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50th Anniversary.

November 22nd, 1956.

The Kingsmill - Mapleton Women's Institute celebrated its 50th anniversary on Wednesday afternoon in the Church of Christ Disciples, with some 150 members and guests in attendance. Guest speaker for the occasion was Mrs. John Adamson (Eljiva Moore) a former resident of the community, who was introduced by her brother's wife, Mrs. James Moore.

Mrs. Adamson outlined the history of the Shakespearean Festival, in the establishment of which, she has played an important part. For four years, the speaker has lectured a large class of women on the subject of Shakespearean plays. She displayed costumes worn by various actors and actresses, at the festival. Mrs. R.A. Smith thanked the speaker and on behalf of the members, presented her with a cup and saucer.

Two charter members were present, Mrs. Arthur Moore and Mrs. Roy McGregor. Mrs. Myron Ashford, the president presided over the meeting. The address of welcome was made by Mrs. Arthur Moore. Mrs. Roy McGregor conducted a Memorial service. Musical numbers were provided by Mrs. Fred Brown and Mrs. Roy Learn. Mrs. R. Stover sang two solos. Mrs. K. McNeil placed flowers on the platform.

Mrs. Ashford and Mrs. Carter welcomed the ladies to the tea room, where a three tiered cake centred the table, flanked by candles and yellow and rust mums. Mrs. Arthur Moore, Mrs. R. McGregor, Mrs. Lloyd Laidlaw and Mrs. Claude Hoover poured tea.



CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY — Members of the Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute on Wednesday celebrated 50 years of service to the community during ceremonies held in the Church of Christ Disciples, Mapleton. Members who

played a prominent part in the celebration are seen above, left to right: Mrs. Marjorie Carter, secretary; Mrs. Myron Ashford, president; Mrs. Roy McGregor and Mrs. Arthur Moore, charter members of the Institute.—(T.-J. Aymer Bureau Photo).

50th Anniversary(Continued)

The Church and also the tea room down stairs had been beautifully decorated by Mrs. Robena Finch, Mrs. Kenneth Mc. Neil and Mrs. Keith Heipleh.

Greetings were read by the secretary, Mrs. Carter from Miss Helen Mc. Kercher, Home Economist, Toronto, Miss Gladys Elliot, Mrs. Florence Greenwood and Mrs. Essie (Hoover) Courtney.

The anniversary cake had been made and decorated by Mrs. James Moore. The Reception Committee consisted of Mrs. Roy Mc. Gregor, Mrs. Sam Legg, Mrs. Lloyd Laidlaw and Mrs. Grey Fuller. Mrs. Alta Dobbie had charge of the Register.

Lunch Committee and those who served were :- Mrs. I Warren, Mrs. Harold Davies, Mrs. H. Peer, Mrs. R. A. Smith, Mrs. R. Stover, Mrs. H. Smith, Mrs. J. M. Howse, Mrs. C. Pake, Mrs. J. Moore, Mrs. R. Lunn, Mrs. R. Bridgeman, Mrs. Wm. Free (Jr), Mrs. H. Stover, Mrs. D. Mossey, Mrs. R. Dance, Mrs. J. Irish, Mrs. W. Moore, Mrs. H. Jenkins, Mrs. W. Teskey, Mrs. W. Darston, Miss L. Jones, Mrs. William Mathews.

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60th Anniversary of the Founding of Women's
Institutes of Ontario, Observed.

February 19th, 1959.

The Kingsmill - Mapleton Women's Institute celebrated the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institutes of Ontario, at an afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. Claude Hoover. Forty guests were present, including former members from Belmont, Aylmer, St. Thomas and the surrounding district.

During the afternoon, the gathering enjoyed a solo by Mrs. Cecil Cox. Mrs. Don Mossey read a paper on 'The Queen'. Mrs. C. Parson contributed a humorous reading. Mrs. Harold Davies presented a delightful story of a member's life in Institute work. At intervals, during the story, Mrs. Kenneth Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Hugh Duncan, sang familiar songs.

Mrs. S. Herbert and Mrs. Edna Smith poured tea. Mrs. Roy Mc. Gregor cut the anniversary cake, which had been made by Mrs. Walter Moore. Piano music was provided by Miss Shirley Pake.

Mrs. Orlando Charlton, the former Mabel Bray of St. Thomas, was present.



Fifty fifth Anniversary.

