

## Delegates From Nine Branches Attend Nipissing WI Meeting

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute, for Nipissing District, was held in McCoy's Hall, Trout Lake recently, and attended by 60 delegates and members from nine branches.

The chairman, Mrs. John Chadbourne, Trout Mills, presided. Hostess branch was the Feronia Institute, and members were welcomed by their president.

The hall was decorated on the walls with lovely quilts, handmade by Institute members. Tables held exhibits of craft work and antiques. Hooked rugs were on display and the first prize for hooked rug was won by Mrs. M. Favreau, of Feronia. The Tweedsmuir histories on display will be judged by O. T. G. Williamson, public relations officer of the Ontario Northland Railway, who has very competently judged previous histories, and whose comments and criticisms have been a great help.

Mrs. Chadbourne gave her report for the year, and told of visiting all the branches in the district and they were all doing good work. She welcomed a new branch that she had formed recently, at Balsam Creek, and wished them success.

Miss Isabel Leslie of the Extension Service Department of the Women's Institute, Home Economics Branch, Toronto, gave a talk on extension services that are available to the branches, which include, clothing and textiles, cultural activities, food and nutrition, health education, home crafts, psychology for the homemaker, and Women's Institute procedures. She stated that last year there were over 1,500 members who took a course in one of these subjects. Miss Leslie teaches weaving, leathercraft and felt work.

Standing committee chairmen gave their reports and showed a great deal of work done during the past year.

The report of the area convention held at South River was given by Mrs. R. McMillan, Nipissing Junction.

Highlight of the convention was the address by the new Board member, Mrs. T. Lemay of Gravenhurst, who gave an inspiring talk on the work of the Women's Institute in Ontario. She brought greetings from the president, Mrs. McPhatter of Owen Sound, and a personal message from Mrs. G. Ewen, nee Anna P. Lewis, former director of the Women's Institute branch, Department of Agriculture, Toronto.

The total of \$7,208.00 was raised for the Ceylon project last year, to open up demonstration centres in rural areas, which will include a fully equipped kitchen, and craft materials.

Petty, home economist with Women's Institute branch, Department of Agriculture. She spoke of the work among the girls in the communities, and gave the aims of the Home Economic Service, which are: to help women acquire sound and approved practices for greater home efficiency; to discover, stimulate and train leadership; to develop a more abundant life in our rural communities and a deeper appreciation of the things near at hand; to develop better, happier and more useful citizens.

Mrs. I. Watson thanks those who had helped to make the meeting a success, and to Mr. and Mrs. McCoy for donating the free use of the hall. The next District Annual will be held at Trout Mills.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

There were 546 branches sent in \$18,288.00 and hundreds of blankets for Hurricane Hazel. Five girls receive \$100.00 awards for academic standing at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and other countries in Southern Ontario have set up Scholarships for girls in their own country. Each member pays one cent per month for their "Home and Country" magazine.

She told of little gifts being received by Mrs. McPhatter from Korea, in appreciation of the help given the Korean widows by the Women's Institute who supplied them with looms and sewing machines.

The members were asked to use their influence to educate the public with regard to Auxiliary classes, which she said the pupils have been divided into three categories; the oversmart, the undersmart, and the undisciplined.

Each member in the Province is being taxed 25 cents to help defray the expenses to send five delegates to the ACWW conference to be held in Ceylon in 1956.

Mrs. Lemay said as she visits the district annuals, she is not telling the members how to vote, but to be sure and vote and use their influence in getting other women to get out and vote at the coming election.

The next speaker was Miss L.