



WI REGISTRATION — The registration desk at 19th annual Women's Institute convention at Knox United Church in Durham was busy Monday. Left to right are: Mrs. Carl Klages, registration, Desboro;

Mrs. E. G. Urstadt, Owen Sound; Mrs. H. McArthur, Debbinton; Mrs. Ken Spence, Leith; and Mrs. Francis Gemmell, president, Ripley.

The in memoriam was conducted by Bruce North District, Adamsville Branch.
 Mrs. Hazel Davoy of Williamsford Women's Institute gave a reading entitled "Before the Meeting."
 An invitation service into the "shell club" was presented by members of Bognor Women's Institute.

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Have pride, WIs told

By ANN KELLY
 Family Living Editor
 DURHAM — "We can look back with pride on the achievements of the Women's Institute. Some said it would never last, but it has. No other group has such far reaching association around the world." Mrs. Francis Gemmell, president, told 380 delegates and visitors to the 19th annual Grey-Bruce Area Women's Institute convention.

The two day convention, held in Knox United Church, Durham opened Monday morning.
 "The Women's Institute was founded in 1897, as an educational organization, by Adelaide Hoodless and Erland Lee because Adelaide Hoodless had a dream. That dream she had we're living in the

reality of," said Mrs. Gemmell.
 Reflecting on the successes of the Women's Institute Mrs. Gemmell said, "These didn't happen by chance. Women of great talent and vision had dreams that there were places for women in the scheme of things."
 She challenged members, in 1977, to take a stand on issues including strengthening the family unit and pornography.
 Mrs. Gemmell touched on the past, present and future of Women's Institute. "Our future depends on new ideas and dreams," she said. In conclusion she quoted the words of the late John F. Kennedy, "Some men see things as they are and say why, I dream things that never were and say why

not?"
 The theme of the two day convention was, "Our dreams take on a softer glow as the years roll back to long ago." This year marks the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute.
 The past, present and future, with costumes for each era, were reviewed by Mrs. June Sparling, Mrs. Graham Chambers and Mrs. William Middleton, Federated Women's Institute of Ontario board directors.
 Songs of a bygone era were led by Mrs. Clarence Coxon with Mrs. George Maluske the pianist.
 The welcome, in poem form, was presented by Mrs. Carman Hamill, chairman of the Grey County rally. Rev. Kenneth Tanner, minister of the

host church, brought greetings.
 The morning session was conducted by Mrs. Francis Gemmell with Mrs. Kenneth Spence, first vice-president, conducting the afternoon session. Guests were welcomed from Guelph and Simcoe districts.
 Mrs. Percy Radbourne presented the Tweedsmuir curator's report. The junior institute report was given by Linda Tottenham, North Grey Junior Women's Institute. The organization was chartered in Nov. 1974 with 10 members and now has a membership of 31.
 Diane McCormick took the delegates on an arm-chair trip to Ottawa and the Canadian Council on 4-H. A member of the Teeswater Club, Diane was an Ontario delegate to Ottawa.