

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETINGS RESUMED

Sixteen members of the Schreiber Women's Institute answered the roll call at the September meeting by describing what they liked about this month, and giving donations to a penny auction.

Mrs. Annie LeBlanc, of Pinewood Court, former member and Mrs. Edward Lason of Schreiber were welcomed as guests.

Mrs. Anne Todesco, who presided, explained that the expected visit of district executive officers had been prevented by a sudden death.

Mrs. Todesco's report on the difficulty of getting

the yearly program was amusing and a practical example of the rising costs of printing, among other things. However she had made them herself this time but the suggestion of Mrs. Lois Gilmour to make them was gratefully accepted.

Members were gratified to hear that Mrs. Peter Dzioba, a new member had won first prize in the Lakehead Exhibition for her cushion top, an original design marking the 75th anniversary of the W.I. The prize for this will be presented at the Institute Rally on October 19th in Thunder Bay. Although Mrs. Dzioba could not committ herself, at such an early date, it is hoped she might attend the Rally as a delegate to receive her award.

Mrs. Chris Morris read a most interesting letter from a pen pal in Australia, also a W.I. member.

Mrs. Tommy Bolan gave a lengthy report on Public Relations - concerning the activities of the W.I. in Schreiber. In January, a visit from the local Doctor's wife, Mrs. T. Wykes, a native of Trinidad, when she described the Island's customs, early history, races of people, delightful climate, calipso bands, advising anyone going there to plan on making their trip in February when summer sports are enjoyed.

In February the party for the town's New Year Baby was held with presentation of the engraved silver cup by the town council and heaped baskets of other gifts; in March a special Irish program was enjoyed; in April there was election of officers and donations were made to the Cancer Cupboard and plans made for the 75th anniversary tea in May.

June, a monster penny auction added to the funds; the park bench, painted in the W.I. Colors and donated by them, is now in Centennial Park and much enjoyed this summer; Scholarships are presented annually to grade 8 students with the highest marks to both Public and Separate Schools; free memberships to new members are offered this year to mark the 75th anniversary; the Institute co-operates with other organizations at Christmas, particularly, when hampers are packed for those needing them, in other community areas as the need arises.

Mrs. Todesco spoke informally of the proposed gift, by Kimberly-Clark of their present hotel in Terrace Bay as a district Home for Senior Citizens - the offer presently under consideration. It would seem an ideal site, for this area, rather than at the Lakehead, with this, older citizens would remain where they can still attend community activities, and enjoy days or weekends, as health permits with relatives and old friends and especially frequent visits.

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Mrs. Betty Baxter, card secretary, reported visits made and cards and flowers sent during the summer recess to sick and shut-ins.

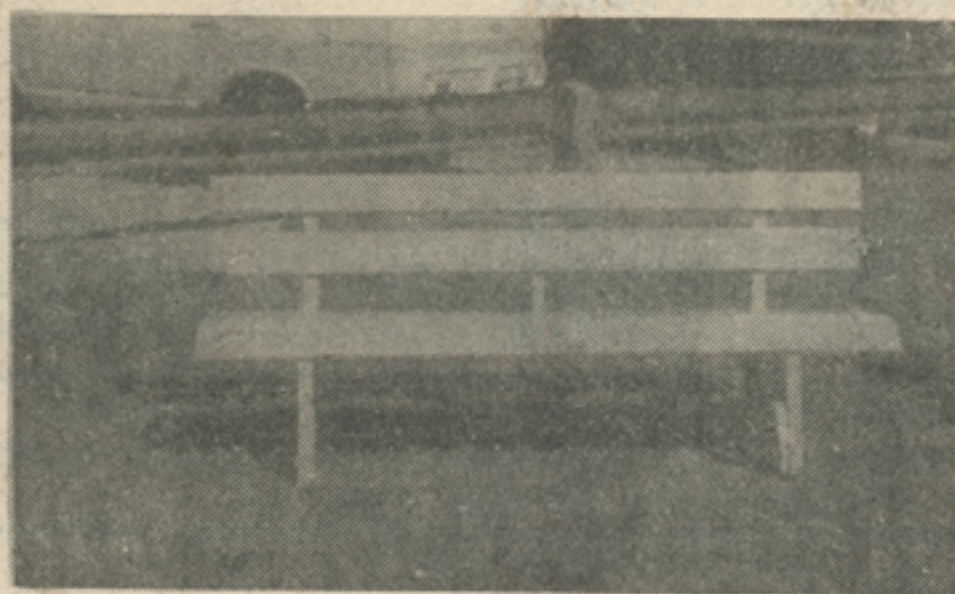
Mrs. Winnie Clemens, treasurer, and Mrs. Todesco plan to attend the area meeting in September in Kenora. Mrs. Mavis Slater thanked members for gifts and cards on the occasion of her election as head of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario.

The meeting ended with penny auction and pot luck supper.

Mrs. Peter Dzioba who won first prize in Lakehead Exhibition for her embroidered cushion top. Photo by I. McCuaig.



Park bench donated by Women's Institute placed in Centennial Park. Photo by I. McCuaig.



Think Twice About Hikers

Enforcement officers, especially Ontario Provincial Police, although not immune to the appeal of youth to see the country at bargain basement prices, believe that if you are contemplating picking up a hitchhiker—think twice!

There are good reasons for apprehension. The chances are he or she is an upstanding citizen and will cause you no embarrassment. On the other hand... Officers, who see the passing scene through the windshield of a police cruiser, do not see merit in hitchhiking, either from the standpoint of the passenger or the driver.

There is a wide variety of reasons why hitchhiking should be discouraged. Not the least is the fact that they cause a distraction to drivers and therefore a hazard to traffic. A driver who stops suddenly to pick up someone might have the unpleasant experience of a large transport, which could not stop quickly enough, climbing up his back.

Police say a large proportion of hitchhikers are rather vague about where they have been and equally uncertain about where they are going. They know only that they are on the road and want to get somewhere. If they are apprehended and charged with the hitchhiking offence, they cannot raise a \$25 penalty and, in consequence, spend five days or a week as a guest of the community.

If hitchhikers are killed, it is frequently difficult, if not impossible, to identify the body. They often do not carry identification. If they do not have a criminal record they therefore have not been fingerprinted; this avenue is thus blind.

Only a relatively few young hitchhikers are bad characters. But there are a few as headlines attest. The next one you might pick up could be one of the few.