

In 1966, Laurentian View W.I. bought S.S. 12 school, from the Westmeath Township Area School Board for the sum of \$1.00. Members decided to re-name the school, calling it Laurentian View Hall. Mrs. M. McGonegal was president at this time.

In Centennial Year, 1967, Laurentian View entered a float in the Beachburg Fair parade. Drapes were made for the Hall, and 25 chairs were donated by Mrs. Owen Kidd. Mrs. Ivy Eperon attended a meeting and gave an interesting talk on Spain.

We continued donating to local charities 1969 - 1974. A bale was sent to the Action Unitarian Service and one to the Smith Falls Hospital. An outside light was installed at our Hall. Members ordered F.W.I.O. signs to be erected at their homes. Canada Packers labels were collected and two large vegetable pots received, these to be used at our Hall.

Our Tweedsmuire History book won second prize. Approximately \$60.00 was realized at our ice cream social. A bazaar and bake sale was held in Beachburg. Gifts were sent to the "Home" in Cobden. Members from Beachburg W.I. were guests at our International Night in February. Miss Sharon Derouin showed slides and gave commentary on her trip to Scotland. Instead of a March meeting, members attended the St. Patrick's play in Pembroke. Institute pins were ordered.

Mrs. Ivan Labow was winner in the draw for the pork - cut and wrapped. Mrs. Singleton showed slides and spoke on the British Isles. Mrs. J. de Haan and René told us about life in Holland at our International meeting in 1971. Mrs. W. Krause gave details from the Winnipeg conference she attended.

Following a losing battle with Westmeath council regarding assessment and taxes on our hall, we received word from Mrs. Zoeller stating that the Women's Institute organization was chartered, therefore we were exempted from paying taxes. Mrs. Lyle Burgess attended the Review Court in Pembroke and our appeal was granted.

A few members attended the 75th Anniversary of the Women's Institute, held in Ottawa. \$20.00 was donated to the Beachburg Medical Centre.

A thief broke into Laurentian View Hall, and took a copper-tooled Institute crest, a picture of the Queen in an antique frame, our butcher knife, and the school bell. Nothing was recovered.

Speakers were Mr. Carl Fletcher, our township reeve, Mr. C. Gauthier and Mr. G. Fox representing the Blind Organization, Mr. & Mrs. Eric Stevenson showing slides on their trip to Disney World, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Wilson telling of visiting Denmark, Finland, England and Scotland, Miss Elsie Soogrim speaking on Trinidad, and Mrs. M. McGonegal telling about her trip to Germany. These guests gave very informative information providing very interesting programs.

Laurentian View W. I. catered to the Beachburg-Westmeath unit of the Federated Women Teachers' Association of Ontario June banquet in 1973, held in Laurentian View Hall. This has been a yearly project.

In June, 1976, Laurentian View Women's Institute members celebrated the 25th Anniversary of our Institute as twenty-four guests; former members and members enjoyed a delicious meal prior to a meeting, which was held in Laurentian View Hall. Mrs. Marvin McLaughlin presided. Mrs. Stanley (Ruth) Woodcock, guest speaker, spoke on special education. Mrs. Hildred Coughlin, who had organized the Institute in March, 1951, presented our society with a guest book, while Mrs. Robert McIntyre, district secretary, presented a gravel to Laurentian View Women's Institute. Mrs. Owen Kidd gave highlights of the history and accomplishments of the twenty-five years since our Institute was formed. A life membership was to be presented to the first president, Mrs. Robert Kenney, but she was unable to attend, so received it later. Pictures were taken of this event.

Twenty-nine teachers attended their annual June meeting in the W. I. Hall, the Laurentian View members catering. A pleasant afternoon was spent at Mrs. Owen Kidd's cottage in July, after a short business session.

A delegate reported on the Area Convention while Mrs. Cameron Stokes, District President, spoke on the F.W.I.O. convention that she had attended in Prince Edward Island. Mrs. Joe McLaughlin and Mrs. James Derouin, leaders of the "Salute to Vegetables" course, ably demonstrated what they had learned, and members enjoyed the prepared dishes for lunch.

A photograph album was presented by Mrs. Marvin McLaughlin to the society for W.I. pictures. Mrs. Delmar Cotham was presented with a lovely cake plate on the occasion of her 45th Wedding Anniversary. Mrs. Kidd received the same for her 40th Anniversary. A questionnaire, regarding the purchase of a W.I. Home in the Ottawa Area was completed.

In 1977, Mrs. Bruce Johnston of Cobden demonstrated on Wool Craft work at our grandmothers' meeting. President Mrs. M. McLaughlin and Secretary Mrs. Wesley McLaughlin attended the 25th Anniversary of Snake River Women's Institute. Mrs. Joe McLaughlin gave a demonstration on making garnishes. Mrs. Stewart Johnson, Beachburg, spoke on her trip to Finland. Twenty-nine ladies took the W.I. sponsored course on "Needlepoint".

Laurentian View continued to send a delegate to the Ottawa Area convention, and to entertain another institute each year.

In 1978, Dr. Woodfine, Beachburg, spoke on his native country of Wales. Members quilted a quilt for Mrs. Owen Kidd. Members attended a 75th birthday party for Mrs. W. McLaughlin, one of our members. Leaders for the course "Spotlight on Bread" were Mrs. Hayden Whitmore, and Mrs. Owen Kidd. Westmeath Township reeve Gordon White was guest speaker at our August meeting, when members of Micksburg W. I. were guests.