Brooksdale Women's Institute news

Brooksdale Women's Institute held a February meeting at Zorra Highland Park school. Joan Fraser opened the meeting with the reading of the poem, Hugs. Members joined in the Institute Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect.

Roll call was answered by members replying to the question, Company's coming, what will I serve? Reports were given by the secretary and treasurer. It was noted the provincial conference will be held at Thunder Bay in August. A 4-H report stated there are three clubs currently available, Exploring 4-H led by Laura Green and Amy Innes as youth leader, Sewing Plus led by Frances Rutherford, and Animal Friends led by Cindy Green.

The March banquet to be held at Brooksdale United Church will be a catered dinner. Deadline for tickets is March 12.

Reports were given by the following: flower fund by Helen Piett and Anna Beryl Bean, Tweedsmuir history by Rosina Morris who referred to Women's Institute meetings of the past. Joan Fraser brought members information on the progress of her Tenth Step, a program she is attending.

Family and consumer affairs was the program led by Helen Piett. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Eva Dawson.

Guest speaker, Janice Martin, a member of the Hickson WI and secretary of the Embro-Zorra Agricultural Society, demonstrated Japanese cooking. The recipes presented have been handed down through her family and she noted the old saying, "Japanese cuisine is 95 percent presentation, if it doesn't look good to eat, no one will eat it." Members were able to taste the dishes following her presentation.

The motto, "Give us this day our daily bread," was given by Joan Fraser. Courtesy remarks were given by Beverley Matheson.