

Mrs. G. Campbell Heads South Renfrew WI

(By Doris M. Humphries, Castleford)

The 46th District annual meeting of South Renfrew Women's Institutes was held at Glasgow Station on May 21, 1950. Over 150 delegates and members were present.

Mrs. Gordon Campbell, Arnprior, presided over the morning and closing sessions and Mrs. Hector Scheel, Stewartville, chaired the afternoon session.

Words of welcome were expressed by Mrs. J. A. Young, President of the hostess branch. Mrs. Alex MacKenzie, Renfrew, responded. Mrs. William Buffett and Mrs. H. Scheel conducted an impressive In Memoriam service in memory of three WI members who had passed away during the year.

Mrs. G. Campbell in her presidential address told of her activities in this office and expressed her thanks for the co-operation and kindnesses accorded her by the executive and branch institutes. Mrs. Campbell Humphries as secretary-treasurer complimented the branches on their accomplishments during the year, and encouraged them to work happily, co-operatively and industriously for the betterment of home and country.

Greetings from the Ottawa Convention Area were received in a letter from the Hon. Chairman, Mrs. C. D. Dewar.

Mrs. Frank Roger of Lanark, Provincial Board Director, addressed the gathering in her usual good natured and refreshing manner. She brought up-to-date information on many WI matters. There are now 1475 branch institutes in the province, membership amounting to 38,549. The WI holidays will be held as usual at Guelph and Kemptville Agricultural Colleges. A life membership may be conferred on a branch mem-

ber for outstanding work over a twenty-five year period, with payment of \$25.00 to F.W.I.O. plus the purchase price of a life membership pin.

J. F. Wallace, Arnprior, spoke about the new wing of A and D Memorial Hospital, now under construction, and would be very thankful for contributions from the WI. This matter was discussed during the business period and a motion made and carried that those branches that contribute to the Arnprior Hospital fund yearly, consider the matter at branch level.

Greetings from West Carleton District were brought by the President, Mrs. Green. Mrs. F. Rodger conducted the ratification of District Directors, expressing regret that only 13 of the 19 directors were present.

Mrs. John Henderson, Renfrew, the WI representative to the Federation of Agriculture spoke of various achievements of that body, and spoke warmly of our way of life in the rural areas.

A delicious luncheon was served in the United Church basement by the Glasgow women. The afternoon session opened with assembly singing with Mrs. John L. Hodgins at the piano. In answer to the roll call the delegates told the year their WI began, number of members then, number of members now. It was noted that the oldest branch is Burnstown, having organized in 1911, the largest branch is South Horton with 41 members, and Glasgow and Goshen tied for the most members at the meeting.

Miss Frances Hucks came

from the Department of Agriculture, Toronto, to give us information about Training Schools, short courses, loan library, study kits, and other Home Economics services supplied by the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

Musical numbers by Goshen WI orchestra were enthusiastically applauded.

The following conveners reported an amazing amount of work and study done through the year, on these topics: Agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. A. T. McNab; public relations representative, Miss K. Farmer; historical research and current events, Mrs. R. J. Elliott; citizenship and education, Mrs. H. Armsden for Mrs. George McNab; home economics and health, Mrs. Lindsay Storie;

resolutions, Mrs. Harold McDonald.

A new District Annual Theme song was presented by the Castleford branch and well received by gathering.

Mrs. Frank Rodger conducted the election and installation of officers with Mrs. C. Humphries appointed secretary for same.

District Officers

Past president, Mrs. A. Bennett, Arnprior; president, Mrs. G. Campbell, RR 2, Arnprior; first vice-president, Mrs. Hector Scheel, Stewartville; second vice-president, Mrs. William Buffett, Renfrew; third vice-president, Mrs. R. J. Elliott, RR 3, Renfrew; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Katie Moir, Box 421, Arnprior; federation representative, Mrs. F. Merrifield, Braeside; alternate federation representative, Mrs. A. Bennett, Arnprior; district delegate, Mrs. Austin Scobie, Arnprior; alternate district delegate, Mrs. R. N. Robertson, Arnprior; auditors, Mrs. Campbell Humphries, Mrs. W. N. Hamilton.

Conveners of Standing Committees

Agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. A. T. McNab, White Lake; historical research and current events, Mrs. Murray Galbraith, RR 3, Renfrew; citizenship and education, Mrs. Reid Carswell, Glasgow Station; home economics and health, Mrs. Lindsay Storie, Glasgow Station; resolutions, Mrs. Harold McDonald, RR 2, Renfrew; public relations representative, Miss K. Farmer, Combermere.

Special Committees

Agriculture societies, Mrs. John E. Miller, Mrs. F. Merrifield; hospital committees: Renfrew, Mrs. W. Galbraith, Mrs. W. L. Crozier, Mrs. C. Humphries; Arnprior: Mrs. J. H. Findlay, Mrs. R. Smith, Mrs. D. A. Gillies; federation of agriculture Mrs. John Henderson.



EXECUTIVE OF SOUTH RENFREW Women's Institute which attended the 46th district annual meeting in Glasgow Station, Wednesday last. Left to right: Mrs. William Buffett, second vice-president, Renfrew; Mrs. Hector Scheel R.R. 2 Arnprior; first vice, Mrs. A. Bennett, Arnprior, past president; Mrs. Gordon Campbell, Arnprior, president; Mrs. Campbell Humphries, Castleford, secretary-treas., and Mrs. R. J. Elliott, Renfrew, third vice-president.

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