

Models Centennial Costume Craft Show



Mrs. E. D. O'Connor wore a very pretty and authentic costume to the Centennial Craft Show. Mrs. O'Connor is one of Marmora's oldest citizens.

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Months of planning and efforts by 14 women's organizations brought tremendous response at the Centennial Craft Show in Marmora Town Hall Friday afternoon and evening. Practically every woman in the village and township of Marmora was involved, and craft displays included hundreds of articles, some almost as old as Canada itself.

The hall was beautifully decorated in centennial theme with the drapes hung with maple leaves, sprays of flags, centennial balloons and baskets of flowers. From the centre of the ceiling hung a huge silver centennial symbol. On the stage was a collection of flags of all the village organizations, and a mural done by high school students depicting a pioneer scene with a cart drawn by oxen covered the stage wall.

Centering the stage was a large tiered birthday cake made by Mrs. Percy Carman and Mrs. Stan Reynolds, Mrs. Maurice McFaul decorated it with an iced centennial emblem and tiny coloured flags.

Mrs. Joe Murphy and assistants were in charge of the decorations.

As the guests arrived during the afternoon and evening they

were asked by Mrs. J. Murphy to sign the guest book.

The guest book was very attractively made indeed by Mrs. Miller. The book was hard bound in a black cover with a Centennial crest on the front. Inside on the back of the cover Mrs. Miller did a very fancy intricate design.

As I turn the page now I read many familiar names as well as those from as far away as Peterborough, Oshawa, Campbellford, Belleville and yes, even Montreal. How exciting it all was.

Much interest was shown a number of costumed senior citizens busily quilting on a centennial quilt in the centre of the hall. On completion the quilt was hung from the balcony railing along with two dozen others some of which were quilted in the early 1900's. Some of the quilts were done in the floral emblems of the provinces and other very intricate patterns were used also.

Included in the hundreds of exhibits was unusual jewellery of the past and future shown by Mrs. Leith Stetson. Among the older ones was an authentic 1875 oriental emethyst pin, a ruby ring purchased in 1893, and a

1905 wedding band made into a 1967 pendant. Mrs. James' Parks hat booth showed modern numbers in fox and straw as well as old-timers and clothes of the 1920 period. A replica of the Last Supper made with countless tiny coloured stones by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sanderson was displayed in the Stone Crafts, as well as TV lamps and pictures. In the Woodcraft was a hand made violin case made in 1899 by the late Arthur McMahan, Mrs. Vaughn Glover's grandfather, with 5600 pieces of wood and 21 different types. Also featured here was a 100 year old violin made by the late William Archer, a hand made rolling pin, wooden ashtrays, pipes, etc.

Among unusual crafts convened by Mrs. C. Rodgers were mats made by Mrs. Luta Lawrence with corset laces, note book covers made with leaves and flowers, and in the Doll Booth were dolls of every size and type with knitted and centennial costumes, shown by Mrs. Geo. Gazley and Mrs. Richard Kotulski. Plastic flowers, corsages, centre pieces, memorial crosses and driftwood were shown in the booth convened by Mrs. M. Lavender and Mrs. Stewart Hardy, and beautiful needlepoint pictures and cushions were display by Mrs. Ralph Neal (Tatting, sewing, smocking and crocheting were displayed. Also many beautifully embroidered articles of Miss Violet Deacon's

At least two dozen articles in copper tooling were shown with Mrs. Joe O'Neill and Mrs. Arthur Caverley explaining the skill. Mrs. Percy Carman was in the leather craft exhibits and much interest was shown in a purse made by Mrs. Carman from an alligator shot in South Africa. There were also billfolds, belts, gloves and doll boots and decorating the booth was a miniature gold surrey drawn by

horse with hand made leather reins, etc. Weaving was demonstrated by Mrs. Harold Naylor and assisted by Miss Loreen Connor included bedspreads, dresser and chest covers, cushion covers, place mats and purses were on display as well. There was a variety of afghans and a handmade wall decoration of the Wise Men following the Star of Bethlehem done on burlap.

Mrs. Percy Gordon gave a demonstration in artex painting and showed finished articles of table clothes and pillow cases. There were framed pictures done in cross stitch and other numerous garments and all types of needlework, centennial knitted sweaters and driftwood.

Mrs. Sadie Young demonstrated cake decorating at her booth and Centennial Cook Books were sold by Mrs. Ritchie Wells.

On the stage was a display of dolls representing 31 countries, by the Quinte Area Gold Cord Girl Guides, as well as camp handicrafts by Cubs.

On the stage was a high school display of Industrial Arts in charge of Mr. Doran. These included tools and lamps and tables. Several Grade 8 boys also displayed lamps and tables made in the industrial art class.

Mrs. Nuttall sent in a display of garments made by her Home Economics class.

Antiques and refinished furniture was very capably handled by Mrs. D. Bailey and Mrs. Cecil Neal.

An outstanding Centennial Project from our neighbouring township of Belmont was a centennial rug showing the Provincial emblems woven into the fine hand work. Altogether a beautiful piece of handwork done by Mrs. Van Steenburgh.

Refreshments were available at the coffee bar in charge of Mrs. Frank Leal.

The majority of the ladies were in centennial costume, the oldest authentic costume being worn by Mrs. E. D. O'Connor, one of the Village's senior citizens.

