

April 1987

Private Bell lines for Castleford

Hostess for the Castleford Women's Institute annual meeting was Edna Humphries.

During the business Mae Craig read a letter from Bell Telephone which promised private lines for the Castleford area.

Two new courses are offered by the Department of Agriculture. One is on micro-waving and the other on interior decorating.

Next year's program themes will be featuring women and the environment.

During the annual meeting which was chaired by Mae Craig, reports were read by program co-ordinator Mar-

garet Ferguson; public relations Doris Ferguson; curator Doris Humphries; resolutions Agnes Frank; president Moira Shaw; treasurer Averil McLeod and the auditor by Maureen McEachern.

There was only one change of officers for the year, international affairs will be convened by Eleanor Ritchie. Mae Craig installed the slate of officers.

The roll call for the district of officers will be prepared by Edna Humphries. Delegates were chosen to attend.

Mae Craig gave a brief summary of a waste management workshop slated for June 21. It will deal with some interesting

areas such as making crafts out of throw-aways and gardening with refuse. It will be held in the Armory, Renfrew.

Next month's meeting will have public relations as its theme and will be held at the home of Marjory Gale beginning at 7:30 pm.

A scarf tying practice party was held at the home of Mrs Loretta Leavoy, Saturday, April 15 with 27 ladies attend-

ing. Mrs Doris Ferguson and Jean Taylor were hostesses.

A poem in honour of Loretta Leavoy was read by Doris Humphries.

Many prizes were handed out and everyone enjoyed the exchange of scarf fashion ideas.

A delicious lunch ended the pleasant afternoon. The collection was donated to the Castleford community flower fund.

Marjory Gale hosts 1987 Castleford WI meeting

Marjory Gale was the hostess for the Castleford Women's Institute meeting in May.

The roll call was to name the first owners of the property each member lives on.

Guest speaker, Mary Wallace, was introduced by Doris Ferguson. Mrs Wallace gave a brief history of the Branches that make up the Renfrew South District. Burnstown was the very first Branch and it was established in 1911. There are 18 Branches in the District now.

The WI was started by

Adelaid Hoodless and Erland Lee in 1897 at Stoney Creek. It has spread throughout Canada and the world. The WI motto "For Home and Country" has rallied women to be aware of their power to change things by uniting and working together to improve their homes, country and the world.

"It isn't a loud abrasive voice but with hard work and perseverance it has made many changes, from the pasteurization of milk to the digging of wells in the third world countries, for the better," Mrs Wallace stated.

May 1987 Castleford members attend district annual

Several members from the Castleford branch were able to attend the 76th District Annual Meeting of the Renfrew South Women's Institute held at White Lake.

Presiding was district president, Mary Wallace. The theme was health concerns. Each branch district director read their particular area of concern. Margaret Ferguson gave Castleford's. It was the decision of the government not to pay for the difference in price between a generic drug and the brand name for senior

citizens. Other concerns were waste disposal, acid rain, celiac disease and our aging society and the strain on the resources for them.

Mae Craig told about the waste management workshop slated for June 21 at the Renfrew Armouries. It is hoped many will come to learn about the fun side of dealing with refuse. There will be gardening, crafts, how to use food leftovers, shopping with waste management in mind, ideas to reduce packaging and how to

reuse, reduce and recycle. Bring your own lunch and mug.

Rural Organization Specialist, Susan Humphries gave a brief report on 4-H activities and upcoming workshops on interior decorating and microwaving.

The in memoriam service was presented by Dianna Prichard and Lyle Larone.

The afternoon session was presided over by Sara Campbell and Mary Wallace.

The speaker from the Victorian Order of Nurses, Anne Merla gave a brief summary of

the home care services available to the public. She answered questions from the audience about their concerns.

Eileen Brydges read her prize winning essay on the four seasons. Dorothy Skinner told about the home tour in aid of the hospital expansion fund. Susie McMillan read a letter from her WI penpal from Alberta.

The reports from the program co-ordinator, Jean Elliot; curator, Ethel Collins, and resolutions, Eileen Brydges were given.

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