

Oxford North W.I. Sponsoring Foster Child

The 76th District Annual Meeting of the Oxford North Women's Institute was held at Hickson United Church on May 26. The theme of this year's meeting was "Strength through Disability".

Registration was the responsibility of the Lakeside branch.

The president of Oxford North, Mrs. John Richardson opened the meeting with the repeating of the Institute Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect. The flag was presented by Hickson W.I. Brooksdale Institute led a brief but meaningful memorial service.

Mrs. Willis Matheson, Provincial Board member, ratified the District Directors.

It was reported that the District is sponsoring a 14-year-old foster child in Kenya, that Erland Lee Week is June 1-5 and that on June 7 at the Ontario Agricultural Museum, a likeness of Adelaide Hoodless will be unveiled.

There are various scholarships and awards available including 20 Mac Donalds' College awards, two Helen McKercher scholarships and three International Scholarships. The International Scholarships were awarded to three nursing students from Sierra Leone, Zambia and India.

A report was given by Mrs. Bea Gosselin, home economist for Oxford County. She stated that there were 500 4-H members in Oxford County and 96 leaders.

The 1981-82 clubs will be Ready, Get Set, Sew, Bread Making and Outdoor Living. For adults there will be a quilts workshop and a half day seminar on Simple Home Repairs.

A representative from Agri-Crew was present to explain their summer work program. Crews of four young people are available to do farm work on a one to five day basis until August 15.

Reports from the Officers'

Conference and from the Standing Committees were received.

In her president's address, Mrs. Richardson urged the delegates to remember the theme of the session and to reassess their attitudes toward the mentally disabled and the elderly.

As a project for the Year of the Handicapped, the branches of Oxford North are planning to purchase a hydraulic chair lift for use in the swimming therapy program at Woodingford Lodge.

The new executive was installed by Mrs. Gordon

Papple London Area President. The new District President is Mrs. Bert Drenth of RR 3 Embro.

One resolution regarding heavier fines for drivers convicted of impaired driving was passed.

A recommendation from

Woodstock North Branch regarding solid waste disposal in Oxford County was also passed. Individual branches are encouraged to discuss their own local concerns in this area.

The 1982 District Annual will be hosted by Brown's Institute.

Browns Corners *May 6, 1981*

Friends and neighbours gathered in Brown's School last Friday night to honour newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Heeswyk Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Smith.

The evening opened with a few hands of euchre.

The prizes were won by Frank Reitmeyer, John Muir and Carl Clumpe.

Chester West made a good M.C. The couples were called to the front and the ladies were presented with corsages. Michelle West read a humorous reading.

The address for Mr. and Mrs. Taylor was read by John Muir and he presented them with a gift of money.

Sandy McKay gave a reading for Mr. and Mrs. Van Heeswyk and presented them with a gift of money.

John Beavers read the address for Mr. and Mrs. Smith and presented them with a card table and chairs plus a gift of money.

The evening closed singing "For They are all Jolly Good Fellows" and a delicious lunch was served.



THE JOURNAL-ARGUS held a luncheon for its correspondents at St. Marys Presbyterian Church Friday. Among those who attended were Mrs. Florence Bowman (left front) of Fullarton, Mrs. Walter Hotson of Avonbank, Mrs. Jack Lindsay of Motherwell, Mrs. Victor Smith of Bryanston, Mrs. Roger Trudgeon of Ebenezer, Mrs. James Wells of

New Eden, Walter MacDougald (left rear) of Fullarton Township, Mrs. Ross McIntosh of Carlingford, Mrs. Reg Harris of Browns Corners, Mrs. Clarence Lewis of Granton, Mrs. James Morrison of Lakeside, Mrs. Sandra Squire of Kintore, Mrs. Jack Wiles of Anderson and Jim Hagar of Mitchell. (Staff Photo)

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