

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CANADA!





January 1, 1967

The Nobleton Women's Institute salutes this great country of ours, and at the beginning of this centennial year offers a "Happy Birthday Greeting".

Much thought went into the presentation of the programs for each month and the major event was the Hobby and Antique show of June 15, 1967. Mrs. Stokes Chamberlain and her committee of Mrs. Art Biggs, Mrs. H. Rose, Mrs. Annie Hodgson and Mrs. R. Huycke held many meetings to work out the many and varied details that such an event presents.

The Nobleton Community Hall was a beehive of activity - tables here, clothes racks there, chairs placed just so, etc. The final setting had that professional touch. After being greeted by Mrs. Lyman Davis and Mrs. Gordon Chapman, the guests entered the hall to be welcomed by Institute members wearing colorful centennial gowns.

The hobby tables, extending the full length of centre hall, held many hobbies. One could look and admire any number of outstanding items on display; oil painting, coin collections, needle work, petit point, copper tooling, wood working, an outstanding brass collection, dressmaking, finished driftwood, millinery, hooked rugs, quilts etc. It is the happy people who have things to do in their spare time. This group is truly talented.

The objects on display classified as "antiques" were beautiful and how proud the Institute members were to display the treasures belonging to members and friends. It would be quite impossible to select any article for special mention - the dishes so lovely; glass, wooden wares brought back memories of the days of butter making; pressing sausages; peeling apples; the cradle that must have so many special memories; old clocks all in excellent working order; silver and so much more. A special "thank you" to Mrs. Roy Arlow for her assistance during this special day. She answered many questions and showed genuine interest in the treasures displayed.

Just as our early settlers did their own spinning and weaving so under the deft fingers of Mrs. Bill Bean, wool was spun before our very eyes. How homey a spinning wheel seems to be. Quilting could be a lost art but not in this area. Ardent quilters demonstrated their skill with needle and thread during the afternoon and evening. The oldest member, Mrs. Annie Hodgson, was at her best showing how to hook a rug.

On stage two rooms were recreated - the handsome "front room" furnishings were most interesting. It would be so relaxing in the boston rocking chair ere was to return. The spool bed, complete with feather tick, pillowchams and cover looked so relaxing. The wash stand, with a complete china set, was far removed from our present day facilities. A touch of added color came through the planting of brilliant red geraniums with green ivy in two black cast iron pots. What a treasure house of memories and heritage we have!

When the viewing had been completed on the main floor guests were invited to have tea in the lower hall. Under the able direction of Mrs. Garnet Hoover and her committee of Mrs. B. Wilson and Mrs. Forest McTaggart the setting was most inviting. Mrs. S. Cain and Mrs. R. Snider

Cont'd.....



Snyder welcomed the guests and had each one sign the guest book. Tables were laid for four, each being centred with "flags". The home made muffins, johnny cake, biscuits, buns etc. were delectably served with jams, jellies, honey and syrup. Hot pots of tea on each table enabled every one to serve themselves. It was good to have our 4H members acting as junior hostesses.

When the day ended and the cleaning up time finished, we pondered on the day and felt nothing but pride and the thrill of a job well done. How gratifying it is to work on a big project where co-operation, friendship, fun and laughter can over come any pettiness that might creep in. This day, June 15, 1967, will long be a happy memory.



Mrs. R. Huycke



## NOBLETON CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

July 1st, 1967

While many activities were held during the year with Centennial themes, this account concerns only the Community Celebration for this day.

The weather was fine and sunny when the parade formed on Hawman Avenue in the Ashton subdivision. It moved out on to Bolton Road and down to 27 Highway, where a policeman held traffic while the parade crossed to the King Road, along Lynwood to Royal and around the Fire Hall. From there by the old King Road and left past the Community Hall and Arena to the ball park where all entries lined up for judging.

It was a marvellous display of community effort, ingenuity and colour. Every organization in the Village was represented as well as many individual entries. The local population was swelled by many visitors from the surrounding districts who came to cheer and share the day.

It may be said that the Horticultural, Figure Skating and Institute floats were the most colourful. There were prizes for adult and young peoples floats, Horse and Carriage turnouts, horse-riders, decorated bikes and doll carriages, vintage cars, costumes both old and home-made for adults and children.

At two P.M. the keys of the library, a Centennial project, were presented by Dr. David Harper; president of the Lions Club to Mr. Cyril Flinders, representing the township.

The flag pole and flags were dedicated and presented to the Library by Marian McTaggart on behalf of the Nobleton and District Horticultural Society.

The afternoon activities then proceeded in the ball park. These included races and free pony rides for the children, a refreshment booth was served by boy-scout and Venturer Groups.

Purchase of a family group ticket entitled you to a Family Portrait taken in front of a card-board replica of an old-time buggy as a souvenir of the day. Penants and other souvenirs were also sold.

About three o'clock a brief but heavy downpour sent everyone rushing into the Arena. However, this soon cleared up. Inside the arena Bingo was in progress and tables and chairs were available for eating the barbecue supper. Other tables were loaded with salads relishes, pies, etc. coffee for adults and lemonade for children. So many were fed that the roast beef ran out and late-comers had hamburgers or ham on a bun.

Dancing in the evening was old-time and modern and a popularity contest was held, the winner to be Centennial Queen in "Portraits from the Past" which was to be held in September.

Cont'd.....





Nobleton Horticultural Society Float.



Womens Institute Float with the Ladies.



Bonnie Huycke Jack Mactaggart



Boy Scout and cubs float--R. Boynton





Figure Skating float in the Centennial Parade



Millie and Jim Witherspoon



Institute ladies in the Centennial Parade



Centennial Float--Steven Biggs





Margaret Arlow Annie Hill



Verna(Chamberlain) Kaake



Ruth Rose Isabel Forester  
Annie Hill Evelyn Huycke



Hilda Bean



The centennial parade in July 1967



Womens Institute Float





### CHRISTMAS PARTY 1967

To bring our very successful Centennial year 1967 to a close the Institute ladies decided to have a Christmas Party. Members and their husbands were invited to the Community Hall for an evening of fun. About sixty ladies and gentlemen were present and enjoyed an evening of euchre and bingo and a delightful visit together. A cold supper awaited the folks downstairs of cold meats, salads of all kinds, desserts and Christmas cake, etc., and all that makes a Christmas Party perfect. This was held using some of the proceeds of our successful Smorgasborg evening, and such a delightful time was had that it was thought this type of an evening together should be held again another year. This brought our very busy Centennial year to a close.

