

JUNE 1984

# 'Pulling together the only way'

Mrs. Myrla Motley, alternate provincial board director, asked local branches of the Women's Institute to help in fund raising projects this summer to assist a foundation fund for the Adelaid Hoodless homestead, which has been declared a heritage home of historical and architectural value by the Township of Dumfries, where it is located.

She also told the audience that the triennial convention of Canadian Women's Institutes will be held at London in 1985. She asked for a one dollar donation to buy trillium pins for voting delegates, 10 from each province.

Ontario is allowed 400 nonvoting delegates.

She also told members about the wall hanging donated by the Ontario Women's Institutes to the province in June. A quilt, it was presented to the legislature June 11 and includes a block made by every county WI in the province. The Prince Edward block is located in the top right hand corner of the quilt. A description of the blocks will be printed in a brochure for visitors.

In other business, Mrs. Motley reported that the water and sanitation project coupon No. 71 was well supported this year. If it reaches \$50,000 by 1985,

CEDA will match the WI donation three to one.

During Mrs. Heipleh's tenure as president of the Ontario federation of institutes, seven new WI branches were opened. Resolutions were sustained regarding wife battering and re-instatement of capitol punishment. An emergency resolution was also passed, asking the ministry of education to include family studies in the school curriculums.

Miss Emily Guest has been recommended for the Institute Hall of Fame. Junior institutes planted 23 maple trees this year to commemorate the bicentennial. The Junior Women's Institute conference will be held in Belleville in October Roy Bonisteel is guest speaker and an artisan's show will also be held.

Mrs. Motley told the audience that bicentennial kits are available, as are place mats, commemorative spoons and reproduction of some old cook books. She suggested the county WI have a community education meeting once a year.

She also suggested that the WI's buy sustaining memberships for older members unable to participate.

Mrs. Motley opened and ended her report with some humor. She opened by reading a poem of two mules who weretied together. Each tried to go his own way, but soon found that pulling together was the only way.

She ended with a reminder about ducks: "be like a duck, above the surface calm and collected, below the surface paddle like hell."

## County WI's meet at Mountain View

Members of Women's Institutes from across the county gathered at Wesley United Church at Mountain View May 30 for the 76th district annual. Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Mary Ellen Closson in bicentennial dress.

A warm welcome was extended to those in attendance by Mrs. Debbie Rustan, president of the Mountain View branch, which hosted the event. Because of the bicentennial year, many of those attending wore bicentennial costume.

Vice-presidents Mrs. Mary Lou Norton and Phyllis Lowe presented corsages to Mrs. Rena Foster, county WI president and chairman for the day, Mrs. Edith Cairns, secretary; Mrs. Nora Barber, provincial board director; Mrs. Myrla Motley, provincial board director; Dorothy Beedham, area president and Miss Valerie

Clark, of the Ontario ministry of agriculture and food.

Mrs. Beedham challenged members in her address to come to Campbellford Oct. 3 to the annual convention with a theme "Something different is being planned."

Mrs. Mary Lou Norton conducted the memorial service for deceased WI members, closing with the institute prayer. Those remembered were Mrs. Vera Gibson, Mrs. Doris Whiteford, Mrs. Helen Cross, Mrs. Gladwin Harns, Miss Marjorie Peck and Mrs. Bertha Timmer.

The women heard reports from Mrs. Myrla Motley, alternate provincial board director; Mrs. Marion Townsend, public relations officer; Mrs. Nellie Montgomery, district Tweedsmuir curator; Miss Valerie Clark; rural organization specialist with OMAF.

Reports were also given

on convenership topics. Due to the illness of Mrs. Dorothy Doxsee, Mrs. Elda Brooks gave the report on agriculture and Canadian industries. Mrs. Thelma Coulter spoke on citizenship and world affairs and recommended mini-reports be given at each meeting, using report forms to provide more accurate reporting.

Mrs. Erla Welsman spoke on education and cultural activities and Phyllis Low spoke on family and consumer affairs, as

## New officers elected

Delegates to the district annual of the county Women's Institutes elected a full slate of officers for the new year. Elected were:

Past president, Mrs. Russell Foster; president, Mrs. Grant Norton; first vice president, Mrs. Arthur Lowe; second vice president, Mrs. Thelma Coulter; third vice president, Mrs. Jim Alexander;

Mrs. Luella Head was unable to attend. Mrs. Frances Young spoke on resolutions from reports given by WI ladies.

Pennies for Friendship amounted to \$256 and was handed in to the secretary at noon to pass on to the ACWW.

The district annual featured displays mounted by each WI branch on "Our Cultural Heritage". For role call, a short talk was given by each WI, explaining the displays.

A morning break orga-

nized by Mrs. Renningham of Consecon branch was also held on the topic. She asked about each member's ethnic background. Members then sang songs from various cultures, including Coming Through the Rye (Scottish), Dear Emerald Isle (Irish), Beer Barrel Poka (German), White Cliffs of Dover (English), Red Wing (Native Indian), Alouette (French) and The Maple Leaf Forever (Canadian).

secretary treasurer, Mrs. Alfred Cairns; assistant secretary treasurer, Mrs. Harold Wood, federation representative, Mrs. Ken Motley; public relations officer, Mrs. Lewis Wight; Tweedsmuir history curator, Mrs. Harmon Montgomery; convention delegate, Mrs. Grant Norton; alternate convention delegate, Mrs. Arthur Lowe.

Conveners of standing

committees will be: Mrs. Roy Brooks, agriculture and Canadian industries; Mrs. Ron Coulter, citizenship and world affairs; Mrs. Jack Welsman, education and cultural activities; Mrs. Hubert Townsend, family and consumer affairs; and Mrs. Elmer Young, resolutions.

Retiring President Rena Foster thanked people for their support and named the key persons who made her year successful and enjoyable. She was presented with a gold trillium pin for her two years of leadership and as a memento of her years as Prince Edward District president.