

# Elsinore and District

[by Mrs. M. Gowanlock]  
JULY W.I. MEETING

Mrs. Wilford Trask was the Hostess for the July Institute meeting. The Roll Call was tell of something interesting at the Hobby Fair and the 16 members and friends gave various answers such as the man doing pettipoint, little animals from stones and shells, children's interest in the mounted animals and birds; the Fashion show; the conveners gave their 2 min. reports - Agriculture - Eating tips by Mrs. E. Messam; Canadian Industries - How business is picking up in Collingwood and reports the recession is over by Mrs. Richards; Education - High school teachers believe the quality of Education has been lowered by Mrs. J. Kirkland; Hospital Auxiliary - Mrs. Dotzenroth honored for her service by Mrs. McRae; Sunshine report by Mrs. Smith; Public Relations - The finding of one of Ethel Chapman's early books at the Y Book Sale and a very interesting letter from Ethel Chapman by Mrs. Gowanlock.

It was decided to raise the gas rate for mileage to 15 cents. Plans were made to exhibit crafts at the Museum and to make cabbage salad for an event in Aug. White elephant draws were won by Kim and Cindy Chalton and Mrs. Ivan Fenwick. Mrs. R. Smith read the Scripture and Mrs. Dick Richards read the Current Events. Mrs. Richards was in charge of the program and Bingo was played with Mrs. Gowanlock calling the numbers and Mrs. Richards handing out the prizes. Lunch was served by the Hostess assisted by Mrs. Wm. Legg.

A military funeral was held from the Emke-Scarrows funeral parlor for Wm. Hunt. The Rev. Manning of the Allenford United Church officiated and the pallbearers were Legion members A. Nelson, H. Connor, E. McDougal, B. Miller, L. Nelson and R. Aiken.

Sympathy is extended to Doris, Mrs. R. Hamilton, Mr. Hamilton, Brenda, Janny and Bill of Owen Sound and Lloyd,

Mrs. Hunt and Wendy of Ottawa and Mrs. Reta Stewart of Hepworth.

Saturday was a perfect day for the celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cauka. Surrounded by beautiful beds of Regal Lilies and Roses and shade trees the tables were set on the lawn for 40 guests. Son-in-law G. Milics read the telegrams and letters of congratulations from Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Premier Wm. Davis, Eddie Sargent, Crawford Douglas, friends in Latvia and Canada. Mr. R. Gerhard of Buffalo a special friend of Mr. Cauka's from their early days read an address, Latvian songs were sung. Mrs. Gowanlock spoke of her appreciation of the friendship of the Cauka family; Mrs. Cauka replied telling of how she met Mr. Cauka, her appreciation of her daughters and their families in making this sumch a mementous occasion. A niece of Mr. Cauka's from California is spending a week with them and catching up on the years since they met. Friends from London and Dundas joined their Latvian friends from around the lake, Mr. and Mrs. Petrauskas; Mr. and Mrs. Ventenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Grekas, Mrs. Swete and Mr. Silniek; Mr. Zvaigzne of Southampton; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Gowanlock were also guests.

The scent of Mathiola, Latvia's national flower drifted out from a circular bed near the house as the evening advanced and everyone relaxed after the sumptuous dinner served by the daughters, grandchildren and friends. On Sunday neighbours and friends called to add their good wishes.

On Thurs. the Bruce Centre District Women's Institute executive and the Hobby Fair committee met at Gowanlocks to assess the success of the Hobby Fair and start plans for the 1976 Fair. The pictures taken by Mr.

Thornburn are very good and orders are being taken.

Mrs. Maureen Craig and Miss Phyllis Gowanlock visited their parents after paying their respect to their Uncle Will Hunt. Mrs. Annice Blake returned to her home in Barrie after spending a week with her parents. She visited Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Busch and family of West Arran.

Mrs. Wm. Cowin is slowly recovering from what turned out to be Strept. throat. She had to return to Hamilton to her own Doctor when she wasn't improving after a doctor diagnosed it as a fungus. We hope she'll be able to return to the cottage.

A dream came true for Mrs. Bruce McLeod when she received her 'dream boat' a Red Canoe this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Caudle, Donna, Allan and his fiancée Pauline of Hamilton are vacationing at their cottage. They attended the wedding of their niece, Miss Grady in Owen Sound.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kirkland were Mr. and Mrs. Bahula and family of Tillsonburg. Miss Caroline Petch of Markdale, Mr. Jim and Ron Underwood of Port Elgin, Mr. Earl McCulloch of Oshawa and Mrs. Harold Gardhouse of Bramalea.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McLeod of Cargill spent Sun. at the Lake and called on Mr. and Mrs. Cauka.

Every morning about 6 o'clock while watering the flowers I gather snails. I feed the birds so do not like to use poison or sprays to kill pests. I pour boiling water over said snails and later dig them into the soil. Maurice met an Italian family looking for snails at Sauble. They feed them flour and make a sauce. So they made two trips out here to gather the snails they had asked me to keep alive for them. "To each his own".

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By ANN KELLY  
Family Living Editor

Mrs. Maurice Gowanlock is a saver, a user and a doer. She saves almost anything because she figures she'll eventually use it and invariably does.

It was her saving, using, and doing qualities that started her making braid rugs. When she was told she had cancer, and less than a 25 per cent chance of recovery, her thoughts flashed to her storeroom, full of good material, that needed to be used.

She started making an oval rug, as soon as her health permitted, never really expecting to ever see it in her own home at R.R. 1, Allenford. Each winter she added a few rows to the rug. Thirteen years later, her 11 by 12-foot rug graces the centre of her living room floor. Mrs. Gowanlock has since made many braided rugs and her storeroom is just as full.

Mrs. Gowanlock, who is known as Nellie to her friends, can't remember when she started a good many of her interests and hobbies.

"I've quilted all my life," I don't remember how I learned, I think I was just born doing these things," is her explanation.

She is currently working on a quilt which involves the characters from the beloved childhood book, Little Women. Each quilt block depicts a scene or situation from the book.

Her daughter Annice, Mrs. John Blake of Barrie, is designing an Anne of Green Gables quilt and it is high on Mrs. Gowanlock's list of quilting priorities.

Mrs. Gowanlock was born Helen Smith, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roswell Smith. Although she has lived in many places during her married life, including Manitoba and London, she is currently residing on the farm where she was born.

When Maurice Gowanlock bought a vinegar cruet for his wife, he little realized he was opening another avenue of interest. She began collecting vinegar bottles. In the beginning, the bottles were used to decorate window ledges on the homestead. That's when a passerby dubbed the place Vinegar Jug Farm.

Now more than 50 cruets, perfume bottles and syrup jugs are displayed in a glass and oak showcase. The display includes cranberry glass, amber glass, amethyst croesus, hobnail, Canadian thistle and enamel paintings, to name but a few. Some of her pieces were wedding gifts to her parents. One square cruet was used by a friend's mother years ago in Scotland.