

Bruce County W.I. Rally- 1976.

-was held in the Community Hall, Underwood, on Thursday, Oct. 21, 1976.

Past Chairman-Mrs. Iris Coyne, Chairman-Mrs. Jas. Kirkpatrick, 1st. Vice- Mrs. Rich. Fenton, 2nd. Vice.-Mrs. Fred Friar. 3rd Vice-Mrs. Aylmer Klages, Sect. Treas Mrs. Ken McKinnon, Assist.- Mrs. Alex McLaggan, P.R.O.-Mrs. Jno. Rusk, Assist-Mrs Carl Rourk, Tartan Comm.-Mrs. Jno. McKenzie, Mrs. D. Cameron, Mrs. Jas. Coyne Mrs. W. Arnold, Mrs. H. Davis. Scholarship-Bruce North-Mrs. Harold Wyonch, Bruce South-Mrs. Wm. Arnold, Bruce Centre- Mrs. Harold Simpson, Bruce East-

Grey Bruce W.I. 1976

Grey-Bruce Area Women's Institute Convention was held November 15 & 16 in Geneva Presbyterian Church, Chesley.

The theme for the convention was "Steps to Progress."

Mrs. C. O. Sutcliffe of Desboro area president was in the chair and opened the convention with O Canada, Institute Ode and Creed.

Mrs. James Kirkpatrick Chairman of Bruce County Rally welcomed the ladies. Greetings from Rev. C. M. Eadie were read by the secretary who was unable to be present.

Mrs. Herb Maluskie President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario reported that \$9,000 grant from the ministry of Culture and Recreation has been used for the improvements on the Erland Lee Home.

The quilt blocks that the members are asked to donate go on sale this spring at the Erland Lee Home. Institute week will be held the week of June 6 to 10 in 1977.

795 visitors visited the home Institute week this year. (A. C. W. W.) Associated Country Women of the World to be held in Nairobi Kenya October 11-21, 1977. The National Convention of Federated Women Institute of Canada will be held 1979 in Regina.

Monday afternoon Mrs. Francis Gemmell 1st Vice President presided for the afternoon session

In Memorium was conducted by Grey Centre District holding a minutes silence for departed members.

A panel by the standing committee convenors, Mrs. Earl Bilton for Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. James Kirkpatrick for Citizenship and World affairs, Mrs. Rober Smith, Education and Cultural Activities, Miss Marjorie Tizzard for Family

and Consumers Affairs.

Mrs. Percy Radbourne gave the Curator report of the Tweedsmuir History Book. She brought special greetings from the Scottish Rural Women's Institute.

Jr. Institute's report was read by Mrs. Houston Provincial P.R.O. There are 8 branches in Jr. Institute. There project this year is to raise \$300.00 to help buy equipment for Sick Childrens Hospital.

The 3 Provincial Board Directors Mrs. Gemmell, Mrs. Sparling and Mrs. Chambers conducted an open line on station F.W.I.O. Through the simulated phone calls the ladies told the responsibilities of a board member.

Chesley and District High School Glee Club entertained with a variety of songs from choir, solos and instrumentals. Several humorous readings were presented, accordion solos, as well as a fashion show put on by the ladies that had taken the tailoring course this past winter.

The election of officers, past president Mrs. C.O. Sutcliffe, Desbor: President, Mrs. Francis Gemmell, Ripley; 1st vice president Mrs. Kenneth Spence, Leith; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Harold McArthur, R.R.1 Dobbinton; 3rd vice pres. - Mrs. E. Uestadt, R.R.#5 Owen Sound; secretary-Mrs. Grant Grieve, R.R.#2 Port Elgin; assistant secretary-Mrs. James Thom, Box 1638 Meaford; treasurer-Mrs. Orland Magwood, 765 10th st. Hanover; public relations officer-Mrs. Morris Rennie, R.R.#1 Meaford; assistant P.R.O.- Mrs. John Whitney, R.R.#2 Holland Centre.

Standing Committee Convenors --

Agriculture & Canadian Industries--Mrs. Earl Bilton, Mount Forest; Citizenship & World

Affairs -- Mrs. Jame Kirkpatrick, Box 176 Ripley; Education & Cultural Activities--Mrs. Robert Smith, R.R.#4 Meaford; Family & Consumer Affairs--Mrs. Robert Gilchrist, R.R.#5 Lucknow; Resolutions--Mrs. James White, Box 1085 Meaford; Tweedsmuir Curator-- Mrs. Percy Radbourne, 645 10th st. Owen Sound; Assistant Curator--Mrs. Victor Emerson, R.R.#3 Wingham; Auditors--Mrs. James Milligan and Mrs. I.V. Sharpe, Durham.

Provincial Board Directors
Sub Division 15--Mrs. Jack Sparling, R.R.#2 Meaford; Alternate--Mrs. Gordon Quinton, Box 1656 Meaford; Sub Division 16-- Mrs. Graham Chambers, R.R.#1 Allanford; Alternate--Mrs. James Coyne, R.R.#6 Wiarnton; Sub Division 17 -- Mrs. William Middleton, R.R.#2 Chesley; Alternate--Mrs. George Woefle, R.R.#2 Paisley.

Mrs. Percy Ferguson of Chesley was guest speaker.

She taught English to immigrant children in Montreal until five years ago. "I'm not opposed to learning a second language, but a person doesn't learn a second language sitting at a desk in a large classroom situation."

In the area of language Mrs. Ferguson said that she's personally convinced that governments should not legislate.

She went on to say "Hasty legislation can have tragic complications" it is wroth to use a lagging economy to keep immigrants out. Canada is still a land of opportunity.

Mrs. Ferguson told "stories that came out of a broom closet". That was the room issued to her to teach these children in. She said it was a pleasure to take these immigrant children by the hand and give them a peek through the doors of Canada.

Next year the Area Convention will be held November 7 & 8 with Centre Grey as hosts.