

Area Convention Draws

Many ladies to Village

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The eighth Annual Grey-Bruce Women's Institute Area Convention was held in the Town Hall, Lucknow September 8th and 9th. President Mrs. Arthur Maudrell, Southampton, presided assisted by vice presidents, Mrs. Emerson Knott, Meaford, and Mrs. Percy Radbourne, Owen Sound. This was the first opportunity to meet the new provincial president, M. Everett Small, Essex, who reported on the Women's Institute projects and future plans for the organization. The 10th National Convention will be held in Guelph in June of 1967, the 70th year also of the founding of the Women's Institute at Sixty Creek. The A.C.W.W. will be held in Lansing Michigan in September of 1966.

Miss Helen McKecher, Director of Home Economics service branch, Dept. of Agriculture and Food, Toronto reported on Sr. Leaders courses. She introduced the new Home Economics series Joan E. Anderson, Bruce Ripley and Miss Lera McCormick, Grey. They were in charge of the 4-H Homecoming Club displays and exhibits when the Lucknow No. 1 and No. 2 club committees were given by Innon Whitehead and Donna Mullin for display. The Kairasha 4-H Homecoming club presented a skit "Accessories for Various Occasions".

The convention one year committee members coming from Subdivision 14 were in charge of registration and were Mrs. George Arthur, Clarkburg; Mrs. C. O. Suttcliffe, Desboro, and Mrs. Geo. Best, Woodford. Although the number of attendees was down slightly from other years, the interest and enthusiasm was of the highest caliber. The president, in her report, spoke in honor of the Convention Theme, "You can serve God only by serving man". Lively "Let's Sing" sessions were led by Mrs. Harold Halstam, Kirkland, the accompanist, Mrs. Ross Cummings, Lucknow.

Mrs. Wilmer Ribbey, North Bruce, Chairman of the Bruce Co. W.I. rally extended an official welcome to all delegates and visitors. Mrs. Gordon Crawford, Port Elgin, in her Treasurers report showed a balance as of August 31, 1966 of \$890.56. Moderator of a symposium on the general work of Board Directors was Mrs. Wm. Arnold, Ripley. Panel members were Mrs. Don McCosh, Ripley; Mrs. Wm. Clugston, Markdale; Mrs. Mrs. Percy Radbourne, Owen Sound. During convention, report of public relations officer was given by Mrs. Harvey Houston, Hockley, the standing committee convener reports by Mrs. Robt. Atkinson, Paisley, Mrs. Harold Garlick, Hanover, Mrs. Fred Meyer, Mrs. Gordon Hepburn, Wainfleet, Mrs. Victor Dixon, Desboro, and Mrs. Wilson Johnson, Woodford. Of six resolutions presented at the area meeting, three were returned to the branch for further study or re-wording and three were lost.

A highlight of the two day session is the Banquet, Thursday evening. Catering for noon luncheons and the banquet was by the Presbyterian, United and Anglican church groups. The gathering assembled again in the town hall for evenings entertainment. Mr. Norval Richards, Dean of the Ontario Agricultural College, University of Guelph was guest speaker. Greetings were extended by Reeve George Joynt, Mrs. Everett Small, F.W.I.O. President and Bruce Co. Agriculture representative, George Gear, Violinist Mrs. Eleanor Irwin, London, Highland piping by Mr. Frank McKenzie and sons Ian and Robt with Highland dancing by Couine, Heather and Joan MacKenzie, rounded out a most inspiring evening.

Prize winners for the Tweedsmuir history competition were Campbell's Corner, Mount Hope, and St. Vincent Women's Institute. The Centennial Post winners were Mrs. Victor Wiley, Owen Sound, Mrs. Hugh Pene, Desboro, and Mrs. Gordon Quinton, Meaford. The trophy for the larger attendance and 100% reporting was presented to the Bruce South district.

Throughout the two days entertainment which had come from Subdivision 14, was enjoyed. An amusing skit, "The National Conventions" by Grey East District, also vocal solo and duets by Mrs. Paul Heimbecker, Holland Centre, Mrs. Mrs. Robt. Hill, Hillview, W.I. and Mrs. Wm. McKee, Hoath Head W.I. About 20 members of the Ripley W.I., Bruce South district, presented a Gay 90's Centennial parade, with commentary by Mrs. Ross Martyn, Ripley, music, Mrs. Ross Cummings, Lucknow.

The Centennial Dolls dressed for the competition of the Bruce Co. Historical Society were on display on Friday. The dolls were Mrs. Donald Blue, Ripley, The local jeweler, Mr. Wm. Schmid, had donated cups and saucers, Mrs. Wm. Schmid, had donated cups and saucers, Mrs. Robt. Smith, Elgin, Mrs. Emerson Knott, Meaford, Mrs. Kenneth Hopper, Port Elgin; Mrs. C. O. Suttcliffe, Markdale; Mrs. Fred Meyer, Owen Sound; Mrs. Emerson Emke, Hanover; Mrs. Janet Gaxel, Kirkcandine.

Mrs. Carl Klages, Owen Sound; Miss Dean McLeod, Lucknow; Mrs. Henderson aged 100, Underwood, and Mrs. Paes Reid's Corner; and Mrs. David Gibb, Whitechurch. The fine co-operation of the church groups catering for luncheons; the efforts of the Business Men's Association, and the most hospitable residents of Lucknow billeting the delegates.

