

Lakeside chapter I.O.D.E. marks 60th anniversary



TWENTY-FIVE year pin is presented to Jessie Coles by provincial I.O.D.E. vice-president Mrs. J.S. Darling.

The 60th anniversary of the founding of Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. was happily celebrated Saturday, and three of the charter members were there to share the friendly hours of reminiscences. They are Mrs. Stella McLam Adamson, Mrs. Isobel Elliott Watson and Mrs. Marguerite Symon Taylor. The first regent, Emerald Cooper Simmons, Guelph, was also an honored head table guest.

About 90 members, former members and guests spent the memorable evening together in Knox church hall with a banquet, toasts, speeches and presentations highlighting the program.

Speaker was national I.O.D.E. vice-president Mrs. Morley Keegan. Provincial vice-president Mrs. J.S. Darling took part in presentations and toasts.

Program chairman was present regent Mrs. Helen Jocque, with Mrs. Elleen Currie as standard bearer and Mrs. Win Elliott as pianist. Mrs. Harriet Helwig said grace.

Mrs. Kay Lidkea, representing Mrs. Josephine Force, regent of the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.D.E. proposed the toast to

Lakeside chapter and brought greetings from the senior group. In reply, Mrs.



REGENT Helen Jocque and the four-tiered anniversary cake.

Kit Dowling also recalled the years of working together. Mrs. Darling proposed the toast to the four charter members. Only Mrs. Lucy Edwards Walters was unable to be there.

In a touching reply, Mrs. Adamson likened the evening to a "mountain top" experience. She spoke of the strong bonds among members and said the party would give inspiration to carry on with renewed interest and loyalty. She recalled the days of formation when the four charter members were together. The organizer Mrs. Smith suggested the name, because of the town's lovely lake. On behalf of the charter members she urged the members to dream a little, think a lot, evaluate and then decide.

Jessie Coles toasted the provincial and national

chapters and Mrs. Keegan responded.

Marguerite Ryder Spielvogel, a 57 year member, read a lively history of the chapter and Mrs. Velma West spoke a few words in tribute to deceased members.

Mrs. Hazel Orr thanked everyone who had participated.

New 25 year members were given their pins by Mrs. Darling — Jessie Coles, Bette Footitt, Mary Mann and Kay Dills.

Mrs. Spielvogel introduced the 90 people present by name, a remarkable feat she had also undertaken at the 50 year anniversary. She particularly mentioned Bessie Woodhall Musselle, a 59-year member, and Helen Middleton, a 53-year member.

As chairman of the I.O.D.E. silver jubilee committee Mrs. Keegan spoke

impressively on the role of the crown in Canada. The monarchy is a living and enduring part of the life of the people. Affection has been added to reverence for people of many backgrounds, she said. Our beliefs reflect the feelings of the majority of Canadians.

The monarchy is ours by deliberate choice. We have a sense of continuity lacking a republican state. As ideas and former convictions are being tossed aside today, the people need something constant and enduring to hold on to.

She told of the I.O.D.E. silver jubilee project, the purchase of 38 noted original water colors of the Arctic, to be presented to the museum at Yellowknife in the name of the Queen.

The beautiful anniversary cake was made by Mrs. Grace Nelles and decorated by Mrs. Young.

Upstairs, there was much interest in a display of the two charters, pictures and scrapbooks.

Convenor for the anniversary celebration was Mrs. Spielvogel, with committee members Elma Braida, Helen Jocque, Isobel Watson and Kit Dowling.



LOOKING FOR familiar faces in the I.O.D.E. scrapbooks are Lantz sisters, Mrs. Marie Sutcliffe and Mrs. Clara Coy.

Highlights of six decades recalled by 57-year member

Some highlights of the past 60 years of Lakeside Chapter were recalled by Marguerite Ryder Spielvogel, a member for 57 years.

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Early in the First World War years, Mrs. C. H. E. Smith, wife of the Anglican rector at that time, was very interested in the work of the I.O.D.E. She had a group of ladies meet at the home of Mrs. Torrance Beardmore and they formed a Primary Chapter. On June 20, 1916, they received their Charter and became the Duke of Devonshire chapter.

Mrs. Smith wasn't satisfied; she decided there were many young ladies in town who could form a Junior Chapter.

On October 6, 1917 a small group got together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Edwards. Mrs. Smith explained the work of the Order and the Constitution to them and presented them with a woollen flag, and so the Lakeside chapter Children of the Empire was started.