Guests of honour at ceremonies in the evening included Mrs. Maurice (Alene) Holt, Ontario Centennial Chairman for Women's Activities. William Shannon Reeve of Village and County Warden; John Wilkes, Reeve of Marmora Township; Charles Gordanier, Reeve of Deloro; and Jack Bush, Deputy Reeve of Sidney Township.

Introduced by Mrs. G. J. Meiklejohn, Chairman of Women's Centennial Activities in Marmora, Mrs. Holt brought greetings from the Minister of Tourism and Information and their director, Jack Brockie. She noted that Marmora is leading the field for areas of its size in centennial activities and congratulated the village for its wonderful efforts in celebrating our big birthday party. "When I see all this wonderful work, I hope you are enjoying it without too big an effort. I hope it is a fun year; it is a year for unification; we will all be strengthened by this and will look forward to a wonderful centennial year for the whole of the country".

Reeve Shannon welcomed guests and paid tribute to the centennial committee for its many completed projects at such an early date in the year and hoped that many such occasions would be celebrated throughout 1967.

Congratulates Ladies

John Wilkes congratulated the ladies on the wonderful job that has been done and noted the cooperation between women of the village and township in working together on this project. He remarked on the wonderful spirit shown, especially by Mrs. Gertie Caverly who had completed an exhibit while sick in bed.

Charles Gordenier remarked that the Deloro people are doing what they can to help out in Marmora projects. Jack Bush indi-

cated that Marmora has been outstanding in its achievements.

Gordon Bennett, Chairman of Marmora's Centennial Committee, stated that one of the objects of centennial year is to get to know our country better. He said he had learned a lot about Marmora this evening and congratulated the ladies under the leadership of Mrs. Meiklejohn for putting on this splendid show.

Members of the craft committee were introduced: Mrs. Geo. Empey, Mrs. Harold Nayler, Mrs. Percy Carman, Mrs. Stewart Hardy, Mrs. Mel Borland and Mrs. Bruce Young, who represent a cross section of the Township, Village and Deloro.

The centennial birthday cake was officially cut by Reeve Shannon at the request of Mrs. Empey and served by high school students in costume. Mrs. Meiklejohn thanked all who had participated in any way to make this centennial craft show a successful event.

CRAFTS AND THOSE IN CHARGE

Plastics: Mrs. M. Lavender, Mrs. S. Hardy. Knitting: Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. E. Killian, Miss Grace Sheridan, Mr. J. Reynolds Mrs. Alice Stark.

Doll Costuming: Mrs. Gazley, Mrs. Kotulski, Miss Eleanor O'Neill. Stone Craft: Mr. Lionel Brown. Unusual Crafts: Mrs. C. Rodgers, Mrs. A. Gray, Mrs. Glen Anderson, Mrs. Demorest. Hat Making: Mrs. J. Park, Mrs. G. Wentworth. Wood Craft: Mrs. G. Howden. Jewellery: Mrs. L. Stetson. Bedspreads: Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Francis

Rothermel, Mrs. B. O'Connor, Mrs. Sheridan, Miss Mary Hughes. Rugs: Mrs. H. Bleecker; Afghans, Mrs. F. Grant. Petti-point, Needlepoint, Mrs. Ralph Neale; Tatting: Mrs. H. Vanstone, Mrs. Miller. Sewing: Mrs. Fred Mumby, Mrs. Logan. Embroidery: Miss Violet Deacon. Liquid Embroidery, Mrs. Percy Gordon. Cross Stitch, Smocking: Mrs. E. Brady, Miss J. Sweet.

Tea Convener: Mrs. Frank Leale assisted by Mrs. Stan Kerr, Mrs. Clarence McCoy, Mrs. Ray Smith and Mrs. Bruce Young.

Girls from the High School dressed in Centennial fashion assisted Mrs. B. Bell in serving of the Centennial Cake to guests in the evening, assisted by several ladies.

Guest Book: Looked after by Mrs. J. Murphy in a very gracious manner.

Mr. J. Wellman displayed an organ. Several ladies enjoyed playing in the afternoon and evening.

Leathercraft: Mrs. Percy Carman. Driftwood: Mr. E. Killian.

Copper Tooling: Mrs. Marie O'Neill, Mrs. Arthur Caverley. Weaving: Mrs. H. Nayler, Miss Loreen Connor. Crocheting: Mrs. P. Gordon. Tablecloths: Mrs. Fred Lassila. Cushions: Burlap work. Antique furniture refinishing: Mrs. D. Bailey, Mrs. Cecil Neale. Display of dolls by Quinte District Girl Guides: Mrs. D. Vilneff, Mrs. R. Frost, Mrs. T. Shannon. Display by Cubs, Scouts: Mrs. John Vanvolkenburg and several of Ranger group.

Centennial Cake decorating done by Mrs. T. Young. Her table also had a display of decorated cakes sent in by ladies of the organizations.



Shown above demonstrating the art of weaving is Mrs. Harold Nayler. Looking on are Mrs. Russel Lewis of Madoc, Mrs. Albert MacDonald and Mrs. Geo. Davidson both of R.R. 2, Marmora. Mrs. Nayler was one of many local ladies' who took part in the Centennial Craft Show held at the Town Hall which was a tremendous success.

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Pictured above working hard on a Centennial Quilt are Mrs. Fluke and Mrs. Glover Sr. who were busy helping finish this lovely project undertaken by Marmora Senior Citizens. Photo Courtesy Belleville Intelligencer