

Programs varied, current

**Family and
Consumer Affairs**
Gladys Griffith
Convener



Branches continued to promote resource materials compiled by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food by sending volunteer leaders to training workshops and financially supporting the 4-H clubs and adult courses.

Women's Institute members learned through their varied programs.

Clothing and Textiles topics were demonstrations on quilting; making corsages, cabbage patch doll clothes and hair pin lace; how to spin wool, tie scarves, decorate cakes and arrange flowers; learned techniques of braiding, rewebbing chairs, stretch and sew.

Housing and Home Furnishings topics were electric safety; adequate police protection; china-blue willow pattern; furniture refinishing; speakers on Securident Systems and Neighbourhood Watch; safe operation of wood stoves.

Home and Money Management topics were financial planning for women; wills; divorce; unclaimed money in bank accounts; solar heat; pricing games; door-to-door salesmen; line fence legalities; a progressive study on women's role in consumer affairs.

Family Relationships topics were day care service; foster parenting; child protection; needs of the elderly; widows' outreach; speakers on Telecare, Life Line International, women's self defense, and transition houses. The film *Love, Honoured and Bruised* was widely used.

Health and Safety topics were Red Cross Homecare Services; water safety; proper use of knives; handling chemicals; food poisoning; diabetes; exercising in a pool; Alzheimers Disease; mental health; dangers of silo gas; schizophrenia, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and children's diseases.

**Agriculture and
Canadian Industries**
Thelma Allen
Convener



Branches reported studying acid rain. Concerned interest is hard to generate because, unless the cause and effect is visible, people from other parts of the country tend to be uninterested.

What are you throwing away that could be recycled? If you are near to a recycling depot, use it. If not, resolve to get one established.

Start your garden under a new kind of plastic that self-destructs in sunlight in 60-90 days. Because germination is speeded up, vegetables grown under it can be marketed three weeks earlier.

Deforestation of the world has been drastic. Reforestation and woods management came a little late. Let's look after our top soil — we loose 54 billion tonnes a year and also remember our wet lands are a necessary part of our environment.

Agriculture in Ontario provides a livelihood for 50,000 families. It directly creates 500,000 jobs and indirectly tens of thousands more. H.J. Heinz Company started in Canada in 1909. Now they have a work force of 18,000. Last year's wages were \$40 million and another \$28 million went to the farmers. Schneiders in Kitchener employs 2,000 people and Morda International of Vankleek Hill makes and markets over one million pounds of spices annually. These are industries resulting from agriculture.

The new convener for 1985/86 is
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WI meeting on local cable TV

Television cameras rolled at Brookville Hall, Guelph Line, on May 14, at the monthly meeting of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute. Local organizations and fellow Nassagaweyans were invited by the Institute to participate in a dynamic presentation by the Toastmasters Club of Milton.

Danny Bowers, President of Toastmasters and owner of his own successful computer consulting company chaired a mock Toastmasters meeting. All in attendance had an insight into the direction Toastmasters lead their members to gain better confidence, better speech, better communication and better leadership.

Five members of the audience were

**Katharine
Garwood**



called upon to give one minute impromptu talks on various topics drawn on the spur of the moment. Fran Pearce, President of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute, was chosen by secret ballot to have delivered the best off-the-cuff speech. A fun bouquet of tissue flowers was presented to her.

Accompanying Danny Bowers were Toastmaster members Bob Rowlandson, Fred deRee and Ed Riley. They discussed the many facets of moving

a meeting along smoothly by following the correct parliamentary procedure, delivering interesting speeches and building confidence. While it is natural to feel nervous when speaking before a group of people, Toastmaster Bob Rowlandson assured everyone that while the butterflies may never go away at least they can be taught to fly in formation.

Nassagaweya will receive positive coverage as the film of this exciting evening is aired on Halton Cable Television in the very near future.

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