

WI awards scholarship

The 77th District Annual for Prince Edward District Women's Institute was held in Demorestville Friendship Church, with Gilbert's Mills Women's Institute acting as hostess. All ten branches in the county were represented, and each branch had a display on the different aspects of institute work. Coffee and cookies were served by Gilbert's Mills WI before the meeting started at 9:30 a.m. with an address of welcome by the president of the host branch.

District President, Mrs. Mary Lou Norton, chaired the meeting. Minutes of

the 1984 annual and financial reports were read.

Mrs. John Beedham, area president, brought greetings from the area.

A member from each branch answered the roll call of "Your Institute and Youth" with a variety of interesting comments.

The theme for the annual was "The Year of the Youth", and the highlight of the program was a panel of youth, composed of three girls and two boys who had been exchange students, spending three months with a student, living in their home and attending their school. One student had been in

Italy, one in Switzerland, and three in Quebec province. Connie Norton chaired the panel.

Each student spoke briefly on the following topic: family life, education and schools, language barriers and favorite foods served by host family.

Mrs. Nellie Montgomery gave a brief history of Prince Edward District Women's Institute Scholarship awards. The scholarship was started in 1959 on the suggestion of Mrs. Clifford Barber, who was district president that year. Each branch contributed equally to the fund, which was completed in 1964.

The \$2,000 was presented to FWIC at the 1964 board meeting. This scholarship is awarded annually to a student who, during their 4-H Club experience, has shown outstanding progress, given excellent leadership and carried out club work of a high calibre. Mrs. Montgomery gave a brief resume of each of the 21 recipients.

Mrs. Barber-Thompson spoke briefly, and presented the 1984 scholarship of \$200 to Miss Connie Norton, who is enrolled in a home economics course at Western University.



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Scholarship awarded

Mary Lou Norton (left), president of the Prince Edward County WI, and Evelyn Barber Thompson of Belleville, Mountain View WI, presented Connie Norton, a 4-H Club member from Bloomfield, with a scholarship to further her education. She has just completed her first year of studies at Western University, where she is working towards her Bachelor of Science Degree in home economics.



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WI displays

This Hillier WI display was one of several set up for members of the Prince Edward County WI branches to view at the recent district annual meeting.

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