

Janet Hiepleh, elected President of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario on November 25, 1980, has a long and distinguished career in the work of the Women's Institute. It is interesting to note that Janet's Grandmother in England was a charter member of a Women's Institute Branch organized by the late Mrs. Alfred Watt.

Born in Malahide Township to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Howe, Janet and her younger sister Muriel, were raised on a farm. She attended public school at Luton and rode her bicycle three miles to the Aylmer High School. After graduating from the London Normal School in 1946, she taught public school at Dunboyne. It was during this time that she joined the East Elgin Junior Women's Institute (November 20, 1946). She was no stranger to W.I. As a youngster she had often been present when her W.I. Mother hosted Branch meetings. Just 10 days after joining the Junior W.I. the Elgin County Women's Institute organized and she was chosen a Director at the inaugural meeting. She faithfully served the Jr. W.I. as both Secretary-Treasurer and President during her years of membership.

Shortly after her marriage she joined the Kingsmill-Mapleton Branch and has been active ever since, holding Convenerships and serving as President. She has also been President of Elgin East District, Chairman of Elgin County Rally and following her three years as Board Director to FWJO she served a two year term as London Area W.I. President.

During her term on the Provincial Board (1975-78) she assumed the duties of a Scholarship Committee member and FWJO representative to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Board. She was a voting delegate for FWJO to both the FWJC Convention in Charlottetown and also the ACW in Nairobi Kenya.

Janet has been happily married to Keith Hiepleh for 30 years and they have one son Wayne, a daughter-in-law Wendy, and a lovely little granddaughter. Janet is a very devoted wife, mother and grandmother and enjoys home-making and a hobby of photography. Even with her family and W.I. commitments, she still finds time to take an active part in the family farm business, be a Sunday School Teacher, and serve very diligently on the Aylmer Fair Board.

It is our pleasure to honour you tonight and we wish to express our sincere appreciation and extend our very best wishes to you in all your endeavours especially for Home and Country.

Institute Grace

Toast to the Queen

God Save the Queen

Barquet

Welcome

.....Mrs. Russell Campbell

Introduction of Head Table

.....Mrs. Ralph Palmer

Greetings

Vocal Selection

Presentation to Mrs. Hiepleh

.....Mrs. Jack Widner

Introduction of Guest Speaker

.....Mrs. Nicholas Cerna

The Honourable Dennis Timbrell
Ontario Minister of Agriculture and Food

Thanks to Speaker

.....Mrs. Joe Dechard

Vocal Selections

Courtesy Remarks

.....Mrs. Garnet Cowell

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