

The fiftieth District Annual of the South Muskoka Women's Institute was held in Baysville, Friday, June 1st. Address of welcome was given by Mrs. J. Donald, President of the Baysville W. I. and the District President, Mrs. V. Jobbins of Port Carling, introduced the guest speakers, Mrs. Herb Alkins, Provincial Director of Callander and Miss D. Burke of the W. I. Branch and Home Economics Service, Toronto. Each Institute told of one achievement accomplished during Roll Call.

At the afternoon session Roy Vandiel, Reeve, gave the civic address of welcome.

A most interesting paper entitled, "What the South Muskoka W. I. has done in the past 50 years" was read by Mrs. A. F. Ruttan of Houseys Rapids. The boys and girls of the senior room of the Baysville School favored the meeting with some musical selections and then Miss Burke conducted the voting for the District Co-Operative programme, the first choice being, We call it Human Nature.

Election of officers, conducted by Mrs. H. Alkin resulted as follows:

District President, Mrs. V. Jobbins, Port Carling; 1st Vice Pres., Mrs. Norval Simmons, Bracebridge; 2nd Vice Pres., Mrs. Murray Dodd, Minett; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. J. McNeice, Reay Rd., Gravenhurst; Auditors, Mrs. J. K. Bailey, Mrs. Chris Fortn, Bracebridge; Federated Representative, Mrs. A. F. Ruttan, Housey's Rapids; Alternate, Mrs. Henry Fish, Bracebridge; District Delegate, Mrs. Ed. Wilson, Port Carling.

Convenors of Standing Committees—Historical Research, Mrs. E. Johnson, Glen Orchard; Home Economics and Health, Mrs. Phillipson, Torrance; Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. Geo. Seehaver, Barkway; Citizenship and Education, Mrs. J. Roach, Doe Lake, Gravenhurst; Community Activities and Public Relations, Mrs. J. Pilger, Bracebridge; Resolutions, Mrs. T. W. LeMay, Gravenhurst.

On behalf of the branches of South Muskoka Women's Institute, Mrs. Ed Kirkpatrick of Bracebridge made a presentation to Mrs. W. K. Bailey our retiring District Sec-Treasurer in appreciation for her work and Co-operation of the past 6 years.

District Annual for 1952 will be held at Gravenhurst.

## W. I. Convention Draws 260 Delegates to Town

The area convention of the Women's Institutes from the districts of Nipissing, North and South Parry Sound, North, Central and South Muskoka was held in Bracebridge on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

The sessions opened on Monday afternoon with Mrs. R. C. Buttler of Port Carling presiding. During the afternoon Mrs. R. G. Purcell, President of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario addressed the gathering.

A banquet was held in the United Church Monday evening when Mayor L. N. Ryan extended a welcome to the convention on behalf of the town. Each of the head table lady guests received an attractive corsage from the South Muskoka District W. I. Over one hundred and fifty ladies attended the banquet.

The evening session in the Town Hall was presided over by Mrs. G. F. Cearns of Scotia, and there were approximately 260 delegates and ladies present for this meeting. Highlight of the evening was the showing of motion pictures by Miss Anna P. Lewis, director of Women's Institute and Home Economics Service, of the Department of Agriculture. These pictures were of the Association Country Women at the World Convention held in Copenhagen last autumn.

The agenda on Tuesday morning included reports, elections and an address by Miss Lilly Petty, District home economist, Women's Institute Branch. Officers elected were: Mrs. D. Reeves, North Bay, Area Chairman; Mrs. E. L. Munroe, Fox Point, Session Presiding Officer; Mrs. V. S. Jobbins, Port Carling, Secretary-Treasurer.

In the afternoon, various reports were again given, and the speaker was Miss H. Alkins, Provincial Board Director.

The ladies all agreed that it had been an excellent convention when they left for their various homes Tuesday evening.