

Winter Picnic

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(Mrs)

Shirley Johnston
(at piano)

Lois Woolner

June Purcell

Joyce Wright

Alma Johnston

Louise Verhoeven.

of
Clachan Branch.

Following the reading of a biography by Mrs. Johnston, the five costumed ladies known as "The Little People" presented a dance.



In front row at
the left:

Mrs. Helen Beecroft.
(District President)

and

Mrs. Marge Cowell

both are from

Dona Station Branch.

Part of the crowd listening to the program at the Winter Picnic.

ELGIN WEST HELPS TO RE-ORGANIZE WEST LORNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

1985

For over seventy years the Women's Institute has been involved in the West Lorne Community Activities. However this past April at their annual meeting the members discovered that they did not have enough active members who were able to take all the positions on their executive. Those active members came to the West Elgin District Executive for help. The West Lorne Women's Institute were proud of their achievements in the past and they certainly wanted their group to continue.

So, over the summer, they contacted interested women in their community. In October, 1985, they held a public meeting with the help of the District Officers and the Rural Organizational Specialist, Miss Bonnie Wilson.

Mrs. Hilde Morden spoke on "What will the Women's Institute do for me and what can I do for the Women's Institute". Miss Wilson spoke on the OMAF programs that the Institute can participate in. Eight new members signed up that night and a new executive was elected. They include: President, Mrs. Mary Liepmann; Vice-president, Mrs. Leola Laurence; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Kathy Focht, and District Director, Mrs. Gertrude Liepmann.

More women in the community have expressed a wish to join the West Lorne group. Two of the new members decided to attend the workshop on Smocking and later on teach it to the ladies of the community.

In the future the Institute will be meeting the first Tuesday of each month. It is well known that the Women's Institute will continue to be the active force in the community as it has been in the past.

The seventy-seventh annual meeting of Elgin West District Women's Institute was held at Wallacetown Community Hall, hosted by the Wallacetown W. I. with about 80 women in attendance.

In her opening address, the president, Mrs. Ivan Beecroft noted that this is International Youth Year, and urged branches to have a program on youth at one of their meetings. The youth of today, are our leaders of tomorrow. She drew attention to the exhibit on Youth which the Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Lenore Butler, had prepared. It featured local young people receiving 4-H awards, scholarships and other honours.

Members of the Cowal Branch conducted a memorial service for deceased members.

The Provincial Board Director, Mrs. Robert Van Patter, gave her report. She recommended a film produced by the National Film Board - "Love, honour and abuse" - which concerns victims of abuse.

Mrs. Van Patter told about some of the highlights of the Federated Women's Institute of Canada Convention which will be held at the University of Western Ontario, June 16th to 20th. Most of the sessions will be at Alumni Hall. The Junior Women's Institutes are acting as hostesses, and preparing directional signs. Each morning, before the main business session, the choir will entertain for twenty minutes, beginning at 8:40. On Monday afternoon the A.C.W.W. president, Dr. Ellen McLean, of Nova Scotia, will be the speaker. Tuesday evening a program by the Harmonizers from Kitchener will be presented. On Thursday evening, June 20th, the closing banquet will be held at Wonderland, with Dr. Pierre Turgeon as speaker, and the St. Mary's Bell Ringers to entertain. The F.W.I.C. president, Mrs. H. L. Noblett, who is retiring, will be recognized.

There will be a Provincial Convention in 1987, the ninetyeth anniversary year of the Women's Institute. A scholarship is to be available to a Women's Institute member to further her education.

Mrs. Van Patter conducted the election and installation of officers for the coming year. They are as follows:

Past president, Mrs. Ralph Palmer, Shedden; president, Mrs. Ivan Beecroft, R. R. 4, Iona Station; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Jamey Campbell, R. R. 1, Iona Station; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Sally Dale, Wallacetown; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Earl Morden, R. R. 1, Rodney; ass't secretary, Mrs. Ronald Gordon, Shedden;

federation representative, Mrs. Bruce McMillan, R. R. 2, Dutton; alternate federation rep., Mrs. Earl Morden, R. R. 1, Rodney; public relations officer, Mrs. Gordon Teare, R. R. 1, Wardsville; district delegate, Mrs. Ivan Beecroft, R. R. 4, Iona Station; alternate district delegate, Mrs. Jamey Campbell, R. R. 1, Iona Station; Tweedsmuir History Curator, Mrs. Harold Sloan, Wallacetown; assistant Tweedsmuir History Curator, Mrs. Donald Vicary, R. R. 3, Shedden; Pioneer Museum delegate, Mrs. Garnett Cowell, Dutton.

