

London Area Institutes Attend Convention



THE 68th ANNUAL CONVENTION of London Area Women's Institute was held at the St. Marys Community Centre last week. The picture shows, from left front: Mary Reily, new president of the LAWI, treasurer Marlyn Cross, PRO Eleanor Bradnock. Back: past president Ruth Papple, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario Janet Hiepleh, and secretary of LAWI Margaret Arthur of St. Marys. (Staff Photo)

New officers for 1983 are:
Past President - Mrs. Gordon Papple of RR 5, Seaforth; President - Mrs. Joe Reilly of RR 5, Mount Brydges, 1st Vice-President - Mrs. Clarence Lewis of Granton; 2nd Vice-President - Mrs. Jack Richardson of RR 4 St. Marys, Secretary - Mrs. Fred Arthur of St. Marys; Treasurer - Mrs. Ray Cross of RR 2 Thornedale; Public Relations Officer - Mrs. Wesley Bradnock of Auburn.

Provincial Board Directors: Subdivision 21 - Mrs. Eric Mollard of RR 8, Parkhill; 22 - Mrs. Russell

Mrs. Austin Zoeller, former editor of the Women's Institute magazine, Home and Country was guest speaker at the banquet on Wednesday evening and urged members to appreciate the past contributions, but to realize we have matters today to be concerned about.

She urged members to make the W.I. a strong voice for rural Ontario. "If we want change we must have initiative and a desire for change", said Mrs. Zoeller.

During the program that followed the banquet, scholarships were awarded to Betty Yangeleuken of the Thorndale Homemaking Club; Debbie Craig of the Huron West Club and Brenda Csonto of Oxford South. The Stonetown entertainers delighted the audience with their singing and skits.

Under the theme, Therapy of Kindness, the London Area W.I. held their 68th annual convention this year in the St. Marys Arena and Community Centre, with 468 registered.

Mrs. Gordon Papple, RR 5, Seaforth, President of London Area, suggested members make three resolutions - to speak kindly words, to be very cheerful

and to do some kindly deeds and lend a helping hand.

Mrs. Keith Hiepleh, RR 2 Springfield, Past Pres. of London Area and now President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario brought greetings from the Provincial Board and told the responsibilities of Board Directors.

She reported that three \$1,200 scholarships had been presented during the year to graduates of Home Economic courses, who are furthering their education.

They are Anne Kennedy of Windsor and Leslie Ennos of Toronto, both now studying at the University of Toronto and Donna Clark of Markdale now studying at Laurier University. She also spoke of the A.C.W.W. meeting which will be held in 1983 in Vancouver.

Mrs. George Reist, speaking for the Erland Lee home, announced that Christmas at the Lee will be held Dec. 1 and 2. A cheque for \$150 from the West Oxford W.I. for the Erland Lee Home was presented by Mrs. Leonard Caffyn. A \$100 cheque for the Nutrition Education Fund, this money raised through their maple syrup festival.

A report by Amber Gib-

bons of the Rural Organizations and Services Branch of The Ontario Government outlined the new organization's role in working with rural folk. She mentioned

that applications are being accepted for the position of editor for the Home and Country magazine.

Entertainment was provided during the morning by

members of the Auburn W.I. singing a song about Adelaide Hoodless and the founding of the W.I.

Mrs. Calvin Carmichael of RR 3 Ilderton, who represents the London Area W.I. on the War Memorial Children's Hospital Auxiliary, reported that \$600 worth of gifts and toys were made for the patients.

On Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. a bazaar will be held in Wellington Square to raise money to help with the work of the auxiliary. South Lobo W.I. had made about 60 items to donate.

Home economists, Bonny Wilson of Elgin County and Bea Gosselin of Oxford County taught ways of involving people in social recreation. Reports were given by Mrs. Wesley Bradnock, Public Relations Officer; Mrs. Herb Jackson, Curator and Mrs. Wallace Laidlaw for the Western Fair Association.

In the Thursday morning session, Miss Molly McGhee, Director of the Home Economics Branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food reported the death of Miss Florence Eadie of Toronto at the age of 89; she had been a former Director of the Home Economics Branch

Campbell of RR 1 Iona Station; 23 - Mrs. John Templeman of RR 1 Staffa.

Alternate Board Directors: Subdivision 21 - Mrs. Evelyn Varley of RR 3, Komoka; 22 - Mrs. Garnet Cowell of RR 1 Dutton; 23 - Mrs. Robert Ratcliffe of RR 1 St. Marys.

Standing Committee Conveners: Agriculture and Canadian Industries - Mrs. Harold Thiel of RR 2 Mitchell; Citizenship and World Affairs - Mrs. Mabel Watson of Box 23, Parkhill; Education and Cultural Activities - Mrs. Don Pettigrew of RR 1 Otterville; Family and Consumer Affairs - Mrs. William Spence of RR 6 St. Marys; Resolutions - Mrs. Lillian White, 315 Southercrest Drive in London; Tweedsmuir History Curator - Mrs. Roy Ross of RR 2 Thames-

ford; Assistant Curator - Mrs. Donald Vicary of RR 3 Shedden; Auditors - Mrs. Edmund Wills of RR 2 Thorndale and Mrs. Lloyd Elliott of Thorndale.

By Appointment: War Memorial Children's Hospital - Mrs. Calvin Carmichael of RR 3 Ilderton; Western Fair Association - Mrs. Wallace Laidlaw of RR 7, London, Mrs. Duncan Fletcher of RR 1 Ilderton and Mrs. Allan Woods of Thornedale.