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# Ontario W.I. Convention

Over 500 women attended the twenty-fourth Women's Institute convention at Belmore Ontario, on October 14-15, 1982. Mrs. Harold McArthur, Mrs. E.G. Urstadt and Mrs. Jas. Coyne conducted the meeting. Sing a-longs were enjoyed with the new song books led by Mrs. Farrier and Mrs. McGuire. Mrs. Denise Edwards and Mrs. Barbara Klages, Grey and Bruce home economist told us about the new homemaking and senior courses in skit form.

Mrs. Keith Hiepleh, president of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario, brought greetings and asked everyone to visit the Royal Agriculture Museum at Milton. 20,000 people have passed through the gates since May.

We are celebrating 10 years of owning the Erland Lee Home. There are mugs for sale. Out of 27 applications for the Helen McKercher scholarship, three were awarded, Anna Kennedy of Windsor, Donna Clark of Markdale and Leslie Daniels.

October 16 was World Food Day. Only four countries in the world can produce more than they need, Canada, U.S.A.

Australia and Argentina. Millions of children will die of hunger. We must study producer consumer relations and do something about it. A film "Rafters, Roots and Maple Syrup" told of a community working together for the good of all.

At the banquet on Thursday evening our speaker, Mr. Allan Leeder, principal of Wlarton Public School and co-ordinator of a Values Program in Bruce County, said home and family are still the best of the good life. We have to use the best of today and move out to change. Do our best to salvage the family farm. In our groups we can get something done if we find common ground and keep knocking on doors till we reach our goal. It does matter what happens to our neighbours. Local, county, provincial affairs are our concern. We feel good about ourselves when we are helping others.

Expect a pride in citizenship and respect for people.

Howick municipal quartette entertained us with songs about the Institute. There were several draws throughout the convention - Teeswater cheese, Bruce County Tartan and

Maple Syrup. Greetings were extended from the Guelph area by Mrs. Betty Lambert, Mrs. Mae Dixon the regional vice president and June Alton of the Junior Women's Institute.

Discussion groups helped the standing conveners give their reports, a new idea well received.

Ken Knox of the Rural Organizations and Services Branch brought us up to date on the reorganization of the Ministry. He said they hope to serve these organizations better with our input. Miss Molly McGhee has been promoted and brought greetings to us for the last time. Films were viewed: David Millan, Artist and Fashions Through the Ages. A film presentation on "People Patterns", about W.I. was shown and can be borrowed for programs from the area treasurer, Mrs. Watkins of the Marmion branch entertained with accordian selections. Bruce South district won the trophy for the best attendance. Mrs. Norman Wyville gave the courtesies.

The following officers were elected: Past President, Mrs. Harold McArthur of Dobbinton; President, Mrs. E.G. Urstadt of Owen Sound; Vice President, Mrs. J. Coyne of Wlarton; 2nd Vice, Mrs. J. Wyville of Markdale; 3rd Vice, Mrs. Geo. Parker of Elmwood; Secretary, Mrs. J. Thom of Meaford; Assistant, Mrs. Morris Rennie of Meaford; Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Henderson of Mar; new auditors: Mrs. Rosalind Reid of Wlarton and Mrs. Sydney Richardson of Wlarton. The new board director for sub. div. #17 is Mrs. Don McAdam of Wingham and her alternate is Mrs. Ross Cumming of Lucknow.