Mr. Fries, did much to make this a most successful and satisfying convention. The newly elected officers are: President, Mrs. A. Maudrell, Southampton; President, Mrs. Emerson Knott, Meaford, R.R. 4; 1st Vice Pres., Mrs. Percy Radbourne, Owen Sound, 65, 10th St. E.; 2nd Vice Pres., Mrs. Harold Blasing, Neustadt, R.R. 1; 3rd Vice Pres., Mrs. George A. Woolfe, Paisley, R.R. 2; Secretary, Mrs. G. A. Carson, Desboro; Treasurer, Mrs. Gordon Crawford, Port Elgin; P.R. Officer, Mrs. Robert Hurley, Owen Sound, R.R. 1; Curator, Mrs. Victor Emerson, Whitechurch; Jr. W.I. Representative, Miss Wanda Diebel, Tara. F.W.I.O. Directors, Sub. 14, Mrs. W. H. Clugston, Box 77, Markdale; Sub. 15, Mrs. Percy Radbourne, 648 10th St. E. Owen Sound; Sub. 16, Mrs. Don McCosh, R.R. 3, Ripley; Alternates, Mrs. Geo. Alderice, R.R. 3, Meaford; Mrs. Norma Smith, 13th St. Owen Sound; Mrs. Victor Emerson, Whitechurch. Standing Committee Conveners, Agriculture and Can. Industries, Mrs. Robert Atkinson, Paisley, Bruce East; Citizenship and Education, Mrs. Harold Garlick, Hanover; Grey South Historical Research and Current Events, Mrs. Harry Lavis, Lucknow.

Bruce South: Home Economics and High, Mrs. Fred Meyer, and Owen Sound, R.R. 5, Grey West; Resolutions, Mrs. Archie Givens, R.R. 4 Wiarion, Bruce North.

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Total registration for the two days was 578. Chairmen for the four business sessions were Mrs. Emerson Knott of Meaford, vice-chairmen, Mrs. Percy Radbourne of Owen Sound and Mrs. Harold Blasing of Neustadt.

The theme was "True Greatness is a two sided coin - the other side being Humility." The opening exercises included the ode, O Canada and the Mary Stewart collect. The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Gordon Crawford and the secretary's by Mrs. E. A. Carson. Mrs. F. Gemmill of Ripley, chairman of the Bruce County Rally, welcomed the delegates.

Mrs. Tessie Greig was in charge of the "In Memoriam." P. R. O.

Mrs. James Coyne of Wiarion gave her report.

There were no resolutions at this time said Mrs. Archie Givens. Miss Helen McKecher, director of Home Economics Service, Ontario Department of Agriculture, in her greetings praised the work of the

Home Economists for Grey and Bruce Counties and the leaders of the 4-H Homecoming Clubs.

The area chairman then stated how much she had enjoyed her two years in office.

After lunch the report on citizenship and education was given by Mrs. Maurice Gowankoff of Ailsford. Whitechurch branch from Bruce South District was responsible for a musical number.

The provincial president, Mrs. Everett Small addressed the meeting and said that Miss H. McKecher had been a member of a forum of the A. C. W. W. convention recently held the previous month at Lansing, Michigan, where Women's Institute and affiliated member societies from all over the world were represented by 19,000 members.

Mrs. Victor Emerson of White-tailed Book and Scrap Book. The

Board members that were represented: Subdivision 14, Mrs. Wilson Johnson of R.R. 2, Woodford; Subdivision 15, Mrs. Wilmer Ribbey of North Bruce; Subdivision 16, Mrs. A. Teasdale, Paisley.

At the afternoon session, the Hon. Economist of Grey and Bruce Counties entertained members by telling in an unusual manner via radio commercials of their work. Miss Cathy Cowbrough for Bruce and Mrs. Ed Ryan for Grey.

Miss Marian Ruttan of Teeswater gave the junior representative report. Mrs. E. E. Macintosh of Kitchener member of Consumers Association of Canada brought much news of interest.

Three board members, Mrs. W. Clugston, Mrs. P. Radbourne and Mrs. A. Teasdale gave much pleasure telling of incidents at their first board meetings.

Assembly singing during sessions was greatly enjoyed.

An emergent resolution to be sent to the Provincial Board was carried unanimously. This related to the closing of smaller hospitals.

Members felt the great need of these as, being in the "snow-belt" areas, much unnecessary suffering would be caused, especially in the winter months.

The 1969 convention will be held at Glen Eden, Mount Forest on November 3 and 4.

Thursday morning's activities started at 9 a.m. Mrs. Everett Small presided for the election of officers which resulted as follows: Past president, Mrs. E. Knott of Meaford; president, Mrs. Percy Radbourne, Owen Sound; vice-presidents, Mrs. Harold Blasing, Neustadt, Mrs. George Woolfe of Paisley and Mrs. C. O. Suttcliffe of Desboro; treasurer, Mrs. E. A. Carson, Desboro; secretary, Mrs. Gordon Crawford, Port Elgin; P.R.O., Mrs. James Coyne, Wiarion.



Pictured at the Grey-Bruce Women's Institute Area Convention at Lucknow Town Hall on Thursday evening of last week are Dean Noval R. Richards, Ontario Agricultural College, University of Guelph who was guest speaker of the evening. On the left is Joan Anderson of Walkerton, new home economist for Bruce County and on the right is Lera McCormick of Markdale, new Grey County home economist.

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