On April 6, 1918 the Chapter was received and the charter members were Emerald Cooper Regent, Lucy Edwards 1st vice regent, Marguerite Symon secretary, Stella McLam treasurer and Isobel Elliott Standard Bearer.

The first event held by the Chapter was a tea and bake sale in the shop now occupied by the Russ-Mac beauty salon. The proceeds were \$12. There were many incidents in the early years dear to the

hearts of members, many of whom still belong to the Chapter.

Agnes Dobie was the first bride; a party was held at Lucy Edwards'. A china chocolate service was presented to Agnes which she still treasures.

Our work in the early years was all for our town and community.

On May 15, 1919 the Chapter presented a flag to the town. In 1920 and 1921 they sponsored operettas in the town hall. In 1922 a new floor was laid in the town hall, costing \$625, and new curtains purchased for the stage.

The first dance on the new floor was held September 29, with the Premier Orchestra of Guelph. The Chapter donated a flag for the park entrance, tables and benches for Fairview cemetery and helped equip the kitchen and recreation room at the Y.M.C.A. In November 1922 the Chapter members banqueted the Junior baseball team.

During the first and second World Wars, the members assisted in many projects, knitted for the Red Cross, helped the Great War Veterans Association and in relief work.

Many dances have been held by the Chapter over the years but one we will never forget was the night we had Ben Hoke's orchestra, a big name band at the time. That dance nearly didn't come off because the orchestra got lost in Limehouse. Dances then always had patronesses and the late Mrs. R. M. Mac-

donald was always ready to assist us in any way she could.

In 1925 a huge bazaar was held in the town hall with the proceeds around \$1,000. Many bazaars have been held since, lately with higher proceeds.

After the first World War the Chapter decorated the soldiers' graves in Fairview and Dublin cemeteries, after the service on Armistice Day. This was done every year up to 1954 when the Decoration Day in June took our place.

At first the Citizens' Band and many citizens went with us but as the years went on it was only the members. Through rain, snow and sleet the faithful few performed this service.

It was decided a bigger group was needed and so the Decoration Day in June was started with all organizations and citizens taking part. Then again only a few were attending so this year only the Legion and Chapter members performed this service.

Our other endeavours during the early years included awards to pupils in public and high schools, calendars in the schools, adopting a northern school, assisting with the sale of poppies, helping the Red Cross, the pioneer cemetery and the Halton Music Festival.

At a chapter meeting held at Marguerite Symon's in 1928, four officers of the National Chapter, Mrs. Burden, Mrs. Lumber, Mrs. Dunbar and Mrs. McCarthy attended. They were quite surprised to be attending a Junior Chapter

but thoroughly enjoyed themselves and said they wouldn't mind coming back.

After this visit we began to feel rather guilty at remaining a Junior Chapter and began to think of becoming a Primary Chapter.

On October 3, 1934 we really graduated to a Primary Chapter, 17 years less three days from the date the Chapter was first organized. Mrs. Ernst of Kitchener, the Provincial Organizing Secretary, presented our Regent Vida Ramshaw with the new chapter. Mrs. Main of Hamilton was present also.

In the early years the meetings were held in the Oddfellows hall and in the members' homes. In 1940 we started holding our meetings in the Y.M.C.A. and in 1946 moved to the Legion Hall where we still hold our meetings, although in a fine new building.

The fees up to 1934 were 25 cents; when we became a Primary Chapter they were \$1. In 1946 they were raised to \$2 and in 1954 to \$3 which included the price of the magazine Echoes. In 1963 they were raised to \$5 which included \$1 for the bazaar groups. In 1967 they became \$6 as the per capita tax and Echoes were raised and now we pay \$7 fees.

The woollen flag presented by Mrs. Smith was used until 1935 when a standard and flag were purchased and dedicated at the home of the standard bearer Marguerite Ryder and what a proud group we were that night.

Mr. J.M. MacDonald, a short time later presented us with a leather carrier which we still use on parades.

On April 12, 1960 a new standard and flag was dedicated at a chapter meeting by Rev. A.H. McKenzie. The Canadian flag was purchased in 1967, also another leather carrier. Our table standard was purchased in 1974.

On the 60th anniversary of National Chapter on May 29, 1960, our standard bearer carried our standard in the procession of standard bearers.

