

Mime artist performs for Middlesex East W.I. annual

by Fred DeVries

The Middlesex East District Women's Institute met on Tuesday May 14 for their 76th District Annual at the Birt United Church. The theme of this year's meeting was the "Year of the Youth".

During the morning sitting, displays were presented by the Tweedsmuir History Association, the Public Relations Officer and the Rural Organizational Specialist, Grace Whittington.

Members were reminded of the Federated Women's Institute of Canada Convention to be held at the University of Western Ontario from June 16 to 20, 1985. Most sessions will be at the Alumini Hall on the university campus. On Monday afternoon, the A.C.W.W. president, Dr. Ellen McLean from Nova Scotia, will be the guest speaker. The Harmonizers from Kitchener will provide entertainment on Tuesday evening. On June 20, the closing banquet will be held at Wonderland with Pierre Turgeon as speaker and the St. Mary's Bell Ringers as the entertainers.

The London Area Convention will be held on October 30 and 31 at the Nordon Restaurant in London with the theme "New Beginnings". Bill Brady of C.F.P.L. will be the guest speaker at the banquet on Wednesday evening.

Members were encouraged to obtain WI signs to publicize the Institute.

In the afternoon session, members were informed that a bazaar will be held in November at the Wellington Mall to raise funds for the War Memorial Children's Hospital.

Entertainment was provided by Greg Watson, a mime artist. He is a graduate of art and drama and hopes to attend teacher's college to eventually teach his craft in schools. He was taught mime by the same artist who performed on the children's show, Mr. Dressup. He explained to the members that mime originated from the Greeks and Romans. It was performed by deaf and dumb people and thus the art of mime has continued the tradition of acting in silence. Greg demonstrated to WI members the technique of making up his face with white clown paint. He performed some skits entitled "The Box", "The Artist", "The Butterfly" and "The Weightroom". His performance was enjoyed by the members for its originality.

New officers were elected and installed. The officers are: Past President, Mrs. Charles Lamb of Belmont; President, Mrs. Marion Moore of London; First Vice President, Mrs. Glenn Foster of Thorndale; Second Vice President, Mrs. Everett Hardie of Thorndale; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. William Boles of London; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. J.C. Caruthers of London; Federation Representative, Mrs. Robert Wilson of Hyde Park; Alternate Federation Representative, Mrs. Donald Black of Glanworth; Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Francis Fallon of Arva; Assistant Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Kenneth Hogg of Thorndale; Curator, Mrs. Jack Legg of London; Assistant Curator, Mrs. Clarence Shaddock of Dorchester.

New conveners of Standing Committees are: Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. Donald Black of Glanworth; Citizenship and World Affairs, Mrs. Victor Pavitt of Hyde Park; Family and Consumer Affairs, Mrs. Bruce Fletcher of Belmont; Education and Cultural Affairs, Mrs. Wilf Buchanan of Ilderton; Resolutions, Mrs. Edmund Wills of Thorndale; Farm Safety, Mrs. Ernest Parsons of Mossley; War Memorial Children's Hospital, Mrs. Robert Wilson of Hyde Park; District Delegate, Mrs. Robert Wilson of Hyde Park and Alternate District Delegate, Mrs. Glenn Foster of Thorndale.



MIDDLESEX EAST WI ANNUAL -- During the May 14 meeting of the Middlesex East Women's Institute, new officers were elected for executive positions. They are, from the left, Mrs. Everett Hardie, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. William Boles, Secretary-

Treasurer; Mrs. Dennis Moore, President; Mrs. Robert Wilson, Provincial Director; Mrs. Francis Fallon, Public Relations Officer; Mrs. Glenn Foster, 1st Vice President.

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1985 FWIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE -- The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada are holding their annual conference in London all this week. The tenth national convention has the theme 'Women — unlimited potential' and has attracted WI members from across the country. Seen here are (at back, left to right) Bea Reeves, current president elect, from Prince Edward Island, and Bernice Noblitt, president, from Ottawa. In the front are Martha Bielish, senator; Ellen McLean, president of the Associated Country Women of the World, Nova Scotia; and Jennie McInnes, next president elect, Nova Scotia.