

Grey-Bruce Area W.I. Interim Board Meets

An important meeting took place on Friday at the Y.M.C.A. when the first meeting of the Interim Board of the new Grey-Bruce Area of the Women's Institute was held and the dates, November 2nd and 3rd set for the first Area Convention. Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter presided as chairman and Mrs. Gordon Bothwell was secretary. Twelve members were present.

The new Area is composed of 146 Branches, 62 that are leaving the Toronto Area and 84 that are leaving the Guelph Area.

It was announced that Sub-division 14 consists of Grey Centre, Grey North, Grey East; Sub-division 15 includes Bruce Centre, Grey West and Bruce North; Sub-division 16 includes Bruce East, Grey South and Bruce West. The Convention committee for 1960 will be chosen from Sub-division 14.

This year the district conveners of standing committees are asked to send their reports to the new area conveners and also to their former area conveners. The conveners are: Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. George Alderidge of Meaford; Citizenship and Education, Mrs. Robert Mortley of Durham; Home Economics and Health, Mrs. Arthur Teasdale of Dobbinton; Historical Research and Current Events, Mrs. Archie Givens of Warton; Resolutions, Mrs. A. A. McCallan, Hanover; Public Relations, Mrs. R. C. Robinson of Durham.

Mrs. Robert Hewison of Annan announced the dates for the Area Convention, and it was decided to hold the convention and the banquet in the Coliseum. Mrs. Wilson Johnson was named convener of the billeting committee and will make a preliminary report at the July meeting. It is expected that 1,000 members will attend.

At the Friday afternoon meeting the program for the convention was planned and the proposed by-laws were studied. These by-laws will be forwarded to the

district secretaries shortly. A name for the area will be chosen at the first convention and members are being asked to study this matter.

Grey-Bruce W.I. Area Largest Women's Meeting Ever Held In Owen Sound

More than 500 women are in attendance at the first annual Area convention of Grey-Bruce Women's Institutes being held in the Coliseum Monday and Tuesday the largest convention of women ever held in Owen Sound. Delegates registered from 9 a.m. Monday morning and continued to arrive during the day.

Mrs. A. Maundrell of Southampton 1st vice-president presided at the Monday morning sessions in the absence of President Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter, who is ill. Mrs. Norman Smith of Park Head was song leader and Mrs. McKnight R.R. 3 Allenford was at the piano for the opening exercises. Secretary Mrs. Gordon Bothwell gave a resume of the steps taken to organize the new Area and the names of the Interim Board.

Treasurer Mrs. T. J. Cornish of Chesley reported receipts from January 1959 to September \$794.85 expenditures of \$337.69 and a balance of \$457.16. Mrs. Cornish also read the auditors' report.

CIVIC WELCOME

Mayor E. C. Sargent extended the civic welcome to the delegates on behalf of 18,000 citizens and the City Council. He was conscious, he said, of the power of women and aware of the wonderful work the Women's Institutes do. Women's voices should be heard, he felt on all important issues, whether school curricula or nuclear weapons.

AREA NAMED

Six names were suggested for the new Area, including Blue Water, Saugeen Valley, Georgian Bay, Vacation Land, Twin County and Grey-Bruce. The interim name, Grey-Bruce was selected as most suitable.

Mrs. A. A. McCallan of Hanover presented the Resolutions and her report as convener. The fifteen by-laws for the new Area were approved. Seven districts had sent in reports.

MANY DONATIONS

Mrs. C. Robinson of Durham gave the Public Relations report. It was noted that \$12,922.35 had been expended on various causes under the heads of charitable, educational, health, including hospital work and miscellaneous. Donations to appeals on the local scene amounted to \$2653.57; to F.W.I.O. projects for Ceylon and Korean relief and the Unitarian appeal \$586.67; to the Children's Aid, Crippled Children, Hospital

for Sick Children, Save the Children Fund, London Hospital and CARE \$713.85 and \$420.00 to the Cancer Society.

A Tweedsmuir Book has been begun for the Area and this book was on display.

Luncheon was served in Knox United Church banquet hall for several hundred delegates at the noon intermission.

ONTARIO PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Ontario Federation President, Mrs. James Haggerty of Napanee congratulated the convention committee for the efficient way in which they had made the arrangements for the first meeting of the new Area. She knew, she said that the idea of the new Area had been received with some misgiving, but the fine attendance proved that the planning was justified. The theme of the convention she felt was timely, "It takes a mature mind, not alone to accept new rights, but also to give up the old", words spoke by Dag Hammarskjold.

Mrs. Haggerty expressed regret at Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter's illness and spoke appreciatively of the loyal support she has had as president, though she was making her first report to the Grey-Bruce Area, she was making her final report as Ontario president at the conclusion of her three year term. Branch membership had declined slightly to 38,549 but branches had increased to 14,078. The president described her activities during the past year, attending innumerable meetings, conferences, workshops on an area, provincial and national level, for she had been elected a national vice president.

The action of the Department of Agriculture in making a substantial contribution to the expenses of the five voting delegates to the A.C.W.W. conference in Edinburgh had been greatly appreciated. Two accredited visitors also attended from Canada. Mrs. Haggerty paid tribute to Miss McKercher for her pleasant co-operation at all times. She noted that more than 1,000 Tweedsmuir histories were being compiled by the Branches. There had been 8 entries in the Tweedsmuir histories were being compiled the words and music competition for an Institute song, 40 in the essay Things My Mother Told Me and 37 in the essay on How I Can Train My Child to be a Citizen of the World for the Senator Cairine Wilson Trophy

At the request of the Canadian Association Provincial Liquor Commission a brief had been prepared on liquor advertising, to which the Institutes had objected. Mrs. Haggerty and Mrs. Maundrell presented the brief in person.

She had represented the Women's Institutes of Ontario several times on committees with other national women's organizations and had found her organization several steps ahead each time. She spoke of the placing of a plaque by the Historic Sites Committee to mark the home of Adelaide Hoodless, founder of the Women's Institute as a historic site. Mrs. Haggerty spoke of World Refugee Year and urged the women when they went home to look at their safe, secure and happy homes, at their healthy, well fed, well-housed children and think of these people in camps born in camps under unbelievable conditions and know-irg no other life.

Her three years as president had been happy years, Mrs. Haggerty said and she had received an education she could never have gained in school or university.

Mrs. Donald McCosh R.R. 3 Ripley was in the chair for the afternoon meeting. The convention chairman Mrs. A. Maundrell introduced three Guelph Area women before speaking briefly of the planning that had gone into the convention program. This year's committee was learning she said but they had worked pleasantly and in harmony and another year would see many of the problems ironed out. It was pleasant getting to know the women of the Area better.

The chairman Mrs. McCosh described as two fine reports those given by Mrs. Arthur Teasdale of Dobbinton on Home Economics and Health and by Mrs. Robert Mortley of Durham on Citizenship and Education.

SING INSTITUTE SONG

The Bruce Centre Quartet, Mrs. James Bell, Mrs. Austin Cluley, Mrs. Charles Kelley and Mrs. Wilfred Sumpton sang the Institute Song composed by Mrs. James McEwing of the South Saugeen Branch which won third prize in the Institute Song and Words, Provincial contest. Mrs. McEwing was at the piano.

Mrs. D. W. Cameron of Walkerton Board Director gave the report of her first year as a Provincial Board member. She described the various meetings attended at every level, the workshops, the presentation of honors. She offered suggestions regarding courses and programs and urged that the Women's Institute should not add to the abundance of those who have much, but to add more for those who have little.