



**RECEIVE LIFE MEMBERSHIPS** — Two members of the Dutton WI received life memberships at 50th anniversary celebrations held Tuesday. From left, Mrs.

Isabel Percibal, president; Mrs. Hazel Brown and Mrs. Florence Bennet, charter members who received life memberships; Miss Margaret Leitch, treasurer; Mrs. Agnes Hales, first vice-president. (T.-J. Photo).



**LARGE CROWD ATTENDS** — Shown above is a portion of the large crowd attending 50th anniversary

celebrations held by the Dutton W.I. in the Memorial Hall at Dutton on Tuesday. Guest speaker was Miss Marletta Roberts of St. Thomas. (T.-J. Photo).

July 17, 1975

## ① Jubilee of Women's Institute

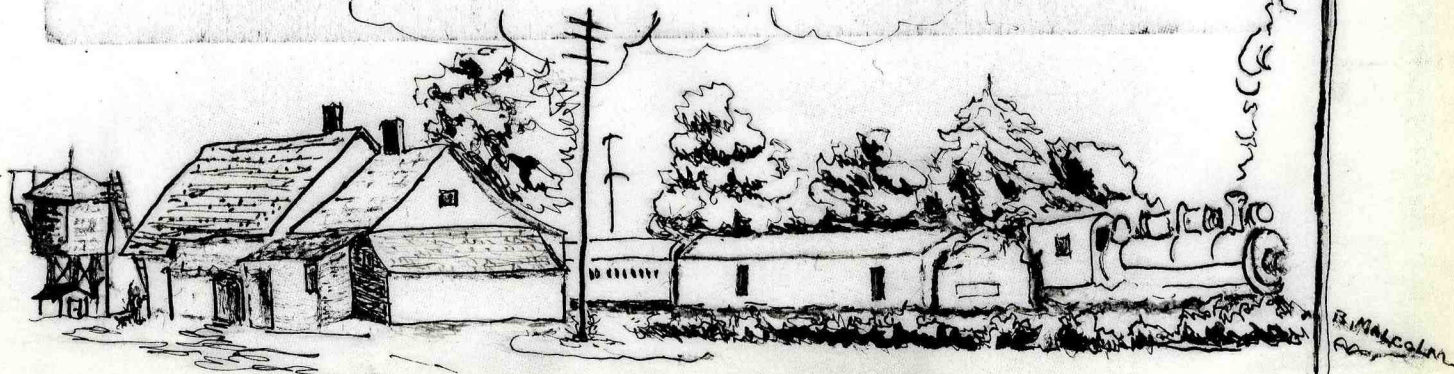
On June 18th, 1947, twenty of the members of Dutton Women's Institute went to Guelph to join in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute in Canada. We went proudly by special bus and by special train. These were arranged for us by the manager of our local bus line, and we plotted the arrangements to perfect in every way. The bus came to Dutton for us in early morning and we found a special C. N. R. train awaiting us at the L. P. S. Station, which conveyed us with no change, via Stratford to Guelph station. Buses took us from there to the Ontario Agricultural College.

We had carried our lunches with us and had eaten them on the train, so lost no time in beginning to see the sights - and what a sight!! 9000 women, (or was it 16000? It seemed so) women, of all shapes and sizes, dressed in every conceivable style and color, and all looking so happy - as if having the time of their lives - not a care in the world, for had it they left them behind - as well as their homes, their children, and practically all their husbands? Even the park full of buses was a sight to behold - from all parts of Ontario - from Peterboro, Prescott, and elsewhere - from east, west, north and south.

It was hot, very hot, but the sun shone, and never a storm of any kind to make that wonderful day. "And what is so rare as a day in June", without any worries?

We were treated very hospitably by the Department of Agriculture - given sandwiches, coffee and ice cream.

We had greetings from Queen Elizabeth, from Prime Minister Mc Kenzil King and George Drew, the Minister of Agriculture for Ontario. Representatives from Provincial



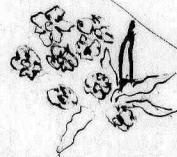
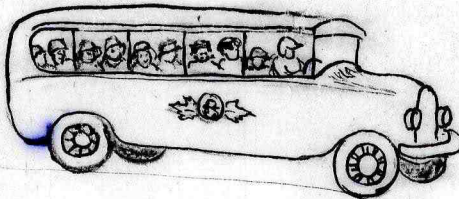
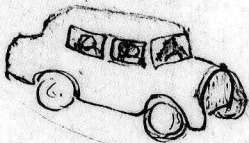
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Institutes all across Canada appeared in person to bring greetings, as did also Mrs Laura Rose Stephen, our first Government Lecturer to the Women's Institutes.

We had afternoon Tea at a reception held by Lieut. Gov. and Mrs Lawson - and then came the highlight of the day - the pageant "Let there be Light". I have no time and no talent to describe this pageant which depicted the beginning, and the spreading of the Women's Institute throughout the world. I can only say - "It was marvellous truly marvellous!" We wished we ~~could~~ might see it over and over again.

We were conveyed by bus back to the C. N. R. station, and then by our special train to St. Thomas where buses awaited us and returned us - (not all together) to Dutton. Not one "hitch" in the whole day's proceedings, unless you care to count a breakdown by one of the busses in front of Half-way-Home. Passengers were supposedly appeased for this hour's delay by a bottle of ginger ale each. It was like warm but, the polite passengers politely drank it, although already saturated to the eyebrows from drinking numerous bottles each all the way from Guelph.

The last of us reached Dutton at 1.30 A.M. footsore, but completely happy and entirely satisfied.





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