

# Bruce Centre District's 22nd annual

The Elsinore Women's Institute were the Hostess branch for the 22nd District Annual of Bruce Centre District Women's Institute meeting held in the Allenford United Church on Tuesday, May 9th, 1978. They were in charge of registration and gave name tags with a sketch of the Elsinore Community Centre to the 106 members and guests. Mrs. Graham Chambers was song leader and Mrs. Maurice Gowanlock pianist for the song fests during the day. Mrs. Harold Simpson, District President was in the chair and her theme for the meeting was 'Our Strength for the Future'. Mrs. Morris McVittie, secretary, treasurer gave the annual reports and financial statements. Warden Gary Harron welcomed the ladies and invited them to sessions of Bruce Council. He commended Elsinore Women's Institute for their assistance in maintaining their Community Centre. Mrs. H. McArthur thanked the Warden.

Mrs. H. Simpson in her President's address told of her two years as President and the functions she had attended. She compared a good home to an Institute. She said 'I am optimistic that our Institute can become stronger and more vital. If people are to believe in us then we must provide them with reasons for doing so. Let's share our skills and concerns with friends and neighbours. Children need models far more than they need critics because what a child hears and sees at home colors his ideas more than the school. Real education for life is in the home. Our strength for the future lies on our own doorsteps, in our own homes, in the outreach to others and in our determination to promote an even stronger organization.'

Mrs. Richard Fenton, Provincial Board Member for Subdivision 16 gave her report of the Fall and Spring meeting of the F.W.I.O. She spoke of the \$15. donation to the Erland Lee Foundation Fund from each branch that would in three years carry the Fund. There are 8 1/2 million members in 76 countries that belong to A.C.W.W.

All conveners reported a highlight of their printed reports and there was 100% reporting. The P.R.O. stressed the importance of double checking figures before sending report to next level.

The Allenford U.C.W. served a hot lunch to the guests. The Bruce Co. Tartan had a most attractive display set up in the entrance to the church. Stick pins are a new addition to their stock and these are very popular.

The special speaker for the day was Mrs. Anne Kelly of Owen Sound who chose 'Mothers' as her theme for a most inspiring talk. With a reading 'Mothers once were daughters' she stressed the importance of teaching children that there are people who will tell them what to do, and when to do it and if they will not listen and respond when they are in the work world they will not have jobs. The permissive society we have been living in has not led to success at totally doing your own thing. Rules are as important today as in the days of woodsheds behind kitchens where we learned respect was a quality of life and living. Having to live an

example for children is probably the most difficult part of parenting. She concluded with 'What is a Mother?'. Mrs. Evelyn Weppler thanked Mrs. Kelly.

The roll call was a four line original jingle on the family of to-day and proved most interesting. Pennies for Friendship were given to the treasurer, Miss Barbara DeVisscher. Home Economist reported on the W-H work. There is a new format for the Record Books and for Achievement Day's activity starting with the project Outdoor Living that is now in progress. There will be a senior project on Nutrition.

Mrs. Geo. Pollock presented the slate of Officers and Conveners and Miss DeVisscher installed the following - Past President, Mrs. Harold Simpson, R.R. 2, Tara; President, Mrs. Harvey Weppler, R.R. 2, Port



Mrs. P.B. Ford presented the retiring president, Mrs. H. Simpson with a Bruce Co. Tartan tray. Mrs. Gowanlock reported for the Hobby Fair and the members received their special badges with their admission tickets from Mrs. McArthur. The program books for the coming year were distributed to the branches. The District Directors were ratified and received the reports from the conveners. Dates for activities in the Museum were given to the branches involved in the cleaning and the craft displays.

Special dates to remember are Hobby Fair in Port Elgin Arena, July 6th; District Directors Fall meeting will be White School Branch Rally will be October 19th in Wlarton; Area Convention in Southampton, October 11th and 12th.

