

Bruce South FWIO hold district annual at Reid's Corners

Reid's Corners Branch was hostess for the District Annual of Bruce South Women's Institute. "Kindness is the oil of friendship, it keeps the links from rusting" was the theme for the day. The roll call of the district directors was answered with a thought on the theme. About 120 attended the meeting with guests including Mrs. Wm. Middleton FWIO board member for subdivision 17, and Mrs. Richard Fenton of subdivision 16 also part of the Grey-Bruce area. Other guests were from Bruce East, Bruce North, Bruce Centre and Mrs. Francis Gemmell, president of the Grey-Bruce area. Another visitor who was welcomed was a WI member from the Province of Quebec, a Mrs. T. Thorburn who was visiting in the vicinity.

The president, Mrs. George Fischer, was in charge of the meeting assisted by Mrs. Gordon Wall, secretary-treasurer. Rev. R.C. Putman of the Pine River United Church welcomed the ladies. Mrs. Ray Stanley and Mrs. Harold Bannerman of Silver Lake branch gave the devotions. Following the minutes and treasurer's report, etc., Mrs. Middleton did the ratification of the district directors.

Miss June Alton of Lucknow gave the report of the Junior Institutes of Ontario. Mrs. Middleton in her FWIO report told of our need to support the Erland Lee Home Fund to be held between 1978-80. She spoke of the changes in the courses offered to the WI and the 4-H Achievement days which will be half days in place of the full day which has been the custom. The WI exchange to Staffordshire, England will be the last week of September and the first week of October of this year and the return exchange from England to Ontario will be next year. The next FWIC will be in Saskatoon. She also mentioned that the Hand Book is being revised and a new addition will be added. She made it clear that the Erland Lee Home is the project of FWIO while the Adelaide Hoodless Home is the project of FWIC.

Mrs. Francis Gemmell, president of the Grey-Bruce area brought greetings and a few short remarks as did Mrs. Richard Fenton, chairman of the Bruce County Rally.

The sing-a-long breaks were enjoyed at both the morning and afternoon meetings and were led by Mrs. Harvey Houston, Mrs. J. Needham and Mrs. Garnet Farrier accompanied on the piano. The entertainment in the morning was provided by the Ripely branch. Two duets were sung by Mrs. John A. MacDonald and Mrs. James Kirkpatrick accompanied

by Mrs. Violet MacKenzie and in the afternoon two humorous readings were given by Mrs. Donald McCosh of the Purple Grove branch. A very nice In Memoriam was given by Mrs. Wm. McInnes and Mrs. Harold McCormick of the Teeswater branch in memory of six deceased members from the district.

There was quite a display of quilts and afghans for Participation Lodge and entries for the competition to be judged of afghans, paintings and House Logs. The judges were Mrs. Arnold of Mildmay, Mrs. Maxwell McKinnon of Kincardine and Mrs. Kaufman of Elmwood. The judges were presented with gifts for their work.

Miss Barbara De Visscher, Home Economist for Bruce County, gave an account of her work with the senior courses and 4-H. The present 4-H course "Outdoor Living" is very popular with 500 young people from 12 to 26 years taking the course. This fall's course will be "Essential Edibles". The changes in courses and achievement days are on a 1 1/2 year trial basis. Senior training schools will be given by the Home Economist rather than special teachers coming from Toronto. A needlepoint course will be given on Nov. 1 and 2.

The public relations report was given by Mrs. Clarence Hedley who asked the branches to read the reports given to them, and asked them to support the fund for the Erland Lee Home. June 5-9 is WI visiting week at the home. She also congratulated Tiverton Branch who was quite discouraged but have made a great comeback with a good increase in membership. Mrs. Robert Courtney gave the museum report and

its new achievements. She spoke on the new curator who is very capable and willing to speak to groups about his work.

The tartan report was given by Mrs. Gladys Arnold and Mrs. David Kennedy, first the report on the sale of tartan ceramics, jewellery and material. A motion was moved that the WI will continue to support the Bruce County Tartan. Mrs. Kennedy completed the report on the Bruce County Tartan awards.

A resolution was presented to do with revising the automobile insurance policy to put housewives on the same coverage as other women employees. It was voted in favour of it proceeding to the next level.

Mrs. Middleton did the installation of officers for 1978-79 as follows: past president Mrs. George Fisher, Wingham; president Mrs. Ross Cumming, Ripley; 1st vice Mrs. Donald MacAdam, R.R. 2, Wingham; 2nd vice Mrs. Perrin Lowry, R.R. 1, Kincardine; secretary-treasurer Mrs. Gordon Wall, Wingham; assistant secretary Mrs. James Convey, R.R. 1, Tiverton; PRO Mrs. Harry Lavis, Lucknow; auditors Mrs. David Eadie, R.R. 2, Wingham and Mrs. Garnet Farrier, R.R. 3, Wingham; nominating committee 1979 past president Mrs. Fisher and the district directors of Kairshea and Kincardine.

The courtesy remarks were given by Mrs. Fre. Jacob of the Kincardine branch.

WI coming events: Area Convention - Southampton - Oct. 11-12, 1978; County Rally Oct. 19, 1978; District Directors Meeting - Belmore, March 27, 1979; District Annual, Kincardine, May 15, 1979.



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Dear Madam President

Greetings are sent to you and all your members from the President and all the members of the Thurnby, Bushby and Stoughton Womens Institute.

We were founded in 1935 and we celebrated our fortieth birthday with a party some three years ago.

We hope that Mrs Joy Lewis who is visiting you will tell you a little about us and the way we run our meetings over here, and that you would be kind enough to tell us about your meetings and the things that interest your members.

If any of your members would like to write to anyone here personally, I am sure we would be only too happy to receive a letter or letters, and who knows what friendships may be the result.

Best wishes from:
 President *Eunice E. Hancock*
 Secretary *Oliver M. Joplin*
 Treasurer *Elizabeth Greenlee*

and all our members.

1st PRIZE

RIPLEY FALL FAIR

Class *SA* Sec. *1*

Article *A Quilting Book*

Keep name covered till after judging.

Name *Ripley W. J.*

Exhibitor's No. *285*

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