

# Bruce Centre District Women's Institute

The Allenford Women's Institute members welcomed the Bruce Centre District Women's Institute to the Allenford United Church for the Twentieth Annual Meeting. Miss Carol Baux was the Song Leader and Mrs. Harold Foreman pianist for the singsong. Mrs. Geo. Pollock, President presided for the opening Ode & Mary Stewart Collect. Mr. Courtney welcomed the Ladies and Mrs. Richard Fenton thanked Mr. Courtney for his good wishes. Mrs. Harry Kennedy, secretary-treasurer read the minutes of the last Annual and the District Director's meeting. Provincial Board Director, Mrs. Graham Chambers ratified the District Directors of the 12 branches. Mrs. Pollock spoke on the theme 'Let's aim to make the work of our Women's Institute better known in our District'. Miss Barbara Devisscher, Home Economist spoke on the 4-H and said the project 'Let's bake bread' had hit and all time high in completions. The coming project is 'Clothes for Leisure'. There were 79 ladies attended the 'More about nutrition' evening held at Hepworth. Mrs. Maurice Gowanlock reported on the Officer's Conference held in University of Waterloo and thanked the District for sending her as the District P.R.O. Arkwright branch put on a skit 'Hiring a Housekeeper' which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The conveners gave one highlight of their reports - Agriculture - Gardening; Citizenship - The eyes of the world are on Canada this year because of the Olympics; Education - Review of Women's Institute organization, badges, etc.; Family & Consumer Affairs - Many talks and quizzes on the Metric system; Resolutions - What you approve or disapprove of in advertisements. All had 100% reporting. Mrs. Steeves of Port Elgin asked permission to speak and asked for volunteers as guides at the Nodwell Indian site. Mrs. Earl Busch reported on the Bruce County Tartan and asked the branches to decide whether they wished to be repaid the \$1.00 per member they had loaned the Tartan Committee. Bruce County council has been repaid their loan.

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the improvements made at the Erland Lee Home. The importance of the Pennies for Friendship. Quilt blocks are to be sent to the Erland Lee Home with all directions to be sold. Mrs. P. B. Ford of Port Elgin sang two delightful solos accompanied by Mrs. Stelling. Mrs. H. Foreman gave the Curator's Report. Mrs. Gowanlock spoke on the Hobby Fair and hours for assistants at the Bake Table were given. Mrs. Geo. MacAulay of the Museum Committee reported on the branches who are to do crafts at the Museum. The new museum is to open June 17th. The Roll Call was answered by 'An amusing incident at a W.I. meeting and the donation of 'Pennies for Friendship'. Mrs. Coyne, Rally Chairman announced the date for the Rally is October 21st at Underwood Community Centre with the theme 'The gift of laughter'. Mrs. Pollock introduced the new President, Mrs. Harold Simpson. Mrs. Harvey Weppler presented Mrs. Pollock with a gift in appreciation of her two years as President. West Arran branch gave the Courtesy remarks and the meeting of 105 ladies came to a close.

## The slate of Officers and Conveners for 1976-1977

Past President, Mrs. Geo. Pollock, R.R.5 Paisley; President, Mrs. Harold Simpson, R.R.2 Tara; 1st Vice Pres., Mrs. Harvey Weppler, R.R.2 Port Elgin; 2nd Vice Pres., Mrs. P.B. Ford, Box 394 Port Elgin; 3rd Vice Pres., Mrs. Borden Fenton, R.R.3 Allenford; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Morris McVittie, R.R.1 Southampton; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Clarence Faust, R.R.2 Port Elgin; P.R.O., Mrs. Maurice Gowanlock, R.R.1; Assistant P.R.O., Mrs. Arnold Misch, R.R.1 Dobbinton; Tweedsmuir Curator, Mrs. Harold Foreman, Allenford; Assist. Curator, Mrs. Chris Beatty, R.R.2 Allenford; Federated Representative, Mrs. Harold Wolfe, Dobbinton; Alternate, Mrs. Allan Crawford, R.R.1 Southampton.

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Mrs. Pollock welcomed the guests. Mrs. Miskie, President of Bruce South brought greetings and a verse 'Just a little more'. She introduced her secretary, Mrs. McKay; Mrs. A. Klages brought greetings from Bruce North; Mrs. Ireland, President of Bruce South introduced her secretary, Mrs. Maiden and read a poem 'You are richer to-day than you were yesterday if'.

A delicious salad plate with pie and beverage was served by the ladies of the United Church. During the lunch hour, the ladies visited the Bruce County Tartan table where many attractive pieces of jewellery and the new cups and saucers and other mugs, pitchers etc. were for sale. The Tweedsmuir District book was on display and Mrs. Chambers had a display of Women's Institute magazines and articles.

The afternoon session opened with Sing Along. Mrs. Harold McArthur of Mount Hope branch gave the In Memoriam, Scripture by Mrs. Huber of Southampton and Prayer by Mrs. Kent Lamont of South Saugeen branch. Mrs. Graham Chambers presided over the Election of Officer's and gave her Provincial report. She spoke of

## With the Institutes

The Grey-Bruce Womens Institute area board meeting was held in Geneva Presbyterian church, Chesley on June 7.

The president, Mrs. C. Sutcliffe opened the meeting with the repeating of the Ode and Mary Stewart collect.

Roll call was answered by all present giving their name and office held.

Final plans were completed for the area convention to be held in Geneva Presbyterian church, November 15 and 16.

Each branch is responsible for \$3.00 donation to be brought to the convention.

A number of ladies from the Grey-Bruce area will be attending the National Convention in Charlottown Prince Edward Is-

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Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. Jack Mewhinney, R.R.2 Paisley; Citizenship & World Affairs, Mrs. Jack Gingrich, R.R.1 Southampton; Education & Cultural Activities, Mrs. Geo. McCarrell R.R.1 Port Elgin; Family & Consumer Affairs, Mrs. Roswell Smith, R.R.1 Allenford; Resolutions, Mrs. Wesley Nelson, Box 132 Port Elgin; Scholarship, Mrs. Harold Simpson, R.R.2 Tara; Alternate, Mrs. Gordon Monkman, R.R.1 Dobbinton; Museum, Mrs. Geo. MacAulay, Southampton; Bruce County Tartan, Mrs. John MacKenzie, R.R.3 Tiverton; Alternate, Mrs. Jack Ribey, Paisley; Rally Third Vice Chairman, Mrs. Richard Fenton, R.R.1 Port Elgin; Nominations, Mrs. Goe. Pollock, Mrs. Harold Wolfe, Mrs. Borden Fenton; Hobby and Craft Fair, Mrs. Maurice Gowanlock, Mrs. Harold McArthur, Mrs. Richard Fenton; and Auditors, Mrs. L. Broadfoot and Mrs. R. McKeen.

land June 20 to 24.

Mrs. Herb Maluske, president of Federated Womens Institute of Ontario will be a guest on Bill Thomsons "Open Line" on C.F.O.S. Owen Sound July 6, 9:15 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Meeting closed with singing of hymn of all nations.