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66th District Annual WI Meeting Is Held

BRIGHTON — The 66th District Annual of the Women's Institute was held in Colborne United Church last week. It was opened with the Mary Stewart Collect and the Ode. For the first time there was a Flag Ceremony conducted by Colborne WI, and all sang The Maple Leaf. Mrs. Keragan, president of the Colborne WI, gave the address of welcome and Mrs. Robson, Percy WI replied.

The president, Mrs. Hume, gave a resume of her year's work in her address. Mrs. Hume wore a Centennial costume as did many of the other of the ladies attending the District Annual. Mrs. Hume also paid tribute to Mrs. McCullough, District Treasurer, for her many years of work, encouragement and help. Mrs. McCullough will now be doing her area work. There is to be a Curator's picnic, June 21, at O'Hara's Mill, Madoc, a reunion at White's School July 2, and a bus trip to Guelph Convention.

Discussion took place regarding the purchase of a wheel chair for the Golden Plough as a Centennial Project for which a Centennial Tea will be held June 7. Each branch of the WI, answered the roll call by displaying a historical item and describing it in just one minute. Among the many items were a clock 100 years old and still running; bracelet, 100 years old; a farm journal dated 1867, a bonnet from England made in 1867 also bed spread hand woven, in 1867 sewing box, old tobacco dish, child's hand made chair and the geography story of Percy Boom. A duet was sung by Mrs. Ronsome and Mrs. Lyle Chatten with Mrs. Irvine at the organ. Seymour West WI invited the District to hold the Annual there next year. Mrs. A. J. Calman, Provincial Board member gave her report. She reported 100% from the Trent Valley District.

During lunch gifts were presented to Mrs. Hume retiring

president, and Mrs. McCullough retiring treasurer.

In the afternoon Mrs. Robson took charge and conducted a Memorial for deceased members, and Mrs. Maurice Bulman first vice-president took charge of the meeting. A panel discussion was held by convenors led by Mrs. M. Bulman, Citizenship and Education, Mrs. G. Honey, Home Economics, and Health, Mrs. A. Gooding, brought out many worthwhile points. Mrs. E. Coltman, public relations, reported many projects in which the Institute help. Included were the iron fencing and gates for a cemetery; picnic tables for a new park; donations for the Centennial Board; and the planting of flowering crab trees at schools. There will be a float in the Centennial Parade. Mrs. Goodfellow gave the Curator's report.

Mrs. Gresham reported that there were no resolutions at local level. The Community WI Tapestry was on display and Mrs. Jack Whitehouse gave the commentary on this. Mrs. Woolf, home economist, gave her report on the girls work. The installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. Calman and was as follows: president, Mrs. M. Bulman, first vice-president, Mrs. R. Robson; second vice-president, Mrs. P. Whitehouse; Federation representative, Mrs. W. A. Hume, district delegate, Mrs. G. McGee; Convenors, Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. Blair Heene; Citizenship and Education, Mrs. Gordon Honey; Historical Research and Current Events, Mrs. W. J. Honey; Home economics and Health, Mrs. Alfred Gooding; Resolutions, Mrs. Ted Puddephatt; public relations, Mrs. C. H. Dallison; Tweedsmuir Histories curator, Mrs. W. A. Goodfellow, scholarship committee, Mrs. M. Bulman, Mrs. R. Robson, Mrs. M. Woolf, Mrs. W. A. Goodfellow, Mrs. G. Fisher and Mrs. C. Dallison, Auditors, Mrs. G. McCubbin, Warkworth, and Mrs. Don Pollock, R. R. 1 Dartford.