

## Malcolm Institute's International Affairs meeting takes on new meaning with English Women's Institute members as guests

Members of Malcolm W.I. enjoyed a most rare experience last Thursday evening when they met at the Scone School for their June meeting and were joined by an English W.I. member presently visiting in the area.

Mrs. Connie Rudd and her husband Bernard of Droitwich, England are spending a month with cousins Peter and Grace Heard of Elmwood, all of who were present as guests at the meeting designated as "International Affairs".

In addressing the group, Connie described the nature of her local Droitwich Women's Institute group and it was very evident that although our international organizations share common aims, objectives and ACWW connections, there are also major differences such as much larger memberships and definite guidelines concerning charitable donations. She presented two souvenir towels to the Malcolm branch from herself and the Droitwich branch and also circulated postcards which had been signed by sixty of her fellow W.I. members. These will be kept with the Malcolm Tweedsmuir History collection to serve as a reminder of Connie's visit with the group.

On behalf of the Malcolm branch, Joan Stuempfle presented two Bruce County Tartan souvenirs to Connie.

She received the personal gift of a thimble and a serving tray for her W.I.

branch. Those in attendance signed a card of greeting and good wishes for her to take home to Droitwich. Both Connie and Bernard answered questions and imparted much information about their lifetime experiences in their homeland.

Sixteen members and seven visitors answered the roll call by naming the British monarch who was reigning in the year they were born. Eileen Leifso led in devotions and everyone shared interesting items of neighborly news.

Contributions to Pennies for Friendship were based on a penny for each year of W.I. membership.

Margaret McCready led the group through two very challenging but enjoyable recreational exercises. Ruth Engel conducted a "Birdland" contest.

President Barb Klages conducted the business session. Plans for summer include entering a float in the Chesley Homecoming parade, catering to a local wedding and a lunch booth, and preparing two exhibits for the Chesley Fall Fair. Long-range plans were announced for a "Fashion Show for Windows" which will be a demonstration to be held on the evening of October 26 in the Elmwood Community Centre to which the public is invited.

Members decided to accept the challenge of Twinning with an Alberta W.I. branch for the coming

year. This will be a program of all member correspondence by letter between the two branches.

Bruce East District Annual report was given by Irene Leudke. Nine members from Malcolm W.I. attended the meeting at Paisley on May 25. Enthusiastic reports were received from the five branch members who went to the Centennial Prelude Quilt Show and Barbeque at Milton on June 14.

President Barb and other members associated with the local 4-H clubs urged members to pick up, complete and submit one of the available questionnaires re the Ontario 4-H Program. Plan for the Future so that concerns and suggestions on any or all aspects of the plan could be registered. A social time over a serving of strawberry shortcake and a cup of tea concluded a very enjoyable and memorable evening.



*Our visitors, English W.I. Members*

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| <i>Annie Pills</i>  | <i>Barb Klages</i>             |
| <i>Jean Aiton</i>   | <i>May Monk</i>                |
| <i>May McCready</i> | <i>Peter &amp; Grace Heard</i> |
|                     | <i>from Elmwood.</i>           |