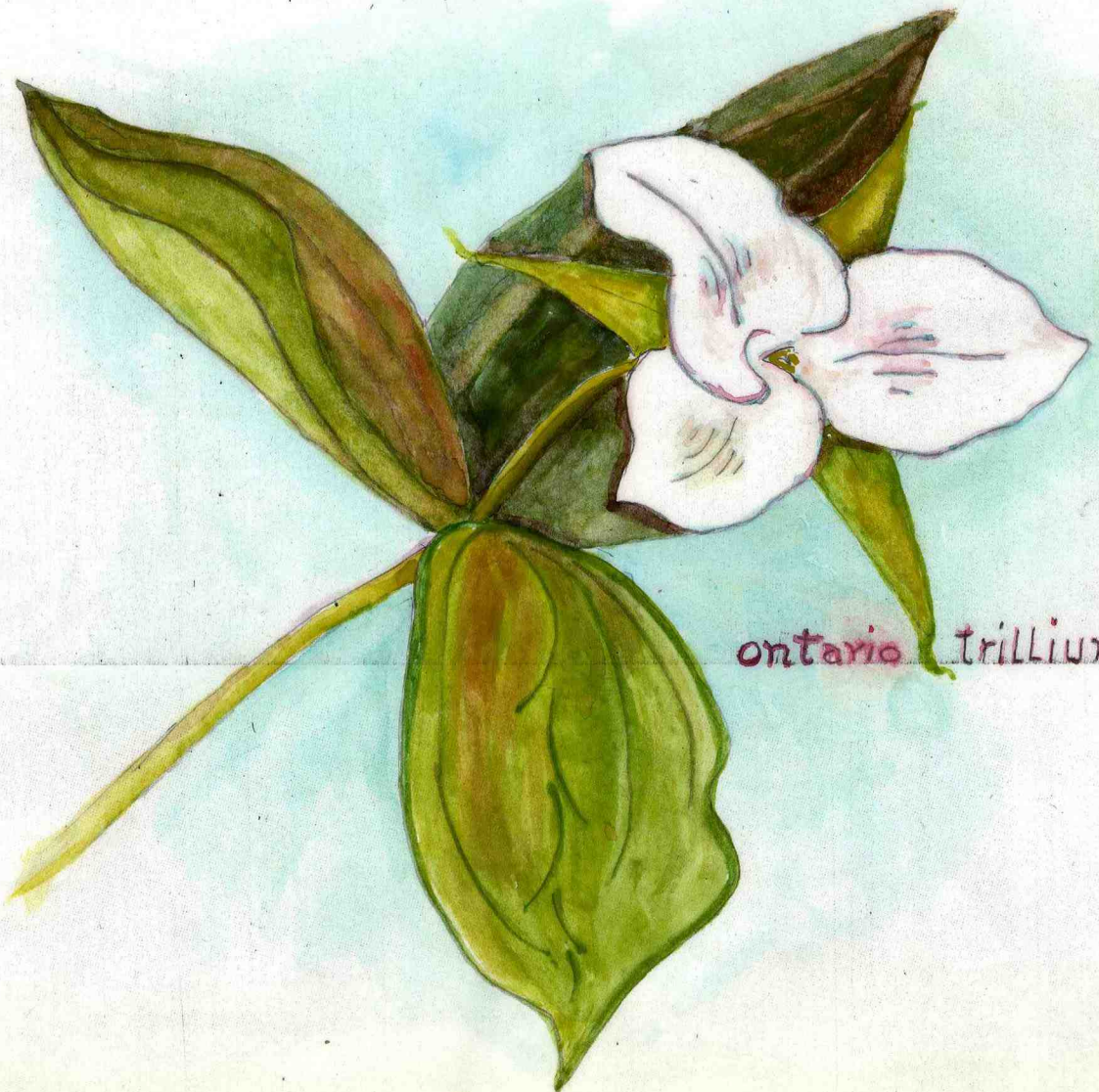


DUTTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Two of our members have been District Presidents;
Miss Minnie Gow and Mrs. H.G. Graham, and Mrs. Roy McNeil
is at present first vice-president of the West Elgin District.

True, not all are capable of filling the president's chair,
but each can help in ~~their~~^{her} own small way, for, in the last ana-
lysis, the success or failure of an institute depends entirely
on the efforts of each individual member. Mistakes are bound
to be made and small discords creep into the work, but if we
keep our faces to the sun, the shadows will fall behind.

