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Community
Activities



W.I. AT BLUE'S 1942



W.I. AT UNDERHILL'S

The Women's Institute
of Wallacetown
cordially invite you to be their guest
at the
Fiftieth Anniversary
on Thursday, the fifth of July
nineteen hundred and sixty-two
at two o'clock
Community Hall, Wallacetown

Mrs. W. S. McKillop
Dutton, Ont.
President

Please reply
Mrs. C. Blue
Dutton, Ont.
Sec.-Treas.



Program

Registration - Mrs. J.R. McKellar

Welcoming Committee - Mrs. Wm. McKillop and Mrs. E. Lucas

Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect, Lord's Prayer

Address of Welcome - Mrs. Wm. McKillop - President

Greetings - Mrs. E. Down E.W.D.W.I. President

Mrs. D. J. Galbrath - President County Executive

Mrs. James West - Jr. Institute District Director

Minutes of 1st Meeting 1912 - Mrs. C. Blue

Charter Members presentation

Read names - Mrs. A. Crawford

Present Corsages - Mrs. M. Page and Mrs. C. Small

Past Presidents and Past Secretaries

Read Names - Mrs. E. Cairns

Present flower - Mrs. M. Page and Mrs. C. Small

Memorial Service Charter Members deceased - Mrs. Mac Graham

Past Presidents and Past Secretaries - Mrs. C. Blue

Solo - Mrs. J.R. McKellar - Beautiful Isle of Somewhere

History of Branch - Mrs. E. Martelle

Duet - Mrs. Archie McFarlane and Mrs. Ted. Lamb

(When you and I were young Maggie)

Introduce Speaker - Mrs. John E. Pearce

Address - Mrs. Ernest Pearce

W.I. Chorus - The Tick Tock of the Grandfather Clock

Sweet is Thy Mercy Lord

Letter read from Mrs. N.A. McKellar - Mrs. C. Blue

Thanks - Mrs. Allan Crawford

The Queen



Fiftyeth anniversary of Wallace town Women's Institute

1962



Pianist
Dorothy Fox



Wallacetown W.I. Triple Trio
Grace Page, Jean Pearce, Evelyn Lucas, Grace McKillop, Mae Graham
Emma McKellar, Marian Foreman, Irene Cairns, Velma McFarlane



Leader
Mrs C Small

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NOTES ON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE compiled by Grace McKillop

In reading over the old minute books I found information of interest to me and I thought you might like to refresh your memories on some of the activities during the years.

Beginning in 1912 the meetings were held the first Thursday of the month and they have remained on the same day until now. Quite often the meetings were held in the members' homes, especially in the winter months. They were held at times in the Presbyterian Church, Methodist Church, Anglican Church, Town Hall and later on in the United Church.

Some of the homes had names such as:
Ameljahurst - Home of the Misses Sifton
Elgin Acres - Miss E. McKillop's home
Glebe - Mrs. E. Docker's home
Lyonsholme - Mrs. D. W. Graham's home
Maple Front - Miss Kate Cairns' home

After the new Hall was opened in 1948 all the meetings were held there and have been ever since.

The first meetings started with the singing of the Maple Leaf Forever, and at one meeting a gramophone was used to play it. This was followed by The Lord's Prayer.

It wasn't until 1927 that the Ode was used in starting the meetings, and in 1949 the Mary Stuart Collect was added, read by Mrs. Martelle at first, but later all repeated it together, followed by the Lord's Prayer. This is still our opening at the meetings.

Besides the usual standing committees they had Legislation and Immigration, Canadianization and Relief Committees.

The business transacted made interesting reading. They seemed to have trouble with a stove bought for the hall. Had a motion at one meeting to have it taken out or it should be made to work right, but finally paid \$12.00 for it.

During World War I they went in with Dunwich and Southwold to buy a machine gun. In 1914 they bought a piano for the hall. In 1923 they helped pay for the street lights in Wallacetown. They started to raise money for a new Town Hall after the war in the 20's. This dragged on through the years with discussions on plots, etc.

Contributions were made to a large number of funds during war years and after.

The W. I. had a Secretary and another Secretary for the Red Cross. Miss Maggie McCallum acted for the Red Cross for awhile, also Mrs. J. A. Cameron, who was Secretary for years.

The W. I. helped the men of the community collect for the Red Cross. They collected on Clay St., East and West, Lake Rd., East and West, 9th Concession and Wallacetown area.

