

Institute anniversary

60 years of fashion recalls glory times of Ashgrove W.I.

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ASHGROVE: It was a fine winter day when the ladies arrived by horse and cutter on Feb. 19, 1926 to organize the Ashgrove Women's Institute at the home of Mrs. Clayton Wilson. This year they found their way through the fog to celebrate their 60th anniversary in Hillcrest United Church Feb. 19.

Guests and members were welcomed at the door by Doris McNabb and Marion McPhail.

The first part of the program was in the church auditorium with 1st Vice-President Doreen Wickson in the chair. Greeting were brought from the Department of Agriculture by the Home Economist Nancy Schmidt.

The Minutes of the first meeting were read by Mrs. Clayton Wilson, the first secretary-treasurer. A brief history of Ashgrove W.I. with emphasis on the past 10 years was given by Marion Hunter. As an honorarium, Norma Alexander presented three past presidents and secretary-treasurers with A.C.W.W. pins - Elizabeth Treviranus, Marion Hunter and Mary Jane Wingfield. Elizabeth Treviranus conducted the In Memoriam for past members.

The ladies were then treated to a fashion show 'Through the Years' with the first dress being one worn in 1926 followed by all the decades to the 1980s. There was even a W.A.C. uniform. Peggy Knapp and Verna Bird were responsible for this fine display and they with the help of Una Cunningham, Doris McNabb, Marion McPhail, Elizabeth Wilson and Mary Jane Wingfield modelled the

gowns and some hats. Ismay Bird modelled hats from past millinery courses.

The group retired to the Fellowship Room for a friendly game of euchre. The program was convened by Ismay Bird and Pat Stark.

Thelma Wilkinson gave the courtesies and the traditional birthday cake and ice-cream brought a special event to a close.

The Ashgrove W.I. enjoyed a winter social evening on Jan. 29 when they and their husbands got together for a potluck supper and games evening at the home of Marion and John Hunter.

The Ashgrove W.I. has a fine tradition of being an asset to their community. Probably the best proof

lies in the many friendships formed and kept. Members retiring to nearby communities have retained their memberships and support and distant life members return as often as they can.

The next meeting will focus on safety at Hillcrest Church March 18, at 1:30 p.m.

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