The Dutton Women's Institute is indebted to Mrs. Garfield Ross
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“... Reign over all of us ...”

NEW YORK — (NEA) — Anniversaries of ordinary persons may be milestones in their lives. When a ruling monarch observes an anniversary, it is a signpost in a country's history.

This, especially, is true of Great Britain where the often questioned role of the monarchy in today's scheme still reaches into every nook and cranny of the United Kingdom and the dozen Commonwealth countries still associated with Britain.

Much has happened to the world and the United Kingdom since the young Princess Elizabeth was told by her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, that her father, King George VI, had died. The young couple was vacationing at Tree-tops in Kenya's Aberdare Forest when she learned Feb. 6, 1972, that she was Queen.

A thanksgiving service with members of the royal family at the Royal Chapel in Windsor Great Park Feb. 6 this year marked the 25th anniversary of her reign — the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

Millions in North America via TV followed the pomp and circumstance of her coronation on a brilliantly blue-sky day June 2, 1953.

And, Great Britain and the world are cranking up a summer of Silver Jubilee hoopla. For example, the "Today" show will follow the royal party, skim the countryside and visit the pubs for a cross-section view of her subject's mood to telecast June 6-10.

One thing is certain, a lagging economy brings an undercurrent of soberness to the event. In fact, Queen Elizabeth II "asked there should be no undue expenditure in connection with her Silver Jubilee." The Duke of Edinburgh, in an article in *The Sunday Mirror*, noted "that Britain's situation was a sobering experience for all who came out of the war with high hopes and boundless enthusiasm."

"High rates of unemployment, falling living standards for many, falling exports, frightening increases in central and local government costs and the embarrassing situation of having to borrow large sums of money from other nations are not the most auspicious circumstances for a jubilee year.

"Yet, it may well be that this experience is what we needed to bring us all back to a greater sense of reality."

From the extensive number of events planned from city to hamlet — including the lighting June 6 of a chain of bonfires all over the British Isles followed by oxen roasts, pageants, opening of parks, parades, regattas and such — it is obvious the English are enthusiastic about the Silver



QUEEN ELIZABETH II wearing the Imperial State Crown and holding the Orb and Sceptre following her coronation in Westminster Abbey, June 2, 1953. Photo by Cecil Beaton.

shirts, jubilee-patched jeans, jubilee mugs, jubilee spoons, jubilee thermometers, jubilee glasses — whatever turns the collector on. Many of these are dubbed shoddy while leading ceramic, silver and crystal manufacturers such as Spode, Wedgwood, A.T. Cannon offer the royal symbols in a more elegant vein.

It is too early to know whether history will see 1977 as a turning point in the course of events for the United Kingdom. Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897 is called a marker of the zenith and splendid isolation of the old British Empire. George V's Silver Jubilee in 1935 was a time of rejoicing "over the nation's survival of the storms of the previous 25 years, a brief fanfare between movements in the music of time."

Royal observers do know, though, that the intervening 25 years since her accession as titular head of the United Kingdom, this small, sensible hard-working woman, counselor to prime ministers, mother of four, horsewoman, dog lover, has become a well-rounded individual, admired and loved by her subjects.

—Aileen Snoddy

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Jubilee.

Interestingly, Queen Elizabeth II is only the 13th of the 40 English monarchs since the Norman conquest to have earned a silver jubilee by having reigned for 25 years or more.

George III, the American colonists' nemesis, had a 50-year jubilee in 1809. Queen Victoria had two anniversaries — 50 years in 1887 and a diamond anniversary 10 years later.

Queen Elizabeth II has the distinction of celebrating the first jubilee since the 1935 silver jubilee of her grandfather, King George V. Because of the intervening World War II, the country did not observe the 10th or 15th anniversary of her father,

George VI's, reign.

This silver jubilee already is not without incident. Labour MPs were angered to learn that an increase in the Queen's Civil List allowance had slipped through last year. The amount of 265,000 pounds raised her allowance from 1.4 million pounds to 1,665,000 pounds and others in the Royal Family also received extra money.

The poem written by Sir John Betjeman, poet laureate, to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee was called "banal."

And, hucksters are having a field-day with souvenirs, much to the dismay of the more conservatively minded. For example, there are jubilee socks, jubilee tee-

"In a few years there will be only five kings in the world — the king of England and the four kings in a pack of cards" — King Farouk I of Egypt, before he was deposed in 1952.

