

Branch members enjoyed an educational tour of MacMillan Bathurst Inc. in Pembroke. Box making from raw material to the completed product, stamped and shipped was explained. Mrs. Hector Robinson arranged this interesting tour. Mrs. Darwin Burgess and Miss Christing Burgess led fun activities for the children who attended a picnic at Laurentian View Hall. Members were guests of Pleasant View W.I., enjoying a delicious supper and meeting. Laurentian View members catered at the sale held at the home of the late Mrs. Joe McLaughlin. Mrs. Walter Kilby gave an interesting account of the F.W.I.C. convention she had attended in Newfoundland. She displayed her scrapbook, crafts and souvenirs obtained. Ladies from Forester's Falls W.I. were guests at this supper meeting. Mrs. Manford Bohn, District President, attended the November meeting and gave warp and rules for a strong family as she spoke on the topic, "Family". A letter was sent to Westmeath Council in support of a recycling program.

In 1989, Mrs. Darwin Burgess spoke on Sweden for our International meeting. She showed slides and gave an excellent commentary of her family's seven-month stay there. She served Swedish food for lunch. A request from Glen Martin to use the Laurentian View Hall yard for a Flea Market was granted. Members helped by donating items for sale, food and help for the District sale held at Bromley Hall. Sale profit was used to purchase a wheel chair for each of the Pembroke hospitals.

Mrs. Lois O'Brian, a nurse for Renfrew County Health Unit, described a totally healthy person, stressing exercise, weight loss, decreased fat and avoidance of stress. Mrs. Larry Reaburn was a guest speaker, topic, "Agriculture in the Classroom" - a new program to create an awareness of where food comes from. She explained the kit being put in all schools. Mrs. Kidd reported on the workshop, "Challenge and Fun of Waste Management" which she had attended. Mrs. Hector Robinson arranged a guided tour of Unifirst Canada, where members were shown how patterns are made, cut in quantity and pants, shirts and coveralls manufactured.

Lake Dore W.I. members were entertained at a supper meeting, with Mrs. Elmer Hawthorn demonstrating making macramé lawn chairs. Eight members attended a dinner meeting hosted by Micksburg W.I. Slides and commentary on Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands were enjoyed. Mrs. Marvin McLaughlin reported on the Area Convention that she and Mrs. Owen Kidd had attended.

In 1990, Branch Life Memberships now cost \$75.00. Mrs. Peggy McLeod gave an excellent presentation on India at our February meeting. Mrs. Marvin McLaughlin commented on the worthwhile tour sponsored by Renfrew County Health Unit, on "Shopping for Health". A donation of \$250.00 was made towards the District project of furnishing a room in the Children's Wing of the General Hospital. A stove was purchased for use at the W.I. Hall. Mrs. Harold Dougherty, guest speaker at our Grandmother's meeting, gave a very descriptive talk on a trip that she and four other Beachburg ladies had taken, to Hawaii.

Highlights of the "Convention '90" theme, "Women and the Environment", held in Ottawa, were given by Mrs. Owen Kidd. Mrs. Marvin McLaughlin attended this very successful convention. Dr. Darwin Burgess conducted one of the workshops.

Members enjoyed a picnic lunch and craft tour, thanks to driver, Mrs. Marvin McLaughlin. Institute members from Locksly-Rankin were guests at a supper meeting. Miss Trudy Desjardins, a Guelph graduate, spoke to the group telling how she always thought about agriculture with farming foremost. She gave statistics on farming in Renfrew County. She manages the cattle on a large dairy farm that she and her brother share in Westmeath Township. A quiz related to farming was enjoyed.

Mrs. Kidd reported on the Area Convention that she and Mrs. McLaughlin had attended. Next year's Convention will be a one-day convention, held in Kemptville. Branch fees will increase by \$3.00 per year until 1994. Four members attended a delicious buffet supper, program and auction sale, guests of Lake Dore Women's Institute. Due to very inclement weather, we were excused before the business meeting. A motion that our collection be raised to \$1.00 was passed. A \$20.00 donation was sent to the Festival of Lights Project (Civic Hospital) in memory of Mrs. Joe McLaughlin. Mrs. Jas Derouin and Mrs. Marvin McLaughlin were each presented with a 25-year W.I. pin.

Laurentian View W.I. members were saddened to hear of the death of a long and valued member, Mrs. Wesley McLaughlin. A donation to the Adelaide Hoodless Foundation in her memory was made.

An invitation was delivered personally to all non-W.I. members in the community, asking them to join Laurentian View Women's Institute members for their February meeting. Mrs. Fran Pinkerton, guest speaker, spoke on England. Her presentation was quite interesting as she showed many pictures and explained their significance.

On March 19, 1991, Laurentian View Women's Institute is 40 years old. Celebrations will be left until summer, when the W.I. Hall can be used.

In 1991, an invitation was accepted to attend a tea and sale hosted by the Perreton 4H Club. Members were left with many fond memories when the death of Mrs. Herb McLaughlin occurred. She had been a member of Laurentian View W.I. for 30 years. A donation was made to the Adelaide Hoodless Foundation in her memory.