On May 3, 1935, we held a very successful banquet in the old parish hall. Miss Joan Arnold, past president from national headquarters, was a guest, also the members of the Duke of Devonshire chapter. The admission was 25 cents. The Chapter members prepared and served the banquet and baked Alaska was the dessert, nearly a disaster in that old cook stove.

In 1937 at the Coronation service the members planted a tree in the Robert Little school grounds.

In 1938 the Devonshire and Lakeside chapter held an afternoon tea at the home of the later Mrs. Peter Smith

57-YEAR member of Lakeside chapter Marguerite Spielvogel introduces all 90 of the banquet's guests by name.

Out-of-town guests renew friendships

Attending the Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.D.E. 60th anniversary dinner from out-of-town were Mrs. Emerald Cooper Simmons, Guelph; Gladys McKersie, Milton; Stella McLam Adamson, Cambridge, who is a charter member; Mrs. Dora Lambert Guthrie, Guelph; Miss Bernice Reid, Guelph; Mrs. Frances Dills Prosser, St. Thomas; Mrs. Marie Lantz Sutcliffe, Fergus; Mrs. Clara Lantz Coy, Toronto; Mrs. Catherine Hinton Runham, Mississauga; Mrs. Helen McGeachie, Milton; Mrs. Helen Cullen, Guelph; Mrs. Alice Johnson Rumley, Guelph; Miss Julie Lesniewich, Cambridge.

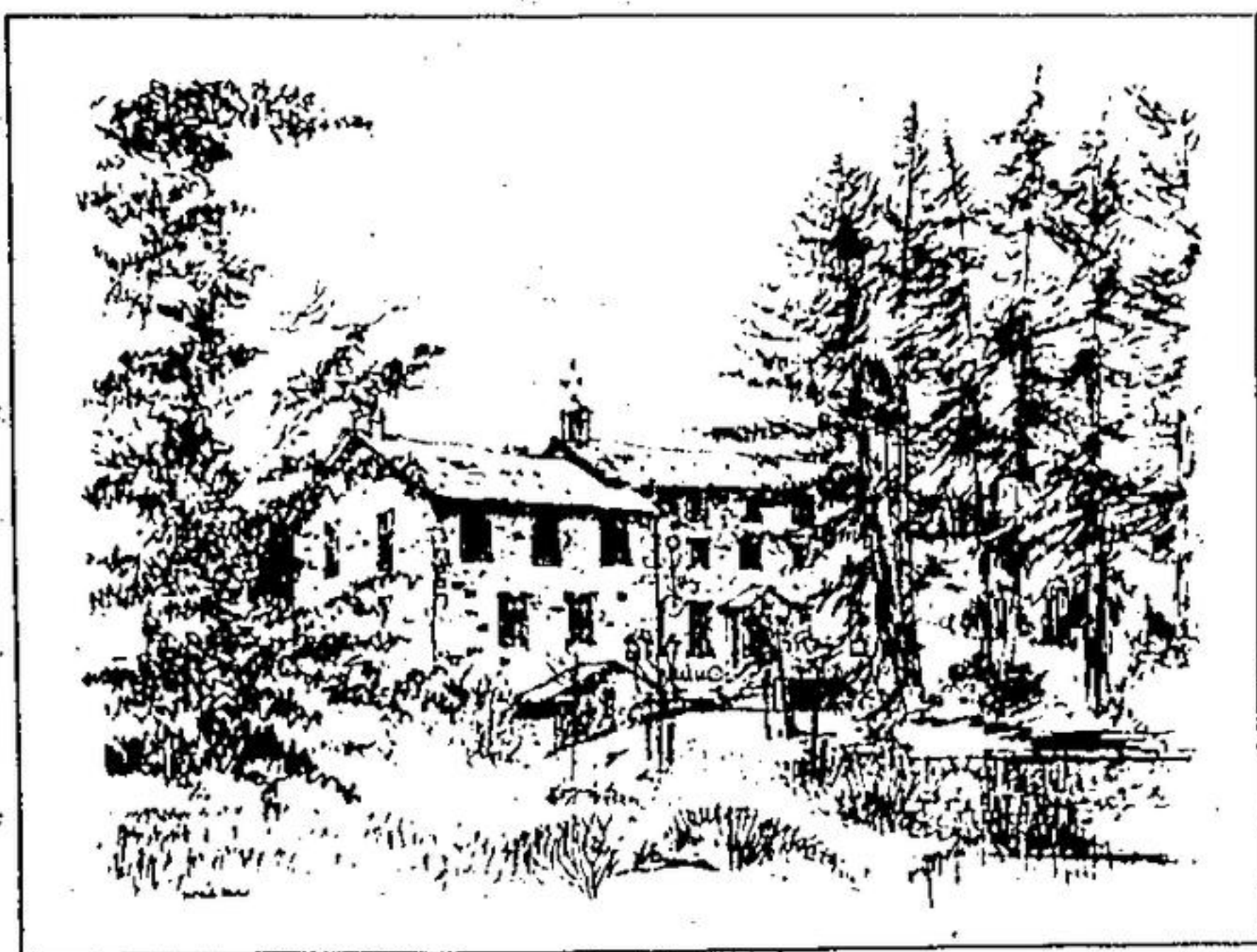
Friends attending with guests were Mrs. Betty White, Weymouth, Mass.

