

Savard W.I. report Dec. 12/89

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"Kindness is a language the deaf can hear and the blind can see" was the motto for the Savard Women's Institute for December. They met at the home of Agnes Arts with six members present to answer the roll call, bring a friend and food for the potluck Christmas Luncheon.

The president, Helen Dorrell, welcomed the members and three guests Isobel McFarlane, Annie Playford, and Jean McFarlane. The W.I. Ode was sung and the Mary Stewart Collect recited to begin the meeting.

The minutes were read and treasurer's report given by the secretary-treasurer, Jean Rodgers. Notes of appreciation will be sent to those who have assisted this W.I. in their efforts to present gifts to the handicapped in the community. Crafts to each student at the Gwen School and fruit baskets for those who are alone or ill; and to the Savard General Store for their generosity in helping provide fruit for the candy bags for the pre-school and school children of the Charlton Savard school.

Correspondence included a letter from the Pavilion Family Resource Centre in Haileybury offering a speaker for a program. It was decided to issue an invitation in the spring.

A questionnaire from the Charlton Agricultural Society was received as was a thank you from Northland Lodge Riverview Tuck shop with the information that large-size print sing-along sheets and birthday gifts had been purchased from the donation. A Christmas greeting was received from Sunday Creek W.I. That W.I. branch shares in the cost of providing candy bags to the school children.

At noon, the meeting adjourned. The hostess Agnes Arts invited everyone to the dining table, decorated in a festive manner with a red tablecloth and the many dishes of hot foods, salads and desserts that the ladies had brought.

After this, the cheer baskets with fruit and cookies, (eleven altogether) were prepared and the gifts wrapped. The eldest member, Alacoque Ryan, was honored when a basket was presented to her. She has been a Savard W.I. member for 62 years. Ena

Bott, the past president, is the second eldest. The eldest guest, Annie Playford, was also honored with receiving a fruit basket.

The craft gifts for the Gwen School were admired. Bertha Axcell had created pine cone santas on candy cane skis. Arrangements were made to have them delivered, and members took responsibility in delivering the fruit and gifts. The apples and oranges will be taken to the school in time for the Charlton Savard School Concert Thursday, December 21.

The next Savard W.I. meeting will be January 9, 1990 at the home of Helen Dorrell with motto "People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges."

