

Quilt kits for Romania

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Maybe spring is around the corner, for members of the Brooksdale Women's Institute cleaned their sewing closets searching for fabric scraps or ends of cotton or polyester cotton to be donated for quilts.

For their Jan. 18 meeting at the Brooksdale United Church, members spent the day cutting blocks in 4 1/2", 6 1/2", and 8 1/2" squares. Each kit consists of 414 small or 180 medium or 108 large squares, fabric for a back, a ball of yarn, a spool of thread and two darning needles. The ladies in Romania will sew the quilts for their families and for others in need at com-

munity sewing rooms.

The kits will be sent to the Christian Aid Ministries and their Canadian warehouse is located in Wallenstein, Ontario.

Like any sewing bee, a pot luck lunch was held.

Members continued to cut squares during the business part of the meeting.

Guest speaker was Dorothy Racknor of Embro who spoke on her travels to Romania. Racknor was glad to be back on Canadian soil after her experiences.

President of Oxford District WI, Margaret Lee brought greetings from the district and joined in the cutting of the squares.

Helen Turvey read a poem titled Scraps which all the sewers in the room could identify with.

By the end of the day, enough squares were cut for 11 kits and fabric still went home to be cut into more squares.

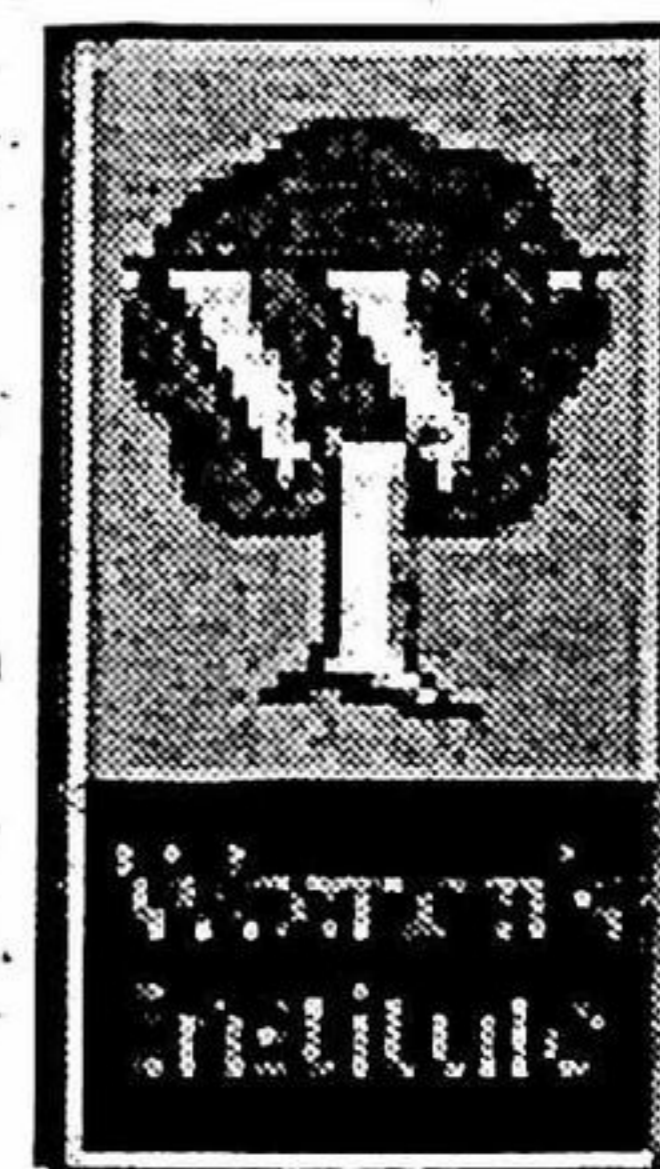
Oxford District Women's Institute logs nearly 10,000 volunteer hours

Oxford District Women's Institute met recently at the Salford Community Centre. In her opening remarks President Margaret Lee lauded the many volunteer hours Women's Institute members give. It was noted that 9,102 volunteer hours were recorded. Further plans for the bus trip to Hamilton in June to attend the Associated Country Women of the World's Convention were made.

A panel of three women in public office shared with the group the impact of public life on their private lives. Nancy Walther, councillor for Norwich Township, Margaret Lupton, councillor for West Zorra Township and Peg Caffyn, Mayor of South West-Oxford, participated. Their comments were very much appreciated.

Year-end reports of a great

variety from all committees were given. We have gained 10 new members, but with regret acknowledged the disbanding of Embro West Zorra Women's Institute. The meeting concluded with the election and installation of officers conducted by Fran Hyatt, London Area President.



Slate of officers for 2001-2002 are front row left to right, 3rd V.P. - Carol Innes, Past President - Margaret Lee, President - Sheila Greason, 2nd V.P. - Ilene Chesterman, 1st V.P. - Janet Uren. Back row left to right: Louise Baird - lobbying, Evelyn Arthur - assistant secretary, Mary Moore - education, Mary Nicklas - secretary/treasurer, Vivian McDonald - Tweedsmuur, curator - Sherrill Babbey

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