

Sydenham groups visit Women's

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Institute meeting

With the Women's Institute motto of 'For Home and Country,' Sydenham Women's Institute opened the fall and winter series of meetings with a special community awareness program.

Featured were representatives of various local organizations, who each reported on her group's community contributions.

Lillian Huggard, the first woman president of Branch 496 of the Royal Canadian Legion (Sydenham), reported that the branch had made wide-ranging contributions totalling almost \$25,000 last year. Upcoming Legion events include a steak barbecue on Saturday, Oct. 1, the poppy campaign Nov. 4-5, Remembrance Day services at the Cenotaph Nov. 11, with the Remembrance Day dinner slated for Nov. 12, providing the hall and part of the funding for the senior citizens' Christmas dinner, Dec. 1, New Year's Eve celebrations Dec. 31, the Levee on Jan. 1 and a special 40th anniversary of the branch, Jan. 14, 1989.

Connie Selle noted the ball park improvement committee had raised \$10,000 toward improving the diamond at Loughborough Park and is now working toward raising \$7,000 to build a new canteen and washrooms. Appreciation was extended to the local Legion branch which raised the money to install lights for night ball games at Loughborough Park in June 1964.

Councillor Wilma Kenny



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emphasized township council's desire to achieve orderly housing growth through the planning board, which oversees lot severance applications and building permits.

Lillian Grooms said the current fundraising project of Sydenham Women's Institute is to raise \$5,000 to furnish a room at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital in honor of Dr. S. C. Ryback, a former Sydenham doctor and now a patient there. An auction sale of a wide range of articles will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, in Sydenham High School. Alicia Gordon, Canada's champion woman auctioneer, will donate her services, with the proceeds going to the fund.

A WI highlight early in December every year since 1962, in conjunction with the Legion, in the Legion Hall, is the senior citizens' Christmas dinner for current and former residents of Loughborough Township who are 70 years of age and over.

Patricia Grainger, representing St. Patrick's Church at nearby Railton, announced an autumn highlight would be the official

opening of the new parish hall, Sunday, Oct. 30, with a special dedication mass. St. Patrick's parish is 156 years old and the present church has stood at the corner of Sydenham and Murray roads for 130 years.

Support is given to Third World countries through Partners in Missions and the food bank.

Betty Foster of Grace United Church pointed out that the church is currently in the midst of a construction project, building an addition to the southwest corner and renovating the basement. During renovations, Sunday School will be held in the townhall, as will the church bazaar on Nov. 19.

Marilyn Votary from Sydenham Holiness Church reminded the gathering of the church's 30-year-old radio program Gospel Tidings now heard every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. over CFMK in Kingston. A mid-summer highlight every year is the 10-day Camp Meeting and the daily vacation Bible School.

Ileen Kemp of St. Paul's Anglican Church said the church had an active Anglican Church Women's group, serving church suppers and special lunches.

June Compton, in appealing for articles for "The Triangle," a monthly community newspaper, announced a current project was selling cookbooks at \$12.50 by Eleanor Thomson.

Program co-ordinator Joan Clarke, in opening the program, noted the roll call for the month was "Bring a Friend," and sug-

gested these guests might want to become WI members.

Diane Brett appealed for assistance in arranging the Federation of Agriculture's display, Oct. 13, 14, 15 at Cataraqui Town Centre, during Agri Food Week.

Maureen Birdsell, branch president, who conducted the meeting, announced that Kingston Area Women's Institutes annual autumn convention would be held Thursday, Oct. 20, at the 401 Inn, Kingston. The theme will be "Rural Women Today."

A special celebration will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, at Fairmount Home in Glenburnie, marking the home's 20th anniversary. Fairmount's annual tea and sale will be Wednesday, Oct 5.