

Local ladies attend workshops

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Wellington South Women's Institute

One hundred and twenty people from across Halton and Wellington counties proved that a day is never wasted when something new is learned. They attended the Women's Institute Educational Committee workshop held at Melville United Church, Fergus recently.

Professional instructors kept everyone busy with "hands-on" training. In one room, cakes, icing and decorating utensils covered tables as Evelyn Farr made everything seem so easy from formal to simple cakes. In another, members worked on their hands and knees over "Chris Clean" to resuscitate

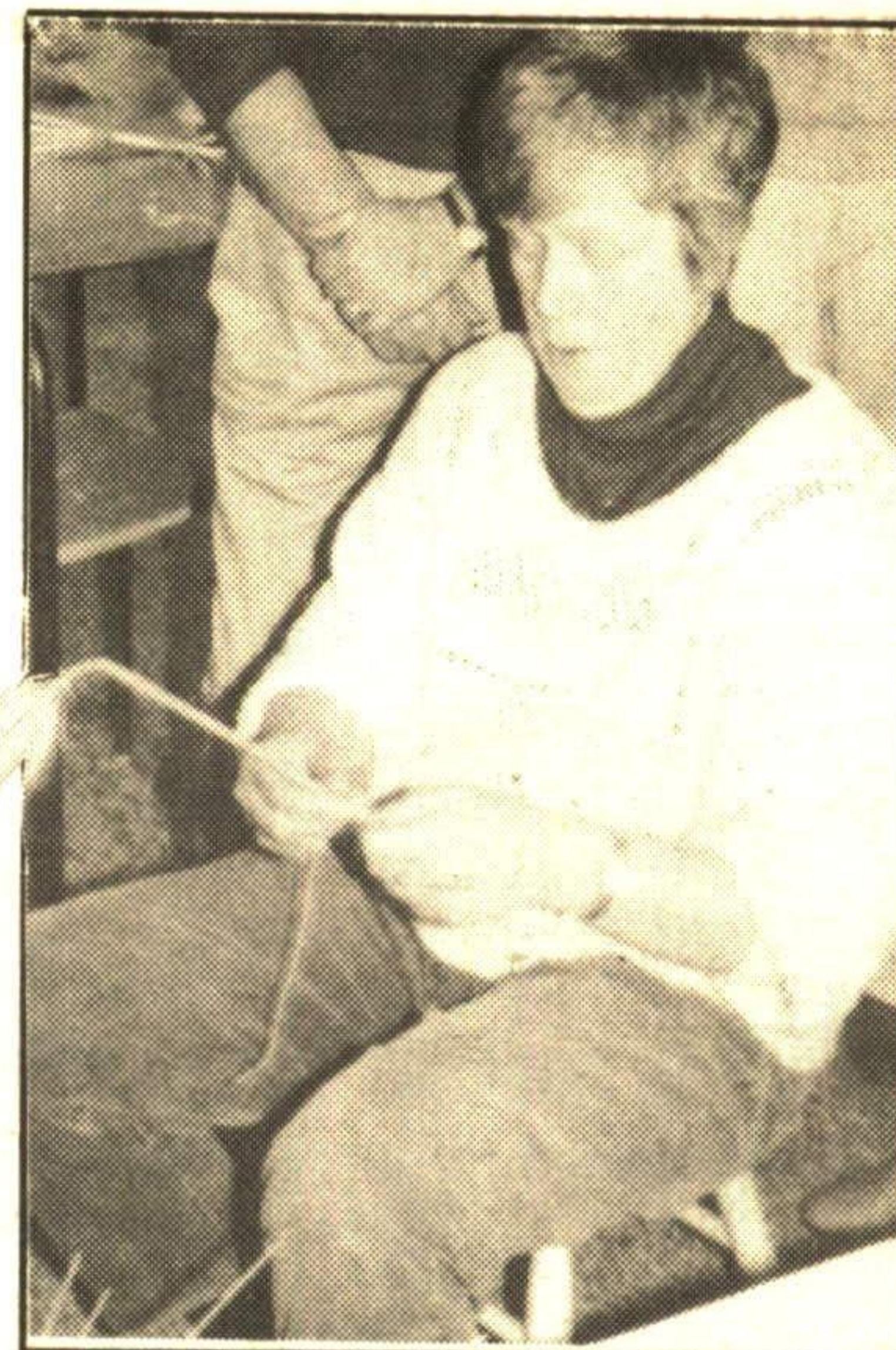
him from first choking and then from cardiac arrest under the watchful eyes of Jay Samuel and Marian Hill of Heart Save Wellington. Renske Helmuth repeated her workshop (very popular in former years) on wheat weaving and the participants in her course went home with some beautiful decorations completed in only a few hours. The traditional rug hooking class under the leadership of Jean Ruddell attracted much interest as did Marie Watson's course teaching how to macrame a lawn chair.

Patrick Kwan, currently director of Quality Assurance at Oshawa Foods, addressed current concerns on labelling, government regulations, environmental claims,

nutritional claims, etc. while Gloria Rasato-Sararus used hilarious dialogue routines when teaching the members of her course how to be better listeners to improve decision-making, problem-solving and management skills.

Although sponsored by the Women's Institute Educational Committee for Halton and Wellington counties and supported by many Institute members, these workshops are open to the public and are gaining in popularity each year.

The committee under the leadership of Glenna Smith as chairperson and Glenda Benton as secretary-treasurer, deserve much praise for an extremely well-organized workshop.



Wheat weaving was just one of the many activities offered at the Women's Institute learning workshop recently. Halton and Wellington members attended.

Brampton West W.I. presents slate of officers

Margaret McClure hosted the Brampton West Women's Institute annual meeting April 7, 10 a.m.

The nominating committee presented their slate of officers for the coming year. President - Dorothy Ostrander; Secretary - Bernice Whaley; Treasurer - Janet Struiksma; District Director - Dorothy Ostrander; Public Relations - Isabelle McClure; Co-ordinator - Isobel McKay; Resolutions - Mae Dixon.

All convenors had planned interesting informative meetings during the year. Branch members will attend the District Annual May 6 at Bolton.

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