How close has this prophecy come? Sovereigns remaining in western Europe include: Baudouin I of Belgium; Queen Margrethe II of Denmark; Prince Franz Joseph II of Liechtenstein; Grand Duke Jean of Luxembourg; Prince Rainier III of Monaco; Queen Juliana of the Netherlands; King Olav V of Norway; King Juan Carlos I of Spain; King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden.

Queen Elizabeth II's Family Tree

The Queen is the 40th monarch since the Norman conquest. She is fourth in descent from Queen Victoria, and tenth from the Electress Sophia of Hanover, the root of title to the throne under the Act of Settlement of 1701.

She also is a descendant of Harold II, the last of the Anglo-Saxon kings, whom William conquered and killed at Hastings; so is the Duke of Edinburgh.

She is 38th in line from Alfred the Great which takes her pedigree in direct male line to the god Woden, in Norse Odin. In Scottish monarchy she is the 13th in descent from Mary Queen of Scots. From her Welsh roots she is 23rd through Henry Tudor, in line from Llewellyn-ap-Gruffydd, Prince of all Wales.



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ANNIVERSARY CAKE — The beautiful anniversary cake, made and decorated by Mrs. Garnet Cowal, was the focal point at 50th anniversary celebrations held by the Dutton Women's Institute in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday. (T.-J. Photo). JULY 17, 1975

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DUTTON WOMEN'S

INSTITUTE

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1965

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Members of Dutton WI

The Duttons Women's Institute has always been deeply interested in all community activities and few are the events in which they did not have a part and few the worthy causes to which they do not contribute. The annual meeting of the Institute always takes place in April and begins the Institute year.

Last April, as funds were at a low ebb, the members gave a well-attended dessert tea, and contributed to the Easter Seal Campaign.

In May, the late Mrs. M. G. Graham, long-time institute member, was honored by being made a life member of the organization.

June was picnic month and the grandmothers were entertained. During the month the ladies helped with the TB chest survey and with a tea held in Rodney to raise funds for the Cancer Society. Great interest was shown in the car-

nival held at the Ontario Hospital, St. Thomas, by the Canadian Mental Health Association. The Dutton WI contributed to it with both personal and financial help.

Civic Holiday is always a busy time for the Dutton Institute. That is the time the Dutton Caledonian Society sponsors the Caledonian Games which bring hundreds of visitors to Dutton. The Dutton Institute in company with three other women's organizations serves meals in the gymnasium of the Dutton Public School.

The Bobier Nursing Home, Dutton is one of the favorite projects of the Institute and members help in many ways. They give whole-hearted assistance to any teas and food sales sponsored by the auxiliary of the Home.

The Institute is also interested in other countries particularly with the children. To this end they sponsor Hanni, a little Austrian child. Hanni is remembered with a box of gifts on her birthday, at Easter, during the summer and at Christmas. Hanni has two sisters and the whole family is remembered in the boxes.

The Institute also contributed \$96 to the F.W.I.O. scholarship.

When it is time for Wallacetown Fair, once again the women are active and always have a display there. They also canvas Dutton for the United Welfare Appeal.

All members enjoyed a trip to the McConnell gardens at Port Burwell and in October a bus trip to O'Keefe Centre, Toronto, to see "The Merry Widow."

Family night was held in November at which Mrs. Strath showed pictures of her trip around the world. Twenty-five dollars was donated to the United Welfare Appeal and gifts were contributed to "Lifting Shadows," a C.M.H.A. project.

Give

Many Community

Areas

Valued Service

The December meeting took the form of a Christmas party. Twenty-five dollars was sent to the War Memorial Children's Hospital in London. There was a collection of jams and jellies for the Bobier Nursing Home. Twenty-five dollars was donated to the Dutton Library. Fifteen

dollars was given to the Minor Hockey League in Dutton. There was also an exchange of Christmas gifts with the secret sisters.

In January a very successful bake sale and tea was held in the Orange Hall.

February was a gala month for the Dutton Institute when

it entertained all the Institutes of Dutton and Dunwich, West Lorne, Crinan, Shedden and the Kensington Club. A birthday parcel was sent to Hanni.

Officers are Mrs. R. C. Drager, president, and Mrs. David Saunders, secretary-treasurer.

*April 1965's yearly report, by Mrs. David Saunders
Secretary Treasurer*