February 1st, 1962.

On February 1st, 1962, Mrs Ralph Stover opened her home for the fifty fifth anniversary of the Kingsmill Mapleton Women's Institute, when about thirty members, visitors and children enjoyed a pot luck dinner. Mrs. James Moore had made and decorated the anniversary cake.

Mrs. Ralph Stover who was to receive her life membership, asked to have the money sent to the school for retarded children instead of for her membership. She was presented with a brooch and ear rings, in recognition of her twenty five consecutive years as an Institute member. by the president Mrs. Erickson.

With Mrs. Stover at the Piano and Mrs. Erickson presiding, the meeting opened with the Institute Ode and the Mary Stewart Collete and The Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. W. Free Jr. presented the flag and Mrs. Earle Saxton read the Scripture. The minutes of the previous meeting and also the financial report were read by the secretary, Mrs Marjorie Carter. Thank you notes were read from Mrs. Fred Brown and from Alex Fuller.

A cash donation was made to the Friendship School for retarded children in St. Thomas.

Mrs Walter Matthews, Convenor of Home Economics and Health, prepared a program. Mrs. Sam Legg gave the motto ' An Apple a day keeps the Doctor away.'

Mrs. Aleta Thomson gave a talk on Home Nursing and demonstrated making a sick bed. She also gave suggestions on meals for the sick. She told how to make a mustard plaster.

Mrs Russell Luan displayed a First Aid Kit.

Mrs. Clifford Pake thanked Mrs. Stover and also those who took part in the program or any other way. Mrs Stover made a fitting reply. The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction.



Nancy Luan (seated) Mrs Ralph Stover, Mrs John Erickson, Mrs. James Moore.



**Kingsmill - Mapleton Womens Institute observes
its 60th anniversary.**

1967 being centennial year for Canada, members attended their 60th anniversary dressed in period clothes, including the current president, Mrs. H. Jenken. This happy occasion occurred in the Mapleton Church. A beautiful cake made by Mrs. E. Scanlon and decorated by Mrs. V Moore, was the focal point of the tea table.

The tea was convened by Mrs. Fred Brown and her committee and friends attended from Aylmer, Calton, Springfield, Sparta, The Glen, Belmont, Central Yarmouth, North Yarmouth, Eden, St. Andrews, Lyons, Londey, St. Thomas Glenworth and surrounding area. Mrs. Roy McGregor, the only living charter member cut the cake. Mrs. Arthur Moore another 60 year member was also present.

During its 60 years of serving the community, the Institute has created new ideas of community living by using programs provided by the Department. It has given leadership in the 4 H Home making classes. Through 2 world wars it undertook an all out effort. It sponsors a child under Save the children Plan. It assists in the Child Health Clinic held for the district in Aylmer. Gifts of money go to the Retarded School, Sick children Memorial hospital and to many other worthy demands. It assists in community efforts such as catering to banquets. In short, the life of farm women has been made happier and more meaningful through the Womens Institute.

Tea life members attended the 60th anniversary
(From left) Mrs. Claud Hoever, Mrs. Roy Legg, Mrs. Bruce Roher, Mrs. Bert Fester, Mrs. Sam Legg, Mrs. Wilfred Herbert, Mrs. Iven Warren, Mrs. Florence Laidlaw, Mrs. Arthur Moore, Mrs. Roy Mc Gregor.



arranged for the members to appear in - 1934
the year dresses and hats.



These members added much interest by appearing in
yester year dresses and hats.

(From left) Mrs. Roy Mc Gregor, Mrs. Audrey Faulda, Mrs. Wilfred Herbert,
Mrs. Robina Finch, Mrs. David Stever, Mrs. Jack Widner, Mrs. Ernest
Jenkins (Secretary Treasurer) and Mrs. Hiram Jenken (President)

**East Elgin Institute Winter
Picnic - 1967**

A winter picnic can be as much fun as a summer one. So 180 East Elgin Womens Institute members discovered when they met in the Christian Education Building of the Aylmer Baptist Church in February, of Centennial year.

A noon luncheon preceded an afternoon of relaxation and intertainment when each of the Branches contributed a number for the program, interspersed with messages from special guests, Mrs. Harry Strang, Exeter, President of London Area, County Presidents from Oxford and West Elgin, Mrs. J.R. Fitcher, a former F.W.I.O. President and Miss Joyce Pirie, Home Economist for Elgin.

