

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

Date June 4<sup>th</sup> 1956 Place Trout Mills (Continued)

There are 10 branches in the District 221 members (an increase of 17 members from 1955) 121 meetings (an increase of 15) Total attendance 1296 (increase of 82) 67 papers & addresses given (increase of 10)

Moved by Mrs D. Reeves (Nipissing), seconded by Mrs T. Shields (Rutherford) these reports be accepted. Carried.

Report of the Rotary Spring Fair given by the Sec. All branches participated in activities at the Women's Institute Exhibit which proved successful in not only bringing the aims & the objectives of the Women's Institutes to the attention of the public, but financially also. Next year it is expected the space for the exhibit will be provided in the Memorial Gardens and better working conditions. Quilt Sale netted \$164.50 profit for District Funds.

Moved by Mrs Phillips seconded by Mrs S. Eden report be accepted. Carried.

At this point Lorraine McGowan of the North Bay Daily Magnet spoke to the gathering on reporting of Institute news. She complimented the members on the work they are doing. Highlights of her address were: - Press reporting is important & she will willingly assist if required - Be prompt in making reports - Be sure have members names sent in with husbands names attached - Print all proper names so that no mistakes can be made in press reports - Be newsy about any special items of interest in Branch activities. The public are interested. Notify her ahead of time of any activity of special interest. - A vote of thanks was given Mrs McGowan. Moved by Mrs Reeves seconded by Mrs S. Moore - Carried.

Correspondence Letter from North Bay City Council re resolution sent by the District re plans for a site for a Northern University. Council had filed the resolution as no land was available in North Bay. Letter from Nipissing J.C. re proposed by laws for the Dist. Moved by Mrs Walders seconded by Mrs Dessard (Mattawa) that this letter be read & discussed at the first Executive Dist. meeting. Carried.

A song was enjoyed at this point under the leadership of Mrs D. Reeves.

Mrs D. Porters of the Home Economic Service spoke on Extension Services. These are available through the branches, but all women whether members or not may attend. She asked that Branches have everything ready for these courses.