

# W.I. members attend London area convention



THE EXECUTIVE OF THE LONDON AREA WOMEN'S INSTITUTES posed for this photograph during a break in the annual convention held Thursday and Friday in St. Marys. From left, front, treasurer Alice Porter, president Ilene Richardson, provincial director Marian Dougall; back, program coordinator Grace Campbell, secretary Marie McGuffin, 2nd. vice-president Hilde Morden, asst. secretary Shirley Bechard, F.W.I.O. president Margaret Munro, past president Muriel Lewis, PRO Ilene Chesterman.



MARGARET MUNRO, centre, president to the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, makes her way into the St. Marys community centre as the doors are held open for her by London Area W. I. president Ilene Richardson, left, Grace Campbell and Ilene Chesterman. The London Area Women's Institute held its 73rd annual convention Oct. 15 and 16.

**London Area W.I. Convention**  
The 73rd annual convention of the London Area Women's Institutes was held on October 15 and 16 at the St. Marys Community Centre with over 300 people in attendance.  
In keeping with International Year

of Shelter for the Homeless, the program theme was Sharing and Caring. The guest speaker, Salvation Army Major Paul Murray of Toronto, told of the sharing and caring carried out at the Army's hostel in that city.

F.W.I. Ontario president Margaret Munro from Carp, near Ottawa, updated and explained various program changes in her message.

Three resolutions were sustained which will be sent on to the provincial level, regarding the screening of immigrants for AIDS.

Included are special transportation needs for the disabled in rural areas and that the Assistive Devices program be extended to service all disabled people regardless of age.

Maryn Pardy Scholarship winners were: Catherine Sutherland for Middlesex County, Susan Moodie, South Oxford and Heather Gillett of North Oxford.

A 90th anniversary scholarship was presented to teacher Mary Alice Roth of North Oxford.

Entertainment at the banquet was provided by the Vocal Dimensions from Mitchell District High School. Greetings were brought from St. Marys Mayor Gerry Teahen and guests from the south western, Guelph and Grey Bruce areas.

The meeting was chaired by president Irene Richardson, assisted by second vice Hilda Morden. The south Perth Hostess District president Helen Sinclair welcomed everyone.

The Rural Organizations and Services Specialists from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food illustrated team work in a presentation, Come Fly With Us, Aim High Flight 87.

Motherwell W.I. entertained on Thursday afternoon with a humorous skit entitled Today in Perth County, when three farmer's wives were interviewed in respect to their roles on the farm.

New business involved a motion to consider a one-day convention and a new bylaw that the minutes be read and approved at an executive meeting.

Next year's convention will be held October 13 and 14 with Elgin County Women's Institutes as hostesses, location to be decided later.

The 1987-88 slate of officers is as follows: past president, Muriel Lewis, president Irene Richardson, first vice, Laurine McIntosh, second vice Hilda Morden, secretary Marie McGuffin, assistant Shirley Bechard, treasurer Alice Porter, public relations officer Ilene Chesterman, and assistant Dolores Shapton.

Provincial board directors are Fran Hyatt, Betty Walter and Marion Dougall, program co-ordinator Grace Campbell, resolutions Muriel Lewis, history curator Catherine Ross, children's hospital Winnie Wilson and Western Fair Association, Marian Fletcher, Marion Woods and Mary Laidlaw.

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