

Rylstone WI

Members review year

interesting slides of farm scenes, wild flowers and birds, as well as a video.

By Mrs. Dorothy Thomson

The Rylstone Women's Institute met May 3 at the WI hall. The roll call, "grandmother's maiden name," was answered. Four members attended the waste management meeting, April 26 in Madoc. Marjorie Boise, Jeanette Sweet and Violet Dunk attended the district annual, held at the Queensboro Recreation Centre, May 31.

We are looking forward to the June 7 meeting when Florence Headrick and Barbara Wilcox will be guest speakers, showing slides on Belize.

Reviewing the past year, more than \$700 in donations were given to Campbellford Memorial Hospital, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Northumberland Music Festival, Festival of Sacred Praise and Benevolent Society sponsor 4-H club. Ten meetings were held during the year, with the exception of July and August. We catered to Hoard's livestock sale in October and April.

Guest speakers were Hastings County Dairy Princess Patricia Bateman, ladies from the Farm Safety Association, Jeanne Hadwin and Heather Bailey; Eadie Metcalfe of the Junior Farmers who went on an exchange program to New Zealand and Australia; Elva Kerr, Mrs. Hazel who spoke and showed beautiful quilts; and Gayle Fox who showed

The annual meeting was held in April. The slate of officers for 1989-1990 are as follows: president - Joan Pearce; first vice-president - open; secretary - Donna Phair; treasurer - Myrtle Chamberlain; district director - Marjorie Boise; alternate district director - Violet Dunk; branch director - Jessie Kerr; public relations officer - Dorothy Thomson; pianist - Dorothy Thomson; and sunshine committee - Clara Anderson.

Standing committee conveners are - co-ordinator - Marjorie Boise; agriculture - Joan Pearce; Canadian industries - Jessie Kerr; citizenship and legislation - Myrtle Chamberlain; education and cultural affairs - Violet Dunk; family and consumer affairs - Marjorie Boise; international affairs - open; resolutions - Myrtle Chamberlain; Tweedsmuir curator - Dorothy Thomson; and assistant curator - Laura Spencer.

The next meeting will be on June 7 at the WI hall with guest speakers Florence Headrick and Barbara Wilcox showing slides of Belize. Guests are Zion UCW and Belmont WI. The program will be supervised by Jessie Kerr and Gladys Meiklejohn will act as hostess. Please plan to attend. All ladies welcome.

Battle shaping up on the Oak Ridges Moraine

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by STEVEN WARBURTON
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Fifteen thousand years ago, southern Ontario was covered with ice. When two lobes of that ice retreated, they created Lake Ontario to the south and Lake Simcoe to the north. The lobes left a ribbon of deposits that today is known as the Oak Ridges Moraine, a 160-kilometre stretch of land which stretches from just north of Toronto in the west, to Brighton Township in the east, and is an important water resource for many communities in between.

Now, 15,000 years later, the Moraine is again caught in the middle, but this time the forces involved are of the human variety. Developers see it as an area of land with enormous growth potential while environmentalists see it as an extremely valuable natural resource,

asserting that any development on the Moraine would be ecological suicide.

"The Moraine is interconnected," says Mike Colle, MPP for Eglinton-Lawrence and municipal affairs critic for the Liberals. "Seventy per cent of the Moraine is forested and there are foxes, birds, deer, and fish that make their homes there."

Sixty-five per cent of the Moraine, by and large, lies in the greater Toronto area. Developers have declared interest in building houses on the Moraine.

But whether or not development on the Moraine will affect those of us who live in eastern Northumberland remains to be seen.

"I don't think that there's an immi-

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nent threat of expansion coming down to our end," says Jim Kelleher, general manager of the Lower Trent Conservation Authority. "The developments they want are for communities ranging from 25,000 to 30,000 people. Places such as Bolton are projected to double their population from 13,000 to 26,000 in the next 20 years. There's a huge population increase in the York area and those numbers are going on the western part of the Moraine."

But while the issue heats up in the Moraine's western sector, Kelleher says that the rural eastern Northumberland, for the moment, has the luxury of more time.

"I don't believe that developing on the Oak Ridges Moraine in the west

will set a standard for doing so in the east," he says. "Our circumstances are completely different than the GTA's. There's tremendous pressure for development over there. While municipal services have expanded and promoted urban sprawl, I think that they're too far away to affect us."

But while Kelleher does not believe that housing will expand to the east, he does see the necessity of protecting the Moraine.

"We do have to look at the way the land is being used," he stated. "For example, a landfill plopped on the Moraine could have a tremendous environmental effect. It could really contaminate our water. The Moraine is important to virtually all streams in Northumberland County."

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