

Hillier WI member gets surprise honor

HILLIER — Hillier Womens' Institute held its August meeting on Thursday afternoon at the Trailer Camp at Melville.

The women met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake DeVries. They had been invited to see his collection of various birds, animals, fish and insects.

Many items in his collection are found in Prince Edward County, although a few animals and birds are not found in our area.

Mr. De Vries is a well-known taxidermist and he explained how he had gotten some of his unique exhibits, thus making our visit more interesting.

After bidding farewell to our host, we had an outdoor meeting at the trailer owned by Mr. and Mrs. Morley Conley. We were pleased to have Mrs. DeVries and her mother, Mrs. Timmerman at our meeting. Mrs. Timmerman has been a member of Hillier W.I. for several years and has moved from Rose Hall to a new home in Melville.

In her opening remarks, the president, Mrs. Betty Alyea, welcomed the guests and thanked Lois for preparing such a nice setting for our meeting.

Roll call - "How can we protect our endangered species of wild life?" - was well answered. After the usual opening the minutes of the July meeting were read and approved, and the financial report was given by the secretary treasurer Mrs. Esther Dwight.

Several business matters were discussed. Members are reminded that we are to make cookies for sale at the WI booth at Picton Fair. Our president will pick them up on Friday evening. Hillier WI will serve tea and cookies from 12 to 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

A meeting was planned to decide on the annual bus trip in October.

A humorous poem was read by one of our members.

A happy event of the afternoon was the presentation of a Branch Life Membership to Mrs. Luella Jordan. It had been kept secret, and Mrs. Jordan was surprised and deeply appreciative of the thoughtfulness of her friends in being so honored.

A picnic lunch provided by the committee was enjoyed by everyone at the close of the meeting.