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Mrs. Gemmill VI president

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Mrs. Francis Gemmill returned as president of the Grey-Bruce area Women's Institute at the 19th annual convention in Durham. The two-day convention concluded Tuesday afternoon.

Other officers include first-president, Mrs. C.O. McLiffie, Desboro; vice-presidents, Mrs. Kenneth Spence, Leith, Mrs. Harold Arthur, Dobbinton and Mrs. E.G. Urstadt, Owen Sound; secretary, Mrs. Janet Grieve, RR 2 Port Elgin; assistant, Mrs. James Meaford, Box 1638 Meaford; treasurer, Mrs. Orland McGwood, Hanover; public relations officer, Mrs. Morris Rennie, RR 1 Meaford; assistant, Mrs. Ann Whitney, RR 2 Holland Centre.

RR 2 Paisley is the alternate.

The report of the standing committee conveners was presented in the form of a debate.

Registration for the two-day convention totalled 731 with Grey Centre district winning this year's attendance award. Both Bruce Centre and Grey Centre had all delegates in attendance. There were 57 Grey Centre visitors and 43 Bruce Centre visitors. The award was presented by Mrs. Marie Klages.

Mrs. Francis Gemmill was chairman for the morning session and Mrs. Harold McArthur was chairman in the afternoon.

Roll call was answered with a \$3 donation from each branch in lieu of a craft table.

Conveners' displays, Tweedsmuir Histories and Bruce County tartan display were set up for the benefit of delegates.

The 1978 convention will be held in Southampton October 11 and 12.

Mrs. Clarence Coxon was song-leader for the two-day convention and Mrs. George Maluske was pianist.

Standing committee conveners are agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. Carl Rourke, RR 1 Elppworth; citizenship and world affairs, Mrs. Kenneth B. Taylor, RR 1 Elppworth; education and cultural activities, Mrs. Richard Fidler, Holstein; family and consumer affairs, Mrs. Robert Christ, RR 5 Lucknow; solutions, Mrs. James Meaford, Box 1085 Meaford; Tweedsmuir History curator, Mrs. Percy Radbourne, Owen Sound; assistant, Mrs. Victor Fenton, RR 3 Wingham.

The auditors are Mrs. Frances Milligan and Mrs. Margaret Sharpe both of Durham.

Concluding her term as president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario is Mrs. Herb Maluske who conducted the election and installation of officers.

Mrs. Ken Spence was elected board director of subdivision 15 with Mrs. Carman Hamill the alternate. Mrs. Richard Fenton RR 1 Port Elgin was acclaimed board director of sub-division 16 with Mrs. Harold Wolfe, RR 1 Dobbinton the alternate. Mrs. William Middleton, Box 569 Chesley is board director of subdivision 17 and Mrs. George Woelfle,



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WI REGISTRATION — The registration desk at 19th annual Women's Institute convention at Knox United Church in Durham was busy Monday. Left to right are: Mrs. Carl Klages, registration, Desboro;

Mrs. E. G. Urstadt, Owen Sound; Mrs. H. McArthur, Dobbinton; Mrs. Ken Spence, Leith; and Mrs. Francis Gemmill, president, Ripley.

Have pride, WIs told

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DURHAM — "We can look back with pride on the achievements of the Women's Institute. Some said it would never last, but it has. No other group has such far reaching association around the world," Mrs. Francis Gemmill, president, told 380 delegates and visitors to the 19th annual Grey-Bruce Area Women's Institute convention.

The two day convention, held in Knox United Church, Durham opened Monday morning.

"The Women's Institute was founded in 1897, as an educational organization, by Adelaide Hoodless and

reality of," said Mrs. Gemmill.

Reflecting on the successes of the Women's Institute Mrs. Gemmill said, "These didn't happen by chance. Women of great talent and vision had dreams that there were places for women in the scheme of things."

She challenged members, in 1977, to take a stand on issues including strengthening the family unit and pornography.

Mrs. Gemmill touched on the past, present and future of Women's Institute. "Our future depends on new ideas and dreams," she said. In conclusion she quoted the words of the late John F.

not?" The theme of the two day convention was, "Our dreams take on a softer glow as the years roll back to long ago." This year marks the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute.

The past, present and future, with costumes for each era, were reviewed by Mrs. June Sparling, Mrs. Graham Chambers and Mrs. William Middleton, Federated Women's Institute of Ontario board directors.

Songs of a bygone era were led by Mrs. Clarence Coxon with Mrs. George Maluske the pianist.

The welcome, in poem

host church, brought greetings.

The morning session was conducted by Mrs. Francis Gemmill with Mrs. Kenneth Spence, first vice-president, conducting the afternoon session. Guests were welcomed from Guelph and Simcoe districts.

Mrs. Percy Radbourne presented the Tweedsmuir curator's report. The junior institute report was given by Linda Tottenham, North Grey Junior Women's Institute. The organization was chartered in Nov. 1974 with 10 members and now has a membership of 31.

Diane McCormick took the delegates on an

these things they would never be done. You have to make the time.