

Our branch put displays in both Beachburg and Cobden Fairs.

We made pies for the Cattlemens BBQ in Cobden were paid \$3 for a 9-inch pie.

In September we entertained Westmeath W.I. with a potluck supper and a program on Citizenship & Legislation. Reeve Gordon White speaker was unable to attend but we managed to have a good evening.

Our branch donated \$100 towards the Lifestyles Program for the 1994 International Plowing Match to be held in Pembroke in September 1994.

Some of our members attended the Area Convention in Renfrew. Guest speaker Bev Smith told us of the preparation for the IPM.

Earla England gave a demonstration on braiding covers for hangers at a meeting.

Eleanor McLaughlin was our rep. on the Health Festival Committee-to be held in May 94

Irene Kenney, Hazel Hawthorne, Beulah Cotnam and Gwen Kidd visited a former member at Bonnechere Manor in Renfrew taking her a treat. They were so pleased she recognized them.

At Christmas we have a special meeting. A potluck supper is followed by an open program, singing, making up treat boxes for ill and elderly community people, giving items for the Salvation Army and a gift exchange with a social tóme.

1994

International Night-Mrs. John Kennedy spoke on her trip to China. They walked the Great Wall of China and cruised the polluted Yan River, toured a silk factory, tea factory, craft factory and were very careful what they ate and drank. It was very different.

1994 was designated as "The Year of the Family" and concern for composting and conservation of water was a theme for our WI programs.

Members attended the Cheesecake Tea the first one to be held at the Pembroke Catering Hall.

District Annual was held at Greenwood in the evening-dessert at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow.

Susan deHaan District PRO spoke at our Grandmothers meeting on the work of W.I. and our involvement in the 1994 IPM. We welcomed Joan Derouin who re-joined our branch.

The District sponsored a Quilt and Craft Show in Cobden Agricultural Hall on August 20 & 21. We donated squares and attended the show. On August 21, 1994 the grand opening of the WI Headquarters will be at R.R. 5 Guelph, N1H 6J2.

700 door prizes are needed for the IPM. Our members donated several.

We entertained Zion Line Institute members. Julianna Coulas-District President spoke to us on the FWIC Convention she had attended in Nova Scotia.-the theme being Today's Family Tomorrow's Future. Valerie Fisher ACWW President from Australia was present. It costs \$75 a day to keep up the Hoodless Homestead.

Eleanor McLaughlin, Gwen Kidd and Joyce attended the Area Convention at Greely (by bus) Peggy McLeod from Cobden, Area President and Mae Craig, Renfrew Board Director-Sub. 3 conducted the meeting.

1995

Irene Kenney took us to Ireland for International Night. She showed us her trip on a large map outlining where they visited. She displayed excellent pictures and explained the countryside and culture.

We were happy to have a new member join-Marjory Gibson. We needed more help as it was Laurentian Views turn to host the District Annual the next year. This year it was held in St. Pauls Anglican Church, Cobden hosted by Bromley a very small group. We helped and attended the Cheesecake Tea at the Pembroke Catering Hall.

At the Grandmothers meeting Tina Van Grinsven from Pembroke and District Association for Community Living spoke on getting involved in community, helping those less fortunate who need transportation or just company.

Eleanor McLaughlin spoke on Cholesterol at a meeting on Health. She stressed the need to cut down on fats, read labels and the benefits of watching eating habits. We enjoyed a low cholesterol lunch.

Members enjoyed a craft tour for a summer meeting. We travelled from Pembroke to Barry's Bay stopping at every craft shop and attraction along the way. Lunch was enjoyed at Golden Sands Restaurant.

Our branch contributed food and sale items for the Rural Ramble Quilt Show and Tea and Bazaar held at Golden Lake. Gwen Kidd and Eleanor McLaughlin (delegate) attended the Area Convention in Embrum. Concerns were discussed about the possible closing of the Civic Hospital in Pembroke and the disposal of waste in Deep River.

Alice WI were guests at our October meeting. Following a potluck supper, Marjory Gibson, our member explained the progress of art from child to adult. Everyone enjoyed the chance to show their skills using charcoal and we were surprised at our results.