WOMEN OF THE BIBLE WOMEN OF TODAY

In spite of threatened winter storm, 95 brave ladies turned out and were warmly received by women of St. Paul's United Church in Harrowsmith on Saturday February 15 at the 30th Annual Meeting of Kingston Presbyterial UCW. Moscow Unit registered those attending and directed them to a table of muffins and hot coffee.

The session began on a joyful note with the help of Margaret McKendry who brings out the best in voices as she leads and plays piano.

Presbyterial President Guthrie chaired Norma the event and began with a word of welcome to all. She called upon others add their thoughts and good wishes.

Howes, President Mary Conference UCW has spent much time travelling to meetings over the year and was happy to attend this meeting in her home territory. She offered words of encouragement to the women and mentioned many areas in which they might participate - "Plant a Tree in Africa, Nestle Boyscott, Korean Prayer Ribbons, Kenya-Canadian Exchange, Guardian Angels (knitting program) and Oxfam". The World Day of Prayer services held since 1887 will take place in many churches on Friday March 6 and the Annual UCW Conference will meet at Cambridge United on April 7 and 8.

On behalf of the host church, Erma Bracken and Reverend Gordon the Merkley extended their wishes for a good day. Beers, President Jean of Sydenham Section gave greetings and Mrs. Guthrie acknowledged the presence of Norma Soble of Belleville Presbyterial and the Reverend Miriam Stroud, Chairperson of Kingston Presbytery.

Morning worship service Riverside/Yarker's by Sarah Wigmore and Coralyn Lawlor was based on the day's theme "Women of the Bible, Women of Today - Count Me In" as they Christian centred upon stewardship and tithing. In Bible times even the spoils of war were tithed. Are we blessed with a good voice or brain or nimble fingers? God lays claim to our gift through need. Money represents time, our work, our brain. We do what we can with our gifts in Christian . stewardship. The offering was collected by Morven members and dedicated.

The new officers for 1992 were installed by Wendy Rennie of Athens.

Guest speaker Susan Cole, introduced by Beverly Souder of St. John's United, Brockville, is Staff Associate in Wall Street Church. She grew up in Ottawa and was involved in church at an early age. She is also Christian Dev. Co-Ordinator and President of Brockville Section. Reflecting upon the topic she talked of the wonderful era which began in the church in 1962 with the start of Listerners UCW. were to think back to that time and what they were Helen Moffatt doing. a past president of WMS and others commented that WA and WMS were brought together with considerable Susan told reservation. the stories of two women and their journeys. The first was to a perfect place, a paradise (Eve), the second was a move to a strange land where adapting to change was difficult (Ruth). These women of Bible times lost everyting and had to ad-Women of today just. can identify with them and be made stronger by example. Mrs. Guthrie thanked the speaker for her message.

Linda Hutchinson, Co-Ordinator of the new Kingston Gray ware ward Ware ts

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