Bruce Peninsula and District High School at Lion's Head for the past 38 years. She is shown with her brother, Mr. Bill Hayward.

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Bea Bruin retires

A happy and memorable occasion took place on Saturday, June 21, 1980 for Mrs. Beatrice Bruin, who retired after 38 years of teaching in Lion's Head at the Bruce Peninsula District School.

Mrs. Bruin, the former Beatrice Hayward of Owen Sound, married Harold Bruin on April 3, 1942 and moved to Lion's Head. She began teaching in the two-roomed High School, at that time called the Lion's Head Continuation School.

During her career there, the high-light events were the December Christmas Carol Services, the Spring Music Festivals, and the June Graduations. Also, throughout her school life, Bea taught Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, English, French, Latin, Music and Physical Education, as well as exposing her students to proper manners and etiquette, and the art of Ballroom Dancing.

Since 1972, Mrs. Bruin has been the Librarian at the Bruce Peninsula District School, also teaching Library skills and a love for reading at the Lion's Head Public School, Eastnor Central School, and St. Edmund's Public School.

On Saturday afternoon, a "Come and Go Tea," sponsored by the Students' Council of the Bruce Peninsula District School, was held in the Library of the school. Many former students, parents, teaching associates, relatives and friends attended. In the evening, a dinner in her honor was held in the Lion's Head Arena. Bea was escorted

by her brother, Mr. Bill Hayward, as Mr. Bruin was unable to attend, due to illness. Mrs. Bruin greeted her guests, wearing a black and white modernistic leaf design dress, and a pink rose corsage.

The program for the evening consisted of reminiscent remarks from Mr. K. Waldie, Superintendent for the Bruce County Board of Education, Mrs. June MacDonald, sister of Bea, Mr. Ken Carter, friend and former teaching associate, and remarks from others in attendance. A vocal solo by Mrs. Helen McKelvie (formerly Helen McAsh) was enjoyed, and a presentation of slides of Bea's early life and career brought back fond memories. The slides and commentary were presented to Bea. Many congratulatory letters and telegrams were received and read during the evenings.

As an expression of gratitude for years of devoted service, Bea was presented with an encased Limited Edition of "A Discover Canada Series" plate illustrating a "Sawmill at King's Landing, New Brunswick" by Keirstead, a gold and ruby pendant, and a purse of money.

Bea is continuing her active life by furthering her study of music, and has plans for travelling as well as continuing her interest in puppetry and gardening.

We wish Bea and her husband many happy, healthy years of retirement and remember - "Happiness in a job well done."