

Certificates presented to 4-H leaders

The June meeting of Browns W.I. was held last Tuesday evening in the school.

President Liz Harrison opened the meeting with a poem, followed by the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary Kay Conn, and the treasurer's report given by Joyce West. Evelyn Arthur gave the report of

the District Annual, which was prepared by Janet Uren, and announced the district bus trip. Business included a discussion about having roads clearly marked, especially at intersections.

The Fall Board meeting is to be held in September at Browns. Joyce West presented gift certificates to Mary Anne Jackson, Cathy Adams and Ann Slater for leading 4-H.

The roll call was if I had time, in what volunteer service would I take part - was answered by 11 members and four visitors.

Speaker shows video

Susan Towle, convenor of Family and Consumer Affairs, opened her meeting with a reading - Who is a Canadian? - She introduced the speaker Sara Harrison, who attended the 1993 International Girl Guide

Camp in Guelph with over 3,000 girls from all over the world attending.

Sara had received her Canada Cord which she is very proud to own. She showed a video of their activities and commented along the way with her gracious smile.

Kay Conn thanked Sara and presented her with a gift.

Oxford North District Women's Institute 89th annual held

By Chris Wiffen, District Public Relations

On May 24, Oxford North District Women's Institutes held their 89th annual meeting.

It was with sadness that it was announced that Tavistock W.I. and Innerkip W.I. are disbanding. President Marlene Matheson will be attending Conference '94 at Geneva Park.

On Nov. 28, the Education Committee for Subdivision 23 will be holding an evening of learning stain glass sweatshirt or gift bag and tree ornament. Anyone is welcome to attend. We are 236 members strong and over the past 12 months we donated over \$14,000 to projects, education, health on both the W.I. level and the community level.

Laurene McIntosh, Provincial Board Director, told of many interesting facts from F.W.I.O. There are lots of Centennial projects in the works and Hamilton Place June 16-22, 1997 will be the place for Anniversary celebrations. About \$300,000 has been donated to the new headquarters office in Guelph Township to date.

Vivian McDonald and Kay Ross announced the end of the Butler project. The kits are now all in place in the schools in Ontario. A financial statement will be released at a later date.

Marcie Johnson spoke on our

theme "the Changing Family" with lots of humour and good advice. London Area Convention will be Oct. 27 in Mt. Brydges and the County Conference will be Nov. 7.

Sixty-seven members representing 10 branches attended the meeting and president Marlene did a great job of moving things along.

Graduation



Barb Muir

Barb Muir, daughter of John & Mabel Muir, graduated with Honours from the University of Guelph on June 3, 1994. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture majoring in Agronomy. In the fall she will be pursuing a Masters Degree from the University of Guelph.

All the best, Barb from your family

Browns Women's Institute Organic gardening topic

By Helen Conway

Browns Women's Institute met May 17 at Browns Schoolhouse.

President Liz Harrison expressed thanks to all who had done work for the WI throughout the month, especially those who assisted with the 'Stepping Out' meal at the Friendship Centre on May 13.

Susan Towle conducted the election and installation of officers with the incoming president being Willy Vanstrien.

Evelyn Arthur reported on the 4-H achievement night and extended congratulations to club members and leaders, Mary Anne Jackson and Ann Slater.

Susan Towle and Evelyn Arthur reported that they had been interviewed by Dr. Linda Ambrose, who is writing a history of the area.

Delegates were chosen to attend the North Oxford District Annual meeting to be held in Hickson on May 24.

The euchre on May 26 at Browns will be the closing one of the season.

Helen Conway read 'The breath of spring' and led a sing song.

A plant auction with Dorothy Taylor as Auctioneer provided lots of fun, everything from violets to trees were enthusiastically sought.

Ann Slater speaker

Ann Slater, local organic market gardener and farmer, spoke on organic gardening.

She stressed that most traditional gardeners do organic gardening using manure for fertilizer picking potato bugs and tomato worms and rotating the placement of vegetables in the garden from year to year.

Win McMurray thanked Ann and presented her with a gift.

Susan Towle expressed thanks to all who participated in the evening and invited the membership to the next meeting on June 14. Everyone is to meet at Browns School at 9 a.m. for a trip to 'Interiors' in London.

Browns W.I. euchre

Browns W.I. held their euchre party at the school Oct. 13 with a good attendance.

Ladies high score—Myrtle Waghorn and Elaine Vogt; Ladies lone hands—Ruth Strohm; Gent's high score—Terry Barber and Helen Beggs (played as man); Lone hands—Doug Kennedy; Lucky draw—Barb Matthies, Don McDonald.

The next euchre will be held on Thurs., Oct. 27 at 8:30 p.m.

First W.I. euchre

Browns W.I. held their first euchre of the season at Browns school last Thursday evening.

Ladies high—Ruth Strohm and Helen Beggs; Lone hands—Myrtle Waghorn; Men's high—Terry Barber and Doug Kennedy; Lone hands—Herb Turner. Lucky prizes went to Hazel Tiffen and Grant Johnson.

The next euchre will be held on Oct. 13 at 8:30 p.m.

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September meeting

The September meeting of Brown Women's Institute was held on Sept. 20. Willie Vanstrein, convenor of Family and Consumer Affairs, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The roll call was answered by bringing in a family picture before you were married. Joyce West introduced her two grandchildren Daniel and Ann West, who went as Crusaders from their church to England and Wales.

Their slides and comments were indeed very knowledgeable and interesting. Annie Uren thanked them and presented them with a gift.

The meeting opened with the Institute Ode followed by the Mary Stewart Collect. Liz read a poem 'September song'.

Secretary Kaye Conn read the minutes of the June meeting followed by the correspondence. The London Area convention to be held at Mt. Bridges on Oct. 27. The delegate will be our president Liz Harrison.

An invitation was read from Lakeside W.I. to attend their meeting on Oct. 5 with a speaker on breast cancer.

The treasurer's report was given by Joyce West.

The euchres are to begin for the season on Sept. 29 with Family and Consumer Affairs group in charge for the first four euchres.

Browns W.I. euchre party

Brown's Women's Institute held a euchre party on May 12.

The following winners were: High Score - Ruth Strohm, Grant Johnson, Lone Hands - Terry Barber, David Arthur, Low Score - Teresa Currie,

Wayne Oliver.

There were also two lucky door prizes won by Betty Johnson and Eddie Monteith.

The next regular euchre will be held on Thurs., May 26.