

### Women's Institute Organized 50 Years Ago

Fifty years ago today, Wednesday, the first Women's Institute in the world was organized at Stoney Creek, Ont. Thus started a movement which was destined to become one of the great forces in the improvement of the standard of living in our rural communities and in the general betterment of living conditions everywhere. From that small beginning in a little hall in an Ontario village, the Women's Institutes have grown to close to 36,000 members in the 1,300 Institutes in the Province of Ontario, and 70,000 in approximately 3,000 Institutes in the Dominion of Canada.

Only a few months after that first organization was formed, a Women's Institute was organized in Kemble, the third to be organized. Following that event, the organization quickly spread over the County and 10 years later the first County organization of the Women's Institute in the province came into being in Grey County.

The movement has been a great boon to womankind and, through them, to their families. The original objectives appearing in the constitution of the Women's Institute are practically identical with those detailed in the organization's hand book today. The constitution reads:—"The object of this Institute shall be to promote that knowledge of Household Science which shall lead to an improvement in household architecture, with special attention to home sanitation, to a better understanding of the economic and scientific care of children with a view to raising the general standard of health of our people; (added clause) and carrying on any work which has for its objects betterment of home and conditions surrounding community life." The motto chosen was "For Home and Country."

From Canada the movement spread to Great Britain and thence to nearly every country in Europe and to New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and India.



President and Pianist.

Left: Mrs. Elmer Beckett, Kemble, played for the fine choral work at Owen Sound; Mrs. Ralph Richards, Sunny Valley, newly-elected President for North Grey District.

### Kemble Institute Third Branch To Organize

Branch Celebrated 50th  
Birthday at February  
Meeting

The regular meeting of the Kemble Women's Institute met at Mrs. Adam Taylor's home on Tuesday afternoon with twenty-five members and visitors present. It was a special meeting to celebrate the golden anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute and the Kemble branch, which is also fifty years old this June. The two surviving charter members, Mrs. James West, and Mrs. John Taylor were present. A hymn and moment of silence was observed for another charter member, Mrs. Homer Hurlbut, who has passed away since the last meeting.

The president opened the meeting and several members contributed their talent money, which had been decided on last month as a means of raising funds. Mrs. Ralph McPhatter read Psalm 100. The roll call was answered by naming a "time saving device I have introduced in my kitchen." "Of all the things you wear the most important is your expression, which costs you nothing," was the motto subject of Mrs. Herb Danard's talk. An interesting paper on remodeling a farm kitchen was read by Mrs. W. D. Davenport. The helpful hint and joke were given by Mrs. Wesley Kirk and Miss Marjorie McDonald played two very enjoyable piano selections. Mrs. Thomas Johnson spoke on the founding of the Women's Institute fifty years ago by Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, who was born on a farm in St. George, Brant County. In addressing a men's meeting in Guelph in December 1896, she made such a favorable impression that she was invited to address the Farmers' Institute at Stoney Creek in Wentworth County. At that meeting she suggested that it would be better if farm women gave advice on the many problems of homemaking, so twenty women were to be present the following day to talk the matter over. Instead of twenty, there were one hundred, and on that day, February 19, 1897, the first Women's Institute was formed with the motto "For home and country." Mrs. Johnson told many points of interest about the founding and working of the first institutes, of which this branch was the third, organized by the late Mrs. James Gardner. It has been in continuous service for fifty years.

The meeting closed with the reading of the Creed by the president, and a social time was spent over the tea cups. The social committee assisted the hostess in serving refreshments.



Owen Sound Heard Good Reports.

Left, Mrs. T. Johnson, Kemble, and Mrs. Allan McPhatter, Owen Sound, conveners of Historical Research.

### 35 Candles Lit On Bognor W.I. Birthday Cake

Branch Marks Institute's  
50th Anniversary by Voting  
\$20.00 to Save the Children  
Fund

Mrs. G. Moffatt was hostess for the February meeting of the Bognor Women's Institute with the president, Mrs. McPhatter presiding. Mrs. G. Moffatt read the Scripture from Psalm 46. The roll call was answered by naming something admirable about a foreign country and by the paying of a six cent a member fee. Several letters of thanks were read and a donation of \$1.00 was gratefully accepted from Mrs. Watson, Sr. Several other letters were read regarding C.B.C. Broadcast on February 19th, poster prizes fall fair exhibits, Adelaide Hoodless Fund.

Jean Weaver was chosen local leader for the Garden Brigade. It was decided to send \$20.00 to the Save the Children Fund. "Long, Long Ago" was the song chosen for assembly singing. A paper "What's Right With the World?" prepared by Rev. R. T. Burgess and given by Mrs. E. Carman was much enjoyed, the answer being "Everything, if we are right ourselves."

This being the occasion of the thirty-fifth anniversary of Bognor Women's Institute and the fiftieth anniversary of the Ontario Women's Institute, the meeting was given over to Mrs. A. D. Gillies and Mrs. J. Gillies, two charter members, who prepared the latter part of the program. The minutes of the first organization meeting were read by Mrs. A. Reid. An interesting account of the first Ontario Institute organization was given by Mrs. J. Gillies. A well prepared account of the thirty-five years of Bognor Women's Institute was given by Mrs. A. D. Gillies which brought back many happy memories. Two of the things mentioned were that there have been 119 members on the roll and the Institute has handled a little over \$4,400.00. The minutes of the twenty-fifth anniversary meeting were read by Mrs. R. Frizzell. All sang O God Our Help in Ages Past.

A beautifully decorated anniversary cake was carried in by the oldest member present, Mrs. R. Frizzell. Mrs. J. Gillies and Mrs. A. D. Gillies lit the thirty-five blue and yellow candles and Mrs. Frizzell blew them out. The cake was cut by Mrs. McPhatter.

Mrs. B. Shields and Mrs. W.

Weaver served delicious refreshments assisted by the hostess and Jean Weaver.

### CAME FARTHEST DISTANCE

William Morton at Family Re-union at Belleville Last Week

BELLEVILLE, July - 30.—The Morton family held their annual picnic at Oak Lake last week, over 100 being in attendance. Sports and a basket lunch were enjoyed. George Sherr, Peterboro, gave a short history of the seven Morton brothers who came from Ireland over a century ago to settle in Hungerford Township. William Morton of Owen Sound came the greatest distance, others being present from, Napanee, Stirling, Marmora, Campbellford and Belleville.