

Destruction By Acid Rain Discussed By WI

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WESTMEATH — What effect does Canada suffer from acid rain was posed to the members of Westmeath Women's Institute at their March meeting. A number of ideas and concerns were expressed. Acid rain is killing off our lakes, denuding the countryside, causing deterioration of buildings and effecting the health of our soils and crops.

Over the next month members will be involved in various activities. Westmeath will be hosting the April 16 birthday party at Miramichi Lodge. The North Renfrew District W.I. Public Speaking Competition will be held on Saturday April 12 in Cobden Public School. The branch will be sponsoring one young person in each of the three categories after an eliminations speak off is held.

The 4H Club "Milk Makes It" will finish shortly and the achievement program will be held April 17 in the Westmeath Recreation Hall. Meanwhile Marjory Kennedy (582-3683) and Noreen Desjardins (587-4575) will lead the summer club "Seed to Shelf". Any girls or boys who live in and around the Westmeath area are welcome to join this club. Seed to Shelf will show how to

grow, care for, harvest and preserve vegetables from the members home garden. Preservation methods include, freezing, drying, pickling and canning. For further information please contact either of the leaders.

Members volunteered to make items for the Beachburg Fair. The WI Fair Display this year will feature "Christmas in July" with items such as tree skirt, wreath, stocking, place mats, decorations, half apron and pot holders.

Program convenor Beulah Wright presented some thoughts on free trade and its effects on agriculture. Some agricultural sectors (such as pork) would benefit from free, freer or enhanced trade. However the dairy industry is quite concerned on the effect that free trade would have on its supply management system. Free trade should not be entered into lightly, but well researched and all pros and cons thoroughly thought out. An agricultural quizz which put all members to the test was won by the President Beryl McBride.

The annual meeting will be held at the home of Elsie Krose on April 16 when this question will be asked "Tell something you are sorry you did in your life."