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The Savard Women's Institute held their November meeting at the home of Bertha Axcell with six members attending, Ena Bott, Alacoque Ryan, Agnes Arts, Helen Dorrell, Bertha Axcell, Jean Rodgers and a guest Laura Fallowfield.

President Helen Dorrell opened the meeting with all singing the W.I. Ode and reciting the Mary Stewart Collect. She read a delightful poem "Excuse this house" with the last line "I want to be a housewife but first I'll be a mother." This poem went along with the motto "If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself." Ideas were exchanged how this can be followed as the importance of children's feelings should be considered.

The roll call was answered with "items for gifts for our handicapped friends: mitts, gloves, colouring books and knitted dolls."

The business was conducted and apples for the school children's candy bags were paid for.

A copy of a newspaper account of the area convention held recently in Cochrane was read with interest. Elna Blackburn is the new board director. The area convention will be held in Englehart next year.

A letter was drafted and signed by the members re: protesting the increased cost of post office boxes to rural residents who receive mail delivery only three times a week and requesting daily mail delivery so that a post office box is not necessary. This letter will be sent to MP John MacDougall. Action is already begun on this as the result of a phone call to his office.

Cards were signed and addressed and the Christmas gift, cheer basket and card lists were prepared.

On December 12, the next meeting will be held at Agnes Art's home and a Christmas luncheon is planned for that day. Special guests will be invited to share the pleasure of wrapping gifts for the handicapped, polishing apples for the candy bags, and preparing fruit baskets for those who are alone.