

WI Delegates Converge on Mattawa



Sixty-three delegates, representing 11 Women's Institutes throughout the Nipissing District, gathered in Mattawa recently for the organization's annual meeting. Prominent figures during the day-long conference were, from the left, District second vice-president, Mrs. G. Vankeuren, Phelps; Mrs. J. Campbell, Trout Mills, District first vice-president; Federated representative, Mrs. W. T. Phillips, Redbridge; District president, Mrs. L. Smith, Rutherglen; Ont. Dept. of Agriculture Home Economist, Miss Eleanor Knott, North Bay; Mrs. G. Boutilier, Thibeault Hill, District secretary-treasurer. In the foreground are the prize winning driftwood table centrepieces submitted by: from the left, Mrs. L. Smith, Rutherglen (first); Mrs. N. Flemming, Trout Mills, (third); Mrs. J. Chadbourne, Trout Mills (second).

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MATTAWA — Eleven Nipissing District Women's Institute branches were represented by 63 members when the district annual meeting was held here recently.

An address of welcome was given by the president of the Mattawa branch, District president, Mrs. Lloyd Smith of Rutherglen presided at the morning session. She gave an account of her visits to the branches during the past year and remarked how the branches were keeping up to the standard set by the FWIO.

Mrs. Smith, a leader in 4-H girls' club work, was guest of the Ontario Department of Agriculture at the Royal Winter Fair last year. She thanked the members for the many courtesies shown her on her visits to the branches in the district.

Miss Eleanor Knott, Home Economist, spoke of her work in the extension branch of

the Department of Agriculture. A total of 14 ladies acted as leaders and assistant leaders during the past year. Along with the district president, Mrs. Smith, the first vice-president of the Women's Institute, Mrs. J. Campbell of Trout Mills, is also a leader.

Last year was the 25th anniversary of 4-H Clubs which now have 19 projects under study. Three girls took part in the Canadian National Exhibition agricultural program. The Junior 4-H Homemaking club gives girls a training in homemaking, appreciation of rural living and responsibilities.

The ladies in attendance were sorry to learn that Miss Knott is leaving this area and will be entering university next fall to further her education.

Following the noon luncheon, Len G. Selle of Mattawa, read

Ottawa is still open. The new handbook has been printed and will be given each member free of charge for the asking. There will be a workshop on parliamentary procedure and the executive was asked to make all arrangements. Members were asked to set up a scholarship fund for the Northern Area with the cost working out to 85 cents per member.

The special study this year will be on "Citizenship". For information, members are asked to apply to Mrs. S. Panting, Bala. The Safety Program this year will concentrate on "Stairs and Steps" and ways to make them safe in the home. Mrs. Phillips is leaving soon, as delegate for this area, to attend the National convention of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, June 19 to 23 at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver,

branch for their hospitality. The next annual meeting will be held at North Bay with the Nipissing Junction branch as hostess.

Delegates attended from Calvin, Feronia, Kipling, Mattawa, Nipissing Junction, North Bay, Phelps, Rutherglen, Balsam Creek, Trout Mills, Thibeault Hill and Gateway.

The District of Nipissing Women's Institute 1961-62 executive is comprised of: Federated representative, Mrs. W. T. Phillips, Redbridge; alternate, Mrs. G. Ketter, North Bay; past president, Mrs. Alex Rose, North Bay; president, Mrs. Lloyd Smith, Rutherglen; first vice-president, Mrs. J. Campbell, Trout Mills; second vice-president, Mrs. G. Vankeuren, Balsam Creek; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Greg Boutilier, Thibeault Hill. Conveners are: resolutions, Mrs. Paul Engstrom, Warren;