

West Middlesex W.I. prepares for events

The executive of the West Middlesex District Women's Institute (WI) met at the home of president Sue Wilson of Melbourne on Sept. 19. Preparations were made for a number of coming events.

The area convention is to be held in Exeter on Oct. 11. The theme of the convention will be "Make a World of Difference".

The annual fun night and potluck supper is to be held in Napier Oct. 30. Members will be assigned their duties at the branch meeting.

It was moved by Joyce Morgan and seconded by Mary Riley that the old district minute books be stored in the Metcalfe Township office for safe keeping.

West Middlesex WI will be hosting the rally and the Tweedsmuir history workshop next year. Members will hear more about this in the spring.

* Letter Sent To Middlesex School Board

Real concern was expressed about the calibre of the essays received in the junior and senior competitions sponsored by the WI. The main grievances were in regard to the grammar, spelling, punctuation and quality of content.

Following discussion, a motion was made to draft a letter about these concerns and forward a copy to the chairman and director of the Middlesex County Board of Education and the area secretary of the WI.

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Middlesex ladies honoured at area WI convention ¹⁹⁹⁰

Several Middlesex women were honoured at the 76th annual convention of the London Area Women's Institute (WI) held recently in Exeter.

Margaret Harris of Ilderton was presented the 90th Anniversary Award worth \$500. Harris will use the money to continue her education.

Anne Crawford was awarded for her efforts in the area of community history. Jean McBay was awarded for her creation of a Christmas handicraft. For her cultural poem, Dorothy Dobbie was awarded. All three ladies will go on to compete at a higher level.

The guest speaker at the convention was Ted Bowes, a teacher and the former mayor of Stratford. Bowes spoke about environmental issues.

The theme of this year's convention was "Make a World of Difference".

Peggy Knapp, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, presented Janet Hiepled with a life membership.

Six new board directors were elected: Subdivision 21, Margaret Harris of Ilderton; Subdivision 21 alternate, Mrs. Ladell of Ilderton; Subdivision 22, Sally McIntyre;

Subdivision 22 alternate, Eleanor McMillan; Subdivision 23, Irene Richardson of St. Mary's; Subdivision 23 alternate, Norma Howe of Embro.

Reports were given in the afternoon and the ladies were entertained by members of the North Lobo WI who put on a skit.

Next year, the convention will be hosted in South Oxford.

Marg Harris, from Ilderton, and member of the South Lobo WI, has been up-grading her skills in Word and Data Processing at Westervelt School of Business in London. As a WI member she has been introduced to many different learning experiences, and now Marg would like to contribute even more to her community with her newly gained skills.

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Marg Harris spoke and presented pins to those who attended Birr - Bryanston Women's Institute for over 25 years at the 80th Anniversary of Birr in May/91

Local Soil Conservation



SOUND PRACTITIONERS -- These men were honoured for their sound conservation practices at the annual Middlesex Soil and Crop Association banquet in Komoka. They each received a gate sign for their farms. From left, Rick McCracken of Caradoc Township, Tom

Harris of London Township, Wilt Biddell of Bid-dulph Township, Leonard Duynisveld of West Nissouri Township and Ron McRae of Lobo Township. Missing are Murray McRae and Rick Harris.

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