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## Women's Institute Wants Lights Placed At Crossing

FORESTERS FALLS—Foresters Falls Women's Institute sent a letter to Len Hopkins, M.P. requesting to have lights and wigwags placed at the railroad crossing at Foresters Falls, at there September meeting.

The meeting was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McMaster. Mrs. Fred Smithers, vice-president, chaired the meeting in the absence of the president.

Comments on the motto—"Sitting back and doing nothing is the worst possible thing a WI member can do" and resolve to live up to the Mary Stewart Collect" were contributed by Mrs. Irwin Patterson.

Mrs. Anne Swant gave a reading on "Countryside Musings" then conducted two contests which were won by Mrs. Allan Collins and Mrs. Fred Smithers.

Leaders for the 4-H Junior Homemaking Club on the project "What came first—the chicken or the egg?" are Mrs. Cheryl Bennett and Mrs. Linda

Jamieson.

Leaders for the Senior Club on "Food Additives" are Mrs. Milton Swant and Mrs. Stafford Millar. The delegate to the Eastern Ontario Women's Institute Area Convention in Ottawa on Oct. 13-14 will be Mrs. Fred Smithers.

Appreciation for the participation in the Timbertown Quilt Auction was received. Prize money from both Beachburg and Cobden Fairs was reported. The W.I. donated \$15 to David Smithers for cutting grass and other duties at the Picnic Area this year.

Other activities of the branch include entertaining Bromley WI in the United Church hall on Oct. 15 with refreshment committee appointed being Mrs. William Bulmer, Mrs. Osborne Bennett and Mrs. Milton Swant. In turn Foresters Falls WI will visit Golden Lake Oct. 6. Members will conduct the annual canvass for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

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# Railroad warning signals get red light

by Beattie Olmstead

Ross township doesn't have the necessary funds in this year's road budget to install warning lights at

township railway crossings, council told a delegation from the Foresters Falls Women's Institute last week.

Elma Waite, Vi Miller, and Ann

Swant, representing the Foresters Falls WI asked council to give "serious consideration" to erecting warning lights at township crossings, specifically at the Grant Settlement Road near Roscoe's General Store.

They pointed out that traffic on the road has been increasing steadily, and that in poor weather, the crossing becomes hazardous. Often, oncoming trains fail to blow their whistles, they added. Mrs. Swant said her daughter had a near miss at the crossing, and only because she was aware of the danger, avoided the collision.

The women said they had written to MP Len Hopkins (Lib.) about the matter. Mr. Hopkins, in a return letter, stated that a resolution from council was needed before he could take any action.

Council said the group's concern was appreciated, and noted that the township has six crossings without signals. Reeve Alden May said each warning light would cost approximately \$30,000 installed, and that even after the railroad, and the Ministry of Transportation and Communications paid their share it would still cost the township almost \$50,000 for all six lights.

While that would be a very small price to pay for a person's life, he said, the road budget had already been set for the year and there was no room for the expenditure.

"We can't do anything this year," Mr. May stated, "but it is certainly something to look into when we are setting next year's budget."

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## Wigwag crusade continues in Falls

Foresters Falls Women's Institute is progressing in their efforts to have wig-wag signals erected below the village, at the Canadian National Railway crossing. Len Hopkins, MP, Renfrew - Nipissing - Pembroke, recommended that the Institute approach Ross Township council on

this matter. A committee will attend the next council meeting.

Members of Bromley Women's Institute were guests in the Trinity United Church hall. Mrs. Joseph Pislser gave a travelogue on her recent trip to Yugoslavia, showing articles and

pictures of that country.

Delegates who had attended the EOWI Area Convention in Ottawa were Mrs. Gerald Waite, Mrs. Stafford Millar and Mrs. Fred Smithers. The District President, Mrs. Donald McLeod, reported on the resolutions passed at the convention. The leaders'

training school for the senior course—"Food For All Seasons" was attended by Mrs. S. Millar and Mrs. A. Collins. It was held in Cobden Memorial Hall. The Food For All Seasons course will be given in Foresters Falls and is open to members and non-members.

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