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Re-elect Island WI Head

HILTON BEACH — Mrs. Fred Smith was re-elected president of the St. Joseph Island district of the Women's Institute at the annual meeting here Wednesday.

Mrs. Stanley Stevens was named first vice president. Other members of the 1959 to 1960 executive are: second vice President, Mrs. Leland Sims; Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Austin Brayley; Federated Representative, Mrs. H. Brownlee; Alternate, Mrs. Laurence Reid; District Delegate, Mrs. Archie Smith; Auditors, Mrs. John Starratt and Mrs. Margaret McKay.

Standing Committees appointed were: Home Economics and Health, Mrs. Lawrence Rains; Publicity, Mrs. Stanley Trantor; Citizenship and Education, Mrs. Norman Donaghue; History and Current Events, Mrs. Mabel Trainor; Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. George Hadden; Resolutions, Mrs. Murry Smith.

In the interlude Mrs. John Knox and Mrs. Ray Connell were accompanied in a duet by Mrs. Frank Crowder.

As the convention is to be held at Richards Landing September 24 to 25 plans were made for catering to the dinner, while Mrs. Fred Smith was appointed to ask other organizations to cater for the other meals.

Next year's district annual is to be held at Richards Landing.

Five branches on the island, Richards Landing, Sailors Encampment, Mountain, Clover Valley and Hilton Beach were well represented with 35 members present.

Theme for the Convention this year will be, "Home is the center of women's interests, but need not be the circumference".

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Seek Home-making Scholarship

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PORTLOCK — Another 4-H Homemaking Club Achievement Day has come and gone. In two weeks the Women's Institutes district annual meetings for 1959 will be past history.

Where is the proposed Algoma Scholarship Fund for girls of the Homemaking Clubs? It still is just a dream in the minds of a few dedicated women.

True, a few branches have offered to support such a fund. But some are indifferent and many report they don't understand it. Perhaps this will make all clear and raise the enthusiasm enough to make a reality of a dream.

Unlike the 4-H Potato Clubs, Calf Clubs and Forestry Clubs the Homemaking Clubs are non-competitive. Nor do they have any service club to assist them in their work.

Each member must attend at least six meetings for each unit, keep a record book, make an exhibit at Achievement Day and attend Achievement Day herself to get credit for her work.

The sponsoring organization, in all the Algoma Clubs it is the Women's Institute — provide leaders and pay transportation to Training Schools and to Achievement Day, help with supplies for the unit and sometimes provide the record books.

The units are of different types; five are cooking, five are sewing, two on house furnishings, three on gardening and one each on health and hospitality.

But as important as these units are the member learns far more — leadership as she conducts meetings; recording as secretary; finance as available funds are used wisely; re-

sponsibility as she comes to meeting with needed supplies or lunch; cooperation as the group works together, pinning on patterns, making casserole dishes or bandaging; assurance as she demonstrates to her classmates the proper way of doing things as diversified as sewing on a button to setting a table correctly.

At the end of each unit, if the club leader and home economist think she has progressed, each member receives a sterling silver spoon. After each two units she receives a certificate.

When six units are completed the sponsoring organization is asked to provide funds for a county honour pin and the Department of Agriculture provides a provincial honor pin for the completion of twelve units.

Each year the home economist selects four girls to attend the 4-H Homemaking Conference in Guelph in early July, and another four to attend the CNE in late August. Her choice is based on the number of units, girls ability to go and her club work. But there is not too much incentive in any of these awards to make any girl outstanding.

A scholarship is a sum of money given to an outstanding person. There are two ways the Women's Institutes might raise the money.

The first and perhaps easiest way would be to assess each branch \$2 yearly for as long as the award be given. In this way the scholarship would amount to approximately \$88 each year. But someone would have to be responsible for collecting this amount, reminding the branches in arrears, issuing receipts and accounting to each branch for the money used.

The second method of raising

money for a Scholarship is to provide a sum of \$2,000 to be invested and the interest used to provide the Scholarship. If each of the 44 Algoma W.I. would donate \$50 the Scholarship would be a reality in 1960.

But W.I.'s are not money-making organizations. Instead they are adult educators and leadership trainers. Fifty dollars is much more than some branches make in one year and from this the needs of their communities must come first.

So that the smaller branches would be able to contribute their share, a suggestion was made that the fund remain open for six years. In this way the smaller groups could surely donate \$8 or \$9 per year while those who felt able could send in the full amount to be put in a bank where interest would help to build the fund.

In 1958 three of the four Algoma districts appointed a member to the committee to study the matter with these district members reporting to Mrs. Brock Suddaby as to their districts' wishes.

To date 11 branches have signified a willingness to participate in raising funds for the Algoma Scholarship Fund.

Perhaps this article will lead to some action at the 1959 district annuals so at least a start can be made by 1960.

If the Women's Institutes and any other organizations can provide the funds for a scholarship for Homemaking Club members, our home economist Miss Phippen and the Director of Homemaking Clubs, Miss Florence P. Eadie of Toronto will provide a worthy Homemaking Club member who has not only completed several units but shows such qualities as leadership, responsibility and initiative.