

For Home and Country

# Dublin celebrates 50 years

Culminating a history of 50 years since organization, Dublin Women's Institute celebrated its Golden Anniversary last Saturday afternoon, June 14, in the Dr. A.C. Stewart Hall, Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton.

Heavy clouds and threatening rain turned into a nice summer day, and an attendance of more than 100 ladies were present on this occasion. Former members, members from neighboring branches, and many friends were present to congratulate the Dublin Institute ladies on its 50 years of organization.

Life members, namely, Mrs. W. McIntyre, Mrs. W. Frank, Mrs. H. Blyth, Mrs. C. Thomson, Mrs. D. Moffat, Mrs. W. Britton and Mrs. M. Nellis received the guests, and Mrs. A. Near and Mrs. J. C. Dennis presided over the guest book. Each guest upon registering was given an engraved pen commemorating the event.

The guest coming the longest distance, registered in the guest book was Mrs. J. R. Brown, of Calgary, Alta. She attended with her niece, Mrs. M. McCullough, and was a former resident of Acton herself.

Program Mrs. Maussell Nellis chaired the program, which commenced with the singing of the Institute Ode, and she introduced the president, Mrs. Edward Norton, who gave a warm welcome to all the guests. She, in turn, introduced the minister, Rev. A. McKenzie, who also welcomed everyone, and gave a short history of the church.

Several letters of regrets at not being able to attend this event were read by Mrs. N. Douglas, the present secretary, including one from Miss Helen McKercher, of the

Home Economics Branch, Department of Agriculture, Toronto, who had a previous engagement unfortunately. The names of all past presidents and secretaries were read by Mrs. Douglas; those attending were honored when Mrs. E. Norton pinned a corsage on each. They were Mrs. A. Near, Mrs. C.J. Van Goozen (Guelph), Mrs. W. Watkins (Dundalk), Mrs.

Charles Thomson (Conn), Mrs. W. McIntyre, Mrs. M. Nellis, Mrs. C. Armstrong, Mrs. H. Blyth, Mrs. C. McIntyre, Mrs. G. McMillan, Mrs. D. Moffat (R.R. 2, Elora), Mrs. N. Douglas, Mrs. M. McCullough and Mrs. M. Hunter. Then in turn, Mrs. N. Douglas pinned a corsage on Mrs. E. Norton, the present president. Some of the ladies had served in both

capacities at different periods. With soft music being played by Mrs. M. McCullough, the pianist for the afternoon, a reverent "In Memoriam" service for deceased members of Dublin Branch, and all other Branches was given by Mrs. Wallace Lasby.

Organizing Fifty years is a long period of time, and so it is in the life of an Institute Branch. Mrs. Alex Near in her "Cavalcade of Progress" told of the organization of Dublin Branch in 1925 by members of Acton Branch. An interesting history, gleaned from the secretaries' minute books since then was given.

Incidentally, all books covering this 50 year period are intact. Mrs. H. Dodds assisted Mrs. Near in this research. The years brought many pleasant memories, and many sad ones, as beloved members passed on. For "Home and Country" is the theme of Women's Institutes all over the world, and Dublin W.I. endeavoured to play its part in many ways.

Mrs. Near outlined the many projects that had been accomplished. Special tribute was paid to all 4H Leaders, who had served for many years in giving excellent leadership to the young girls in the neighborhood in their future role of homemakers. Special credit and thanks were all these ladies received for hours and hours of work. It was a splendid summary of the history of the Branch as given by Mrs. Near, and was enjoyed by everyone.

Entertainment Mrs. Donna Manes had a group of girls from the M. Z. Bennett Schooling in a triple duet. They delighted the audience with their numbers, as they were winners in the recent Musical Festival. Musical instruction was first introduced in the public schools by the Halton District Women's Institutes. Since then Dublin Institute has been a consistent supporter in this worthy project.

Mrs. David Hunter, a present member, cum poetess, read her poem, "Dublin thru' the Years". Many humorous events were recalled in verse, and members and former members were brought back into the picture with often long-forgotten incidents. It was much enjoyed by everyone.

Three numbers were given by Mrs. Ward Bruce, of Oshawa, who with her usual eloquently talent, entertained the ladies well. Mrs. Bruce was a former resident of the Dublin district. Greetings were brought from the Area Women's Institute Board member Mrs. John Reid, of Hillsburg, and Halton District President, Mrs. L. Jamieson, of Ballinafad.

