

# Lady gives talk on Honey Bees at WI meeting

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The monthly meeting of the Chesley WI was held Oct. 2 in the council chambers.

President Mrs. James Ross opened the meeting with the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Answer to our roll call was A recipe using Honey.

We were sorry the convenor of the topic Agriculture and Canadian Industries Mrs. Eber Jackson was not able to be with us as she is a patient in Owen Sound hospital.

Our guest speaker was Mrs. Ivan Fidler of Elmwood. Mrs. Fidler gave a very interesting talk on the habits and work of the Honey Bees. She brought a box of live bees with her and demonstrated them at work. The Queen Bee is very busy. She lays one egg a minute day and night. Two hundred thousand a year.

Mrs. Fidler's remedy for a bee sting is be sure and get stinger

out, scrape out, not pull out, as it may break off and worst part remains. Put raw onion on.

Mrs. McKinnon gave some very informative current events.

Mrs. Clayton Schaus thanked Mrs. Fidler for her very interest-

ing talk and presented her with a gift. Mrs. Fidler presented each member with a small bottle of honey.

Meeting closed with Queen, institute Grace and a cup of tea and lunch.

## WI urged to lead consumers

Members of the Women's Institute can play a major role in bringing agricultural producers and the consumer together for mutual understanding, Guelph Area WI convention was told in Kitchener.

Peter Hannam, of Route 2, Guelph, vice-president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, who farms 600 acres of cash grain crops and pedigreed seed, told 300 delegates meeting at Bingeman Park Lodge, that consumers must learn some vital facts about farming. "They need to be told the story of farming and some of its complexities, the hard work, long hours and risks. They have to be convinced that what farmers are asking for is fair and just.

"Food costs are the result, not the cause of inflation. One hour's labor by any worker can still buy the best quality food," he said. "The Canadian consumer spends less of take-home pay on food than in any other country except the United States."

Mr. Hannam, who has been working in farm organizations for eight years, was president of the Rural Learning Association in 1967; head of the Professional Agrologists Society in 1968, the Wellington County Federation of Agriculture in 1974, and received the \$2,000 Bank of Montreal Centennial Award after which he travelled to centres in North America studying use of night schools.

Citing the "bountiful role farmers have played," he said most urban dwellers never have had to worry about food and its cost. "But from now on we'll be more concerned because of shortages of fuel and crop surpluses. It's a mixed

bag to try and pinpoint what is going to happen. If you listen to the media you'd think producers and consumers are the worst enemies in the world.

"It's not so. But we need to get together, know and under-

stand each other and our roles."

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture has begun a public relations program to close the gap of understanding between producers and consumers.

## Women's Institute

The theme for the February meeting was education and cultural activities.

There was a very good attendance, with several visitors. A letter from the provincial president, Mrs. Herb Maluske, was read. It was decided to bring used stamps to the next meeting. The paper should be soaked off them. They will be sent to the Stamp Stall at the A.C.W.W. Conference, Nairobi, Kenya, with 25 different stamps in each packet.

Convenor of Education and Cultural activities, Mrs. Ivor Phillips, spoke on the history of macrame, and the two main types of knots used: the half hitch and the square knot. Examples of these could be seen in very interesting display of articles; wall hangings, plant hangers, bags, belts, neck pieces, etc. Mrs. Phillips also commented on a display of needlepoint articles created by the group who have just completed the short course in needlepoint for beginners. A summary day will be held in Hepworth on March 16.

## Chesley

### Women's Institute

The Chesley Women's Institute held monthly meeting, November 9 in form of a "Fur night and auction tea". A short business meeting was held by President Mrs. Jas. Ross.

On November 9 and 10 Mrs. Clayton Schaus and Mrs. Ivor Phillips attended a short course on "Needle Point for beginners." First day in Hepworth and second day in Park Head. Instruction classes will be held early in the new year. Dates will be given later.

Our Branch sponsored two girls in Public Speaking Contest on Farm Safety and were very grateful to Mr. Gordon Alexander for his help in preparing these girls, Janet McDougal and Carol Watke, for Contest. Contest was held in Brant Central School in Walkerton.

Achievement Day for Girls 4H Clubs will be held.

Answer to our Roll call was "bring something to sell". Thanks to generous contributions by members and visitors we received a sum of 78 for our Branch. Mrs. J. J. McKinnon acted as Auctioneer in her usual humorous manner and Mrs. Jas. Copp, Mrs. Wm. Miskie, Mrs. W. Woods and Mrs. C. Fraser delivered the goods to the buyers.

Meeting closed with lunch and social half hour.