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1981 - Public Relations Officer's Report - Sydenham Women's Institute

The following is a summary of the various activities that the members of the Sydenham Women's Institute have been involved with during the past year:

At our May Meeting Mrs. Betty Roberts, our Tweesmuir Curator, explained about the display for Genealogy Society for May 24th and asked for volunteers.

This year the Sydenham Women's Institute were in charge of the District Annual Meeting held at The Legion Hall in Sydenham on May 20th.

We had a wonderful turn-out for our June Meeting in the form of a Pot Luck Dinner for our members and family at the home of Mrs. Jean Tousignant.

In July we entered our display at the Kingston Fair.

In September we catered for refreshments at an auction sale of one of our members, Mrs. Dorothy Thomas.

For the September Meeting which was Citizenship and World Affairs we had as our guest speaker, Mr. Ross Hermiston a teacher from St. Lawrence College and he spoke on "Amnesty".

For the Family and Consumer Affairs Meeting in October we had Mr. Art Bracegirdle of the Consumer Advice Bureau in Kingston.

At the Sydenham High School's Commencement, we again sponsored a Bursary in the amount of \$100.00 for a Grade 12 student who will be proceeding to a higher level of education.

On November 11th we catered to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 496 in Sydenham for their annual Beef Dinner.

For our November Meeting we held it again at the Fairmount Home for the Aged where many of the residents were members of the Women's Institute.

We prepared and served a turkey dinner with all the trimmings to the Loughborough Township Residents, 70 years and over, and sent 11 take-out dinners to the sick.

Many of our members participated as clowns in the Loughborough Fire Departments annual Santa Claus Parade.

Our Christmas Meeting is always a happy time when we exchange gifts that we have either made or baked. Mrs. Betty Roberts, our Tweesmuir Curator, read an interesting account on Miss Mary Stewart who wrote the Mary Stewart Collect in Ohio in 1904.

We catered to one of our members, Mrs. Hilda Campbell's 40th Wedding Anniversary.

In January we invited Mrs. Kit Chubb from Verona. She and her husband have been undertaking to heal wounded birds and small animals until they are ready to go back to their natural habitat.