

Area Women Institute members enjoy winter picnic in Wallacetown

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WALLACETOWN — Cowal Women's Institute were gracious hostesses to the Elgin West District Women's Institute Winter Picnic held Jan. 14 at Wallacetown Hall.

Ann McLean, Elgin West District president welcomed 65 members and guests. She began with a poem, followed by the Institute Grace. A bountiful pot luck supper was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Cowal for two coasters at each place setting.

Following supper, draw prizes of plants were won by Mary Leipmann, Hazel Stalker, Brenda McArthur, Pauline Lindsay, Jean Jamieson, Marion Tufford, Eva Reck and Irene Auckland.

Upstairs the evening was chaired by Ann McLean. The Institute Ode was sung, followed by the Mary Stewart Collect.

Roll call of branches: Boxall seven, Clachan two, Cowal four, Crinan five, Middlemarch eight, Paynes Mills 10, River Road seven, Wallacetown five and West Lorne 11.

Visitors: Elgin East - Betty Van Patter and guest; Oxford South - Dorothy Way and guest; Elgin County Rally and London Area - Pauline Lindsay.

Grace Campbell requested that the fee sheet in branch packages be sent to her by Feb. 1. Anita Van Raes, president of West

were presented: Boxall, skit Past Present and Future; Clachan, quiz Did You?, winner Pat Nichols; Cowal, song; Crinan, poem that a member wrote; Middlemarch, poem; Paynes Mills, poem. Ann McLean distributed a quiz on familiar sayings with winners: high, Lois Kruppe; low, Anita Van Raes.

River Road did a skit Health, Education, Communication, Environment, Family. When these five pieces were put together they formed the world. Wallacetown, skit Waiting For The Doctor and West Lorne, skit Past Present and Future ending with all singing Happy Birthday West Lorne Women's Institute on the occasion of their 85th Birthday.

Betty Rodgers gave courtesies thanking Cowal Branch, hostesses, Wallacetown for holding the picnic and to everyone for the program.

In closing, Mrs. McLean had everyone form a large circle around the hall, this being the last Elgin West would be together before amalgamating with Elgin East.

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Final Elgin West meeting before amalgamation with Elgin East

Lorne Women's Institute gave a list of names from the Internet of branches that you could help in Eastern Ontario who have been hit by the ice storm: Luella Robinson - Avonmore/Stormont County; Faith Nelms - Oxford Station/Grenville County; Maria Thompson - Granoque County/Frontenac County; Dwyla Pilgram - Pembroke/Renfrew County.

Branch presentations with the theme Working Together Shaping Tomorrow's World



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Wallacetown WI, skit Waiting for the Doctor. 1 Helen Van Brunk
2 Kay Waite, 3 Louie Luckey, 4 Joan Johnston, 5 Kathy Minnema

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Wallacetown W.I. visits Palmer's Ostrich Farm

A visit to Palmer's Ostrich Farm at Boxall was the highlight of the November meeting of Wallacetown Women's Institute. Ellen Palmer conducted the tour relating many interesting facts about ostriches.

An ostrich egg is the size of a cantelope and will feed from seven to twenty people depending on appetites. Eggs are incubated for thirty-nine days. The babies break out of their thick hard shells by tapping

with their beaks and toenails. The babies grow about one foot (30 cm) in height each month. The males are black and can reach a height of eight feet (approx. 240 cm).

Ostriches can run forty miles an hour and live to the ripe old age of forty. They are raised mainly for meat which tastes like lean beef. The feathers are used for dusting cars, the skin of the upper legs and thighs for leather goods, and the toe nails (one on each foot) to carve jewellery. Several members enjoyed holding a week-old ostrich and testing the weight of an egg.

Following the tour, members and guests held their meeting at Shedden Tea Room. Members were notified of several events to come such as the luncheon on November 27th at 1:00 p.m. for Bobier Home volunteers, the Bobier Home Craft and Bake Sale on November 29th and the Bobier Home Christmas Party on Friday, December 12th. Several members will be hosting the Birthday Party on November 20th at the Bobier Home. The Elgin County Museum is holding their annual Christmas Bazaar on December 5th.

A Christmas Potluck dinner for members will be held at Rien and Helen Van Brenk's on December 4th. Members are to bring non-perishable food and a cash donation for the needy.

Louie Lackey and Kay Waite were convenors of the November meeting. Members enjoyed a delicious lunch and social time at the Shedden Tea Room.



Gladys Graham feeding the Ostrich.



W.I. members looking at the baby Ostriches.

Kay Lilley feeding the Ostriches.



W.I. members looking at Ostriches.

Saturday Oct 3rd 1998.

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The Wallacetown Fair - Wallacetown W.I.

won. 1 Louie Lackey, 2 Kay Waite



Daffodil Aux. winners

The Daffodil Auxiliary Cancer Coffee Break was hosted by Boxall Women's Institute at Fingal on Saturday, October 24th, '98.

