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Members of the Interim Board of the New Grey-Bruce Convention Area. From left to right: Mrs. William Sherman, Tara, 3rd vice-chairman; Mrs. A. Maundrell, Southampton, 1st vice-chairman; Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter, Owen Sound, chairman; Mrs. Gordon Bothwell, Owen Sound, secretary; Mrs. D. McCosh, Ripley, 2nd vice-chairman. Back row, left to right, Mrs. W. Johnson,

R.R. 2, Woodford; Mrs. N. Smith, Shallow Lake; Mrs. W. Ribey, R.R. 4, Paisley, all convention committee members; Mrs. D. Cameron, Walkerton, F.W.I.O. Board Member; Mrs. T. J. Cornish, Chesley, treasurer; Mrs. R. C. Robinson, R.R. 1, Durham, Public Relations Representative. Absent when the picture was taken was Mrs. A. V. Bowen, Markdale, F.W.I.O. Board Member.

## The New Grey-Bruce Area

By Mrs. R. C. Robinson, Interim P.R.R.

**I**MPORTANT decisions affecting the Women's Institute branches in Grey and Bruce counties have been made since January 1, 1959.

On January 6 the district Board of Directors of the eight districts in Grey and Bruce counties met in Owen Sound to consider the formation of a new Convention Area as suggested by the Provincial Board. Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter was chairman and Mrs. George Best, secretary of Grey County Institutes was secretary. Mrs. D. W. Cameron, Walkerton, F.W.I.O. board member for Subdivision 12; Mrs. A. V. Bowen, Markdale, F.W.I.O. board member for Subdivision 9; Mrs. P. Y. McCandless, Dundas, provincial Public Relations Representative; and Mrs. L. G. Lymburner, Dundas, chairman of the Hand Book Committee were present.

Mrs. Lymburner explained, with the use of maps, the reasons and plans for a new Convention Area. At present West, North and Centre Grey (62 branches) belong to the Central Area, and South Grey and Bruce North, Centre, East and West belong to the Guelph Area (84 branches). Mrs. Lymburner said it was felt that Central and Guelph areas were becoming too large. After many questions and much discussion, a vote by the delegates favoured the forming of a new area.

Mrs. Lymburner presided for the election of officers for an Interim Board to formulate by-laws and make plans for first convention. See names with picture above.

On January 20, this Interim Board of the new

Grey-Bruce Area met in Owen Sound and prepared by-laws and appointed additional officers. The delegates attending the first convention to be held on November 2 and 3 will be given the privilege of naming the new area.

On March 6 the President and Secretary of the new area met with the President, Secretary and Federated Representative of the four districts in Grey to make a redistribution of the 82 branches into 5 districts. Again with the aid of a map with all the branches marked on it, a proposed new district, Centre Grey, was formed. Centre Grey at present will become East Grey. These plans have been forwarded to the branches through the district secretaries for consideration at the District Annuals.

On March 20, the first meeting of the full Interim Board of the new Grey-Bruce Area was held in Owen Sound with the Chairman, Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter presiding.

It was announced that Subdivision 14 would consist of Grey Centre, Grey North and Grey East. Subdivision 15 would consist of Bruce Centre, Grey West, Bruce North; Subdivision 16 of Bruce East, Grey South, Bruce West.

For this year only, district conveners of Standing Committees are to send their reports to the Standing Committee conveners in both the new area and their former area. Plans for the convention were discussed. The meetings and the banquet are to be held in the Coliseum, Owen Sound.