

# New executive for Oxford District WI

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What a remarkable woman - Adelaide Hunter Hoodless - a pioneer of domestic science and an inspiration for millions around the world. Karen Richardson of Adelaide Hoodless Homestead in St. George spoke about Addie - her early years as a young girl, her marriage and family, her ambitions, and her campaign for domestic science. Adelaide is well known for the formation of the Women's Institute, MacDonald Institute (now part of the University of Guelph) and the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Richardson was the keynote speaker at the 104th Oxford District Annual meeting held at the Knox United Church in Embro on May 23.

President Ilene Chesterman chaired the meeting. Tweedsmuir Curator Margaret Lee, Ag in the Classroom Kits - Sheila Greason, Farm Safety - Norma Howe, Advocacy Coordinator - Louise Baird and Rose Coordinator - Linda Hammond gave three-minute reports of their activities over the

year.

Marlene Archer, London Area voting delegate encourage members to attend the quilt show in Barrie and mention that donations of items for the Erland Lee Homestead Gift Shop are still needed.

London Area Tweedsmuir History Workshop will be held on Tues., Aug. 7 at the Thorndale Community Centre with speakers on the Quakers in our area and from the Fanshawe Pioneer Village.

A piece of sad news - Salford Women's Institute has disbanded.

London Area President Anne Innes conducted the elections and installations of officers. Past president - Ilene Chesterman, President - Carol Innes, 1st Vice - Sheila Greason, 2nd Vice - Liz Harrison, 3rd Vice - Margaret Ogar, Secretary - Vivian McDonald, Treasurer - Sharryn Sharples, Tweedsmuir History Curators - Joyce Ecker and Sheila Greason, Public Relations - Frances Rutherford and Ruth Skillings, Advocacy - Louise Baird, Co-Rose Coordinators - Anne Roxborough and Sheila Greason and Farm Safety Rep. - Norma Howe.



**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:** The new executive for the Oxford District Women's Institute was installed at the annual meeting recently in Embro. From left to right are Past President Ilene Chesterman (Jean Brumpton), second vice Liz Harrison (Browns), secretary Vivian McDonald (Lakeside), President Carol Innes (Brooksdale) and treasurer Sharryn Sharples (Braemar). (Laura Green photo)

Browns Women's Institute's euchre night was Feb. 28 and the winners were as follows: Men's High, Terry Barber; Men's Lone Hands, Earnest Oliver; Men's Low, Margaret, playing as a man; and door prize, George McLellan. Ladies' High, Audrey Somers; Ladies' Lone Hands, Irene Felkar; Ladies' Low, Sharon Ward. The next happy euchre evening is March 13.

The Browns Women's Institute held their regular monthly meeting at Browns School with a good attendance. Business was conducted by president Evelyn Douglas. The Mary Stewart Collect was repeated and the Institute Ode was sung. Updates were given on the Day Away, Health Fair, Western Fair Display, the Provincial Workshops and the Provincial Competitions.

The program had been prepared by Liz Harrison, Irene Richardson, Joyce West and Judy Taylor and it was a birthday party to celebrate the 111th anniversary of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. A display of Women's Institute memorabilia was featured. The minutes of the first Women's Institute meeting, held in Stoney Creek on February 19, 1897, were read. Facts about Adelaide Hoodless were shared.

The organization spread to Great Britain in 1915 and then developed into the Associated Country Women of the World. The Sandringham Branch involves the Queen and other members of the Royal Family. A contest involving the accomplishments of the Women's Institutes was won by Ruth Gill and Evelyn Arthur. In the final comments, Irene Richardson shared what Women's Institute had meant to her. Knowledge of parliamentary procedure, increased self confidence and the ability to express one's self in the public were only a few.

The roll call was to tell about your first women's institute meeting. Pennies for Friendship was one penny for every year you have been a member. A tasty lunch of fancy sandwiches, birthday cake (made by Tina Claerbout Arthur) and hot apple cider was enjoyed. Courtesy remarks were given by Carol Miller.

Browns Euchre Night was February 14 on Valentine's Day. Winners were as follows: Ladies High, Bell Oliver; Ladies' Lone Hands, Carol Herbert; Ladies' Low, Betty Barons. Men's High, Earnest Oliver; Men's Lone Hands, John MacDonald; Men's Low, Terry Barber. Door prizes were won by Jean Sims and Allan Sims.

## Flower arranging made easy



Inside Chambers United Church in Kintore Feb. 16 one would think that spring arrived early, as fresh tulips and daffodils greeted participants of the "Away for a Day" educational seminar sponsored by Oxford District Women's Institute. Anna Peterson from the St. Marys Horticultural Society was the morning's guest speaker, who - with 30 years of floral design experience - demonstrated simple arrangements using spring flowers such as tulips and daffodils. She also gave many tips for promoting a longer life of a bloom. Above, getting a closer look at the floral designs made by Peterson (right) are Evelyn Douglas, Browns Women's Institute; Margaret Ogar, Lakeside Women's Institute; and Lynn Worte from St. Marys.