

Hobby Fair Theme In Old Fashioned Setting

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The Bruce Centre District Women's Institutes Centennial Hobby Fair held Wednesday of last week in the Port Elgin Arena was highly successful.

The Fair was officially opened at 2:00 p.m. and many residents of the area and summer visitors continued to flow through the arena, viewing the exhibits until closing time at 9:00 p.m.

The Southampton display included driftwood, hand-hooked rugs, paintings, photographs and handwork such as smocking and other needlework. Apple-head dolls made by Mrs. Gordon Hepburn, curator at the Bruce County Museum in Southampton, and Wee Bruce, dressed in the Bruce County tartan brought many pleasing remarks.

A quilt made by Mrs. Douglas Noel, a map of Southampton, was on display.

The Burgoyne W.I. members were busy making bread and churning butter in their model of an early pioneer kitchen.

The West Arran W.I. had dozens of quilts on display. These included antique quilts as well as modern design.

The Country Sisters Club were kept busy serving old-fashioned cookies and cake and tea at their pioneer kitchen.

Mount Hope had a large antique display as well as a more modern hobby, liquid embroidery.

South Saugeen W.I. had a cozy living-room setting displaying many items used in earlier Canadian furnishings.

Antique dishes, photographs and furniture were included in Port Elgin's booth. Rugs, paintings and antiques combined an interesting display by the Tara W.I.

The Arkwright W.I. was doing a good business selling home-made soap in their antique living-room display.

Handwork through the years by the Bruce Dale W.I. brought to light the many pieces of fine embroidery on samplers, pillowcases, crocheting, paintings, tooling and other types of handwork which have been done by area residents.

Underwood General Store by the Underwood W.I. was authentic with its many antique items including clothing, washing machine, dishes, grocery products, tools, bells and many other items.

Mrs. Maurice Gowanlock had a large display of cruets and their family tree recently completed by daughter, Annice, in the Elsinore display.

Another large button collection could be seen in the Allenford exhibit.

White School Women's Institute members served tea biscuits and jam and old-fashioned cookies.

Assistants at the booths were in Centennial dress and each group sold items such as home-made bread, scones, cookies, soap and hand-made articles.

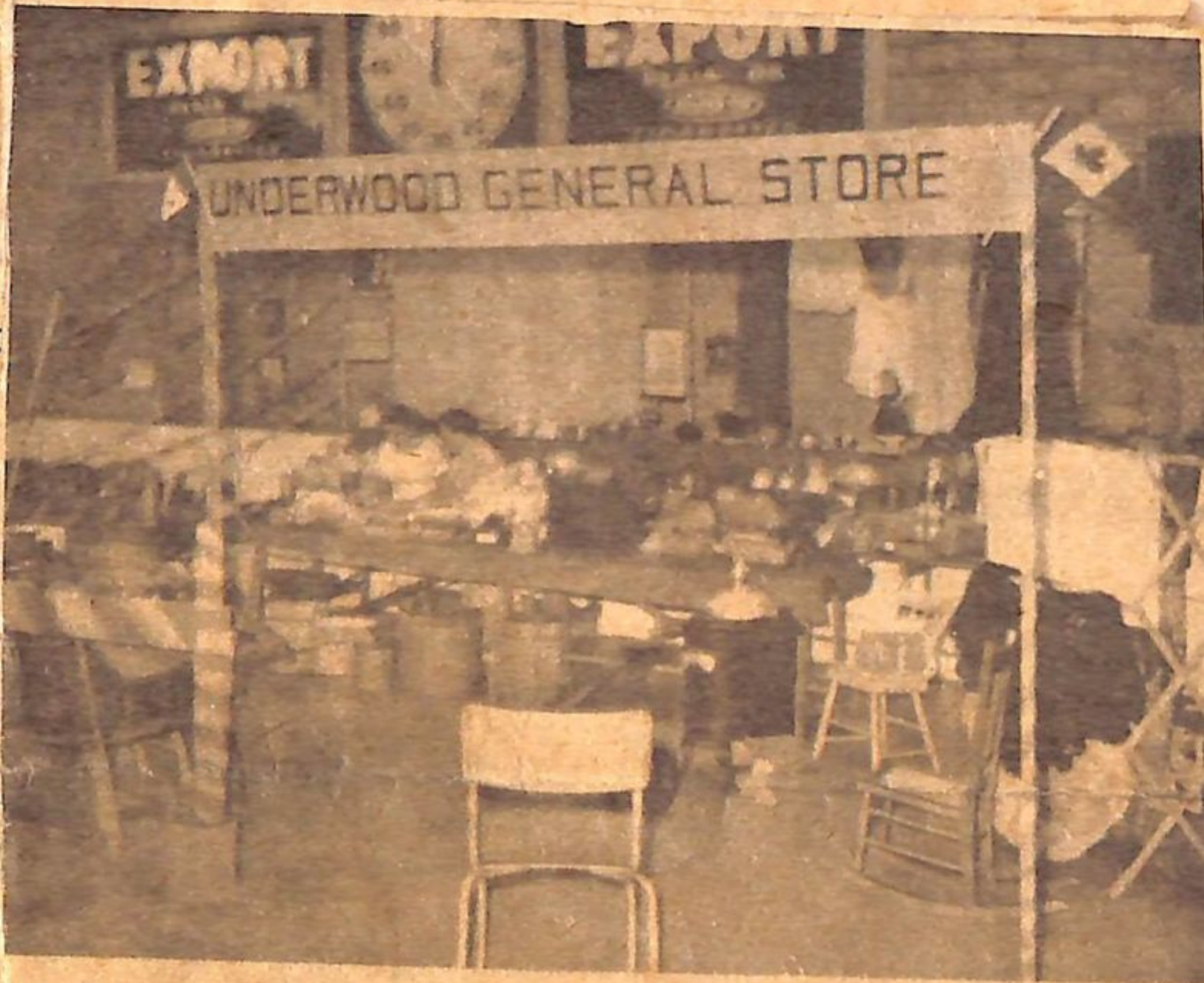
A display of Indian craft and articles for sale was in the centre of the arena. Music was provided throughout the Fair and the admission was free.

