

# Excellent Exhibits At Craft And Hobby Fair

1969

A record crowd of around 900 adults and children thronged to the Port Elgin Arena, Wednesday, July 16, to enjoy the excellent Craft and Hobby Fair sponsored by the Women's Institutes of Bruce Centre District.

The Arena was filled with beautiful handwork representative of this area. There was an outstanding collection of 130 quilts and 25 spreads which provided a colorful background for mats, oil paintings, afghans, tablecloths, embroidery, cushions, collector's items, aprons, antiques and novelties.

Groups participating were the Allenford, Arkwright, Brucedale,

Burgoyne, Elsinore, Mount Hope, Port Elgin, Southampton, South Saugeen, Tara, Underwood, West Arran, White School Institutes and the Country Sisters' Community Club.

The following individuals also set up booths and contributed to the Fair's success. Mrs. H. Smith of Burgoyne demonstrated the making of pottery. Mr. G. Hauser, Port Elgin, presented his collection of rock jewellery. Mrs. R. Rhodes, also of Port Elgin displayed the many facettes of liquid embroidery.

An attractive collection of woodcraft was the work of Mr. W. Hargraves, Tara. Mrs. J. Disher, also of Tara, had a colourful display of corsages and Christmas decorations. Mr. and Mrs. L. Kahgee of Saugeen Reserve had interesting drift wood articles. Mrs. Doug. McEwing's table had colourful floral arrangements from her shop at Queen Hill. Crocheting of many articles was the work of Mrs. Robt. Turnbull of Saugeen Township. A summer resident, Mrs. J. Robinson of Chippewa Golf and Country Club, displayed copper enameling.

Port Elgin's well known artist, Mr. Thomas Campbell, had paintings on display. Mrs. R. Vance, Underwood, had braided rugs and liquid embroidery in her booth. A summer visitor, Mrs. M. Digulla, Engleheart, had an interesting collection of novelty toys, housecoats, beachcoats, and a hooked rug in modern design. Fancy Work was displayed by Mrs. R. Owens.

Bake tables were laden with

baking and produce. The Tea Tables and fish ponds were also centres of interest. Miss Betty Leeder, Mrs. D. McKay, Mrs. J. McEwing and the South Saugeen Orchestra provided music for the occasion.

The Committee in charge of this successful event was convened by Mrs. H. Kennedy, Tara, President of Bruce Centre District, and composed of Mrs. G. Crawford, Treasurer, Mrs. C. Doll, Mrs. M. Gowanlock, Mrs. E. Busch, Mrs. R. Thede, Mrs. J.W. Brunton and Mrs. J. Gingrich.



AN ANTIQUE DISPLAY by the Port Elgin W.I. created much enthusiasm at the Craft and Hobby Show. Seen L to R are Mrs. Gordon Murdoch, Mrs. Elmer Seiffert and Mrs. Norval Smith 1969



QUILTING AT THE HOBBY AND CRAFTS FAIR held last Wednesday in the Port Elgin Community Centre attracted many of the visitors to the West Arran display. Left, Mrs. Betty Stier, Mrs. Laura Donaldson, Mrs. Helen Baeskei and Mrs. Jessie McDonald gave a demonstration on quilting. 1969



BRUCE CENTRE DISTRICT W.I. — Met recently in Burgoyne Presbyterian Church with a record attendance. This was the 13th annual meeting with the officers elected, from left to right: Mrs. Maurice Gowanlock, 2nd vice-president; Mrs.

Earl Busch, past president; Mrs. George Pollock, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. Richard Fenton, 1st vice-president, Mrs. Harry Kennedy, president; Mrs. Gordon Crawford, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Walter Ribey, north Bruce provincial board member. 1969

I would like to say a big 'Thank You', to relatives, friends, neighbors and South Saugeen W. I. for flowers, cards and gifts on that eventful day - my 80th birthday. Thanks again.  
Mrs. Jim Cluley.

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