



**Bench break.** These four members of the DCVI Senior girls basketball team pose for a quick photo during their game at Stratford Northwestern recently. From left are: Kaitlin DeBrabandere, Brooke McCutcheon, Brooke Arthur and Allie Sheldon. (Payton photos)

**London Area Women's Institute Convention**  
The London Area Women's Institute Convention was held Tuesday at Shedden,

Rosey Rubarb Centre of Canada, hosted by Elgin District W. I. The seven district presidents looked after registration, we were welcomed by Madeleine Jenkins, Mary Veenstra and Eleanor McMillan. We sang and had Light and Lively times with different Branches during the course of the day. Gladys Egelton and Pauline Lindsay presented the flags and the District banners were brought in and lined the walls. The In Memoriam was given by Pauline Lindsay of North Yarmouth branch.

A highlight of these meetings is the roll call when each district president tells of the activities of their District. It is amazing when you put all the activities for a year together how much has been accomplished over the London Area by W.I. branches and members.

A motion was dealt with asking that the Banquet be held at noon and the evening program done away with. There was spirited debate on the issue and the voting took place at noon, the result, that the evening banquet and program be continued.

Thank yous were given to Dorothy Sutherland who retired as secretary and to Margaret Armstrong retired PRO. Three branches have disbanded Dashwood, Londesborough and Wilton Grove. The Erland Lee Museum home is in need of a new roof, you can buy a shin-

gle for \$10 or a bundle for \$50. The Adelaide Hoodless home is also in need of a roof and because of financial restraints was open only from May to October. Members are struggling with this reality and hope to find a way to keep it in operation and the home heated all winter to protect the artifacts in the house.

FWIO president Dianne Orr addressed the meeting bringing us up to date on what is happening on the Provincial level. The "Focus High for WI" campaign has been very successful.

Yarmouth Glen WI catered the lunch. After lunch there were greetings from the Southwestern and Guelph Area. For F.Y.I. Lawyer Karen Veenstra, BSW LLB spoke on family law. Three challenges for women: great expectations are put on women, but poverty means women have very few options, there is little respect by lawyers for practising family law.

Ellen Palmer explained the history of maple syrup, how it is done now. Canada produces two-thirds of the world's maple syrup with 85 per cent coming from Quebec. The Long Horn Worm is causing havoc with the maple trees.

Donna Willows and Carol Force were each presented with a Certificate of Merit. Eleanor Williams to be sent to FWIC Conference in Quebec. Four ladies were given the Maple Leaf Pin in recognition of them submitting work to the last competition, Ruth Morrison, Mary Lou Ross, Mary Nicklas and Madeleine Jenkins. Dianne Orr installed the officers for 2003, President- Eleanor Williams, 1st vice Glenna Ladell, 2nd vice Anne Innes. Courtesy remarks

by Sheila Greason, who invited everyone to Embro in Oxford next year, October 7.

The Banquet was catered by Fingal United Church. The Mary Pardy Scholarship was won by Lori Campbell, who is attending her first year at Kings College, London.

Special speaker for the evening was Jim Waite, National Coach for ten years for the Men's Curling Team. Through the media we see the Olympics as the forest, he was showing us the trees. With a wonderful slide presentation and a video, samples of the Canada team clothing provided by "Roots", he showed us first hand team Canada in action. There were 350 people of which 155 were athletes attending from Canada. They flew down in seven different planes. It was a long day but a very good day.

A number of members who couldn't come during the day, came for the evening.

Winter came in a hurry on Friday about noon. In no time at all there was three to four inches of snow everywhere and the sun had been shining just awhile before.

The Oxford District Women's Institute "AWAY FOR A DAY" Educational Seminar 2002, is Tuesday, November 12, at Dundas Street United Church, Woodstock.

Lakeside Women's Institute November meeting is in the evening, Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Linda McCorquodale in charge. Speaker Hazel Hoogkamp RN speaking on Diabetes. Members are encouraged to bring a friend, also anyone interested in information on diabetes is urged to attend. There will be a birthday party at Kingsway, Nov. 22.

**BROWNS WI**

**Euchre night November 28**

Brown Women's Institute held their Euchre Luncheon on Saturday, November 9 at 12 noon in the Brown's school with a good crowd to enjoy an afternoon of Euchre and many going home with a prize.

The regular Euchre party was held on

Thursday November 14 at 8 o'clock. The prize winners were as follows High: Bell Oliver and Terry Barber; Lone Hands Ina Pickell and Doug Kennedy; Low Betty Barons and Andy Kittmer. The door prize winners were Jean Sims and Bob

Jeffrey.

The next Euchre will be on Thursday, November 28 at 8 o'clock. The members are reminded of the Institute meeting on Wednesday, November 20 at 7 o'clock in the school, with Ron Greason and Ron King as guest speakers.