

manager of the National Peat and Chemicle Co., told of interest to recover, process and market peat from the marsh in Westmeath Township. Mrs. Carl Price was presented with a Life Membership Certificate and badge, while Mrs. Wesley McLaughlin received a Certificate of Merit and an A.C.W.W. pin, both having been W. I. members for 31 years. Seventeen people participated in a quilting course, leaders were Mrs. Owen Kidd and Mrs. James Derouin. Miss Joyce McLaughlin gave a detailed report on the Area Convention held in Ottawa. Mr. Delbert McLaughlin was given a box of goodies in recognition for work done in the yard at the W. I. Hall. Mrs. Kidd collected recipes for the Area Cookbook.

In 1983, Laurentian View W. I. ordered 50 Area cookbooks. Mrs. D. Cotnam represented Laurentian View W. I. at the Officers' convention in Waterloo. Mrs. Carl Price will be a panelist for International Women's Day held at P.S.P.S. - Topic: "Networking and Women's Issues".

A plant party was held following a delicious supper and Keith Johnson spoke about new varieties of plants and answered questions concerning plant problems. Ten visitors and ten members purchased plants; proceeds to the Branch amounted to \$27.40.

Mrs. Wesley McLaughlin reported a total of 3189 Canada Packer's labels which would be used to purchase two large stock pots for use in the W. I. kitchen. Mrs. Kidd reported on the Cookbook Committee meeting. More cookbooks will be available soon. She congratulated Laurentian View members for an excellent job on sales. Mrs. C. Price reported on the Eastern Ontario Rally she attended in Ottawa, the theme being "Reach Out and Love". The District Officers' meeting was held in Laurentian View Hall. A donation in memory of his mother was made by Mr. Oga; Martin. Mrs. Wayne Campbell gave an excellent talk on their honey industry. Mrs. John Kennedy and Mrs. Delmar Cotnam were leaders for the Cooking Course, which proved to be a huge success. Twenty-six people participated in the short course, "Simple Home Repairs".

Mrs. Joe McLaughlin demonstrated icing and decorating a "butterfly" and a "pink elephant" cake. These were served with ice cream for lunch. A delicious pot-luck supper was enjoyed prior to the Christmas meeting. Sick and shut-in's will be remembered at Christmas.

In 1984, Mrs. Richard Yokale, District President, attended the January meeting and spoke on current issues. Roll call was answered by modelling an old hat and telling when it was last worn. As our Bicentennial project, two flags and stands were purchased for the Westmeath Township Hall at a cost of \$250.00. Our Institute catered at the official opening of the Twp. Hall. Members attended the 50th Anniversary of Golden Lake W. I. Laurentian View helped with the Bicentennial Tea. A farewell party was held in the W. I. Hall for Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Johnson, who were moving to Beachburg. Mrs. David Robinson gave a talk on garden soils, fertilizers, mulching, composting and pest control. A detailed report on the Officers' conference outlining significant duties of secretary-treasurers was given by Mrs. Owen Kidd.

A door light was installed at the W. I. Hall. Branch by-laws were reinforced, as members read certain ones at each meeting. Mrs. Joe McLaughlin gave a very informative paper on Canada- Citizenship Within Its Borders. Members attended the 50th Anniversary of Lake Dore W. I. Mrs. Joe McLaughlin and Mrs. Delmar Cotnam attended the leaders' workshop for "Braiding" held in Renfrew. Two members attended Bromley W. I.'s 50th Anniversary celebration. Zion Line members were guests at a pot-luck supper and meeting. "We're Proud of W. I.", a list of W. I. achievements, a handout that Mrs. Kennedy had received at the Plowing Match was made available to all members. \$100.00 was given to the Beachburg & District Medical Centre.

In 1985, \$25.00 was donated to Unesco No. 71 Safe Water For All. \$50.00 was donated to Adelaide Hoodless Home. Mrs. Susan Hamphries spoke on her work as R.O.S. at our grandmothers' meeting. Mrs. Albert Lambert, a member of the Bluebird Society, conducted a tour to local bluebird boxes, giving purpose and information. He donated and mounted four bluebird houses on the fence posts in the yard at the W. I. Hall.

In 1985, two new members, Mrs. Hector Robinson and Mrs. Harry Severin were welcomed and presented with Branch pins by Mrs. Owen Kidd. Happy Birthday was sung congratulating Mrs. Wesley McLaughlin on her 82nd. birthday. Members enjoyed Mrs. Joe McLaughlin's demonstration on making fancy sandwiches and garnishes. Beachburg W. I. members were entertained at the September meeting, when Mr. Rick Troutman spoke on his work in Public Relations for Wilderness Tours. Mrs. Gerald Waite, District President, gave an account of the F.W.I.C. Convention she had attended in London, Ontario.

An interesting roll call involving all members proved educational as each member choose a Canadian Youth and told of his or her accomplishments. A congratulatory letter was sent to Mrs. Carl Price in recognition of her research and publishing of "The History of Westmeath Township".