and members of the I.O.D.E. chapters in Milton, Guelph, and Brampton were our guests. Later in the year we attended a tea held by the Guelph chapter, also one in Brampton, and toured the Dale greenhouses. The last several years some of our members have attended the Founders' Day luncheons sponsored by the Guelph chapters.

Our chapter has held many successful bazaars, dances, teas, baking sales, rummage sales, garden parties, miles of pennies, bridges, cushions and other projects over the year, assisted many other organizations, fulfilled our obligations to headquarters, helped at citizenship courts, assisted many needy families with Christmas baskets and in other ways, presented rings, Never Late Never Absent certificates and bursaries to high school students.

During the 60 years the Chapter has been bereaved by the loss of 12 members and as far as we know 12 of our former members have passed away.

"May the Lakeside chapter be able to carry on for many more successful years."



EDEN MILLS RESIDENT Howard Walker sketched the Rockwood Academy recently. He has been awarded a communications award for his articles and sketches in daily papers over the past several years.

Eden Mills resident receives special award

At the annual meeting of Heritage Canada held in Ottawa on September 30, a Communications Award was presented to Howard V. Walker, Architect, Toronto.

He received the award for promoting in an outstanding manner the value of Canada's heritage and the need to preserve it through his many articles and sketches which

have appeared in the daily press, principally the Globe and Mail, during the last several years. Mr. Walker makes his home in Eden Mills.

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Chapter regents

Regents of Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.D.E. since 1917 have been Miss Emerald Cooper, Miss Marguerite Symon, Vera Harvey, Olla Armstrong, Bessie Woodhall, Alice Johnstone, Stella McLam, Jessie Anderson, Emma Robinson, Vida Ramshaw, Marguerite Ryder, Mrs. A. J. Buchanan, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Malcolm Leitch, Mrs. Helen Cullen, Alice McCallum, Mrs. George Musselle, Marguerite Ryder, Mrs. A. J. Orr, Mrs. J. H. Creighton, Mrs. Richard Bean, Mrs. Garnet McKenzie, Mrs. H. H. Hinton, Mrs. Stanley Norton, Mrs. Joe Jocque, Miss Jessie Coles, Mrs. R. Spielvogel, Mrs. Wm. Sproston, Mrs. Jocque, Mrs. Cecil Nelles, Mrs. Hinton, Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Nelles, Mrs. Spielvogel, and for the past three terms Mrs. J. Jocque.

Tribute paid

A touching tribute was paid to the deceased members of Lakeside chapter Saturday.

These members are Mrs. Vida Ramshaw Hilton, Mrs. Edna Johnston Overholt, Mrs. Tina Thompson Coles, Jessie Walker, Mrs. Eitel Gemmall Fryer, Mrs. Eleanor McNiven, Miss Marion McDugall, Miss Nellie Wilkin, Miss Clara Grindley, Mrs. Olla Arm-

strong Somerville, Mrs. Jessie Russell Landsborough, Mrs. Jean McIsaac, Mrs. Betty Lowrie MacDonald, Mrs. Vera Harvey Reed, Mrs. Mary Marks, Mrs. Pearl Wallace Boyd, Mrs. Violet Smith Cochrane, Mrs. Berta Nephew Buchanan, Miss Laura Scott, Mrs. Rhoda Leitch, Mrs. Terry Hunt Grigg, Mrs. Mary Jackson Hinton, Mrs. Mary Benton and Mrs. Dora Wood Ryder.

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