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In January we were very pleased to have Linda Kidd join our Institute. Gwen Kidd spoke on Public Relations.

In February all members participated in a program on International Affairs bringing items and having discussions about them. Topics were on global affects of El Nino, floods and tornados in Florida, Canada's ice storm, research on International Womens Day, relations with Iraq and Cuba's relations with Canada. Roll call was to bring a foreign stamp or coin-What a display!

In March our Tweedsmuir History was on display. Our Church history will be in the District Competition. Curator Irene Kenney and assistant Eleanor worked on it.

Curator Irene Kenny displayed our Tweedsmuir Histories. She gave tips in doing her work. We were encouraged to work on our family and farm histories and also do a section on wedding pictures.

April

Eleanor McLaughlin talked about Canadian Cancer Society, its mission statement, progress in research and need for volunteers. She explained the organization locally. Westmeath Branch and her work as volunteer. Helpful pamphlets were available. How can we help?

We recognized the passing of Elsie Wilcox one of the first members of Laurentian View WI in March 1951.

May

Topic: Memories of Mothers and Grandmothers. Members were involved reading humorous stories and poems supplied by Eleanor and enjoyed sharing stories and laughter.

Several members attended District Annual at Locksley Lutheran Church. Laurentian View won the most New Members Plaque with five new members and also second prize for Church History in our Tweedsmuir History. We also attended Alice W.I.'s 60th Anniversary dinner celebration on May 25.

June

Topic: Agriculture. Gerry Therens gave a talk on growing mustard a new Ontario crop history, insect control, harvesting processing and marketing.

Eleanor McLaughlin was presented with a Life Membership Pin and Certificate in recognition of 35 years as member of Laurentian View.

July

We put a display in Beachburg Fair W.I. display and received \$20 in prize money.

August

For Canadian Industries, Eleanor organized a tour to Smith Falls. Cindy Pilgrim drove a rented van for 7 members. We enjoyed a self-conducted tour of Hershey Chocolate Plant, made purchases in the Chocolate Shop, then ate a picnic lunch at the picnic area there.

We toured the Rideau Canal Museum with its excellent displays, maps and information then walked along the canal's boat lifts. On the way home a stop was made at Craft Shops in Pakenham, then of course a treat "a big ice cream cone at the General Store".

We put a display at Cobden Fair W.I. display.

September

On September 9 our members were guests at Snake River W.I. for dinner meeting at Anglican Church, Cobden. Speaker was Nutritionist, Shelly Bulmer.

On September 23, we entertained Forester's Falls W.I. at Irene's home. Guest speaker Christine Reaburn showed slides and gave an interesting informative talk on her trip to World Conference at Pretoria, South Africa and on to Australia. How lucky to live in Canada!

Eleanor was co-ordinator for Rural Ramble Quilt and Craft Show, Bazaar Table and lunch at Orange Hall Beachburg on September 26 & 27 Saturday and Sunday. Our members contributed help and food.

Quilt made from Quilt Block Competition was displayed and drawn. \$1000 was given the Bernadette McCann House.

October

We received new membership cards needed at all times for voting. Eleanor reported on Area Convention attended in Cornwall.

Cindy Pilgrim demonstrated Skin Care and involved everyone on program of Family & Consumer Affairs. Books and magazines are exchanged at each meeting.