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# Knowles at 75

For many of the "old boys", Knowles Centre Inc. wasn't the home they remembered, but attending the Centre's 75th Anniversary Reunion on Saturday, September 22, brought back a host of memories.

Gone is the home purchased in 1912. It was destroyed by fire in 1959. Gone too, are the expansive gardens, chickens and pigs. Urban sprawl has eaten away at the original 40 acre site.

Never the less, the anecdotes were many — both humorous and sentimental as over 250 guests enjoyed the afternoon celebrations on the grounds. Activities included the dedication of residential units to the memory of those who served on the ad hoc board in 1907, presentation of service awards to past presidents, executive directors and superintendents. The support of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg and MP Jake Epp was acknowledged by board president Jack Stewart who also reminded those present that Knowles Centre Inc. is looking to the future and the necessity of providing a flexible program able to meet the ever-changing needs of the community. The plan includes construction of the recently opened "open" residential unit and an extensive renovation program. The board is currently in the process of formulating fund-raising proposals to finance these projects.

Community services minister, Muriel Smith and Mayor Bill Norrie both congratulated the Centre on its years of service to



**What's a party without cake?** To mark this special occasion, "old boy" Leslie C. George, a resident from 1912 to 1922, cuts the birthday cake while Mayor Bill Norrie, community services minister, Muriel Smith and Knowles president, John G. Stewart look on.

the community.

In addition, guests enjoyed tours of the facilities, photo displays and displays by present residents as well as coffee-house type entertainment by residents and staff and a breakdance demonstration.

Getting together again also brought

back memories of the K.B. Club which was made up of former residents. Some thought is now being given to reviving this organization. Former residents and staff can contact Knowles Centre Inc. 339-1951 if they would like to become a part of this new group.