

Russell District

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Annual Meeting

CUMBERLAND, May 26.—

(Special)—Russell District Womens' Institutes held their 22nd annual meeting in Cumberland United Church with a good attendance from Russell, Vars, North Russell, Leonard, Navan and Cumberland. The district president Mrs. S. Barclay, presided.

Mrs. S. Morris president of the Cumberland branch welcomed the ladies and Mrs. J. Wade of Russell replied.

Reports were read by conveners of standing committees. Mrs. Ray Graham, Provincial Board director, led a discussion on the reports. Mrs. Graham also gave a talk on the Women's Institute work.

Mrs. W. Melvin and Mrs. P. Findlay gave reports on the Guelph Conference which they attended.

Mrs. W. Newton, Navan, conducted a memorial service for two members, Mrs. D. Johnston, Navan, and Mrs. W. Legge, Russell.

Miss Anna Lewis, honorary president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, and director of the Home Economics Service, gave an address and officiated during the election of officers.

Miss Mary Little, of Home Economics Service for Russell county, explained the girls' work.

The district officers for the year are: Past president, Mrs. W. Melvin, Leonard; president, Mrs. S. Barclay, Vars; first vice-president, Mrs. G. McCullough, Navan; second vice-president, Mrs. R. Russell, Cumberland; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. H. J. Sheldrick, Limoges; federation representative, Mrs. W. Melvin, Leonard; alternate, Mrs. P. Currie; district delegate, Mrs. G. Walsh, Vars; alternate, Mrs. A. J. Stewart, Vars.

Conveners of standing committees: Agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. M. MacEachern, Cumberland; home economics and health, Mrs. T. Harrington, Russell; citizenship and education, Mrs. W. Devine, Vars; historical research and current events, Mrs. H. McEwen, Russell; community activities and public relations, Mrs. S. Rathwell, Navan; resolutions, Mrs. W. Melvin, Leonard.

District directors: Leonard branch, Mrs. G. Walsh; North Russell branch, Mrs. Percy Graham; Navan branch, Mrs. S. Rathwell; Vars branch, Mrs. W. Devine; Russell branch, Mrs. George McCaffery; Cumberland, Mrs. H. D. McMillan.

The Cumberland ladies served lunch in Maple Hall. An invitation was extended by the North Russell branch to hold the annual meeting there next year.