



Tree planting ceremony at our
50th Anniversary of the W. D. 1957.

Left - Mrs H. L. Godwin, Charter & Life
member - Mrs H. N. Rolson, Sec. Treas.
Mrs Jesse Van Patter, President - Rev. C. P. Stuehan
This snap taken for the 50th Anniversary
of the London Area Convention.



ROSE GORDON (CENTER) 1965.



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Of Interest to Women

Visitor Brings Bit of England From WI to Bayham Group

RICHMOND (Staff) — On a world tour, Mrs. Pierre Lachelin of Surrey, stopped off Tuesday to bring a bit of England to the Bayham Women's Institute from the Merstham WI, Surrey. The gift, a handworked teacloth, was an added bond between the branches which have corresponded since the last war.

In making the presentation to Mrs. Jesse Van Patter, president, at the home of Mrs. Von Brown, Mrs. Lachelin said: "We owe a great deal to Canada who founded the Women's Institutes . . . We are known as the mother country but we are duly grateful as a daughter institute."

She explained the teacloth was

"the handwork of the institute members who asked me to bring it with their love and good wishes. The legend will, we sincerely hope, remind you of us, and the flowers are the wildflowers of England."

Mrs. Lachelin was enthusiastic about the work of the institute and as past president of the English branch said she saw little difference in the aims of its members.

"We really stress the rural scene," she said. "All of us take part in the usual things, handicrafts, jamming and talk about ways to improve conditions for the woman in the rural areas."

She was impressed with the fact the Bayham Institute had celebrated a fiftieth birthday. "We are only 37," she remarked.

Problems of housekeeping, "mothering," and helping a husband were the same in England as in Canada, she indicated. To prove her point she apologized to the group for not bringing along "the card I prepared with the gift. It is somewhere on the bedroom floor at home. The rush of preparing the larder for three children, a dog and packing, left me breathless and I came away without it."

Mrs. Lachelin left Wednesday to Port Credit from where she and her husband will continue their trip around the world. She explained Mr. Lachelin was a banker with the firm Philip, Hill, Higgins and Co., of London. "This is a bit of a business trip," she said. "From here we will travel west to Calgary and on to Australia, where I hope to visit another WI."

Before leaving the visitor said she was "enamored with Canada—its beautiful climate and warm hospitality." She also said she would treasure the Bayham WI gift, leathercraft billfold, made by Mrs. Croft Garnham, Straffordville, a member.

Guest speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. J. R. Fitcher of St. Thomas. She reviewed the progress of the Elgin County Pioneer Museum and asked WI members to consider expansion. She said she also brought thanks from the Board for the work done by district WIs.

Arrangements for the afternoon tea were made by Mrs. Elton Jackson and her social committee.



SISTERS ACROSS THE SEA — Bayham Women's Institute and a representative of the Merstham Women's Institute, Surrey, England, exchanged gifts Tuesday when Mrs. Pierre Lachelin of Surrey, visited the Bayham WI. Explaining the fine points of the Merstham gift

is Mrs. Lachelin, right, with the Bayham WI president, left, and hostess, Mrs. Von Brown, admiring the English wildflowers which decorate the luncheon cloth. The embroidery was all worked by members of the British Institute. —(T.-J. Photo.)



ROSE GORDON 1964 13 years old.



Portrait Taken During, Store Richmond June 1953

Bayham W.I. Greyhound bus load ready in front of Laing's store to go to the Zoo Gardens at Detroit, Mich. 1953.

1st. row seated- left to right.

Mrs. Robert Learn, Mrs. Wray Miller, Mrs. Chas. Grass, Miss Sandra Owen, Miss Donna Jibson, Miss Norma Jean Jukes, Miss Glenna Barham.

2nd. row seated-

Mrs. Wheeler Pressey, Mrs. Lucy Johnson, Mrs. June Honsinger, Mrs. Elton Jackson, Mrs. G.N. Roloson, Mrs. C. Lorne Laing, Mrs. H.L. Godwin, Mrs. Sanford Hodgkins, Mrs. Melvin Wolfe, Mrs. Archie Sitts, David Bentley, Mrs. Croft Garnham.

3rd. row standing-

Mrs. Gordon Robertson, Mrs. Frank Winters, Mrs. Murray Laur, Mrs. Lee Miller, Mrs. Ralph Honsinger, Mrs. Fred Staib, Mrs. Harry Davidson, Mrs. Geo. Shearer, Mrs. Harry Matthews, Mrs. Wm. Beattie, Mrs. Obber McGregor, Mrs. Lloyd Rawlings, Mrs. Jesse Van Patter, Mrs. Arthur Benner, Mrs. Ward Benner, Mrs. Percy Jibson, Mrs. Wm. Berdan, Mrs. Horace Hague, Mrs. Robert Morse, Mrs. Verne Baldwin, Mrs. Percy Green, Mrs. Von Brown, Mrs. Lewis Bentley, Mrs. Bruce Morse, Mrs. Leon Carter, Mrs. Nelson Ward.



1947 June 13th 80th Anniversary W. I. G. G. G. G.



1965 bus trip to Collingwood Midland.

May 13th 1959 W. I. G. G. G. G.







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