

South Macaulay Women's Institute

1976

Mrs. John Doley hosted the South Macaulay Women's Institute meeting on January 5th. Due to illness there were only six members in attendance.

The motto was: The only way to multiply happiness is to divide it. Roll call was answered by sleep problems and remedies.

It was decided to sell tickets on some of the Fair

exhibit items donated to the branch.

The Festival of Dairy Foods demonstration will be held January 13th, at the home of Mrs. S. Trulove, a leader along with Mrs. Murray Stewart.

There were several readings pertaining to health, which was the topic for the meeting. The meeting was closed and a tasty lunch was served by the hostess.

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The home of Mrs. Sybil Dick, Bracebridge, was the scene of the annual meeting of South Macaulay W.I. on April 7th. Fourteen members and one visitor were present. Motto: you can't be in a rut without taking some bumps. Roll call: payment of fees and a verse.

Business followed and reports from conveners. Then the election of new officers as follows: president, Mrs. Sybil Dick; 1st vice, Mrs. Phyllis Leeder; 2nd vice, Mrs. Doris Baker; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Doris Doley; auditors, Miss Annie Barron, Mrs. Greer; public relations, Mrs. White; agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. Marion Ruttan; home economics, health and safety, Mrs. Doris Baker; citizenship and education, Mrs. Phyllis Leeder; resolutions, Mrs. Dick; historical research, Mrs. May Sterritt; cards, Miss Barron, district director, Mrs. Phyllis Leeder; alternate director, Mrs. Helen White; branch director, Mrs. Marion Ruttan.

The meeting closed after Miss Barron presented Mrs. Dickson with a W.I. cup and saucer in recognition of her many years membership. Lunch was served.

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Nora Bruce

Mrs. Wes. Baker, Mrs. John Doley, Mrs. M. Lawrance and Mrs. Ed. Ruttan attended a Food Forum at the United Church hall, Bracebridge last Tuesday evening. It was demonstrated how ordinary cuts of meat may be presented in more attractive and appetizing ways, casseroles and such. The event was sponsored by women's institutes of the area. Robins, juncos, song sparrows and flickers are back. The flicker is said to be the only woodpecker that migrates.

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Several members of South Macaulay Women's Institute met at

the home of Miss Annie Barron, Woodchester Avenue, October 21 and packed boxes of clothing for the crippled civilians centre and Scott Missions in Toronto. There everything is sorted. Personnel are taught to remodel the garments and so on. Old clocks, washing machines etc. are sent there for the people to work on repairing and they often become proficient enough to get jobs elsewhere.

The home of Mrs. Meeusen was the locale for November meeting of South Macaulay W.I. November 4th. Eleven members were present. Motto - Safety pays all ways. Roll call - Improvements in the home to make it more safe.

The speaker was Mr. Terrence Morgan of Canadian Save the Children Fund who spoke and showed films on conditions in the Caribbean. He described the plight of the children there and ways to help them. Mothers are taught how to provide at least one good meal a day for their children.

Mrs. Meeusen had a lucky number contest which was won by Mrs. Morgan. The prize was a candle holder and candle in Christmas colours. At meeting's end a nice lunch was served by the hostess. The bake sale at Hotel Patterson on Friday, November 6 was quite successful.

NEWS FROM MUSKOKA

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Nora Bruce

South Macaulay Womens Institute held their January meeting on the second Wednesday due to a snow storm the week previous. The home of Mrs. Wilbert White was the locale. Seven members and a visitor had an enjoyable afternoon.

Motto — A good resolution is useless unless put into practice. Roll call — A resolution; topic — resolutions; a contest or two formed an interesting feature of the afternoon after business and discussions Miss Annie Barron won the soap contest. The mystery box was won by Mrs. Ed Ruttan.

Following the closing of the meeting a lunch was served by the hostess and a social hour ensued.

Muskoka has been reeling under a cold spell. Sunday and Monday (Jan. 17 and 18) of last week temperatures plunged to 31 degrees below zero. Tuesday morning was in the same temperature range. By Wednesday there was a slight moderating trend.

Birthday greetings go to Barry Armstrong who celebrated on Tuesday of last week Jan. 19. It's Barry's fifth.

Mrs. John Doley and Brenda were in Toronto Tuesday Jan. 5 going and coming by bus. Brenda had an appointment at Sick Children's Hospital and doesn't have to make another visit for a year.

Happy fifth birthday to Elaine Gibbs who celebrated on Wednesday of last week, Jan. 20. Sincere sympathy is extended

to the family of the late Mrs. Frank Skilton who passed away Jan. 10 at South Muskoka Hospital where she was a patient for several years. The Skilton's home in Macaulay, for many years, was the attractive property now owned by Mr. and Mrs. McPhail and previous to the Skilton's it was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Enniss.

Had a Christmas letter from Rev. Robert and Barbara Lang of Hanna, Alta., Robert Lang was United Church student minister on the Muskoka Falls circuit the summer of 1956 and 57. The Langs left on a United Church Observer tour to the Orient from Vancouver last July 3. Their first stay was Japan, where they visited temples, shrines and Tokyo Union Church. They had two days at Expo '70 etc. next on to Korea and the huge city of Seoul teeming with refugees from North Korea.

They visited the Commonwealth War Memorial at Kapyong in the beautiful green countryside (much like Japan). They visited Hong Kong. "Our all-night flight from Hong Kong to Hawaii was interrupted at Tokyo where we were transferred to a Pan Am 747 a huge crowded jet in which were herded like cattle."

MRS. ALEX. COOPER

A lady who had spent her life in this community and was always held in affection by her neighbors and many friends, Mrs. Alexander Cooper, has died in her 93rd year. Mrs. Cooper, who had been in a nursing home for some time at Brantford, died in hospital in Brantford on Sunday morning.

The funeral service took place Tuesday afternoon at the chapel of the Reynolds' Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cooper was the former Miss Margaret Bailey and was born in Macaulay Township. She was married in 1897 to Mr. Cooper, who predeceased her many years ago. They had made their home in Macaulay and after Mr. Cooper's death Mrs. Cooper made her home in Bracebridge, on Quebec street.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Clare Hughes (Wilva), of Brantford, and three sons, Douglas and William, of Brantford, and Ronald, of Calgary. Mrs. Tom Dickson, of Bracebridge, is a sister.

We hope to receive further particulars of Mrs. Cooper's life.

South Macaulay W.I. met for their December meeting at the home of Miss Annie Barron on the first Wednesday. This time they opened with carol singing rather than the customary Ode.

Motto - They err who think Santa Claus enters through the chimney when he enters through the heart. Roll call was answered by Christmas verses and ditties

bags for Save the Children Fund. After business which consisted largely of discussions plans were finalized for the Saturday dinner for Macaulay council to which the W.I. is catering. It was to be held at the Orange Hall, December 12 at the hour of seven.

The meeting closed with Christmas stories interspersed with carols and a couple of Christmas contests. There was an exchange of gifts, subsequently all enjoyed a delicious lunch served by the hostess and a social hour followed.

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