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 Braemar United Church Women held their Thankoffering meeting at the home of Mrs. Maxwell MacKay. Mrs. John Killing presided and devotions were led by Mrs. Mac Howe. Piano solos were given by Barbara Mrray and Brenda MacKay. Guest speaker Mrs. D. H. Hart was introduced by Mrs. Willard MacKay. Mrs. Hart spoke on Thanksgiving followed by colored slides of Australia, New Zealand and Hong-Kong. Courtesies were extended by Mrs. Alex MacKay. Guest speaker at the November meeting will be Mrs. John Hanley.

**Won Car At Tavistock**  
 Mrs. Marguerite Hammond, Queen Street, St. Marys, was the winner of a 1965-model car at Tavistock Friday night. This is the third time the major award of the annual frolic has been won by a St. Marys resident. In the past, Fairbairn White and Austin Currah, now deceased, won prizes. Oct. 13 1964

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**Call Tenders For E. Zorra Schools**

HICKSON — Tenders will be called early in January for construction of additions to two East Zorra Township schools which will become central schools in September. John E. King, chairman of the East Zorra School Area Board, said the additions to schools at Hickson and Tollgate will give the township three central public schools. The board has one central school, a six-room building at innerkip, in the southeast corner of the township. Eight classrooms and a playground will be added to the three-room school at Hickson and three classrooms and a playroom to the four-room Tollgate school, just north of Woodstock on Highway 59. Hickson is located in the centre of the township, about eight miles north of Woodstock. The estimated cost of the additions was not revealed. The larger schools will eliminate a two - room school at Hickson and the one - room buildings of Cassel school, Dunlop school, Braemar school and SS 15. Completion of the additions is expected in late August. Mr. King said the department of education has approved the project and approval is expected soon from the Ontario Municipal Board. Architects for the additions are Riddle, Connor, Falls and Irvine. Mr. King said enrolment at the three schools next September will be about 850 pupils.



IN OXFORD COUNTY, Women's Institute is divided into three levels. There are 35 branches of the organization in the county, in turn divided into two districts. Mrs. George



Wallace, left, of Ingersoll serves as president of outh Oxford District WI, while Mrs. Wilbur Lawrence of Embro, centre, is president of North Oxford District. At the



county level the two districts unite to form the Oxford County Conference WI of which Mrs. E. E. Hicks of Tillsonburg, right, is serving as chairman for a second year.

# Women's Institute Branches In Oxford County Total 35

Women's Institute branches, part of a world-wide organization for rural women, are well represented in Oxford County. There is a total of 35 branches in Oxford stretching to the extreme borders east, west, north and south.

At the world level the organization is known as the Associated Country Women of the World and is recognized as the largest women's organization in the world.

WIs are active in Canada, United States, Norway, Holland, Sweden, Finland, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Denmark, France, Switzerland, Belgium, Italy, Germany, India, Pakistan, Ghana, Kenya, the

branches are divided into two districts — the North District made up of 17 branches and the 18-branch South District.

Mrs. Wilbur Lawrence of Embro is president this year of Oxford North District and Mrs. George Wallace of Ingersoll is serving in 1965 as president of South Oxford District.

Annually the two districts convene for a special Oxford County WI Conference and for 1965 Mrs. E. E. Hicks of Tillsonburg serves as chairman for the Conference WI.

"For Home and Country" is the motto of Institutes throughout the world and in Ontario the official WI magazine is appropriately called Home and Country. At the national level the publication has been named Federated News.

Oxford County WI Branches are members of London Area which embraces all WIs in Oxford, Elgin, South and West Huron, Middlesex and South Perth Counties.

Organized primarily as a common meeting place where rural women could convene for social reasons and to discuss common problems, WI today reaches out toward world-wide problems. Along with interests in keeping with the motto "Home and Country" members take an active interest in education at home and abroad, teach special handicrafts through close association with the Department of Agriculture and sponsor special 4-H Homemaking clubs where girls in their teens are given practical instruction through special courses in cooking and sewing.

Many branches sponsor children in under-privileged countries through the Canadian Save the Children Fund and all branches take an avid interest in preserving the history of their communities. To do this each branch keeps an up-to-date scrap book named a "Tweedsmuir History."

