

Hobby & Craft Fair a success

The Fifth Annual Hobby and Craft Fair held in the Port Elgin Arena and sponsored by the Bruce Centre District Women's Institute drew a crowd of over 3,000 people of all ages.

The variety of the crafts of 54 craftsmen, the 13 Institute branches, the Country Sisters, Walkerton A.R.C. Industries and the Bruce County Tartan items provided gifts and ideas for the buyers and onlookers.

Mrs. Harvey Weppler, second vice-president was in charge of the announcements and did an excellent job of describing the various booths and announced the lucky door prizes of Bruce County Tartan items drawn every hour. Mrs. P. Ford and her assistants looked after the registration. The Bake Table under the supervision of First Vice President, Mrs. Harold Simpson and Mrs. Dick Fenton assisted by members of the Institute groups was a busy spot all day. Lunches were served by the Brucedale, Allenford and Arkwright branches and Mount Hope branch was a favorite spot with cold drinks. Underwood branch was in charge of the Fish Pond. A smorgasbord was served in the Community Centre by the South Saugeen branch at noon

and Burgoyne branch served Salad plate with pie and beverage between 5-7. Tara branch held an auction sale at 3 o'clock with Al McGuire, auctioneer adding his special brand of humour.

Led by Piper Stewart twenty one participants proudly wearing the Bruce County Tartan circled the Arena floor and were introduced individually on the platform by Mrs. E. Busch, President, Mrs. Geo. Pollock assisted by Mrs. Vida Wilford drew the ticket on the Wild Rose appliqued quilt made by Mrs. Pollock. Lucky winner was Miss Nancy Thede.

Mrs. Harry Kennedy, secretary-treasurer was in charge of the admission tables assisted by Institute members and friends.

Mr. Robert Thomas had a miniature threshing machine on display and also a team and wagon carved by Geo. Meyers and owned by Kent Lamont was a point of interest.

Mr. Lindsay Thornburn took pictures of the crafts and displays and anyone interested in these should contact Mrs. M. Gowanlock (934-2925).

Convenor for the Hobby Fair is Mrs. M. Gowanlock assisted by Mrs. H. McArthur.