

## Silver Star Lodge 50th Anniversary

This Anniversary and Birthday Party was held in the Jarvis Community Centre on Tuesday evening, May 11, 1976, with an attendance of approximately 125 members and Rebekah friends from other visiting lodges. Past President of the Rebekah Assembly, Sally Laidlaw of Barrie; D.D.P. Jean Laidlaw and D.D.P. Elaine Hall of Brant District, were distinguished guests.

It is worthy of note that all Past District Deputy Presidents of Silver Star Lodge were present for the evening, namely: Kate Miller (1931-32), Cora Butcher (1936-37), Lizzie Howard (1942-43), Nellie Stallwood (1949-50), Mary Keen (1956-57), Gertrude Belbeck (1963-64), Dorothy Walker (1971-72), Hilda Awde 1976-77 (Incoming D.D.P.).

It was May 4th, 1926, that the Institution and Installation of Silver Star Lodge took place when Daisy Pond (deceased) was installed as the first Noble Grand. Twenty-eight Sisters and 22 Brothers signed the members register at this meeting as charter members.

Attending the anniversary meeting were: Kate Miller, Lizzie Howard, Cora Butcher and Edna Fallis who were charter members, also Belle Nicol was a charter member but was not present. The first three named received their 50-year jewels. Minutes of the first meeting were read by Mary Keen, and Lizzie Howard gave a few amusing reminiscences of the original meeting.

Following the business of the evening with N.G. Kay Mitchell and V.G. Nancy Stallwood presiding, the entertainment committee, under the chairmanship of Dorothy Walker, enacted an impressive tableau depicting the history of Silver Star, honouring the past members of 50 years of service to Rebekah Oddfellowship. A Guard of Honour formed with all Noble Grands of Silver Star Lodge and their District Deputy Presidents who were in attendance passing through the arch, each receiving a gift presented by conductor Carleen Scarr. A suitable memorial service paying tribute to departed



Nancy Stallwood (left), Vice-Grand of Silver Star Rebekah Lodge, is pictured with the Noble Grand, Kay Mitchell. Photos by Lu Ann Hill

members was conducted with candles being lit by Conductor Carleen Scarr and Warden Pat Payne. Mrs. Beulah Welt, accompanied at the piano by Lizzie Howard, sang two solos, "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" and "Walk With Faith in Your Heart."

The candles on the Birthday Cake were lit by the charter members with N.G. Kay Mitchell representing "Miss Silver Star," who expressed gratitude to all past Rebekahs for their years of dedication to the Order.

The evening concluded with a delicious banquet, the head table

being adorned with a three-tier anniversary cake and a piece of wrapped cake at each member's place. Barbara Phillips was toastmistress for various toasts and responses. V.G. Nancy Stallwood officiated for the drawing of a few lucky prizes. Nellie Miller sang the solo, "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You", followed by "The Queen," which concluded a most pleasant 50th Anniversary and Birthday Party.

We extend thanks to all responsible for the arrangements that were necessary for this memorable evening.

## Rebekahs celebrate 50th anniversary

JARVIS — Silver Star Rebekah Lodge, Jarvis recently held a 50th Anniversary party. Silver Star Rebekah Lodge, No. 285 was instituted and the first installation of officers took place on May 4, 1926 when the late Mrs. Daisy Pond was installed as Noble Grand, supported by 28 sister members and 22 brothers. There are five of these charter members who are still active, namely Mrs. Lizzie Howard, Mrs. Kate Miller, Mrs. Cora Butcher, Mrs. Edna Tallis and Mrs. Belle Nicol. The first three named have served as Past Noble Grands and also as District Deputy Presidents.

Present for the occasion

50 years of Silver Star Lodge members to the service of Rebekah Oddfellowship. All past District Deputy Presidents of the district who were present and members of Silver Star Lodge present who have served as Noble Grand passed through a guard of honour and each were presented with a gift by Carleen Scarr. Three of the charter members, Mrs. Lizzie Howard, Mrs. Kate Miller and Mrs. Cora Butcher also received their 50th year jewel.

The evening concluded with the committee serving a bountiful banquet.