

Local Women's Institute celebrates 85 years

Members of the Kincardine Women's Institute celebrated the 85th anniversary of the Kincardine Branch which started in 1902.

On Wednesday, June 10 the members spent an enjoyable evening in celebration with dinner at the Huron Family Restaurant and cake and ice cream at the home of Margaret MacLeod.

Time was also spent reminiscing after long-time member Norma Mackay read the

minutes from the 60th anniversary meeting.

President Doris Bradley opened the meeting and everyone joined in the Opening Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect.

A moment's silence was observed in memory of Lola Harris, a devoted member who passed away May 19, 1987, followed by the Lord's Prayer. Irene Neil read the minutes from the May meeting and Mary Norman gave a report on the District Annual in Belmore which they had attended as

delegates.

Karin Sloots was the guest speaker who told of life in Holland and showed some interesting slides. Karin, who returns to her home in Holland in late July, was thanked and presented with a gift by Freda Jacob. Several members were unable to attend, including Reta Wieck and Secretary-Treasurer Florence Pollard.

Plans are being made to hold a picnic at Lansdowne Park in August.

Bruce South WI district annual held in Ripley

May 17, 1988

On May 17, Ripley W.I. hosted the 1988 Bruce South District Women's Institute District Annual in the Ripley United Church.

District president Mrs. Wm. MacInnes opened the meeting in the usual procedure and the "welcome" was by Mrs. Lock of Ripley W.I. followed by the Devotions by Mrs. Reid of Reid's Corners W.I.

Our board director, Mrs. Ivan Thomas, ratified the district directors. Mrs. Cecil Humphrey, read the 1987 minutes which were adopted as read, followed by the treasurer's report.

Mrs. Russell Whitby of Lucknow gave a good report of the Jr. W.I. and it appears the Juniors are quite active.

Entertainment by Kincardine W.I. was given by Mrs. Arno Kelly who sang lovely solos accompanied by Mrs. Elmer Bradley on the piano.

The F.W.I.O. report was given by Mrs. Ivan Thomas, board director, and she informed us this will be her last report. She said there will be nominations for a new assistant secretary and P.R.O. for the area, and she would like if more 4-H girls compete for the scholarship. The co-ordinators are to send for their kits to head office.

We are to fill out the entry form for "recharge your Batteries" a workshop by June 30. Each Institute is to make up a budget. The Tartan report was given by Mrs. John Bushell, and stated about the new trays.

Mrs. Perrin Lowry gave the co-ordinator's report and the P.R.O. report was given by Margaret Harkness. In Memoriam was by Teeswater W.I.

The museum report was by Mrs. Owen Harrison. She said the Point Clark Museum will be open in June.

Mrs. Doreen MacAdam, who attended the Leadership Development Conference in Kingston, gave a good many ways of recycling our garbage.

The Trust Fund report was given by Mrs. James Conway.

Mrs. MacInnes thanked everyone for their co-operation in her two years and was presented with a gift by the incoming president, Mrs. Russell McGuire.

The Lucknow W.I. presented a very amusing skit about the Institute.

The 14 branches supported the "Pennies for Friendship" and collected \$390.70 plus a loaf of bread, a special project, \$120.87.

Courtesy remarks were given by Mrs. Kay Thacker of Silver Lake W.I. followed by the Royal Anthem. The election of officers was directed by Mrs. Ivan Thomas. The officers are as follows:

Officers 1988-1989
 Past president, Mrs. Wm. MacInnes, Teeswater; president, Mrs. Russell McGuire, Wingham; 1st vice president, Mrs. Charles Murray, R.R. #1, Holyrood; 2nd vice president, Mrs. James Conway, R.R. #2, Thorton; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Cecil Humphrey, R.R. #1, Ripley; assistant secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Doreen MacAdam, R.R. #2, Wingham; program co-ordinator, Mrs. Perrin Lowry, R.R. #1, Kincardine; public relations officer, Mrs. Margaret Harkness.



The Kincardine Women's Institute celebrated 85 years in Kincardine Wednesday evening. The Institute, which started in 1902 in Kincardine, meets once a month and has guest speakers and demonstrations. Back row from left, Nelly MacKinnon, Norma MacKay, Violet MacKenzie, Irene

Neil, Florence McCallum, Freda Jacob, Phyl Abbott, Lenore Hoey, Margaret MacLeod and Mary Farrel. Front row from left, Mary Norman, president Doris Bradley, Margaret Kelly and Jean McCallum.

Tweedsmuir books record our history

in 1987 paper.

For almost 50 years, "Tweedsmuir History Books" have been an important ongoing project of Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. These books are comprehensive, factual collections of historical data of communities across Ontario.

During Lord Tweedsmuir's term as Governor General of Canada, Lady Tweedsmuir took great interest in the Women's Institute. She stressed the need for preserving the history of our Canadian people, places, customs and activities. Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario decided to act upon her suggestion and a "Tweedsmuir

History Book" became the project of each Women's Institute Branch within Ontario. Today 1100 Branches each have a Tweedsmuir History Book and many Branches have two or three volumes.

Main topics covered in these Books are—Branch Women's Institute and its contribution to the welfare and development of the community; general community history; individual families and homes; schools and education; churches and their organizations; industries past and present; libraries; municipal government; recreation; and war records.

The Curators are being very

progressive and are aware of how much these community history books mean and are being used in Ontario. They are conducting workshops on Recording Your Family History; Preservation of Photographs; and Oral History Recording. The Books are being copied, laminated and microfilmed. The Curators frequently submit articles to magazines and papers; work with Historical Societies; and are guest speakers at other organizations. Historical researchers often use these Books as a source of reference.

The Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History Committees strive to record what is happening today in their communities, because today's current affairs are tomorrow's histories.



THE BERVIE W. I. celebrated their eightieth anniversary Thursday afternoon with a tea and cake. About 70 members showed up for the event. Pictured here are

left, Mae Bushell—past president, Betty-Jean White—president, Emily Bushell—life member, Gladis Collins—life member, Frances Johnson—life member, Largarat

McInnes—district president of Bruce South, Minnie Ferrier—past president. (Marie Wilson Photo)

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