

# Institutes Gather From Area

By Florence Bowman

Over 400 members of Women's Institutes of the London Area gathered in the St. Marys and District Community Centre for the opening day on Thursday of the two-day convention.

Mrs. Gordon Papple of RR 5 Seaforth, London Area President, welcomed the delegates to the convention. In her address, Mrs. Papple spoke on the theme of the meeting, Let Us Take Time for All People, and urged the members to continue to do little things to help the disabled which will result in big things being done. Mrs. Papple was presented with a corsage by members of her

Seaforth Branch of the W.I. Mrs. Fred Arthur of St. Marys, secretary for the convention read the minutes of the 1980 convention and the correspondence.

Mrs. Keith Hiepleh of RR 2 Springfield, Past President of the London Area and now President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, announced the winners of the Helen McKercher scholarships as Ann Marie McHugh and Joyce Canning.

She also announced a party being planned to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the first W.I. in the world, to take place Aug. 12

at the Constellation Hotel in Toronto.

The F.W.I.C. convention will take place in Fredericton, N.B., from June 13-17. Projects for the coming year for the F.W.I.C. are support for present projects and for each branch to try to increase their membership by at least one new member.

A report of the Erland Lee Home was given by Mrs. Robert Weber of Bloomingdale.

An in memoriam service was conducted by the Plattsville W.I.

For the Thursday afternoon session, Mrs. Joe Reilly of RR 5 Mt. Brydges

was chairman. Home economists Nancy Ross, Jane Muegge and Grace Witting of Perth, Huron and Middlesex Counties gave a presentation on quilting, fashions for this year and new products available to the consumer.

Mrs. Marilyn Heywood of RR 6 St. Marys of the St. Marys and District Mentally Retarded Association spoke on education for the mentally retarded and showed a film, Exploding the Myths.

A demonstration of flower arranging was given by Mrs. John Hawkesworth and Mrs. Edythe Howe of Brown's W.I.

Reports were given by P.R.O., Mrs. Wesley Bradnock of Auburn, curator Mrs. Herb Jackson of Fingal, Mrs. Wallace Laidlaw for the Western Fair Association and by Mrs. Calvin Carmichael for War Memorial Hospital.

At the banquet on Thursday evening, St. Marys Mayor Dick MacPherson brought greetings from the Town of St. Marys. The presidents from Guelph, South Western Area and Grey-Bruce brought greetings. Music was supplied by Miss Debbie MacLeod and

Mrs. Kevin Fraser. Maryn Pardy scholarships were presented to Sonja MacLeod of RR 2 Thamesford and Terry Brintnell of RR 1 Granton.

The guest speaker, Elaine Townsend, columnist, spoke on the handicapped person

and the labels that society puts on the disabled person. She asked the question as to whom is the disabled person.

The Friday sessions were devoted to hearing further reports from the standing committees, voting on by-

laws and resolutions and the election of officers.

Miss Molly McGhee, director of the home economics branch, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, spoke on Problems of the Future and suggested ways W.I. members can help resolve

them.

A resolution dealing with a request for a stamp honouring Adelaide Hoodless, co-founder of W.I.'s, was upheld.

Song leader and accompanist for the two days were Mrs. Clarence Tate and Mrs. Ray Slater.

Results of election of officers for 1981-82 year were as follows:

Past President Mrs. Keith Hiepleh, RR 2 Springfield; President Mrs. Gordon Papple, RR 5 Seaforth; 1st V. Pres. Mrs. Joe Reilly, RR 5 Mt. Brydges; 2nd V. Pres. Mrs. Clarence Lewis, Granton; Secretary Mrs. Fred Arthur, 41 Sparling Cres. St. Marys; Treas. Mrs. Ray Cross RR 2 Thorndale; Public Relations Officer Mrs. Wesley Bradnock, Auburn; Provincial Board Directors - Subdivision 21, Mrs. Eric Mollard, RR 8 Parkhill; Subdivision 22, Mrs. Russell Campbell, RR 1 Iona Station; Subdivision 23, Mrs. Willia Matheson, RR 3 Embro; Alternate Board Directors - Subdivision 21, Mrs. Evelyn Varley, Komoka; Subdivision 22, Mrs. Garnet Cowell, RR 2 Dutton; Subdivision 23, Mrs. Archie Armour, RR 2

Thamesford; Standing Committee Conveners - Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. Harold Thiel, RR 2 Mitchell; Citizenship and World Affairs, Mrs. Mabel Watson, Box 23 Parkhill; Education and Cultural Affairs, Mrs. Don Pettigrew, RR 1 Otterville; Family and Consumer Affairs, Mrs. William Spence, RR 6 St. Marys; Resolutions, Mrs. Lillian White, 27 King St., Apt. 2 Tillsonburg; Tweedsmuir History Curator, Mrs. Herb Jackson, Fingal; Assistant Tweedsmuir Curator, Mrs. Roy Ross, RR 2 Thamesford; Auditors, Mrs. Edmund Wills, RR 2 Thorndale and Mrs. Lloyd Elliott Thorndale; By Appointment - War Memorial Hospital, Mrs. Calvin Carmichael, RR 3 Ilderton; Western Fair Association - Mrs. Wallace Laidlaw RR 7 London, Mrs. Duncan Fletcher, RR 1 Ilderton and Mrs. Allan Woods, RR 2 Thorndale.

The hostess district was Oxford North. The area Convention next year will be in the St. Marys Community Centre again with Huron South and West as hostesses. The dates are expected to be Oct. 27-28.



**MAYOR DICK MacPHERSON** helps adjust the microphone for Elaine Townsend of Clinton at the 67th annual convention of the London Area Women's Institutes at the St. Marys Area Arena and Community Centre Thursday. Miss Townsend, the guest speaker at the convention's banquet, spoke on the handicapped. (Staff Photo)

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