Elgin West Women's Institute annually sponsors this event. Each group brought baking for the food table as well as representatives on duty to serve the large crowd in attendance.

Once again, the famous Fingal Quilters donated a beautiful quilt which was won by Jean Gaudette of London, Ontario.

It was gratifying for the Women's Institute members to receive such public response, not only by the number of people present at this function, but also through the purchase of many draw tickets.

The needs of many cancer patients will be met by the numerous contributions of the public.



1 Jannie Leitch & 2 Norma M'Millan selling tickets on Quilt for the Daffodil Auxiliary Cancer Coffee Break

Kay Waite serving coffee.



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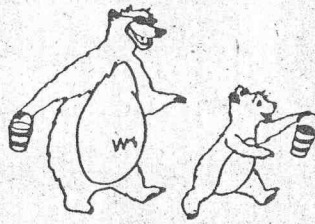
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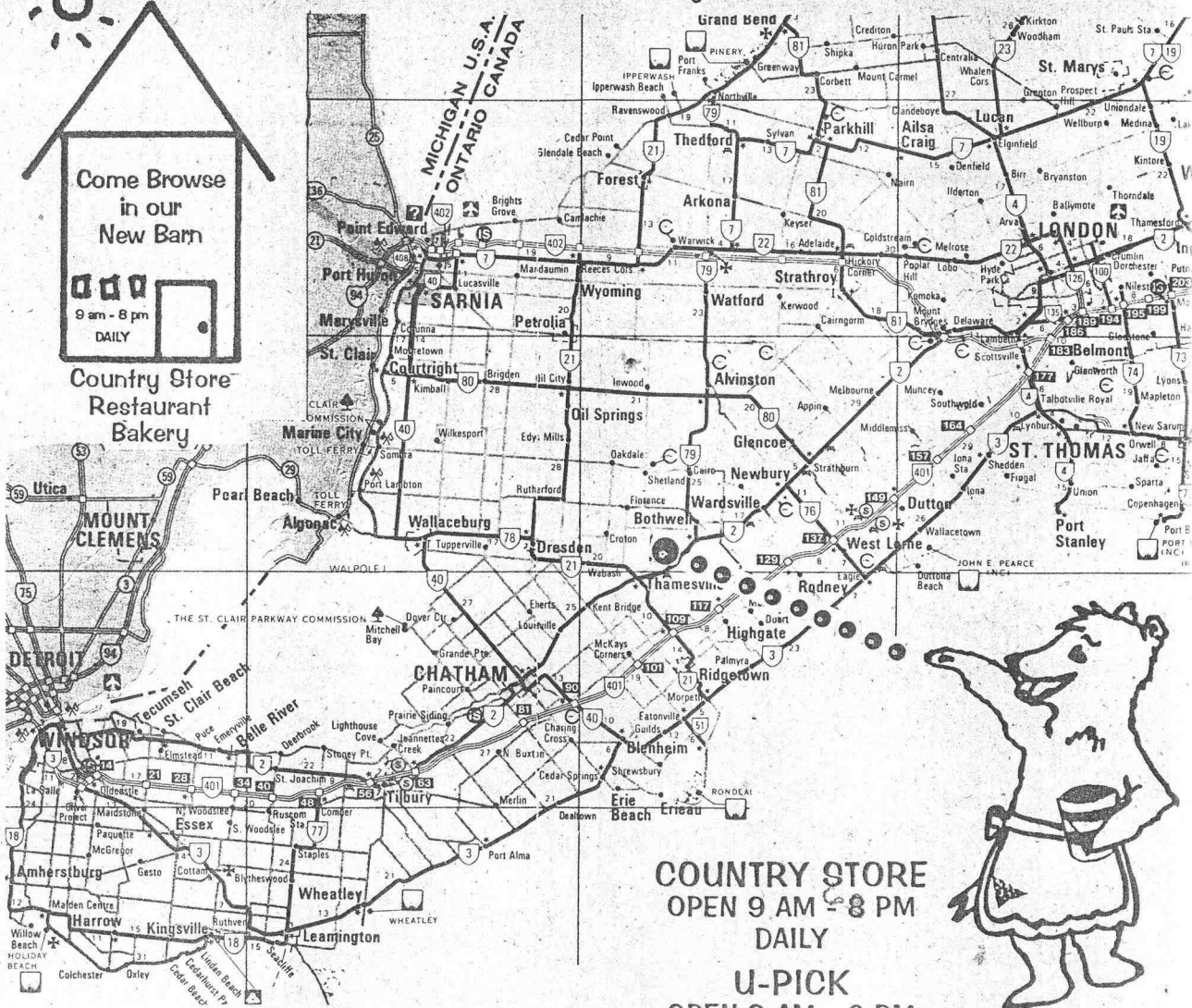


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