

Kairshea WI tours 2003 Wescast plant in Wingham

By Allene Bradley

On Nov. 20 the Kinloss Kairshea WI gathered at the home of Muriel MacKenzie, Wingham. They enjoyed beautiful desserts and beverages served by the hostess and Alice Ritchie.

The meeting opened with the Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect. The President June Gilchrist, opened with a poem *Be The Best of Whatever You Are*.

Roely VanderKlippe read the Scripture. She and Margaret Mowbray were the two conveners in charge of the meeting. The minutes were read and approved. The correspondence was read and business was dealt with.

Fourteen women travelled to the new Wescast

Plant to take a tour. They each donned hard hats, safety glasses and ear plugs.

They were divided into three groups, each with a very knowledgeable tour guide. The tour showed from beginning to end how a manifold is manufactured.

The first step was the making of a mould from sand. From this mold a cast was made into which hot metal was poured, making one manifold every 14 seconds. The metal is made from scrap iron and fired to 28,000 degrees. At one point, magnesium is added causing a very bright flash of light.

The finished product goes through a quality control section to ensure

a superior product. The manifolds are then sent to the Brantford Plant to have the holes precision made. They make manifolds for every type of engine.

They used to make stoves but now they only manufacture manifolds.

The WI members returned to the MacKenzie home where an interesting rolcall answered by all, was to name a local industry and what it produces.

Roely gave a reading *I'll Tell You What They Were Saying In 1957*. Irene Haldenby also gave a reading.

Margaret Mowbray gave the courtesies and the meeting closed with 'O Canada'.

WI enjoy ice cream at meeting

By Allene Bradley

The Kinloss Kairshea WI members gathered at the River Valley common room on March 18 with Margaret Mowbray acting as hostess. The Directors June Gilchrist and Roely VanderKlippe served cake, ice cream and a beverage. Prior to the lunch, the members sang grace. Following lunch, the meeting was opened by the WI Ode, followed by the Mary Stewart Collect. Andrea Feeley and Irene Haldenby were in charge of the program.

Alice Doelman read the minutes and correspondence. Marion MacKinnon gave the treasurer's report. It was decided not to attend a play in Blyth this summer due to a lack of response.

June gave a report from the directors meeting. The district annual meeting will be held at Elmwood on May 27.

It was decided to use a portion from the catering earnings as a donation to "Focus High with WI". Irene and

Alice will be helping at "Roots of Bruce" in Walkerton. The display for the fall fair this year is "An Apple A Day". Alice, June and Gladys will set it up. The rolcall was to name a town starting with the first initial of your name and was answered by 12 members.

Andrea introduced the guest speaker, John Lamoureux and his wife Alice. John spoke on the formation of land in this area, the glaciers, the ice age, etc. He spoke about a bus trip he had taken to inform him of the area and its formation. Irene thanked him for his talk and presented him with a gift.

Irene had everyone recite an Irish blessing, followed by a game on geography and a contest. June thanked Irene and Andrew and the guest speaker for their input. The WI fees for next year will be \$10. The meeting closed with the singing of 'O Canada'.

The next meeting will be held at Sharon MacDougall's.



Kairshea WI enjoys potluck lunch

By Allene Bradley

Marion MacKinnon was the hostess for the Kinloss Kairshea WI on Feb. 19 when 11 members and one visitor enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch. She was assisted by the two directors, Alice Doelman and Gladys Johnston. The meeting followed with Gladys presiding. The members sang the Opening Ode and repeated the Mary Stewart Collect. Gladys opened with an article explaining, "Why the year 2004 is a Leap Year". Alice Ritchie read the Scripture, Psalm 100. She also read the minutes which were adopted. The correspondence was read and the business dealt with. Marion MacKinnon gave the treasurer's report

and the report from the recent Lions dinner. The rolcall was a Show and Tell as some members showed crafts they had done during the winter. The crafts varied from a beautiful stained window made by Gladys, a colourful child's quilt by Alice, others had quilts and afghans not quite finished. Many fingers obviously worked for many hours on their lovely creations. The Tweedsmuir Books were also on display. The offering was taken and Irene Haldenby gave the courtesies. Guest, Gracie MacDougall told the members she had taken 14 courses sponsored by the WI several years ago. The meeting closed with the song *We've been working on the Tweedsmuir*.

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Kairshea WI installs new slate of officers

Eleven members of the Kairshea WI met at the home of Sharon MacDougall for their April annual meeting. The meeting opened with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. President June Gilchrist welcomed everyone and shared thoughts from Home and Country on Year's End - New Year theme. Andrea Feeley selected Psalm 15 as scripture as it reflects the motto of the WI. The minutes were read and adopted, correspondence was read and bills were approved. The treasurer's report was presented by Marion MacKinnon. The District Annual is May 17 in Elmwood where donations to Pennies for Friendship will be presented. June spoke on the Fall Fair display. There are 15

items this year, the theme is An Apple A day. Rolcall was payment of fees for the coming year. Alice Ritchie was appointed secretary for the annual meeting. The yearly financial statement was given by Marion. Convener Committee reports were presented, moved and adopted. Andrea presented the new slate of officers who were installed by Irene Haldenby. Lunch followed with each member supplying their own sandwich. The hostess and director provided the relishes and desserts.

The next meeting will be May 20 with Gladys Johnston as hostess. Joan Murray and Allene Bradley will be directors. The meeting ended with the singing of O Canada.