

Miss Helen McKircher, Director of Home Economics Branch of the Department of Agriculture said "I must congratulate you on how you have celebrated Canada's birthday. Despite the closing of rural schools and some churches, I think the Womens Institute has had a ball and community spirit is everywhere. With all of these things that pull a community apart, you still have your Womens Institutes. It is the strength in your community, lets work to hold it together and together strong. If you believe in the family as a strong social unit, this is the base of a good strong country.

Reports were given by all standing committees with a skit by the Palmyra Womens Institute on Safety.

Home Economists. Mrs. Joan Winfield of Kent and Essex, Mrs. Joyce Anderson of Lambton County gave a demonstration on Thrifty Shopping.

Over two hundred attended the banquet on Tuesday evening with many in Centennial dress.

Reverend Clifford Waite D.F. C., M.A., B.Ed., B.D. was guest speaker, he was introduced by Mrs. Verne O'Hare. Reverend Waite chose as his topic the theme of the convention "Our Heritage In Canada" said "The world needs what we can give I hope we can always maintain our roots, hear the song bird and paddle our canoe in a clear stream in early morning or wonder through fields of golden grain in the great prairies. How great is our heritage, and how great a challenge are our days ahead".

Musical numbers on the program were supplied by Marsha and Penny McGuire of Bentpath and Mrs. Charles Bellamy of Tupperville, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. William Graham of Dresden. Mrs. Gordon Fisher led in singing throughout the convention with Mrs. Donald Galbraith at the piano.

The resolutions concerning enforcements of this law in the installation of propane gas, with prompt inspection was passed.

Mrs. Helen Strang, President of London Area Womens Institutes, Exeter and Michigan Farm Bureau ladies attended the convention.

Mrs. Earl Gibb of Sarnia was in charge for display of centennial quilts, rugs and miniature furniture.

Mrs. Clair Luan was in charge of the display of Womens Institute pins, badges etc. that can be obtained from the department in Toronto.

His worship Paul D. Blundy, Mayor of Sarnia brought greetings from the city. On charge of registration were the secretaries of the seven districts. The welcoming committee was Mrs. Cecil Hall and Mrs. Raymond

Miliken.

Ushers for the convention were Mrs. Lyle Burns, Mrs. Kenneth Cameron, Mrs. Algar Vince and Mrs. Harold Borrowman.

Courtesy were extended by Mrs. Ernest Depancier of East Kent.

Donations to Womens Institute projects this year was \$1,589.69. To W. I. Educational \$2,786.15; to community projects educational \$900.96 was donated, to Health \$2,097.29, Contribution to community \$2,958.68, Cash donations to other organizations \$1,000.05.

There was seventy-nine Womens Institute branches in Southwestern Area with over thirteen hundred branches in Ontario alone with over thirty-three thousand members in Ontario.

There is over six and a half million members around the world.

The object of the Womens Institute practices (a) to help women acquire sound and approved practices for greater home efficiency (b) to develop, stimulate and develop leaders, (c) to help develop a more abundant life in our communities and a deeper appreciation of the thing near at hand (d) to help develop better, happier and more useful citizens. The W I. is non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-racial.