

Plan WI's 60th Anniversary Year At District Annual Meeting

Free Press Woodstock Bureau
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ETHEL — Mrs. Frank J. Walters, RR 3, Walton, was elected president of East Huron Women's Institute at their 62nd annual meeting in the United Church. Mrs. Walters succeeds Mrs. Norman MacMurphy, of RR 1, Listowel.

Sixty-five delegates from 11 branches named Mrs. Ross Knight, of RR 2, Brussels, and Mrs. Harry Rhame, Gorrie, vice-presidents, and Mrs. Harold Wallace, Clifford, secretary-treasurer.

Other officers are: Federated representative, Mrs. Elgin Smith, Atwood; alternate, Mrs. Howard Harris, Fordwich; district representative, Mrs. Norman MacMurphy.

Standing committee conveners elected were: Agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. George Hetherington, Bluevale; safety council, Mrs. Torrance Dundas, Walton; citizenship and education, Mrs. Harvey Wright, Wroxeter; home economics and health, Mrs. James Smith, RR 4, Brussels; historical research and current events, Mrs. Milton Fraser, RR 5, Brussels; public relations, Mrs. Gordon Doig, Listowel; resolutions, Mrs. Alvin McDonald, RR 2, Brussels; curator, Miss Emma Johnston, Bluevale; auditors, Mrs. Thomas Burke and Mrs. William Wright, both of Wroxeter.

Speakers for the day included Miss Patricia Damude, Huron County home economist and Mrs. Elgin Smith, FWIO board member.

Annual WI Church Service Held At Trinity, Tavistock

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TAVISTOCK (BHC) — Declaring that Christians will have to learn a new language, gain a new concept of today's problems, and have a greater concern in facing up to this confused world, Rev. Ralph G. Howlett, Paris, issued a challenge to those attending the 16th annual Women's Institute church service, Sunday night, at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The service was attended by representatives of 11 branches of the Women's Institute of the North Oxford and Perth Centre districts, and was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Forrest R. Mosher. Leading in the repeating of the Mary Stewart Collect was Mrs. Conrad Sippel, Shake-

spare branch, and reading the scripture lesson was Mrs. George McBurney of the Braemar branch. Mr. Howlett was introduced by Mrs. LaVerne Reibling of the Princess Elizabeth branch; and Mrs. E. P. Eddy of the Woodstock North branch made courtesy remarks.

The hostess branch was the Anna P. Lewis unit, of which Mrs. Ed Steinacker, Mrs. Eric Bickle, Mrs. Russell Yausie, and Mrs. Harry Wilhelm were the ushers. The offering of the service will go to the retarded children's advanced training centre, Woodstock. It was announced that the 1965 service will be held at Zion EUB Church, Tavistock.

London Area President Reviews Past Examines Present, Future of WI

ST. THOMAS — A Scrooge-like visit to Women's Institutes was conducted by Mrs. L. R. Trivers, Thessalon, provincial WI president, when she addressed the 50th anniversary banquet of London Area WI, at Grace United Church last night.

Just as the spirits allowed Dickens' Mr. Scrooge to view the three Christmases, Mrs. Trivers took an imaginative look at Women's Institutes as they have been, as they are, and as they may be.

She was assisted by Mrs. George Wallace, RR 4, Ingersoll, who showed color slides of area WI activities of the past.

For the picture of WI present, Mrs. Trivers described an institute meeting at Inuvik, Northwest Territories; a seminar in Sarawak; a senior training school in Ontario; a village training institute in India; a 4-H meeting and a "Well-Woman Clinic" run by a British Columbia WI. All are activities sponsored by the WI, locally or through the national and international organization.

Although the only record of Scrooge in Christmas Future

was the inscription on his tombstone, Mrs. Trivers expressed a hope that the record of the WI in future would be more than just a plaque at Stoney Creek or St. George.

"There will still be a place and a need for the WI," Mrs. Trivers said, "and it is our responsibility to see it is there to fill it."

Greetings were extended to the convention by Mayor Vincent A. Barrie; A. V. Langton, department of agriculture, Elgin County; Keith Riddell, department of agriculture, Middlesex County, and Mrs. Ross Johnston, president of Southwestern Area WI.

Don Gray of CFPL-TV entertained with folk-songs, and wedding gowns of the past were modelled.

An award for the best cover design submitted for the area Tweedsmuir History Book went to Mrs. R. G. McBride, Ilderton, and second prize was won by Miss Beth McRann, Clendoye. The design will be hand-tooled on a leather cover for the book.