

78th Annual Peace River Constituency W.I. Conference staged

by **Glenna Eastman**

The 78th Annual Peace River Constituency Women's Institute Conference was held on March 20, 1998 at Grace United Church, Grimshaw, Alberta.

Everyone was welcomed by Constituency Convenor Lydia Martin. Reverend Audrey Brown representing the town of Grimshaw welcomed all visitors and members. Visiting officers were Mildred Luz - Alberta Women's Institute Vice-President; and Kay Saastad, District Director.

The Memorial Book had three names submitted. Alice Craig - Charter Member of Grimshaw W.I.; Krissy Simpson - Grimshaw W.I.; and Eva Northey - Founding member of Griffin Creek W.I. and also was a member of the Peace River W.I.

Kay Saastad gave her District Director's Report. She also informed us that the election of a new District Director will be this Fall at the District Workshop.

A demonstration and brief history on the art of Karate was presented to us by instructor Shawn Walker. This art helps build self esteem and teaches how to defend yourself.

A lovely lunch was served by the United Church Ladies. The Guest book had 31 ladies attending.

Mildred Luz gave us an informative report on Provincial and Federated affairs of the Women's Institute.

Margaret Pawlowich was our Handicraft Judge. She was very impressed with the articles and helped us with a few pointers.

Valerie Nixon reported the handicraft results.

Griffin Creek W.I. won first with 47 entries and 331 points. Grimshaw W.I. won second with 42 entries and 312 points. Berwyn W.I. won third with 40 entries and 311 points. Big Meadow-fourth with 21 entries and 154 points. Anne Palmer won the plaque for most points - 129 total.

Special Prizes went to Avis Grant winning on her entry in class 87 ceramics.

Zella Pimm won in class 71 Embroidery and Ruby Walker in class 18 afghan.

Guest Speaker Patricia Beckley gave us a talk on the North Peace Community Living Society.

This Society provides support and assistance to families who have a child with a disability.

Election of Officers

Valerie Nixon - Handicraft Convenor, Box 301, Grimshaw, Alberta TOH 1W0 332-4837; Doris Eastman - Agriculture, Box 1632, Grimshaw, Alberta TOH 1W0 332-2363; Linda Messner - Education, Box 124, Berwyn, Alberta TOH 0E0 338-2281; Lena Williamson - Environment, Box 155, Berwyn, Alberta TOH 0E0 338-2214; Diane Smith - Health and Home Ec., Box 865, Manning Alberta TOH 2M0 836-2669 FAX: 836-3572; Maxine Nordin - International Affairs, Box 85, Enilda, Alberta, TOG 0W0 523-2157; Glenna Eastman - Constituency Convenor, Box 127, Brownvale, Alberta TOH 0I.0 597-3762 FAX: 597-2288.

Zella Pimm gave a Cour-

tesy Report. Door Prize was won by Ollie Draeger. Good work on all your handicraft

Thank you Lydia Martin for 3 years of service as our Constituency Convenor. Special thank you for Grimshaw W.I. for putting on a great conference.

See you next year.