Each group had a Centennial doll dressed in a costume of a particular era.

There was a fish pond with articles for children and adults.



OVER 100 YEARS of attendance to Women's Institutes is represented by two Port Elginites at the Centennial Hobby Fair held by the Bruce Centre District Institutes in the Port Elgin Arena last Wednesday. The president of the Bruce Centre District Institutes (centre) Mrs. Earl Busch of Southampton, congratulates (left) Mrs. Eldon Galliher, 83 years of age and a member of the Port Elgin W.I., and (right) Mrs. Mel Black, 80 years of age and a charter member of the South Saugeen W.I. for their long years of service.



(ABOVE) THE UNDERWOOD W.I. display of a general store of the 19th century was well supplied for the Hobby Fair. (Lower) 1 to r, Mrs. R. McKeen, Mrs. Wm. Wark and Mrs. Fred Smith of the Arkwright W.I. visit the store with Mrs. H. Leggett and Mrs. J. Virtue in charge.

W.I.'s Craft And Hobby Fair A Success

A record crowd of about 900 adults and children thronged to the Port Elgin Arena, Wednesday, July 16, to enjoy the excellent Craft and Hobby Fair sponsored by the Women's Institutes of Bruce Centre District.

The Arena was filled with beautiful handwork, representative of this area. There was an outstanding collection of 130 quilts and 25 spreads which provided a colorful background for mats, oil paintings, afghans, tablecloths, embroidery, cushions, collector's items, aprons, novelties and antiques.

Groups participating were the Allenford, Arkwright, Bruce Dale, Burgoyne, Elsinore, Mount Hope, Port Elgin, Southampton, South Saugeen, Tara, Underwood, West Arran, White School Institutes and the Country Sisters' Community Club. The following individuals also set up booths and contributed to the success of the Fair:

Mrs. H. Smith, Burgoyne, demonstrated the making of pottery. Mr. G. Hauser, Port Elgin, presented his collection of rock jewellery. Mrs. R. Rhodes, Port Elgin, displayed the many uses of liquid embroidery.

An attractive collection of wood craft was the work of Mr. W. Hargraves, Tara. Mrs. J. Disher, also of Tara, had a colorful display of corsages and Christmas decorations. Mr and Mrs L. Kahgee, of Saugeen Reserve, had interesting driftwood articles. Mrs. G. McEwing's table was covered with floral arrangements from her shop at Queen Hill. Crocheting of many articles was the work of Mrs. R. Turnbull of Saugeen. A summer resident, Mrs. J. Robinson of Chippewa Golf and Country Club, displayed copper enameling.

Port Elgin's well known artist, Mr. T. Campbell, had paintings on display. Mrs. R. Vance, Underwood, had braided rugs and liquid embroidery work in her booth. A summer visitor, Mrs. M. Digulla,

Engleheart, had an interesting collection of novelty toys, house-coats, beach-wear, and a hooked rug in modern design. Mrs. R. Owen had her fancy work on display.

Tea tables, fish ponds and bake tables were centres of interest. Miss Betty Leeder, Mrs. D. McKay, Mrs. J. McEwing and the South Saugeen Orchestra provided music in the evening.

Mrs. H. Kennedy, Tara, President of the Bruce Centre District W. I., convened the event, assisted by the committee, Mrs. G. Crawford, Mrs. C. Doll, Mrs. M. Gowanlock, Mrs. E. Busch, Mrs. R. Thede, Mrs. J. Brunton and Mrs. J. Gingrich.