

Malcolm Women's Institute members consider twinning with Alberta branch

The Malcolm Women's Institute met on Thursday, May 18, 1995, at the Elmwood Firehall. Twelve members were present. The meeting began with the Opening Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect. Scripture was read from Acts 2 by Marj Monk.

Neighborhood News was given by Wanda Toman, who also read an interesting letter on "What are Grandmothers?" and a story called "The Happy Man's Shirt."

The group watched part of the video of the Elmwood Homecoming

Parade, as well as a video entitled "Cooking Something Up." This video features nutrition information, cuts of beef, and recipe suggestions and is distributed through the Knechtel stores.

The quilt to be entered in the Participation Lodge competition was displayed and everyone involved with the making of this beautiful quilt was thanked.

The secretary and treasurer's report were read and accepted.

Following a delicious lunch, the business portion of the meeting was dealt with. An invitation was received from the Chesley branch to the unveiling of their plaque at Riverside Park on June 6 at 2 p.m. As well, an invitation was received from the Port Elgin Junior Farmers to the 75th Anniversary celebration on June 10 at

the Underwood Community Centre. More information can be obtained from Cynthia Halliday at 363-2056.

The new focus of the Women's Institute for the upcoming year is "Safe and Healthy Communities". A national twinning program of Institutes is being undertaken in which branches from Ontario will be twinned with branches in Alberta. Our group will pursue this further at the next meeting.

A motion was made and carried to have a Food Booth at the Steam Show at Bob Lowe's Farm on August 26. We will also have a float in the Chesley Homecoming Parade.

The next meeting will take place on June 22, 1995 at the Scone School at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring a guest.

Malcolm Women's Institute holds Consumer Affairs' meeting

For their first gathering of the fall, members of the Malcolm Women's Institute held their September meeting on Thursday, the 21st, at the Elmwood Fire Hall. Designated to be the Consumer's Affairs meeting, the theme chosen was "Books". Sixteen members and one visitor answered the roll call by naming the last book which each had read. Enthusiastic responses indicated a wide variation of interests among the group, whether reading for knowledge or enjoyment; and whether consumers choose to read newspapers, magazines, resource books, paperbacks, classics or writing in whatever form, consumer spending on printed materials makes for quite significant big business.

Program participants took turns reviewing a book that each had recently read and enjoyed. Wanda Toman reviewed a local history (book entitled "Experiences of a Backwoods Preacher").

Rev. Joseph Hiltz was a 19th century Methodist itinerant circuit rider who travelled to all areas of the Queen's Bush ministering to the early settlers.

Marj Monk chose to talk about a novel called "The Kitchen God's Wife". She recommended this book as one which

would create in the reader an awareness of current Chinese culture as it relates to the roles of Chinese women in family life. The story details a Chinese mother-daughter relationship and their experiences as emigrants to America.

Recommended reading by Barb Klages included a lengthy novel entitled "The Glass Lake," several cookbooks compiled on behalf of the bean grower's industry, other health-smart cookbooks and the Homemaker's Magazine. The Country Woman magazine was also highly rated.

The meditation "A Youth Credo" was presented by Ruth Engel, and for Neighborhood News, members each spoke of a summer highlight.

During the business session, plans were made for several upcoming fall events. Barb Klages will be delegate to the Grey-Bruce Area Convention in Owen Sound on October 3rd, and Viola Bluhm and Barb Klages will attend the Bruce County W.I. Rally in Belmore on October 19th, as delegates. In order to provide delegate voting direction, time was spent discussing the resolutions that will come before the area convention. These will include matters concerning the transporting of water to United States, the preservation and utilization of

strategic local landmarks, the manufacture of better quality zippers and the use of B.S.T. (Bovine Hormone Treatment).

The group will assist in the serving of the area Lamb Banquet in Elmwood on October 19th and for the October meeting they will be taking a bus trip to the Bala area to learn about the cranberry industry. Malcolm branch will be presenting an "Evening of Window Fashions" in the Elmwood Community Centre on Thursday, October 26th and tickets will be available from any member throughout the month.

On display at the meeting was a lovely plaque sent to the group in recognition of their third prize float entry in the organization category of the Chesley Homecoming Parade on July 1st.