

66th. ANNUAL CONVENTION W.I. 1967

66th. Annual Convention of Hastings West District Women's Institute was held yesterday, May 9th., 1967, at Centenary Church, with the hostess Branch being Sidney South. Mrs Leslie Finkle in the chair and Mrs. Vernon Harry, Sec. Treas.

Registration opened at 9.30 a.m. with Mrs. Jack Sargent and Mrs. Stanley Spafford attending this. Mrs. Fred Meens and Mrs. MacNobes as receptionists, pianist Mrs. Donald Joss and Song Leader Mrs. Percy Sutherland.

9.45 A.M.

Opening Exercises- The Ode-Mary Stuart Collect presentation of the new Can. Flag, by Mrs. Fred Meens and the dedication of the Flag- Mrs. Harry Coulter, then O Canada was sung. Mrs. Leslie Finkle introduced the guest speakers- Mrs. Rollins the board member, Mrs. Parly and Mrs. Oliver. Minutes of 1966 Convention was read and in the Financial Report by Mrs Harry was \$ 113.35 Balance on Hand. Auditors Mrs. Percy McMullen, Mrs. Albert Green gave a report. Address of Welcome by Mrs. Roy Nobes and replied by Mrs. Ted Evans.

Ratification of District Directors - by Mrs. Rex Rollins.

Reading of Resolutions - there were none.

The Institute display this for Belleville Fair is to take up no more space than 30x30 and in something of old time, as this is Centennial year.

River Valley Institute are taking a bus trip on June 12th. to Guelph. The F.W.I.C. cost is \$ 4.00 each.

The Presidents Report - Mrs. Leslie Finkle said she attended a meeting of each Institute in the District during the year, saying she enjoyed it very much. She attended the Sidney South Inst. procedures. She hoped we would each see if we could get another member. Mrs. Finkle said there are all different kinds of members, the pillars those who join and last who are the mainstay of the Institute, there are those who join and last but a short time, there are the balloons who blow up and burst and those who hold Office for prestige. She closed her talk with a recipe for a good home.

Reports of Standing Committees - Agriculture and Can. Industries, Mrs. Gordon Garrison; Citizenship and Education, Mrs. George Striker; Historical Research and Current Events, Mrs. Arnold Ketcheson; Home Economics and Health, Mrs. Dawson Douglas; Resolutions, Mrs. Albert Carson; Public Relations, Jane Gay, but another lady read it, as Jane Gay couldn't be there. It was found that reports were 100%.

Community singing was enjoyed.

Report of Federated Board Member. Mrs Rollins- Friendship is a large factor of the work of the W.I. 32,394 members. She said 3 girls of other lands attending the Project. Mrs Rollins kept asking us to get more members for our Institutes and to make each meeting as interesting as possible. The safety motto this year is " Safety in the Kitchen".

On June 12-16 at Guelph 3000 is expected the 1st day, so Mrs. Rollins advised all to get their lunch before arriving. If you have not sent a gift to sell at the Guelph Convention, send it to Mrs. Thompson.

Adelaide Hoodless history will be shown at Expo., you can procure her History at 46 Elgin St., Ottawa. We are asked to send the pennies for friendship right away, after our Annual Convention. Mrs Rollins said many W.I.'s are selling spoon of Madame and Governor General Vanier at 50 cents each to make some money. Legislation on trading stamps is coming up soon. The grandchild of Adelaide Hoodless has passed away.

Three branches of the W.I. have disbanded this past year and one new one started up, but the 3 disbanded have joined other W.I.'s. There is a competition July 31st.- to be a sampler, a piece of needlework, a letter to a daughter. There is to be (ask Esther) Idlebum 803 Cooksville (smorgasburg)

Mrs. Rollins said not to feel guilty because our Institute has no resolution to send in , but still keep on having Resolutions

Our adopted children, By Mrs. Alva Meyers.

Block printing was put on by Mrs. Hudson Ketcheson, choosing and using Fabrics by Esther, who did a good job.

Institute Procedure, By Mrs. Willmott Short.