



AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT -- Max McKay (left), RR 5, Embro accepts the Embro and Zorra Agricultural Fair Board award of achievement from President Ron Marshall (right), RR 3, Woodstock during the boards annual awards banquet on Nov. 10. The prestigious award is presented to individuals who show exceptional involvement in community activities. The award has been presented annual for about 40 years.
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briefly speaking 1986

Braemar W.I.

Mrs. James Weicker presided at the September meeting of the Braemar Women's Institute, held at the home of Mrs. Eugene Ross.

Secretary-treasurer Mrs. Clare Pye read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the financial report.

Mrs. Weicker and Mrs. Martin Raul will attend the training school for preparing short order meals, sponsored by OMAF.

The fall board meeting of Oxford North W.I. will be held Oct. 3 in Hickson. There will be a pot-luck dinner at noon.

Mrs. Weicker read the itinerary for several bus trips. Readings were given by Mrs. Edgar McKay and Mrs. Francis Oliver.

Guest speaker Charlotte Sutherland was introduced. She spoke on the difficulty of holding a family together, emphasizing the need for good communication. Also, children need guidelines to follow. The speaker told members it was important to remember that children live in an entirely different world and that they shouldn't be compared to others.

The three most important things to remember are to have faith, love and a sense of humor, she said.

Mrs. Donald Wright thanked the speaker. Mrs. Harold Bailey provided small readings for everyone,

followed by a reading called *A Farmer Is*.

Lunch was served by the family affairs committee: Mrs. E. Ross, Mrs. E. McKay, Mrs. F. Oliver, Mrs. H. Bailey and Mrs. D. Wright.

Braemar W.I. '86

Mrs. Fred Howe presided at the October cultural affairs meeting of the Braemar W.I. held at the home of Mrs. Rolph Wesselson.

Reports were read by secretary-treasurer Mrs. Clare Pye. Several coming events were announced: the London area convention will be Oct. 16 and 17; and there will be a Butler Banquet Oct. 25 at the Fairview Centre, Woodstock. The proceeds from the evening will go to the Butler Project, which will place pictures of agricultural animals in the elementary school. Area institutes are asked for food and help for the banquet.

The Oxford County Conference of the Women's Institute will be held at All Saints Church in Woodstock Nov. 18. The theme will be *Footprints in the Sand*. A letter of appreciation will be sent to Donna Knudson for her help with the fair exhibit.

Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Max MacKay by Mrs. Clare Pye.

Mrs. Antonia Shulman gave a selection of readings and Mrs. Martin Rauh

Braemar WI 4-H units 1986 need two summer leaders

The February meeting of the Braemar Women's Institute was held recently at the home of Jean MacKay with Dana Weicker presiding.

The meeting opened with the ode and the Mary Stewart Collect. The roll call was answered by, what I missed by not being able to be a 4-H member.

The secretary-treasurer's report was given and correspondence was dealt with. It was announced that Mary Moore and Carmine Sim will lead the spring 4-H unit Milk Makes It. Two leaders are needed for a summer gardening unit. Alice Vanderspek asked for an update of farms in the area for the Tweedsmuir History book. Shirley Wright opened the program with a reading on the motto "I resolve to be a more concerned citizen in the

space age."

Mrs. Mackay introduced the guest speaker Helen Wollny of Lakeside. She has been an amputee since 1978; since that time she has been asked to speak a number of times on overcoming and adjusting to the problems. She currently completed a children's book entitled *Chadwick - A very Proper Bear*, which she would like to have published. It is a delightful story about an English bear immigrating to Canada and his experiences. She is also involved in the agri-kit, which is used in schools. She was thanked by Mrs. Mackay, who presented her with a gift.

Rita Bailey read an article entitled *Friendship* and a humorous ditty on wallpapering with her husband.

Dana Weicker gave courtesy remarks, grace was said and lunch was served by Mrs. Mackay and her committee.



MAY I HAVE MY HAND BACK!

Steven Howe has his hands full as he horses around with a holstein this week at a Cold Spring Farms facility on Highway 2. The youngster is a future 4H club prospect from the area who was on hand for a tour of Cold Spr-

ings by a group of visiting 4Hers from Marion, Ohio. The American group is visiting Oxford County on a 4H exchange program. A group of Oxford youngsters toured Ohio last year.

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