Delicious lunch served on small tables covered with gold cloths by the 4H girls. Carrying out the

Institute colors, each table had an arrangement of blue corn flowers and gold bachelor buttons. Mrs. Pearl Kennedy, of Guelph, was honored with the cutting of the beautiful anniversary cake, which was baked by Mrs. C. McIntyre and iced by Mrs. M. Nellis. Mrs. Kennedy was a valued member of the Branch for many years, and still keeps up her interest in all its activities. She was the first Curator, and set up the first Tweedsmuir History. Now a second book has been commenced recording the history of the community.

An added feature is the "Family Trees" of the members. Much interest was shown by the guests in these books, the Quilt Book, and the Recipe Book, the latest project of the branch. These were presided over by Mrs. H. Dodds and Mrs. Charles M. Davidson, and questions pertaining to the compiling of the books were answered by them. Pictures of quilting parties and other events in the life of the Branch were on display, and shown with a caption underneath "Do you recognize this?" A quilt made many years ago, with beautiful workmanship, was also of interest. It is now in the possession of Mrs. Stanley Robinson, Nassagaweya, who was a former member.

Flowers The banquet hall was beautifully decorated with flowers that were given in memory of deceased persons by their families, as well as other floral arrangements. A golden chrysanthemum was given by Mrs. A. Near in memory of her mother, Mrs. Nelson McLaghlin, and mother-in-law, Mrs. Thomas Near. Another golden chrysanthemum was a gift from Mrs. Pearl Kennedy in memory of her sister, Miss Minnie Somerville. A beautiful basket arrangement from the two daughters, Mrs. Stanley Robinson and Mrs. W. Watkins, and granddaughter, Mrs. E. Norton, in memory of Mrs. William Bracken. The table decorations were a gift from Mrs. Robert Burn, of Whitby, in memory of her mother, Mrs. G. R. Somerville. All these deceased ladies had been members of the Branch.

It was a happy day meeting old friends, and reminiscing, and there were many "Do you remember when's?" in recalling events of past days. New friends were made and welcomed. One charter member attended, and she was Mrs. A. F. Dawson (formerly Christina Wallace), of Hanover. Distinctive in their formal gowns and new name pins, the hostess branch socialized with the guests during the afternoon. In completing a life history of 50 years, Dublin Women's Institute now enters its second half century under the capable leadership of Mrs. Edward Norton, and will continue to carry the torch that its forerunners have left for it to carry out the theme "For Home and Country."



PAST PRESIDENT and secretaries of Dublin W.I. especially honored Saturday were front row left to right, Mrs. N. Douglas, secretary; Mrs. E. Norton, president; back row, left to right, Mrs. A. Near, Mrs. C. J. Van Goozen, Guelph; Mrs. W. Watkins, Dundalk; Mrs. C. Armstrong, Mrs. C. Thomas, Conn; Mrs. H. Blyth, Mrs. G. McMillan, Mrs. C. McIntyre, Mrs. W. J. McIntyre, Mrs. M. Nellis, Mrs. D. Moffat, R.R. 2, Elora; Mrs. M. McCullough.

## Farm meeting

Unit 2 of Trinity United Church, U.C.W. met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Denny, 17 members attended.

Mrs. Force opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and U.C.W. purpose. Mrs. Shoemaker took the devotions, and her theme was "The influence of a Godly mother on a child."

Mrs. Veldhuis read bible reading from John, and Mrs. Little gave a reading "Different attitudes in rhyme." Secretary and treasurer's

report showed a very healthy balance. Owing to the very heavy expenditure of sending parcels overseas they have curtailed this project and will guide more cash to the M. and M. fund to help them carry on their work in helping these countries to help themselves.

Several games by Mrs. Little were enjoyed after which a delicious pot luck supper was enjoyed by all. Roll call showed 20 home calls and 2 to the hospital.

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## Speaker inspires and advocates education

The Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society held their annual pot luck supper at the Acton Curling Club.

There were many varieties of salads, meats, casseroles, beans and desserts from all 65 to 70 volunteers present.

Volunteers from service areas attending were: canvassers, captains, drivers and activity group workers.

