

Large crowd attends Institute's anniversary

Bradford Women's Institute celebrated its Golden Anniversary, Wednesday, July 7 with a big Institute personality, Mrs. Austin Zentler as guest speaker. Mrs. Zentler is editor of "Home and Country" the official W.I. magazine and immediate past president of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario.

More than 100 W.I. members, representing 12 branches, attended the glass birthday party held at the new Marie of Termination Separate School in Bradford.

Mrs. Jack Campbell of Boston had the distinction of being the only lady attending that was present when the branch was organized on July 7, 1925 by the late Kate Aiken. Mrs. Campbell drove Mrs. Aiken (later nationally known on radio) to the meeting. Mrs. Campbell remembers every lady wore a hat and Mrs. Aiken stirred enthusiasm for Institute work with a stirring speech.

A surprise visitor at Bradford's anniversary was Mrs. Janet Barlow of Surrey, England. Mrs. Barlow is one of 10,000 English W.I. members. She belongs to the 100-member North afternoon branch that has an active choir, war drama awards and the other English Institutes raise money by selling baking, vegetables, flowers and plants at W.I. markets. Mrs. Barlow is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Barlow of Fountain Villa, R.R. 3, Bradford.

Members of Bradford W.I. were honored for 25 years of service to Institute

work with presentations of pins and plates. They were Mrs. C.A. Dimack, Mrs. Alex Spence, Mrs. H.W. Curry, Mrs. H. L. Blackwell, Mrs. A.M. Dow and Mrs. Jack Hunshee. Bradford W.I. secretary, Mrs. Gordon Church, made the presentations.

Mrs. H.W. Curry, who presented each guest with a history of Bradford Women's Institute read the minutes of the first branch meeting. There were 20 members by the end of 1925 and by 1927 membership grew to 26.

Institute tables of wine and good refreshments in the flowers and delectable victuals sold by prize-winning Bradford students Karen and Jimmy Seintoe and paintings on display by Christine Kuhn added to the evening celebration.

Bradford Deputy-Reeve Ken Wood extended congratulations on behalf of Mayor Joe Magan and the town council. Bringing greetings were W.I. leaders: Mrs. Norman Tack, Barrie, provincial board director; Mrs. H. W. Maguire, Mississauga, area president (Simcoe County) and Mrs. Paul Topping, Tottenham, vice president of South Simcoe District.

Mrs. H.L. Blackwell cut the anniversary cake fashioned in the shape of the figure 25 and Mrs. A. W. Spence and Mrs. Ted Dow poured tea.

Co-hosting the celebration were Mrs. Alfred Tinsart, Mrs. Howard Tinsart, Mrs. Jim Church and Mrs. Jack Hunshee with the latter being co-chairman with president Mrs. Don Clements.