

# W.I. convention held here

Northern Area Women's Institute Convention was held at Wandlynn Riverside Inn, Bracebridge, Sept. 25 and 26, 1985.

Our president Mrs. Lavern (Marion) Campbell opened the convention in the usual maner, with the "Institute Ode," "Mary Stewart Collect" and "O' Canada. Our district president Mrs. Clara Robertson welcomed the group of 69 women to our town.

The provincial president Mrs. Charlotte Johnson and Mrs. Joyce Canning, rural organizer of services branch, were introduced by Mrs. Vi Ferguson P.R.O.

Minutes of 1984 convention were read by Mrs. Bernice Gates and financial report and audited by Mrs. Woods and Crawford Rosseau. Mrs. Johnson always has a constructive report to give us all.

The Public Relations Officer Vi Ferguson reported the 42 branches in the area raised and spent \$14,292. The sick and shut-ins, 4H clubs, and community were well

supported over the year.

Mrs. Margaret McCluskie, the area Tweedsmuir curator, prepared a complete report on the area history that was advanced to her.

At 6 p.m., 69 members and visitors had a delicious lunch. Cannon and Mrs. S. Tomes graced the head table. After lunch, Cannon Tomes brought greetings from Bracebridge.

Mrs. C. Johnson declared Miss Colleens Giles of Chisholm 4H club, the recipient of our scholarship cheque.

Mr. B. Gates gave a complete report on the National Convention held in London June 16-21.

We were very gaily entertained all evening by the Senior Citizens Band and Edith Smith's square dance group.

## Thursday A.M.

The session was chaired by Mrs. M. Campbell and opened by singing the "Rally Song," reciting the Institute objectives and roll call.

1986 convention will be held in Parry Sound's district. Three resolutions were dealt with and sustained.

Mrs. J. Canning reported on rural organization.

Mrs. A. Campbell, rural organization specialist covered some extra courses for 4H clubs and groups.

A delicious luncheon was served in the Wandlynn Inn dining room.

The afternoon session was chaired by Mrs. Jean Laubert with a sing-song.

The conveners for agriculture and Canadian industries, citizenship and world affairs, family and consumer affairs and education, and cultural affairs reported the 42 branches reports on each one.

Mrs. C. Johnson said all conveners had done their reporting well and they showed the interest in the area.

Mrs. E. Smith conducted a 15 minute discussion on how to improve an area convention. Many suggestions were brought

forth and will be dealt with.

Our retiring provincial board member for subdivision 26, Mrs. Smith, gave her retiring address and wished our new board member, Mrs. Sverre Landberg a successful three years.

Subdivision 27, Mrs. Gwen Kennedy, reported on the year's work for the north.

Several questions were answered by Mrs. C. Johnson.

The slate of officers for the year 1985-1986 are: past president, Mrs. Viola Ferguson; president, Mrs. Lavern Campbell; 1st vice-president, Jean Laubert; 2nd vice-president, Margaret McCluskie; secretary-treasurer, Bernice Gates; public relations officer, Viola Ferguson.

Standing Conveners Mrs. Robert Gilbert, RR3, Gravenhurst, P0C 1G0; education and cultural activities; Mrs. Henry Hriyck, RR2 Magnetawan, P0A 1P0;

public relations officer, Mrs. Viola Ferguson, Bracebridge, Box 906, P0B 1C0.