

In 1986, A bookwexchange and craft display took place at the January meeting. The Home Decor course proved quite successful. Mr. Ken Fink was judge when three girls tried out for the District Public Speaking Contest. Heather Moore was our representative for Group 1, and Leanne Johnson in Group 3 in the finals. Each speaker received \$5.00. At our Grandmothers' meeting, Mrs. Marvin McLaughlin read poems written by her Grade 5 students on "What Grandmother Means To Me". A display of 'old things' was viewed and described. Laurentian View W. I. members again catered to the Teachers' Banquet in June. Bromley W. I. members were guests at the September meeting. Mr. Wayne Gervais from Westmeath spoke on his teaching experiences and life during the past year in Libya. He taught Grade 6 in the Oil Co. school. He made us realize how fortunate we are to be living in Canada.

Laurentian View Women's Institute received most points in the Beachburg Fair Women's Institute display. A card of thanks was received from Mr. and Mrs. Owen Kidd for a gift received on their 50th Wedding anniversary.

Members enjoyed a delicious meal and meeting when entertained by the Westmeath Women's Institute. Mrs. D. Cotnam and Mrs. O. Kidd attended Cobden Women's Institute's 75th Anniversary. Members participated in the short course, "Short Order Meals". Mrs. Kidd reported on the Area Convention where the theme was, "Let Peace Begin With Me". A dialogue on "Faultfinding" was presented by Mrs. Kenney, Mrs. McLaughlin and Mrs. Kidd.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Stevenson provided music for the December meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. Delmar Cotnam. A letter of congratulations was sent to Mrs. Margaret Munroe, the newly-elected Provincial President of F.W.I.O. - the first president from Eastern Ontario since 1970.

In 1987, Mr. Bob Pietersma gave a money gift to Laurentian View Women's Institute acknowledging kindness to his mother. Denmark was the country studies at our International meeting. Danish food was served for lunch. Mrs. John Kennedy spoke on microwave cooking, demonstrating how quickly a meal for a small family can be prepared. Jams and jellies were donated to Erland Lee Home to be resold. Five dollars was given to each of the three children who participated in the Public Speaking contest in Cobden. Twenty-five dollars was sent to the "Lungs Are For Life" school program. Mr. Keith Johnson was guest speaker; his topic, "new varieties of perennials, lilies and shrubs. We all gained much valuable information on this aspect of gardening.

The District will celebrate the Women's Institute 90th anniversary with a dinner and fashion show to be held at the Pembroke Catering Club. Laurentian View W.I. will model a 1972 outfit. Our Institute enjoyed dinner, and meeting, as guests of Snake River W.I.. Eight members attended the 4H luncheon, in the Perreton Church Hall. Westmeath W.I. were guests of Laurentian View W.I. at the October meeting. Mrs. John Kennedy was in charge of the program on Family and Consumer Affairs. Mrs. John Kennedy and Mrs. Marvin McLaughlin presented a skit called, "Take Time".

Mrs. J. Derouin once again invited members to her home for the annual Christmas pot-luck dinner and meeting. A certificate of merit was presented to Mrs. Joe McLaughlin for her faithful service to our branch with a special mention for her work in maintaining our Hall and donations for fair exhibits.

In 1988, a donation was sent towards a gift for outgoing Provincial President, Mrs. Margaret Munroe. Mrs. William Oates, guest speaker, displayed her personal family tree and house log, and gave much information on these as well as on preparing items for the Tweedsmuir History. United States was chosen for study at our International meeting. Members donated food for a bake sale which was held in the Pembroke Mall.

Representing Laurentian View W.I. in the District Public Speaking Contest were Colleen Kenny, Category 1 and Christine Burgess, Category 3. Laurentian View W.I. had a profit of \$315.75 from a sale at the Pembroke Mall. Mrs. Kidd attended a Tweedsmuir History workshop in Pakenham. Mrs. Darwin Burgess was welcomed as a new member.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Carl Price, a life member of Laurentian View Women's Institute. A donation in memory of Mrs. Price was sent to the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead. Guest speaker, Dr. Darwin Burgess, a research scientist at the Petawawa National Forestry Institute, spoke on research projects, forest management, tree farming, giving much valuable information. A lengthy tour of New Zealand and Australia was enjoyed as guest speaker Mr. Gerry Lowe showed slides and gave an informative commentary. Three members attended the 50th Anniversary of Alice Women's Institute held at Thee Place in Pembroke.

Laurentian View Women's Institute lost a very dedicated member with the death of Mrs. Joe McLaughlin. Her willingness to assist in all aspects of the work of the Institute will be fondly remembered. A donation was made to the Adelaide Hoodless Foundation in her memory.