

Women's Institute planning special functions

Bruce County Rally celebrates 15 years

The Bruce County Rally program was conducted by president Jeanne Simpson. Joan Murray, welcomed the Bruce South, the president of the area to Lucknow. She also extended congratulations to the tartan committee on their 15th anniversary of being registered in Canada.

In memoriam was conducted by the Allenford Institute. Marion Lowry, a board member for sub division 17 brought greetings from F.W.I.O.

Committee reports given were the tartan by Emily Bushell with a very successful year in sales. The scholarship report by Irene Lamb was also given. Tim Halliday of R. R. #2, Chesley was the winner. Anna Farrow of Bruce Centre gave the museum report. Fran Farrell of Purple Grove won the Miss Bruce County Rally competition.

Greetings from the County and congratulations to the tartan committee on their 25th anniversary was expressed by Barry Johnston.

After lunch, Don Diar of Belgrave proved to be a very humorous entertainer.

Election of officers was conducted by Marion Lowry. Emily Bushell read the history of the Bruce County tartan. Olive Hepburn of Hope Bay, the oldest lady of the original tartan committee played and sang "The Tartan Song". Olive composed this song.

The 1992 Rally is to be at Bruce Centre in Underwood on Oct. 15. Bruce County Women's Institute officers; Past chairman, Jeanne

Simpson, Walkerton; chairman, Wilma Bergsta, Shallow Lake; first vice chair, Lorraine McPherson of Hollyrood; second vice chair, Anna Farrow of Allenford; third vice chair, Lois Freiburger, Walkerton; secretary, treasurer, Eleanor McLelland, Allenford; assistant secretary, Marion Schlorff, Chesley; public relation, Doris Osterdoiff, Elmwood; Tweedsmuir car, Emily Bushell, Kincardine; auditors, Helen Steip and Evelyn White both of Wariaton; board director section #16, Anna Farrow.

Tartan committee; Bruce South, Largent McInnes, Teeswater; Alternate, Joan Murray, Hollyrood; Bruce Centre, Velma Thornburn, Paisley; alternate, Linda Forster, Paisley; Bruce East, Shannon Fitzsimmons, Cargill; alternate, Fernie Abell, Walkerton; Bruce North, Tom Cunningham, Wariaton; alternate, Carol Wier, Wariaton.

Museum Committee; Bruce Centre, Audrey Underwood, Port Elgin; Bruce East, Willard Metcalfe, Cargill; Bruce North, Edna Koehler, Hepworth; Bruce South, Virene Thompson, Kincardine.

Scholarship Committee; Bruce East, Russell Halliday, Chesley; alternate, July McKinnon (Elidon), Paisley; Bruce North, Mrs. Geo. Trafalet, Wariaton; alternate, Mrs. Charles Ouderkirk, Wariaton; Bruce South, Diana Scott, Ripley; alternate, Janet Farrell, Ripley; Bruce Centre, Ann Schindroff, Port Elgin; alternate, Sharon Middleton, Allenford.

To the Editor:

June is Women's Institute month in Ontario. During this month you will find that the local WI Branches and Districts are having special functions to let the public know a little about this organization. Too many Ontario citizens think that as an organization it only serves those members who belong to it. Wrong. The lives of all who live in Ontario are better because there is an organization who cares about the well being of the community.

Just imagine a person standing with a glass of pasteurised milk in hand, and a loaf of wrapped bread; after attending Brock University, probably on a WI scholarship because of work in a 4-H club; wearing a Bruce County tartan; watching a school bus with flashing lights on it; reading a sign for some upcoming leadership course; after having visited the Elgin County Museum, Grey County Museum, Southwell Earth Works (Home of the Neutral Indians) Forge and Anvil in Sparta, the Erald Lee (Museum) home, the Adelaide Hoodless Home, the WI hall in the Agriculture Museum in Milton and numerous museums throughout Ontario; hummed the song "When you and I were Young Maggie" while looking at the historical marker; noticed that the local township now had recycling, and that some of the trash had been picked up; noticed that there were some more trees planted; traced their ancestry through a WI Tweedsmuir History Book; taken a farm tour; looked at the latest Ross Butler Farm Animal prints in the local Farm Animal print in the local school; when visiting a nursing home noticed that there was a volunteer serving tea and cookies; purchased a pie at a local fundraising bake sale; appreciated the lunch served after a funeral; admired the new quilts that a fire victim had received and listened to speaker at a local WI meeting and lots more.

Whether you live in rural or urban Ontario your life has been improved because one WI member, a WI Branch or FWIO as a whole saw a need, or had an idea, researched it and made all the necessary contacts, did all the work, maybe raised the money and often after great obstacles improved Ontario for all and not just themselves. Look around you, in your home and in your community and then think what life would be like if FWIO was not there.

June is Women's Institute Month, a time for the province of Ontario to celebrate this quiet organisation founded in Stony Creek Ontario in 1897 and spread throughout the world. The motto of WI "For Home and Country" is as relevant in today's high tech world as it was when the organization was first started.

Geraldine Campbell, FWIO Public Relations Officer, Ridgeway.



The new executive of the District Women's Institute includes, front from left: Dorcas MacAdam, Belmore, secretary; and Ina Ireland, Teeswater, program co-ordinator. In back: Fran Farrell, Purple Grove, second-vice; Marion Lowry, Reid's Corners, board director; Eleanore Conway, Turvton, president; Jean Whitby, Lucknow, first-vice; Margaret Harkness, Berrie, public relations; and Joan Murray, Hollyrood, past president. The women were named to their positions at the annual meeting of the WI. in Point Clark last Tuesday. 1991-1992

Convention promotes wise use of time

Over 250 Women's Institute members attended the 77th Annual Convention of the London Area Women's Institute held recently at Norwich Community Center. Theme for the day was Women and their Personal Environment. President Hilde Morden of R.R. 1, Rodney, advised delegates to take founder-Adelaide Hoodless's advice that women must learn not to waste time on non-essentials.

Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario President Peggy Knapp of Mississauga reported on a presentation made to Rt. Hon. Brian Mulroney at the House of Commons in Ottawa, urging government to put food production as a top priority on their agenda. She also spoke on the future of WI and the changes we can expect to see.

Reports were given on Children's Hospital of Western Ontario, Western Fair Association, Public Relations, Tweedsmuir Histories

and the Butler Project Program Coordinator Grace Campbell of RR 1, Iona Station read a poem on W.I. she had written.

Rural Organization Specialist Debbie Poel from Woodstock O.M.A.F. office gave a presentation on Stress and how to deal with it.

Treasurer Marion Bere of RR 1, Arva reported that \$124,855.42 was donated to various organizations and community projects by W.I. members last year.

Mrs. Peggy Knapp and Township

of Norwich Mayor John Heleniak planted a Plain tree near the ball diamond. W.I.s across Ontario are planting trees to help replace trees removed or destroyed.

Following the banquet, three Maryn Pardy Scholarships were presented. Guest speaker, Lavona Ballagh, of Wingham spoke on how we pollute our personal environment and the space around us with unkind words, negative thoughts and mental attitudes leaving a trail of depression. We must build up, not tear down for a sense of confidence. We should bring pleasure to one another as we journey through life.

Delegates were treated to selections of gospel music sung by Rich and Fran Grant of Tilsonburg.