The contribution from the Kingsmill Mapleton Institute was a short play written by Mrs. Eugene Sweet, depicting the wide separation in conveniences and comforts in the life and work of farm women of today and pioneer days. Those taking the parts were Mrs. Roy Mc Greger, Mrs. Herbert Brown, Mrs. Ken. McNeil, Mrs. Sam Legg, and Mrs. Grace Free.

In keeping with the Centennial theme which predominates most gatherings during this Centennial year, many of the members attended this outing, in pioneer dresses.

Below, introducing new officers, (front row) Mrs. Marjerie Carter (Secretary Treasurer) Mrs. Gowan Young, retiring President, Mrs. Charles Phillips (President) The background is filled with Life members (Left) Mrs. Lloyd Laidlaw, (Kingsmill- Mapleton), Mrs. James Jenkins (K / M), Mrs. Roy Mc Greger (K/M), Mrs. Annie Mc Taggart (Aylmer) (Back row) - Mrs. Blake Caswell (Eden), Mrs. Gerden Wright (St. Andrews), Mrs. Blanche Curtis (N. Yarmouth), Mrs. Cyril Williams (N. Yarmouth).



The Kingsmill Mapleton Woman's Institute members were privileged on Thursday afternoon, October 13th, 1959 to see many types of floral arrangements, executed by Mrs. Elsie Morton. Mrs. Morton is a Master Florist and has had 40 years experience, working with flowers.

Mrs. Jean Gray, who was formerly Jean Meikle and spent her childhood at Crossley Hunter, acted as commentator for the demonstration. For a number of years, Mrs. Gray owned and was Superintendent of The Mayfair Hospital in Toronto.

Both Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Morton are past Presidents of The Business and Professional Women's Club of East Toronto. Mrs. Gray recently returned from Paris, France, where she attended The International Congress of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

While the guests for this meeting assembled in the Disciple Church at Mapleton, Mrs. Roy Learn entertained with piano selections. Mrs. Russell Lunn, group president welcomed those in attendance and Mrs. Ross Evert sang a solo. Mrs. Roy Learn and her daughter, Mrs. Hazel Rogers played a piano duet.

The Toronto women, who were to present the flower demonstration, were introduced by Mrs. Roy Mc.Gregor. Various types of floral display were made up and afterward sold, the proceeds going to the Institute group.

On the left of the above picture is Mrs Jean Gray. On the right is Mrs. Elsie Morton, both of Toronto.



L I F E M E M B E R S

The Kingsmill - Mapleton Branch of The Women's Institute honoured Mrs. Roy Mc.Gregor (Florence Finch) with a Life Membership Certificate on July 4th, 1940 and in September 1948, the Crossley Hunter Group of The Branch presented her with a Life Membership pin.

Florence Finch and her mother, Mrs. Culver Finch were among the group of ladies, who met at the home of Mrs. John Brodie, Mapleton on February 9th, 1907, to organize a Branch of The Women's Institute. Active through the years, Mrs. Mc. Gregor served as Secretary in 1915 and 1916 and again in 1917-18. After her marriage, she was president in 1923 - 24.

At the time of writing (1959), Mrs. Mc. Gregor is the only remaining one, living, who were present at the inaugural meeting.



Mrs. Roy Mc. Gregor.



Mrs. Arthur Moore has been an active member of The Kingsmill Mapleton Institute, since it was organized in 1907.

She acted as President in 1921-22 and was made a Life Member in 1948.

It was at her home that the first Sunday Service was held for The Institute and became an annual event there for a number of years.

Mrs. Moore took an active part in the 50th Anniversary observance.

L I F E M E M B E R S

Mrs. Claude Hoover (Stella Charlton) is a third generation member of The Women's Institute. Her mother, Mrs. Ansel Charlton and both of her grandmothers, Mrs. John R. Charlton and Mrs. John B. Thomson having been members also.

Mrs. Hoover has been very active through the years. She was the President in 1937 - 38. She has served as one of The Group Leaders and has also taught short courses to the Junior Girls.



Mrs. Claude Hoover.



Mrs. Salem Herbert.

Mrs. Salem Herbert is the oldest member of the Branch. She is 90 years old (1959) and still enjoys getting out to meetings. She has been a member continuously, since 1915 and has always been willing to do her part. Her home was always available for a place of meeting.