

The January meeting of the Elmwood Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Mary Jackson with Mrs. Georgina Fizell presiding. Mrs. Fizell opened the meeting by wishing everyone a happy and prosperous 1978. The Ode and Mary Stewart Collect were repeated in Unison. Mrs. John Klages read the Scripture Lesson, Matthew 2: 1-12.

Mrs. Helen Pratt read the current events. Mrs. Wm. Jackson was the winner of the Mystery Box. Correspondence was read and a number of Thank you cards were received for Cheer boxes sent at Christmas. Mrs. Ivan Fidler read a poem by Helen Steiner Rice "Friendship is a priceless gift."

"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" was sung for Mrs. Jackson's birthday, and the birthdays of Mrs. Hattie Becker, Miss Mildred Henderson and Mrs. George Robinson were remembered by singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

The visiting committee reported twenty-five visits made. Mrs. Helen Taylor and Mrs. Marie Maner are the visiting team for January.

The Motto - He who takes, but

never gives, may last for years but never lives, was prepared and given by Mrs. Minnie Turner. We would miss a terrific amount of happiness and a great deal out of life if our heart wasn't in our giving, not only material gifts, but of ourselves. Giving is like a thermometer, when we give with our hearts the temperature rises, but drops when there is hate and spite.

Mrs. Fizell's "King" contest was won by Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. John Klages. Mrs. Fizell read "A Prayer as the New Year begins." A poem "Good Night and Good Morning" was read by Mrs. John Klages in memory of a valued member, Mrs. Louisa Monk who recently passed away.

Two new members joined the Elmwood Women's Institute for their February meeting in the Library hall with Mrs. Georgina Fizell presiding in the absence of the president, Mrs. Falkingham. Mrs. Fizell welcomed everyone present and wished those members who are hospitalized a speedy recovery.

The meeting opened with the Institute Ode and the Mary Stewart collect. Minutes of last month's meeting and the correspondence received were read. Several valentines were sent to members in the hospital.

Mrs. Mary Jackson presented the current events. The Mystery Box was won by Mrs. Lal Rody. Visiting committee reported making 20 calls during January, with Mrs. Minnie Turner and Mrs. Mary Jackson named to the committee for February.

"Let the Lower Lights Be Burning" was sung for the birthdays of Mrs. Minnie Atton, Mrs. John Klages and Mrs. Helen Taylor.

Mrs. Helen Pratt presented the motto "Have good shoes and a good bed, you spend your life in one or the other". Are we padding around in soft slippers, neglecting our responsibilities to our friends who are ill in the hospital or in nursing homes? So we put off until tomorrow things that we should do today, until sometimes it is too late. Let us get a good comfortable pair of shoes and try to accomplish our task in life. She also read an article about a missionary, A. J. Schultz, who

available to us, and our library, a vast world of knowledge and enjoyment. Determination is the key to success. The time to start is now. She closed with a poem "Just for To-day".

"When the minister comes to tea" was read by Mrs. Fizell. Mrs. Falkingham conducted a St. Patrick's Day contest.

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Mrs. Blanche Falkingham presided for the March meeting of the Elmwood Women's Institute held at the library hall. In deference to St. Patrick's Day, the roll call was to name an Irish county answered by nine members and three visitors.

In new business, the ladies decided to sponsor a 4-H club this summer. Training schools being held in the near future were discussed.

Two quilts were on display and discussion was held on the disposal of them.

Visiting committee convenors reported making 20 calls during February. Mrs. Sylvia Procknow and Mrs. Marie Mauer are the March visiting team.

The motto, "Life is an everlasting struggle to keep the money coming in and the teeth from falling out" was given by Mrs. A. Fizell. Very few of the younger generation know what a "struggle" is. Mrs. A. Fizell recalled how our ancestors had to struggle just for a mere existence. Husband and wife planted together and worked one with the other during these trying times. Neighbours and friends helped one another so that the struggle was made easier and the burden lighter with the help of friends and loved ones.

Mrs. Ivan Fidler introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Carl Klages of Desboro. Mrs. Klages urged us to take advantage of short courses and food forums that are

Institute." Mrs. Falkingham presented Mrs. Callahan with a gift as a token of appreciation. Mrs. Callahan drew the three winning tickets for a draw. Winners were: quilt, Johnny Klages, Jr.; cushion, E. Kathleen Baird; doll, Mrs. Dawn Brendorffer. Mrs. Wm. Jackson presented prizes to the members selling the most tickets on the draw. Mrs. Fizell was first with Mrs. Falkingham and Mrs. Taylor tied for 2nd place. Mrs. Taylor was in charge of the program with prizes being won by Mrs. Falkingham and Mrs. Marrow.