

## Mrs. Fred Friar again heads Bruce East WI June 1/72

WALKERTON — Mrs. Fred Friar was re-elected president of the Bruce East District Womens Institute during the annual meeting held in Walkerton.

The meeting held in the Knox Presbyterian Church drew 100 area delegates.

Board director of the Federation of Womens Institutes of Ontario, Mrs. Emerson Emke, was speaker at the event.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Harold Birrell, Pinkerton, past-president; Mrs. Tom Cornish, Chesley, Mrs. William Oslerdorff, Elmwood and Mrs.

William Miskie, Chesley, vice-presidents; Mrs. Arthur Teasdale, Dobbinton, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Revis MacKay, Ripley, assistant secretary; Mrs. Clarence Hiensberger, Mildmay, assistant public relations officer; and Mrs. Les Pilgrim, Eden Grove, federation representative.

During the meeting it was announced that the area convention would be held in the Warton Presbyterian Church Oct. 30 and 31 and the Bruce County Rally to be held Oct. 19 in Allenford.

## District Institutes mark 75th anniversary, supper in Paisley

Bruce East District Institute held a pot luck supper in Paisley United Church April 26 in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Federated Womens Institutes of Ontario. About 200 ladies from the District Institute took in the event and enjoyed the variety show put on by the different institutes.

Mrs. Fred Friar, district president was chair-lady for the evening events. Accordion music was supplied by the Walkerton W.I.

Eden Grove W.I. provided two solos "I love to go awandering" and "Rosa Marie" in German.

"The Good old Days" was read by a member of Gillies Hill W.I. while a lady from Bradley W.I. read "The Driving Lesson." Mildmay W.I. presented a skit "The School Composition" and the Solway ladies presented "A Fashion Show."

### SIXTY-FIVE YEARS AGO March 14, 1907

The Gillies Hill post office and store is offered for sale in this issue of The Advocate. Postmaster Duncan Graham has decided to give up the office, for two reasons. The death of his wife last year leaves him handicapped in attending to the duties without hiring help, and lately the department at Ottawa made a reduction in the allowance. Most people think the postal surplus should be used to increase the pay of rural postmasters, instead of the policy of curtailment of expenses being adopted in that direction.

### SEVENTY YEARS AGO July 3, 1902

The tenders for erection of the Walkerton Hospital were opened last Wednesday but none of them was accepted. The committee was figuring on seven or eight thousand dollars, but we understand that the lowest tender was considerably above this estimate. And now the committee are in a quandary. The architect cannot modify his plans and still provide for all the requirements of an up-to-date hospital building, and if these special features are left out, the government will not give any grant. The committee are averse to spending all their money in the erection of the building, and so it is pretty difficult to know what to do about it. But after all it is a clear case, get a proper building and trust to luck for the rest.

"My sweet little Alice Blue Gown" and "The Lamplighter" were solos by Pinkerton W.I. A lady of Willisroft W.I. gave a reading "The Classified Parson".

A playlet and song "My Grandfather's cow" was Malcolm W.I. contribution to the program. Paisley WI presented several solos.

South line Brant gave an accordion duet with a Jackson W.I. member reading "The Silly Auction Sale" and Walkerton evening institute presenting a playlet in song.

Mrs. George Woelfle introduced the guest speaker Mrs. Harold Blazing of Neustadt. She congratulated the district on a fine program and lovely dinner and spoke a few words on the work of our Institutes, commending Bruce East on the work they have done in the past. Mrs. Fred Friar thanked Mrs. Blazing.

Gifts were presented to the lady on the lucky chair, Mrs. Aida Mason.

Having an anniversary this week was Mrs. Janet Stark and the lady lucky to have a birthday on Sept. 26 was Mrs. Wm. Mackie of Mildmay.

Gifts from the penny table were distributed also.

The evening closed with the singing of the Queen.

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S.S. No. 8 Elderslie is to be lathed and plastered during the summer.

The Ducker family of Chesley staged concerts at Peabody and Warton. They are in great demand.

The team belonging to M. Hare of Elderslie ran away from in front of D. Montgomery's store and upset with a load of eggs.

John Bearman of Scone has made the manufacture of lumber, wheat raising, fruit growing, etc. secondary to raising sheep and has a flock of about 400. Gander-T-Gee of Sullivan is supplying him and all other sheep raisers with crooks.

Owing to wet weather, the Sullivan-Elderslie townline at the 9th sideroad is almost impassable.

## Over 500 Attend Opening Of Elderslie's Municipal Building May 13/72

Over 500 persons, most of them ratepayers of the township, turned out last Saturday night to the official opening of the new Elderslie Township offices and garage, many of them to see what their tax dollars had provided. That what they saw met with general approval was evident.

The building, located just north of Chesley, embodies both the utilitarian and the handsome. The exterior, clad in permanently-colored steel panelling, presents a tidy, pleasing appearance.

The front of the building embodies the offices of the clerk-treasurer, with fireproof vault, the road superintendent's office and council chamber, attractively furnished, from the colorful carpet on the floor to the modern furniture, and drapes finished by the wives of the reeve and councillors in the offices and lunch room.

The four-bay garage was spotless for the event, but its efficiency was obvious. Its interior insulated walls are of the same steel panelling as the exterior.

Chairman for the evening was Reeve Harvey Davis, this year's warden of Bruce County.

The honor of cutting the ribbon to officially open the building went to a former reeve of the township and warden of the county, William Oswald of Chesley. Also taking part in the ceremony were four other former Reeves, Louis Davis of Owen Sound, Donald MacKinnon of Paisley, Hugh Maxwell and Arthur Teasdale of Elderslie.

Also taking part were Councillors George Maxwell jr., John Cumming and Glen Fullerton. The fourth councillor, Robert Crerar, was unable to be present, due to the death of his mother.

Reeve George Grant brought greetings from the neighboring Village of Paisley. Reeve Grant was warden in 1981, at which time the present Warden Davis was chairman of the warden's committee.

Reeve Russell Watson of Tara brought greetings from the county. Ross Whicher of Warton, MP for the Bruce riding, and E. C. Sargent of Owen Sound, member of the Ontario Legislature for Grey-Bruce, Bill Mannerow of Gamsby & Mannerow, consulting engineers of Owen Sound, Donald McDonald of the Ontario ministry of transport and communications, and the general contractor for the building, John T. Hall of Tara, all spoke briefly.

Alex Ewart of Chesley, township road superintendent, who alight was wearing the smile that won't come off, also made a brief but appropriate speech.

Dancing to music by the Jack Warmington orchestra followed. Wives of the reeve and council again did themselves proud as they provided a buffet luncheon which, as might be expected in Elderslie, featured among other delicacies Elderslie Township red brand beef.

### BRUCE EAST DISTRICT WI PRESIDENT IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Fred Friar, RR 2 Chesley, president of Bruce East District Women's Institutes, is a patient in County of Bruce General Hospital, Walkerton. Mrs. Friar injured her foot while using a power lawn mower. 1972