

Who'd of Think It?

As the East Castor River winds its way through fields and bush at near stand still, to a trickle to dried up spots in the latter part of June, July & August. Who would think that this passive quiet river would in the month of March overflow its banks, spilling water into residents basements to the grand depth of three feet. If it

were the Mississippi it would seem possible, but the East Castor? The spring flood this year was the worst I can remember in seventeen years. Well what great expectations will our dear river hold for us next Spring or before?

I can remember the shock of

waking up one July morning in 1972 to find the hay bales floating in the hay fields as well as down the Castor. We had an enjoyable boat ride that morning collecting items which had decided to take a morning swim and also wading to my waist in water on the hay field trying to direct the run away items to higher ground!

Pictures of 1972 July Flood



Picture taken March 25, 1976



Pay urged for Farm Wives

(republished for a reader)

Rural Women have urged the federal government to change income tax laws so they can be paid for their labor on farms.

Ellen McLean, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, said delegates from the 55,000 member organization passed a resolution at its annual meeting aimed at aiding both partners in a farm marriage.

The change would allow unincorporated farmers and small businessmen to pay wives for their labor and deduct the cost from the husbands' annual income tax. And it would provide a basis for payments from the Canada Pension Plan.

"I'm a farmer's wife but my husband can't hire me and deduct the cost," said Mrs. McLean, whose farm is in Pictou County, N.S. But if he hired the neighbour's wife he can gain tax deductions and make Canada Pension Plan payment.

Women themselves downgrade themselves saying "I'm just a housewife," she said.

"But when a woman chooses to stay at home she has the time to do the volunteer work that is keeping some rural communities together.

"Picture what it would be like if we had to pay for all voluntary services," she added.

She said the organization wants to educate urban people about the problems which rural women face.

"We have a tremendous job to tell urban women just what is involved in producing the food they put on their tables," she said.

Another resolution urges the department of consumer and corporate affairs to require supermarkets to mark every item with a price tag. A new system of marking only shelves has led to fears "that prices could be different on the shelf than they are at the check-out," she said.

St. Mary's A.C.W.

St. Mary's A.C.W. are having a plant sale & tea Saturday, May 8. Come early, a good selection of plants, limited quantities of macrame hangings and cedar-wood patio planters available.

Bertha Smith

Horticultural Society

President's Message: Greetings to you all. We look forward to a new year, with new ideas to make this our Town more beautiful. In looking back to 1975 I would like to thank all the officers and members who gave so freely and willingly of their time, energy and knowledge, to make it a great year for our Society.

Two highlights come to mind, firstly, the Garden competition was well organized and helped us to know and be known as many keen gardeners. Secondly, our Annual Flower show, both old and young compete and may this continue with a strong desire to make this an outstanding year as well as getting more members interested in our work.

A very happy 1976 to you all.

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Women's Institute

Mrs. R. W. Gamble is the new president of Russell Village Women's Institute who succeeds Mrs. J. Achtereekte. She was elected at the Annual Meeting held at the home of Mrs. Russell Phair. 23 members answered the roll call with the payment of dues. Mrs. R. Bols, District Director reported from a recent meeting. The District Annual is to be at Secret Pal May 26th at 9 a.m. Secret Pal gifts were exchanged.

Mrs. Russell Latour gave the Nominating report. Mrs. G. E. McCaffrey, Provincial Board Director, Division 1, presided for the election.

Past President, Mrs. J. Achtereekte; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Richard Hamelin; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. J. Twiname; Sec. Treasurer, Edna Curry; District Director, Mrs. R. Bols;

Alternate D. Director, Mrs. Russell Phair; Branch Directors, Mrs. G. McDonald, Mrs. H. Staal, Mrs. K. Lake; P.R.O. Officer, Mrs. J. Achtereekte.

Standing Committees: Agriculture & Can. Industries, Mrs. R. Latour, Mrs. O. F. Rothenburger; Citizenship & World Affairs, Mrs. L. Hay, Mrs. J. L. Steele; Education & Cultural Activities, Mrs. Robert Campbell; Family & Consumer Affairs, Mrs. L. Bekkers; Resolutions, Mrs. Paul Hart; Tweedsmuir Curator, Mrs. W. Kinkaid; Music, Mrs. J. Twiname; Programmes, Mrs. R. W. Gamble; Nominating Committee, Mrs. R. Latour, Mrs. O. Rothenberger, Mrs. R. Hamelin; Auditors, Mrs. R. Phair, Mrs. A. Cousineau.

Singing of O Canada closed the meeting. Social Hour followed.

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