

BLACKFALDS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The first W.I. meeting of 1986 was held January 8 at the home of Mary McEwan, with thirteen members and one visitor attending. Helen Farewell gave the Thought, entitled "What Shall We Do With the New Year?" The Roll Call was a written project that each member intends to do for 1986. Grace Grover handed out the 1986 programs.

Mary Wadey was presented with a W.I. bell by the Red Deer Constituency for her contribution in "Handicraft" in the over ninety years category. The ladies decided to continue sending our used stamps to the Cancer fund. Mary Wadey reported sending three cards for the Cheer Committee. It was decided that the members would compile a Cook Book, and each member was requested to bring a recipe in five different categories. The members who had perfect attendance received their gifts.

The Red Deer Clothing Bank sent a letter of thanks for the layette turned in in December. Thirteen members paid their dues. Robbie Copland discussed the Handicraft List for Blackfalds Day, and Pat Setters and Louise Matthias offered to work in this area for the upcoming celebration.

Robbie then introduced her guest speaker, Pat Mayne of Highway W.I., who spoke on "The Art of Preserving Flowers". She told us that the methods were: 1. drying; 2. pressing; 3. Silica gel and glycerine. She displayed a great variety of pressed flowers, petals, leaves, and flowers done in the other various methods. She also showed many weeds, grains, etc. which had been sprayed. She demonstrated how to make pictures using the pressed flowers. It was a most enjoyable demonstration, and one in which little expense is incurred. She was given a hearty vote of thanks. Pat Mayne won the evening draw.

The hostess and Grace Grover served lunch. The February 5 meeting will be at the home of Mary Wadey.

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