

At the Area Conventions

Guelph Area

Don't ever let anyone say that good research doesn't prove a point when talking about a resolution. Winterbourne W.I. proposed the original resolution on the standardization of jars in view of metric conversion. Mrs. Abner B. Martin, West Montrose carried on extensive research for her branch. Mrs. Delmar Smythe, Area Resolutions Convener, also talked to the Metric Commission on the feasibility of the whole project and found it was a resolution with merit.



(L) Mrs. Delmar Smythe, Guelph Area Resolutions Convener and Mrs. Abner B. Martin, Winterbourne W.I., look at the display of jars and bottles.

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Central Area

Discussion groups were again most successful and the banquet was highlighted by the presence of The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, The Honourable Pauline McGibbon, who spoke to the group of her life as Lieutenant Governor. The changes, the duties, the work and pleasures she experiences.

The Hon. Wm. A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture and Food, extended greetings and told of his appreciation of the work of the Women's Institute.



Central Area Executive. (L-R) Mrs. Milton Petch, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Percy Junkin, 1st Vice President; Mrs. L. W. Hughes, President, receiving corsage from immediate Past President Mrs. Irwin Maltby; Mrs. Clayton Elliott, Secretary Treasurer, and Mrs. Melville Wiseman newly elected Board Director Subdivision 7.

North Central Area

East Manitoulin District Branches were responsible for the food, the branches divided into groups and served the various meals. A local bakery donated cakes and donuts while ice cream was donated by a local dairy. The delegates paid for the meals, consequently the District is \$450.00 richer.

The community was involved in the banquet, a local singing group and orchestra provided lovely entertainment.

Northwestern Area

An excellent representation attended the Convention with 104 persons attending the banquet. This Convention covers an extremely large area, travel is lengthy and it speaks well of the interest of the members.

It was encouraging to attain almost 100% reporting and find too the members are concerned with and making studies and surveys of current problems such as nutrition, drugs, recycling, immigration, abortion etc.

A guest from Scotland presented some thoughts on Women's Institute work in her homeland, it was good to hear about our organization in another country.

A demonstration of drying weeds and flowers made everyone want to try this craft. The sale table was again successful and helped defray Area expenses. A quilt parade with commentary, telling about patterns and how to assemble, interested all.

A speaker on Family Property Law was most timely, and later a workshop was to be held and some members had been invited.

Trent Valley Area

Originally the idea was proposed by a former President, Mrs. Gordon Macklin, and carried on by Mrs. Clifford Reid, President. A request that the Area make the "ACWW Save Sight" a special concern for Trent Valley.

Branches were requested to make their donations through the Districts, these to be presented at the Area. In 1973, \$828.31 was presented and in 1974, a cheque for \$1251.00 was presented to FWIO to be forwarded for this worthwhile project.

Also, the PRO reported almost ten thousand dollars was spent on education for members and 4H.

Grey Bruce Area

The annual attendance trophy was won by Bruce South District and accepted by the District President, Mrs. David Ireland.

The theme "Nothing great was achieved without enthusiasm", appeared to give the delegates incentives and ideas to encourage renewed interest at branch level.

A display of Bruce County Tartan, originally a prize winner at a local fair, was exhibited. The Tartan has been a Women's Institute project for many years. A variety program featuring Scottish dancers and soloists as well as a comedy fashion show proved entertaining at the annual banquet.

Simcoe Area

Discussion groups was a new innovation, and proved successful, so much so there were requests that this be on next year's programme. Immediate Past and Present Board Directors along with the immediate past area president conducted the groups. Plans were well thought out and all used the same material