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Bruce North Womens Institute

The seventh annual meeting of the Bruce North Women's Institute was held in the very picturesque Presbyterian church in the Community of Stokes Bay on Thursday, May 18.

The theme of the meeting was "Nothing Great is achieved without Enthusiasm."

The morning session started with the registration done by the hostess branch, Stokes Bay. Mrs. Graham Chambers lead the assembly singing with Mrs. Peggy Stover accompanying on the guitar.

O Canada was sung followed by the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Greetings by Mrs. Lilly for the Stokes Bay branch was very much enjoyed, followed by the Devotional by Mrs. Carl Dickie of the Adamsville Branch. In Memoriam was given by Mrs. France of the Wiarton branch.

The Secretary, Mrs. Georgina Smith read the minutes of the last annual meeting which were approved, also the treasurer's report. The Auditors reported the books in order. Mrs. France reported on the Scholarship in the absence of Mrs. Harold Wyonch.

A letter was read from the adopted girl in Turkey which was very interesting as she is in the last year of University and will be an assistant Professor next year.

Mrs. Izzard of the Stokes Bay branch welcomed the ladies and was replied to by Mrs. Klagas of Hepworth. Mrs. R. Fenton, our Provincial Board member, conducted the ratification of the District Directors, stressing they are the spokesman for their own branches. Reports of the standing committees were very brief as copies in detail will be sent to each branch.

Agricultural and Canadian Industries, by Mrs. Howard Crow; Citizenship and World Affairs,

by Mrs. Bruce Stephens; Family and Com. Affairs by Mrs. Graham Chambers; Resolutions, Mrs. Allan Mielhausen; Public Relations by Mrs. R. Brough.

It was a good year for Bruce North and all 12 branches reported, as a lot of money was made and used for Institute work at home.

The address by the retiring President, Mrs. Evelyn White was very interesting as she spoke of her two years when she was so well received by all at the meetings she attended, she will miss it but has many fond memories.

Communications were read and new business discussed, as this is our seventh year we will plan some extra activity for later this summer.

Mrs. Barbara DeVisscher, our Home Economist brought greetings and spoke on the 4-H projects. Greetings were expressed by Mrs. Frances Gemmill, President of the Grey-Bruce area.

The Institute Grace was sung and we walked a short distance to the new Stokes Bay Community Centre which is shared by the Women's Institute and the Senior Citizens Club. It is a lovely place and eighty some ladies enjoyed a lovely dinner supplied by the Stokes Bay Branch.

The afternoon started with a sing song with Mrs. Bere of Purple Valley on the electric organ, then Mrs. R. Fenton, the Provincial Board Director addressed the meeting which was very informative. The roll call was answered by 12 branches with (an Old Adage) and the Pennies for Friendship collection which was a very substantial amount.

The District Presidents from East, Centre and South Bruce were guests and brought greetings from their Districts.

Our guest speaker of the day was Mrs. Begalo, the founder of Cairnlee Village which started small in Toronto, then another at Inglewood and finally purchasing 200 acres near Stokes Bay where they are expanding every year and now have a bake shop, craft shops, woodworking and gardening where the young people are able to work at the job most suited for them. It is a great undertaking and are self supporting but need help from any group who can supply wool, hockey sticks, old lawn chairs, etc., which are repaired or made into saleable items. She was thanked by the President and presented with a gift.

The election of officers was conducted by Mrs. R. Fenton, reports by the District Curator, Mrs. E. Izzard and the museum by Mrs. Connie Forbes, the Tartan Committee, Mrs. Jas Coyne and the Rally, Mrs. A. Klagas.

Miss DeVisscher, the Home Economist spoke on the senior projects for the coming year. Next year's District Annual will be hosted by the Wiarton Branch and the Rally is the third Thursday of October to be held in the Sauble Beach Community Centre with Rev. Larry Marshal, guest speaker and entertainment by the Adamsville branch.

The new slate of officers for 1978-79 are: Past President, Mrs. Evelyn White; President, Mrs. Tom Cunningham; 1st Vice, Mrs. Constance Forbes; 2nd Vice, Mrs. James Bergstra; 3rd Vice, Mrs. G. Clark; Sec. Treas. Mrs. Georgina Smith; Assistant, Mrs. Wm. Moore; Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Robert Brough, R.R. 6, Wiarton; Fed. Rep., Mrs. Jas Coyne and assistant Mrs. E. White; Ag. and Canadian Industries, Mrs. George McCartney, R.R. 4, Wiarton; Citizenship and World Affairs, Mrs. Bruce Stephens, R.R. 6, Wiarton; Education and Cultural Act, Mrs. Clarence Hendry, Hepworth; Family and Consumer Affairs, Mrs. R. Merkle, Hepworth; Resolutions, Mrs. Harold Loughheed, Lion's Head; Curator, Mrs. E. Izzard, Stokes Bay; Tartan, Mrs. G. Chambers, Allenford; Alternate, Mrs. T. Bere, R.R. 5, Wiarton.

The meeting adjourned and we enjoyed birthday cake and tea. The cake was made by the Stokes Bay ladies and tastefully decorated with the Institute crest in blue and gold. Hope everyone enjoyed their day and we will see you at the fall rally at Sauble Community Centre in October.

The motto "God gives every bird its food but does not throw it into the nest."