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District Annual is scheduled for May 15th at Westmeath Hall with a dinner at 6 p.m. at a cost of \$10, meeting to start at 7:30 p.m. A quilt made from blocks made by branch members of the District will be drawn. We sold our share of tickets. Our members plan to attend and set up a display for Laurentian View. Unfortunately our Tweedsmuir History was not in the display competition but Curator Irene Kenney and assistant Eleanor McLaughlin have made many completions in other areas.

Our branch was pleased to have two new members, Cindy Pilgrim and Gerry Therens and Lucille Whitmore rejoin.

Submitted by Eleanor McLaughlin

Nine members and six visitors enjoyed a delicious pot luck supper at our Grandmothers meeting. Gwen Kidd gave an informative talk on the restructure of W.I. in Canada. She encouraged us to tell our neighbours about W.I. and invite them to our meetings. Wear our W.I. badges to all meetings.

In June topic was Elder Abuse and Prevention Week. Hazel Hawthorne introduced Carolyn Dodds who spoke on financial abuse of elderly. She gave much advice on care of cards, pension cheques direct deposit, signing and trust among financial advisors.

On June 3, our W.I. members put on entertainment and provided lunch for Seniors at Country Retirement Home at Beachburg.

On June 4, Laurentian View members were entertained by Zion Line W.I. at the Anglican Church in Cobden for supper and program.

Although our W.I. Hall has been a landmark for many years, it was realized that it was impossible to keep it up any longer. Hydro costs, yard maintenance, and the need for the building were important factors to consider. A motion was made by Irene Kenney and seconded by Marjory Gibson that we sell the hall, A secret ballot resulted in a 6-2 vote to sell.

For Canadian Industries program, in August Eleanor McLaughlin organized a tour to Eddy Match Ltd. Steve O'Connor conducted an excellent informative tour through the plant explaining the processes from setting up to shipping of matches. We enjoyed lunch at Williams Coffee Pub.

We put up displays at both Beachburg and Cobden Fairs.

In September our members helped greatly at the Rural Ramble where we took quilts, took food for lunch and for sale table and set up the display at the Orange Hall in Beachburg for our District.

In October five of our members and two friends enjoyed a trip to Ottawa with our chauffeur Cindy Pilgrim for a program on Citizenship & Legislation. We toured the Parliament Buildings on a guided tour, listened to Question Period, but did not get to talk to our member Hector Clouthier. Our side trips to Pizza Hut, White Rose and Bayshore were also enjoyed.

In October we entertained three members from Bromley W.I. Our District President, Dwyla Pilgrim and a visitor Alta Taughter from Saskatoon. Dwyla talked on W.I. work Education workshops and Convention-100th she attended in Hamilton this spring.

Eleanor McLaughlin was presented with a 100th Anniversary pin thanking her for work and guidance over past years.

Marjory Gibson showed slides and spoke on paintings she and her daughter Emily had done.

Izett McBride of Century 21 was our Real Estate agent for the Hall. We accepted an offer of 25 000 dollars from Andre Lair. Hazel Hawthorne President and Irene Kenney Secretary were in charge of legal affairs. In October we had a yard sale for two days to dispose of contents.

In November for Agriculture, Susan Stone on Ag Awareness Program spoke to us. She stressed educating the youth about where food comes from. Kits on soils etc. are used in classrooms to help. Farm Comes to Town is another program to educate town kids.

At Christmas we enjoyed a pot luck supper, an open program and fun. We remembered Ivan and Marilyn with a huge box of goodies due to their illnesses, and gathered items for the Salvation Army.

We had a very full year. Our members attended the 100th Anniversary Celebrations held this year. Gwen attended the Convention in Hamilton. On May 10, Gwen, Hazel, Irene and Eleanor attended the Celebration at Richmond. On June 24, Irene, Eleanor and Marjory went to Almonte to Area celebration where we met our ACWW executive. We also went to the Area Convention at Carp in October.

On November 15 our District held a 100th Anniversary Fun Day at Germania Hall in Pembroke. Some wore period costumes. A delicious potluck lunch was enjoyed followed by entertainment provided by each branch. Attendance was disappointing; only about 35 were there but a great time was had by all who did.