

# Mrs. J. D. Haines, Port Elgin, Is Returned As President Of East Bruce District W.I.

## Annual Meeting Attracts 18 Delegates From 13 Branches

SOUTHAMPTON, June 10—With 13 branches being represented and an attendance of 189 the East Bruce district Women's Institute held its annual meeting in the United Church here on Monday with the president, Mrs. J. D. Haines of Port Elgin, presiding. She was later re-elected president.

Registration was in charge of Mrs. A. Maundrell of the Southampton W.I. and Mrs. Ed. Cook of the White School W.I. which joined with the Southampton Institute, as hosts for the day. Mrs. Albert Eagles of the local Institute, and Mrs. Clayton Doll of the White School Institute received the members.

Following the opening exercises, singing was enjoyed under the leadership of pianist Mrs. G. Parker and Mrs. W. Spong of Paisley. The secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Frank Kennedy, gave the reports of the last meeting showing a splendid year for all branches.

Mrs. Eldred Aiken of Allenford, Mrs. K. McLellan and Mrs. John Scott of Tara gave a vocal number, accompanied by Mrs. Aiken on the piano accordion, and then Mrs. Aiken played a musical selection on the accordion.

### Hear Reports

Five minute reports of the different standing committees were given as follows: agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. J. H. Maxwell, Chesley; citizenship and education, Mrs. E. Gingrich, West Arran; community activities and public relations, Mrs. W. Miller, Tara; histori-

cal research and current events, Mrs. Mel Black, Turners; Home Economics and Health, Mrs. W. Gamie, Tara; resolutions, Mrs. W. Dipple, Paisley; Junior W.I. Mrs. Basil Underwood, Port Elgin.

Miss Margaret Myer of the Home-maker department in Toronto, gave an outline of the different benefits the Institutes might derive from the extension service and advised the institutes to take advantage of the educational projects offered. Voting is being dispensed with at district annuals. She also spoke on how to arrange a service to the Institute members. New pamphlets are also available to Institutes, such as "Supper dishes" and "School lunches."

The meeting then adjourned for the noon hour, and dinner was served in the dining hall of the church by members of the United Church.

The afternoon session began with singing, followed by Scripture reading by Mrs. James Wallace of Port Elgin, and prayer by Mrs. G. H. Eickmier of Mildmay.

A very fine address of welcome was given by the past president of the Institute, Mrs. O. Gateman, who said she hoped the visitors would also have a few moments to enjoy the scenery and points of interest of the town. Mrs. Jack Kirkland of Elsinore very capably responded.

### Mrs. R. Gratis Speaks

Guest speaker for the afternoon was one of the Board members, Mrs. Robert Gatis of Colpoys, who gave a report of the district annual, and urged the Institutes to attend the conveners' conferences. The convention fees have been raised from one to two dollars, the fed-

eration fee is seven cents instead of five cents, she said. In speaking to the members, she used "Think" as her theme.

The nation is made up of people with the ability to think, she said. Democracy depends on how the common people live; faith starts from the individual and builds nations such as Canada. Canada is a very rich country. Mrs. Gatis urged her audience to learn to build, not destroy. "Do the best you can do and God Himself will work through you," were her concluding words.

A demonstration, "Working With Wool" by the Brucedale Institute, was most interesting. Under the leadership of Mrs. MacLean and Mrs. Ribey, a group of school girls had made wool skirts or dresses for themselves. These were on display and were later modelled by the girls with Miss Jean Scott as narrator.

Mrs. Gatis awarded the prize of ten dollars in the quilt contest to the Tara Institute. This quilt displayed for its pattern, the Ontario emblem, the white trillium, against a background of pale green, complemented with the darker leaves of the trillium.

In the program competition, the Chesley branch was first with 70 points followed by White school with 69 points, and Tara with 67.

Two resolutions were passed, one asking that legislation be enacted compelling all traffic to stop while children are leaving or entering school buses, and the other asking that arrangements be made whereby the school pupil could be provided with a list of the books he would be required to purchase, before the opening of school, and thus do away with the first school day confusion of buying books.

### Elect Officers

Miss Myer presided for the election of officers, and the new slate is: president, Mrs. J. D. Haines of Port Elgin; vice-presidents, Mrs. A. Maundrell of Southampton, Mrs. Otto McClevis of Walkerton, Mrs. L. Jasper of Mildmay; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Frank Kennedy of Tara; Federated representative, Mrs. J. J. McKinnon of Chesley; alternate, Mrs. T. W. Darlington of Southampton; assistant alternate, Mrs. Krank Kennedy of Tara; district representative, Mrs. A. Maundrell of Southampton; alternate, Mrs. H. Johnston of South Line Br. Walkerton; Junior representative, Mrs. Charles Kelly of Turners.

Standing committee conveners: agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. Ed. Cook of Southampton; citizenship and education, Mrs. E. Zeigler, R.R. 2, Walkerton; community activities and public relations, Mrs. W. J. Miller, Tara; historical research, Mrs. Mel Black, R.R. 1 Turners; home economics and health, Mrs. A. G. Tisdale, Dobbinton; resolutions, Mrs. W. Dipple, Paisley; auditors, Mrs. W. J. Miller, Tara and Mrs. C. B. Grant, Tara.

The 1953 Spring Directors meeting is to be held in Mildmay and the 1953 district annual meeting will be held in Tara.