Guest speaker Guest speaker was Miss Marybelle Ford, co-ordinator of education for Ontario. She is a dedicated worker who travels extensively to aid areas and implement education programs. Miss Ford stressed her feelings that almost all cancers could be prevented. The tools are readily available if only volunteers could inspire everyone to take a personal responsibility for

their own health. The speaker said that educational programs are available to any group in this area. Pamphlets are on hand in doctors' offices, municipal buildings, schools and industries. The key is motivation. She told the volunteers to motivate people to use the knowledge and practices available.

Films, pamphlets, workshops and speakers are all available and programs are being presented in the schools frequently. Each person is then individually responsible for their own health practices.

Miss Ford was an inspiration to all who attended.

Collections Charles Currie, campaign chairman for Central Counties District reported that Ac-

ton and area have, to date, collected \$6,679.20 with more returns expected. This indicates approximate givings of \$1 per capita, which is a fantastic achievement.

It is one of the highest and best known areas in Ontario by the Canadian Cancer Society.

Georgetown unit of which Acton is a branch has surpassed their objective of \$18,000. To date it has more than \$21,000. Members thank those who contributed.

Greetings extended Greetings were extended to all the volunteers from Les Duby, former mayor; Bill O'Connor, field secretary for Ontario Division; Bruce Humphries, president of Central Counties District and George Henderson, president of the Georgetown unit.

## Wind-up held by Society

The Acton branch of the Canadian Cancer Society held their year-end meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Beatty.

Plans were made for the fall fair display coming in September. A budget was submitted and sent to Ontario division of the Cancer Society.

The new executive was enlisted for next year and includes: past president, W. Beatty; president, Mrs. Rena Arbic; vice-president, Mrs. Gloria Coats; secretary, Mrs. Marion Patterson; treasurer, Miss May Dyrrie; campaign chairman, Arlie White; vice chairman, Mrs. Rena Arbic; commemoration funds, Miss Elma Braida; education chairman, Mrs. Marion Patterson; vice-chairman, Mrs. Carole Korpela; publicity chairman, Mrs. Susan Sale; service to patients and transportation, chairman, Mrs. Catherine McGillivray; activity group chairman, Miss Mary Papillon; dressing chairman, Mrs. Mae Demaree; medical advisors, Acton Medical Group.

Organizers ask that anyone interested in becoming a volunteer in any area of the Canadian Cancer Society may contact Mrs. Rena Arbic at 853-0744.

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**Acton Medical Group**  
Drs. Moore, Van der Bent and Pun are pleased to announce that Dr. G. A. McWilliam will be joining them in the practice of medicine on July 1, 1975. Dr. McWilliam is a native of Thamesford, Ontario and graduated from Ingersoll District Collegiate in 1948. He graduated from the University of Guelph with a B. Sc. in 1970 and from the University of Toronto Medical School in 1974. Dr. McWilliam interned at the North York General Hospital.

**If you are 65 or older and have lived here for the past year, most prescription drugs can be free.**  
**This is what Ontario is doing for you to get them.**

Ontario residents not receiving Old Age Security. If you are 65 or older, and have lived in Ontario for at least the past year but less than 10 years, you too are entitled to Ontario's prescription drug benefits. But because we don't know who you are, you'll have to apply for the drug benefit card - at your pharmacy or from the Ministry of Health. After you're enrolled, you'll automatically receive your drug benefit card.

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**No cost to you.** When you get your prescription, you pay nothing. The pharmacist will be paid by your Ontario government.

In Ontario, we wish you the best of health. And we're doing something about it. So if you need to apply (and most people don't), pick up your Drug Benefit application form at your pharmacy, or write to:  
Ministry of Health  
Drug Benefit  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2S3

For more information, telephone (free of charge) by dialing "0" and asking the operator for Zenith 8-2000. Residents within the Metro Toronto local calling area should dial 965-8470.  
Ministry of Health  
Frank Miller, Minister

Effective August 1, we have a new law in Ontario. It will allow almost everyone who is 65 or older and has been an Ontario resident for at least the past 12 months to receive most prescription drugs free. That means prescriptions written by physician or dentist and filled in Ontario. Only those drugs listed in Ontario's Drug Benefit Formulary are free. Here is who is eligible:  
**Ontario residents who receive Old Age Security.** If you are 65 or older and are presently receiving an Old Age Security cheque from the federal government, you will automatically receive your new Drug Benefit Eligibility Card before August 1. (And, of course, if you are already getting a drug benefit card, you will continue to get one.) You don't have to do anything about it.

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William Davis, Premier