

# Browns United Church Women

## Welcome

### Phyllis Barnes

The February meeting of Brown's United Church Women was held at the home of Mrs. Marion Monroe, St. Marys.

The president Mrs. Murray Taylor opened the meeting with a poem *There's Joy*. She also gave a short reading regarding handicapped people.

Mrs. John Conway and Mrs. David Arthur gave the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report respectively.

*February 4, 1981*

A letter of appreciation from the Huntington Society of Canada for a donation, and other notes of appreciation were given.

From the Anglican Church Women, diocese of Huron, came an announcement of beautiful embroidery crafts executed by women of Pakistan. These are for sale, and the proceeds are used to make things a little easier for these people and their children.

The World's Day of Prayer Service will be at North Nissouri United Church March 6 at 2 o'clock.

On April 21 and 22 there will be a Resource Fair, a display of books and the latest audio-visual material at the United Church Resource Centre London.

Delegates were suggested to attend the Presbyterial Feb. 12 at Calvary United Church London.

As a gift of welcome to Miss Phyllis Barnes, the Brown's U.C.W. presented a

floral table centre.

Mrs. George Towle, convener of the group, Church in Society and Social Action, took charge of the program.

There was a call to worship and the singing of the hymn "Lord for to-morrow and its needs." This was followed by Prayer by Mrs. Towle.

Mrs. Aksel Jensen read the scripture reading Acts 3: 1-10.

Mrs. Towle gave a meditation on the scripture passage.

The year 1981 is the Year of the Disabled Person and the program was based on this theme.

Mrs. Towle read a poem *I Am Not What You See*.

Mrs. John Hawkesworth read a fine article from the *United Church Observer*, on *Thanks but No Thanks*, written by James Taylor who suggests the people with disabilities are rebelling against being cared for, but not cared about. He probes into why

they would rather be able to do it themselves.

Mrs. Pearl Nichol read an article from the same "Observer" on the *Real Lowdown on Life* by Betty Catton, as written from the perspective of a wheel-chair which gives a new slant on many things.

Mrs. Towle told of the work of Dr. Ruth Allison, National President of the Canadian Cancer Society and who is described as a 24-hour Christian, of cancer patients she says, "It is the quality of life that matters, not that life endures."

Mrs. Towle also gave a reading, the content of which suggested that people help themselves by looking on the bright side of life, by little kindnesses shown to others, a smile, a kindly word, a visit, a phone call, flowers and other ways.

The Roll Call was answered by "Name the accomplishment of a handicapped person." This was answered by members

telling of many handicapped people who have met the challenge of life bravely and courageously.

Mrs. Towle closed the meeting with prayer and the hymn *Take my Life and Let It Be* was sung.

Mrs. Taylor gave courtesy remarks announcing the

March meeting on the fourth at Brown's Church.

The Roll Call is "Articles of Clothing for the Mission."

A delicious lunch was served by the Christian Development Group. Many thanks were given to Mrs. Munro for her hospitality.

## Browns Institute

*Feb 21, 1981*  
The January meeting of the Browns W.I. opened with the Ode and Collect.

Mrs. David Arthur, first vice president welcomed all and read a poem "New Resolutions to think about".

The minutes of the Nov. and Dec. meetings were read. Mrs. George Towle gave the treasurer's report and correspondence.

The branch directors are the nominating committee to bring in a new slate of officers for the annual meeting.

Any of the members who had promised prizes to be used at the euchres were asked to hand them to the committee in charge of the euchres.

The Indoor Gardening Club had been successful with Mrs. Don Gregory and Mrs. David Miller as leaders

and the summary day would be announced later.

The 4-H leaders are Mrs. John McKay and Mrs. Clarence Tate for the spring unit. "Which came first, the chicken or egg".

The culture group was in charge of the program with Mrs. John Hawkesworth as convener.

Mrs. Hawkesworth opened with a poem. "The horrible no good day".

The topic was The A.B.C.'s of culture.

Mrs. John Conway spoke on "A" art, Mrs. Hawkesworth "B" Books and Mrs. Connie Switzer "C" Collectables.

The Motto was "A room without books is a body without a soul".

Roll call was a collector's item.

*H.I. meeting January 21, 1981*