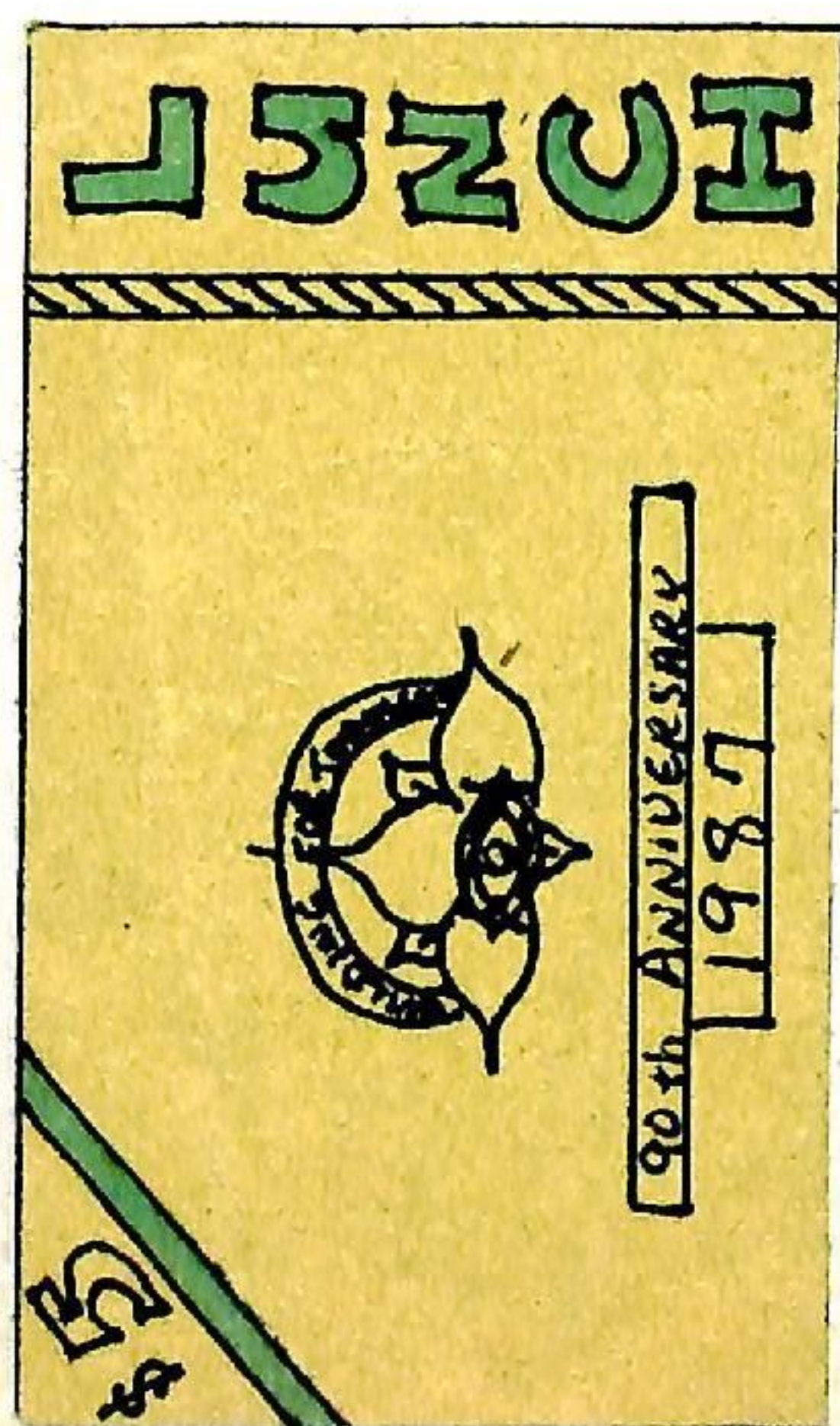


Seward Women's Institute, March 9/90

On behalf of the Charlton 75th Homecoming Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" for your part in making our "Sawdust to Ashes afternoon" a huge success.



