

Burnt Lake WI Celebrate 50 Years

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Celebration was held the evening of (Dues) Jan. 30/73.

The Burnt Lake Community Centre was beautifully decorated with blue streamers, the AWI crest and plaques to mark the 50th anniversary of the Burnt Lake Womens' Institute branch organized on Jan. 31, 1923.

Mrs Martin (Angus) who was a former Constituent Convener.

Mrs. S. Swainson welcomed the visitors, our AWI vice president, Mrs. J. T. Morrisroe of Red Deer and Mrs. A. M. Martin, also from Red Deer, seven former members from Red Deer, three from Sylvan Lake, two from Centreville and one from Calgary. and one from Castor.

Mrs. Beava son had accepted our invitation also but died suddenly & was buried Wed. aft. Jan 31/73.

Mrs. John Lindman, president of Burnt Lake WI was chairman and also expressed the pleasure it was to have so many of our former members with us. She reviewed the work of the WI and the pleasures it had brought to all members. Since the organization we have had 91 members, twelve of whom have died. The work of the branch was reviewed by breaking it up into five sections, the first years from 1923 to 1930 was given by Mrs. Barbara Dallaire, the depression years from 1930 to 1939 were given by Mrs. Anita Halvorson, the war years from 1939 to 1945 given by Mrs. Elsie Schreuder, the post war years from 1945 given by Mrs. Cliff Halvorson and the Centennial and later years given by Mrs. Kay Johanson.

Funeral services of Mrs. Swainson

with years of service placed in recognition of from 21 to 34 years of loyal service. These were Mrs. Lydia Halvorson, Mrs. Faith Johanson, Mrs. Dora Johanson, Mrs. Huda Sawyer, Mrs. Alice Ballantyne, Mrs. Ruby Horne and Mrs. Momy Lindman.

Mrs. J. T. Morrisroe, vice president of the Alberta Womens' Institute addressed the meeting with a case history of the Womens Institutes from its inception in Stony Plain, Ontario in 1897 to the world-wide organization which it is now, with members in all six continents.

Congratulatory messages were received from the AWI through Mrs. Morrisroe, from Mrs. Hilla-by, District 3 director, Camrose; Mrs. G. A. Phillips of Queensland, Australia on behalf of her Ipswich branch; the Golden Star Club of Bentley; Mrs. Helen Mogenson of London, England.

Charter members seated at the head table were Sister Xavier of Castor, Mrs. Hilda Sawyer, Mrs. Olga Johanson, Mrs. Magnasina Fitch, Mrs. Olga Mannerfeldt and Mrs. Struna Swainson, the only charter member who has served the branch for the full 50 years. Also at the head table were Mrs. Eya Sveinson, Sister Celina of Red Deer, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Langton, Calgary, Swain Swainson and Mrs. Molly Lindman, president of the branch.

Slides were shown by Earl Grimson, showing the 40th anniversary party held at the Presbyterian Hall in Sylvan Lake in 1963, of several of the last Christmas parties held at Burnt Lake and others which brought back many happy memories.

The meeting closed with the singing of "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows" and a round of visiting followed while all enjoyed the good lunch supplied by the ladies of the district.

F.F.C.

Howard

Wm Schreuder

Daisy

Hartley

Wm/Alice

G.S/Christine

Wm/Pat

F.C./Barbara

nee Ethel Johanson

Miss

over - "Budvarson"