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Mrs. William Middleton, Paisley, at left, and Mrs. Henderson Leggett, Underwood, right, were presented with framed certificates to mark five years as club leaders, from the Canadian Council of 4-H Clubs.

WI in Britain Celebrates Its Golden Jubilee

LONDON (CP) — More than 500,000 women are celebrating the golden jubilee in Britain of the Women's Institute, a society for rural friendship and education that originated in Canada.

The National Federation of Women's Institutes here began its birthday party when the Duchess of Gloucester, the Queen's aunt, opened an exhibition in London on "the country-woman today."

Queen Mother Elizabeth, like the other female members of the Royal Family, a WI member, will attend the first day of the British federation's annual meeting at Royal Albert Hall today.

Celebrations reach a climax next Monday when representatives of each of the 8,717 British institutes will attend a garden party given by the Queen at Buckingham Palace.

The first Women's Institute was founded in 1897 at Stoney Creek, Ont., by Adelaide Hoodless, who conceived the idea of a society of mutual help and instruction among isolated farm wives.

The WI came to Britain in 1915 when a group was organized in the Welsh community that claims the longest name in the world at 58 letters—Llanfair PG for short.

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NEW OFFICERS OF BRUCE CENTRE W.I. — The ninth annual meeting of the Bruce Centre District Women's Institute was held Tuesday at Allenford United Church. New officers are shown here. Left to right are Mrs. Harold

McArthur, president, Dobbinton; Mrs. Harvey Sparks, secretary-treasurer, Tiverton; Mrs. Donald McKay, past president, Tiverton; Mrs. Earl Busch, first vice, Southampton; and Mrs. Harry Kennedy, third vice, Tara.

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ACWW re-elect Mrs. Rand

Elizabeth Rand of Nova Scotia was re-elected vice president of the Associated Country Women of the World at their triennial conference in Dublin, Ireland, in September.

Her election for the second term was unopposed.

She was one of about 150 women in the Canadian delegation. Led by Mrs. J. Philip Matheson, it was the largest group Canada has ever sent to an ACWW conference.

Mrs. Matheson is national president of the Federation of Women's Institutes of Canada.

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