

The Second Junior Women's Institute Convention

"Cues For You" — in programing, recreation, citizenship and crafts — was the theme of the second convention for young women who are members of the Ontario Junior Women's Institutes and Junior Farmers, held at the College of Agriculture and Technology at Centralia on September 27, 28, 29, 1968.

A Get Acquainted party, under the direction of Miss Barbara Watkins was the feature of Friday night's program. Miss Helen Shaw, chairman of the convention welcomed the guests — Mrs. Everett Small, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario; Mrs. Elton Armstrong, a former F.W.I.O. Board Director; and Miss Jean Scott, Supervisor of Junior Extension for the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food. Miss Scott brought the greetings and good wishes of her department to the conference.

Formal sessions of the convention opened on Saturday morning, with Miss Shaw in the chair, by singing O Canada, the Women's Institute Ode, and repeating the Mary Stewart Collect and The Lord's Prayer.

In her address on Program Planning, Mrs. Elton Armstrong presented the delegates with many ideas for better programs, and hints for better procedure in conducting their meetings. Group Discussions, introduced by Miss Sylvia Shaw, and Reports on the Discussion completed the morning's program.

Mrs. Ann Gregory, secretary of the convention was chairman for the afternoon session, the theme of which was Citizenship. A feature of the program was the showing of the prize winning Ontario film, and a contest dealing with features of the various counties of Ontario.

Later, an Arti-Party, arranged by Miss Barbara Watkins, at which the making of the decorative paper flowers, paper corsages and party favours, was demonstrated.

Mr. W. A. Stewart, Minister of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food was the guest speaker at the evening banquet. Mr. Stewart said that he hoped the girls would return to their homes from the conference filled with enthusiasm for the opportunities to serve. He referred to the great influence of the Senior Women's Institutes on the lives of the members, the communities and world affairs.

Miss Helen McKercher, Director of the Home Economics Branch addressed the girls,



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telling them of the great interest of her department and of the Senior Women's Institutes in the Junior Women's organization.

Mrs. Small, when speaking to the delegates, assured them of the full support of the senior branches for the work of the juniors and encouraged the girls to form new branches when young women indicated an interest in Women's Institute work.

Mr. J. A. MacDonald, Director of the College, and Miss McGhee, Associate Director brought greetings and an invitation to see the facilities of the College.

The evening closed with a dance sponsored by the Huron County Junior Farmers.

On Sunday morning at nine-thirty, the delegates attended a church service and then were on their way to their homes.

At a business session, it was unanimously decided that a Junior Women's Institute convention would be held in 1969, the date and place to be announced later. The following were appointed officers for the coming year.

Chairman — Miss Doreen Harrop, R.R. 2, Norval; Secretary — Miss Sylvia Shaw, R.R. 2, Mono Road. Program Advisors: Miss Helen Shaw (past chairman), R.R. 2, Mono Road; Miss Sharon Passmore, R.R. 3, Exeter; Miss Sue Forth, 93 Carrington Court, Ancaster; Miss Jean Jenkins, R.R. 3, Belmont. Junior Board Directors: Miss Barbara Watkins, Londesboro; Mrs. Marion Ruttan, Teeswater, and the Senior Board Director in the District where the convention will be held.

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"There is no beautifier of the complexion, or form, or behavior, like the wish to scatter joy and not pain around us."—Emerson.