DISTRICT
**Women's Institute
holds annual meeting**

May/89

By JEAN RODGERS

"Shaping Our Tomorrow, Today" was the motto for the Temiskaming Centre District W.I. Annual meeting, coinciding with their theme "Women and the Environment".

The meeting was held May 25, 1989 in the Northern Beacon Rebeka Lodge with the Englehart W.I. as hostess. Registration began at 9 a.m. with name tags cut in the shape of cans and bottles.

At 10 a.m. the president Beth Williams called the meeting to order. On behalf of Englehart W.I., Merrill Charlton extended a welcome to all. The Institute Ode was sung and the Mary Stewart Collect recited.

Edith Field introduced the guests, board director Shirley Johnson and rural organizational specialist Judy Rousel. The roll call answered by the branches of the district, Englehart Sunday Creek and Savard showed 21 ladies present.

The board director conducted the ratification of the three district directors, Edith Field, Belle Williams and Jean Rodgers.

The minutes and treasurers' report was read by the secretary-treasurer Belle Williams.

Correspondence indicated dates to keep in mind. June is W.I. month for public relations. Oct. 12, 13, W.I. area convention to be held in Cochrane June 16 is Seniors Day at the Agricultural Museum in Milton.

Seniors are invited to work on quilting on those days.

Nov. 8 to 19 Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. The W.I. booth costs \$12 per foot for space. W.I. members are invited to help.

The board director Shirley Johnson gave her report with many items of interest. Seven scholarships are available. Last year W.I. promoted better labelling of foods. The sign for environment-safe products is three entwined doves.

A recycling plant can provide up to 500 jobs.

Inquire about safe disposal of insecticide containers. In 1997, the W.I. will be 100 years old and suggestions are invited for ways to celebrate that centennial, a special postage stamp or how about a blue rose?

The W.I. is asked to get together on a plan to offer bed and breakfasts to travellers. The Erland Lee Home sent a "thank you" to the area W.I. for the good supply of crafts taken down to them last year.

After a coffee break, the Resolution Convenor Norma Gillespie reported

that none of the three branches had resolutions except personal ones for the New Year.

Public relations officer Alocoque Ryan's report was read by Jean Rodgers. Tweedsmuir history curator Alma Cozac's report was read by Ruth Black.

A lovely buffet luncheon was served by Englehart W.I. after the institute grace was sung. The table centre-pieces were fabric flower bouquets in miniature crocheted baskets made by Norma Gillespie. The favors at each place setting was a sample of recycling, blue and yellow (W.I. colours) crocheted pin cushions made by Edith Field.

Noon hour was the time allotted for the auction sale and the auctioneer Merrill Charlton conducted the sale with expertise and humor with the assistance of Belle Williams and Minetta Martin.

The meeting was called back to order with the singing of O Canada. Roll call was Pennies for Friendship, price of a loaf of bread and scholarship donations from the branches.

Guest speaker Judy Rousel showed a film on the care of our environment and conducted a workshop with group discussions on the four R's, Recover, Re-use, Recycle and Reduce.

The recycled table displayed a variety of ways women can use their ingenuity to recycle. Edith Field described the many useful items created.

Judy Rousel reported on her work at OMAF and 4H leadership training.

Dorothy Walton read her nominations report.

Shirley Johnson conducted the election for new officers:

President, Merrill Charlton; 1st vice president, Carol Ellerton; 2nd vice, Helen Dorrell; secretary-treasurer, Dorothy Walton; area delegate, Beth Williams; alternate area delegate, Edith Field; public relations officer, Jean Rodgers; Tweedsmuir history curator, Alma Cozac; program coordinator, Dorothy Walton; resolutions, Norma Gillespie.

An invitation was received from the Sunday Creek W.I. to host the district annual in 1990.

In new business, a motion was passed to purchase a trophy for a home economics student at Englehart High School.

The courtesy was by Jean Rodgers thanking each one for their part in the success of this annual meeting, fulfilling one of the objectives of W.I., to assist and encourage women to become more knowledgeable and responsible citizens.