Standing Committee: Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. R. Campbell, R. R. 1, Iona Station; Citizenship and World Affairs, Mrs. H. Rodgers, R. R. 1, Port Stanley; Education and Cultural Activities, Mrs. R. Alderton, West Lorne; Family and Consumer Affairs, Mrs. A. Post, Shedden; Resolution, Mrs. R. Palmer, Shedden.



*Dutton-Dunwich
Public School Choir,
directed by Mrs. Karen
Sloetjes, sang at
the district annual.*

*This picture taken
at the noon
luncheon served
by Wallacetown H.S.,
showing part of the
group who attended.*



78th Annual Elgin West W. I. Meeting

Clachan Branch of the Women's Institute hosted the 78th annual meeting of Elgin West District W. I., May 14th, 1986.

Approximately 70 members attended, representing the 14 branches in this district. Guests from Est Elgin, Oxford South, and London area also were present.

Rev. John Vaudry, minister of Knox Kintyre, where the meeting was held, brought greetings. Crinan Branch conducted the In Memoriam service with Mrs. A. McLarty and Mrs. J. McGill taking part.

Mrs. Betty Van Patter, Provincial Board Director of Sub Division 22, presented a report stating the Women's Institute Hall at the Ontario Agriculture Museum is being refurbished to represent a W. I. hall of 1928.

The 90th anniversary scholarship will be named Federated Women's Institute of Ontario 90th anniversary educational award. These scholarships will be available to W. I. members who are planning to enter the educational field to update or further their education.

Mr. Carol Fletcher, Farm Management specialist from Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, St. Thomas, addressed the meeting.

Mr. Fletcher provided much thought on the topic "Where is Agriculture Going?"

Mrs. Harold Sloan presented the Tweedsmuir History curator's report displaying the design she drafted on the cover of the new book.

The Elgin County Pioneer Museum/^{was}report~~ed~~ by Mrs. Garnet Cowell.

Mrs. Betty Van Patter, Provincial Board Director conducted the election of officers as follows:

President, Mrs. Jamey Campbell; Past-President, Mrs. Ivan Beecroft; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. John McIntyre; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Bruce McMillan; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Earl Morden; ass't Secretary, Mrs. Ronald Gordon; Federation rep., Mrs. Ivan Beecroft; alt. Federation rep., Mrs. Ronald Gordon; public relations, Mrs. Harold Johnston; district delegate, Mrs. Jamey Campbell; alt. district del., Mrs. John McIntyre; Tweedsmuir History Curator, Mrs. Harold Sloan; ass't curator, Mrs. Donald Vicary; Pioneer Museum del., Mrs. Garnet Cowell; Farm Safety delegate, Mrs. Bruce McMillan; auditors, Mrs. Joseph Focht and Mrs. Hazel Stalker.

Standing Committee Conveners ÷

Agriculture & Canadian Industries, Mrs. Noble Tufford; Citizenship & World Affairs, Mrs. Howard Rodgers; Education & Cultural

Activities, Mrs. Leonard Palmer; Family & Consumer Affairs, Mrs. A. Post; Resolutions, Mrs. Dorothy Robson; Nominating Committee, Mrs. Nelson Johnston (aldborough); Mrs. K. VanBrenk (Dunwich); Mrs. Ralph Auckland (Southwold).

The standing committee conveners presented a humorous and educational skit.

Mrs. Victor McMillan announced the annual Cancer Tea hosted by Boxall W. I. in Fingal United Church on September 10th 10-12 and 2-4.



*Officers
1986-87.*

- Mrs. Betty VanPatter,
Prov. Board Director.*
- Mrs. John M. Intyre,
Past Vice President.*
- Mrs. Jamey Campbell,
President.*
- Mrs. Ivan Beecroft,
Past President.*
- Mrs. Carl Morden,
Sec. Treasurer.*



- Mrs. Ralph Palmer,
Resolutions.*
- Mrs. R. Campbell,
Agriculture and
Can. Industries.*
- Mrs. G. Teare,
R. R. O.*
- Mrs. H. Rodgers,
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Education.*
- Mrs. A. Post,
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Consumer Affairs.*

*Standing Committee Conveners 1985-86,
presenting a skit.*