

W.I. promoted equality

STOUFFVILLE — The role of the woman—in the home, in the community and in the work place, has changed dramatically in recent years. Dr. Helen Abell told an 80th anniversary meeting of the Stouffville Women's Institute.

Dr. Abell stated that because of organizations like the W.I., women have emerged from relative obscurity to the forefront of activity.

Dr. Abell placed herself in that category. "The Women's Institute," she said, "has been a strong tie for me. You affected my whole life."

She recalled attending a one-month short course in Stouffville following her family's move from Toronto to Ringwood. Up until that time, she'd never heard of McDonald College or O.A.C., she said.

Since graduation, Dr. Abell has become a world traveller, completing many special assignments for the Canadian Government. She resides on Harold Street in Stouffville.

The Institute's 80th birthday party was held in the Legion Hall with a large attendance. The president, Mary Davidson, was in charge.

Introduced from the audience were Mrs. Ken McTaggart, an Institute past-president; Mary Bartholomew, an Institute past-secretary and Hilda Arnold, an Institute Life Member.

Meeda Harding was presented with a Certificate of Merit. Mrs. Harding has served as Institute secretary fifteen years. A beautiful Institute anniversary cake was made by Lillian Carr and cut by Mrs. Arnold.

Mrs. Mabel Williamson, an Institute past-president, now residing in Markham, sent her regrets.

Entertainment for the afternoon was provided by Mrs. Millard Reesor, accompanied by Bertha Stouffer, and Jean Hammond and "Katie", accompanied by Marj Duxbury.



Long-time Institute secretary honored at eightieth anniversary meeting

On Thursday afternoon, the Stouffville Women's Institute celebrated its 80th anniversary with a special meeting in the Legion Hall. Honored during the program was Mrs. Oliver Harding, (left), Ninth Line North, Stouffville. Mrs. Harding was presented with a framed Certificate of Merit, acknowledging her 15 years as Institute secretary. The presentation was made by branch president Mary Davidson, Ninth Line South.

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