

WI FINANCE PUBLISHING HISTORY BOOK

The new book "Belfountain, Caves, Castles and Quarries in the Caledon Hills", was launched at an open house in the village hall with a Publisher's Presentation.

Belfountain-Rockside Women's Institute decided to do its own publishing with the assistance of a local printer. Members showed genuine concern, and contributed on a loan basis, to a small fund set aside by the Institute. The local Town Council showed interest too, and assisted with the cost of research and compilation.

The whole idea originated with the Tweedsmuir History Curator, who felt the wealth of information contained in the Tweedsmuir Book should be shared with the public. This enterprising project started about three years ago when Mrs. Berniece Trimble, former Board Director, assumed the responsibility of writing and editing, as well as chairing the Committee.

Because Mrs. Trimble was the Curator she was well aware that much more research needed to be done and recorded, or this valued history would be lost forever — so the work began.

The Committee appointed Mrs. Agnes Lawr, a direct descendant of one of the first pioneers, Mrs. Alma Corbett, former postmistress and Mrs. Eve Laughlin, village librarian. Mrs. Trimble and the Committee were put in complete charge of the project.



Agnes Lawr, a direct descendant of the first pioneers, looks at a copy of "Belfountain Caves, Castles and Quarries" as Berniece Trimble autographs a book.

Finally, after many heartaches, setbacks and discouragements the 160 page book was published in both soft and hard cover editions, containing the history of the little community situated in the Central Ontario Convention Area. The book was published to coincide with the 150th birthday of the village.

The title, Caves, Castles and Quarries, pertain to only three important parts of its history, and is well-matched to the romantic, fanciful tales which have risen, like mist, from the Ontario highlands. William Lyon Mackenzie once sought refuge in the area's caves and was kept alive for two weeks by containers of food and drink lowered from the crinolines of an in-

genious countrywoman. Alexander McLaren brought ancient Norman architecture to the locality in the form of a castle and the nearby quarries supplied the sandstone for the building of the Ontario Legislature, Toronto City Hall and many other prominent buildings. The Caledon Hills also had their gossip-inspired Gold Rush and legendary Devil's Pulpit.

During the open house, the guests were greeted by the President, Mrs. W. B. Laughlin and the Committee. The author, Berniece Trimble was kept busy autographing books. Sales have been beyond expectations and books are in local stores, some libraries and have gone to interested purchasers in other provinces and to several countries.



Pleasant Valley W.I. won first prize in the historical category at Meaford Centennial parade. Designing and decorating the float was done by members and the 4H Homemaking Club girls.



Plantagenet W.I.

Mrs. Anna Delaney welcomed quilters to her home. Here she proudly displays the finished quilt.