

## WI Annual

# Island Groups Elect New President

RICHARDS LANDING — The work of the branches composing St. Joseph Island District of the Women's Institute was reviewed at the annual meeting Tuesday in the Maurice Brunside Memorial Hall. All branches were represented.

Guest speakers during the sessions were Mrs. J. McVittie, Hilton Beach, conference representative; Laura Phippen, homemaking club director; and Mrs. L. Trivers, Thessalon, board member.

Mrs. McVittie in giving her report of the Guelph Conference detailed the duties of the public relations officer of each district and branch. This newly set-up department touches on the work of all departments.

Laura Phippen, director of homemaking clubs, complimented the Island group on their interest in this department.

"This year marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of homemaking clubs," Miss Phippen said. "There are 24 clubs in Algoma, five times the number there were in 1953. St. Joseph Island has three out of four branches sponsoring clubs, which is an extremely high average."

Miss Phippen mentioned a recent survey of farm homes and home-making, as revealing some surprising facts. About 80 per cent of farm homes still use raw milk, in spite of the ed-



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ucation program which has been carried on for many years.

In connection with safety on the farm, Miss Phippen said the survey showed that some 84 per cent of farm tractors were operated by children — 50 per cent of them under 12 years of age.

Mrs. L. Trivers in her address deplored the fact that WI membership is not expending as



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it should.

Mrs. Murray Smith gave a report on the 4-H Scholarship for Algoma, which showed the full amount may be raised in two years instead of the four originally scheduled. Some \$1,650 has been pledged so far.

Mrs. Fred Smith, in her report as president of the District, said that she had to announce with regret the dis-

banding of Mountain Branch, which left four branches only in this district. All these branches had been visited, and were presently in flourishing condition.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Smith, a canvass will be attempted in this district for the building of a home for the blind at Sudbury. Receipt books and literature were distributed to the branch representatives.

The financial report was given by Mrs. A. Brayley, showing that \$1,158.83 had been raised by the five Island branches, with expenditures of \$1,037.20, leaving a balance of \$190.51. The auditors report was given by Mrs. Alice Bookman and Mrs. E. Rains.

Elected as officers: President Mrs. Stanley Stevens; first Vice-President Mrs. Charles Wood; second Vice-President, Mrs. J. Kenoski; Secretary, Mrs. A. Brayley; Federate Representative Mrs. Henry Brownlee; Alternate Mrs. N. Donaghue; District Delegate Mrs. Stanley Stevens; Alternate M. S. M. Smith; Auditors Mrs. G. MacKay and Mrs. N. Donaghue.

Conveners are: public relations, Mrs. J. McVittie; agriculture, Mrs. J. Kenoski; historical research, Mrs. Russell Ward; citizenship, Mrs. Fred Smith; home economics, Mrs. Les Armstrong; resolutions, Mrs. Cyril Bishop.