

PAISLEY W. I. MEETS

The Paisley branch of the Women's Institute met on April 20th, with a good attendance. After the customary opening, Mrs. Orville McLean read the Scripture. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. It was announced that the 4-H Clubs are holding their meeting at Walkerton on May 1st. The branch will forward \$10 to the Salvation Army at Hanover; \$2.00 to the St. John's Ambulance Corps, and \$2.00 to the Fund for Crippled Children.

Mrs. K. Farrow of Dobbinton gave a demonstration on the making of artificial flowers, and this was much appreciated.

Annual reports were presented by the various conveners, and the financial statement was also given. Roll call was answered by payment of fees.

The slate of officers for the coming year was presented, as follows:

Hon. pres., Mrs. R. J. Pearce and Mrs. Wm. Archer; president, Mrs. Wilford Dippel; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. E. Porter; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. W. Spong; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. O. McLean; assistant sec'y.-treas., Mrs. R. J. Pearce; district director, Mrs. Wm. Archer; citizenship & educational, Mrs. W. Rolston, Mrs. Jas. Hope, Mrs. Earl Grant, Mrs. J. D. Potts, Mrs. O. Seiler; agr. & Can. industries, Mrs. C. Thornburn; historical research, Mrs. E. Porter; com. act. & public rel., Mrs. N. Howe and Mrs. J. Friar; home econ. & health, Mrs. Alex Keith; press sec'y., Mrs. Geo. Fletcher; pianist, Mrs. E. Stoddart; assistant, Mrs. G. Parker; auditors, Mrs. Wm. Archer and Mrs. H. Neilly.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. E. Vance, Mrs. H. McKeeman, Mrs. C. Kissack and Mrs. C. Thornburn.

PAISLEY W. I. HEARS TALK ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

The May meeting of the Paisley branch of the Women's Institute was held in the Memorial Community Centre, with the president, Mrs. Wilford Dippel, in charge. The devotional period was taken by Mrs. Jas. Cavill. Roll call was answered by the exchange of house plant slips.

Mrs. Wm. Archer, as district representative, reported on the directors' meeting held at Southampton. The district annual meeting will be held at Port Elgin on June 7th, and the local delegates named to attend are Mrs. W. Dippel, Mrs. D. McLean, Mrs. E. Porter and Mrs. R. J. Pearce. The meeting also appointed a social committee, as follows: Mrs. N. C. Howe, Mrs. John Friar and Mrs. E. Tomkinson. Mrs. A. Forbes was named to assist Mrs. Victor Tanner with the child health clinic in June.

The guest speaker was Rev. E. S. Linstead, who spoke on "Public Relations," and he pointed out that race prejudice makes good relations very difficult. A vote of thanks was tendered the speaker by Mrs. R. J. Pearce and Mrs. Wilford Dippel. At close of the meeting, refreshments were served by Miss Nash and Mrs. Jas. Cavill.

EAST BRUCE W. I. DISTRICT MEETING AT PORT ELGIN

Representing 25 branches of the organization, nearly 200 delegates assembled at the Presbyterian Church in Port Elgin on Monday, June 7th, for the District Annual of the East Bruce Women's Institute. The district president, Mrs. A. Maundrell of Southampton, was in charge of the sessions. The gathering was welcomed to Port Elgin by Mayor W. R. Tolhinson.

Miss Audrey Spencer of the Home Economics branch, Toronto, explained the Women's Institute extension service, in which 12,451 members had participated last year. She said that 43 full time lecturers and demonstrators were on the Ontario service staff. She pointed out that five scholarships of \$100 each were offered to girls qualifying for home economics courses, while a special \$500 scholarship, to permit the winner to study at the MacDonald Institute, Guelph, went to a young lady from Jamaica.

Presented by Mrs. H. Kennedy of Tara, the financial report showed receipts of \$10,195.28, with \$5,317.13 being raised for Korean relief. One branch had contributed clothing and cash to a total of \$500.00.

District conveners' reports were given by the following: Mrs. E. Cook, Southampton, Agriculture and Canadian Industries; Mrs. E. Seigner, Walkerton, citizenship and education; Mrs. M. Chappell, Port Elgin, community activities and public relations; Mrs. O. Gateman, Southampton, historical research; Mrs. Aet Teasdale, Dobbinton, home economics; Mrs. F. Schmidt, Mildmay, resolutions.

The morning session concluded with a review of the work accomplished during the year, given by Mrs. Maxwell, federated representative.

Mrs. S. McNaughton of Bluevale, Federated branch representative, addressed the afternoon session, and

in her remarks stressed the international aspect of W. I. work. It was the only women's organization, she said, to have a place in the United Nations Council, and was also affiliated with the Health League of Canada and the Canadian Citizenship Council.

Mrs. Helen Crozier, deputy reeve of Walkerton, urged the members to be ready and willing to accept wider service by seeking seats on their municipal councils and school boards.

Miss Jean Steckley, director of the junior clubs, dealt with their various activities and had on exhibit a display of clothing made by girls of the Bruccedale 4-H Home-making Club.

In the course of a question and answer period, conducted by Mrs. H. Crozier, it was decided to allocate the initial sum of \$1500 toward establishment of the proposed Bruce County Museum.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. Maundrell, Southampton; vice-presidents, Mrs. Lloyd Jasper, Mildmay; Mrs. Clifford Dudgeon, Paisley and Mrs. A. Teasdale, Dobbinton; secretary-

treasurer, Mrs. T. J. Cornish, Chesley; federated representative, Mrs. J. Haines, Port Elgin; district representative, Mrs. H. Johnston, Walkerton; auditors, Mrs. W. Krug and Mrs. J. Maxwell, both of Chesley.

PAISLEY W. I. TO PLAN YEARS PROGRAM

The Paisley branch of the Women's Institute held the regular monthly meeting on June 15th, with Mrs. Wilford Dippel presiding. The Scripture was read by Mrs. Wm. Rolston. Roll call was responded to with "What's Your Bee?" A number of members were reported ill, and they will be remembered.

Mrs. J. D. Potts and Mrs. Victor Tanner were named to assist at the baby clinic. The executive will meet in July to make plans for next year's program. The July meeting will take the form of a picnic, and plans were made accordingly. A cash donation was voted to the girls' garden club.

The guest speaker was W. S. Forrester, who gave a very informative and interesting talk on the making of wills. Mrs. Wm. Archer gave a splendid report on the district annual meeting held at Port Elgin. The gathering enjoyed a sing-song, and afterward a social half-hour was spent.

PROVINCIAL W. I. HEAD IS SPEAKER AT LOCAL MEETING

The Women's Institute organization is becoming an increasingly stronger unit behind action projects of the Province, declared Mrs. Gordon McPhatter of Owen Sound, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, guest speaker at a gathering of Institute members in the IOOP Hall, Paisley, on Wednesday, July 21st. Sponsored by the Williscroft branch, the meeting was attended by almost 50 members and guests from Bradley, Elora Road North and Paisley branches.

Mrs. McPhatter stated that while not a charity organization, the Institutes have, in the past, assisted with one canvass a year, and in 1953 this work was on behalf of the Mental Health fund. This year the effort was on behalf of the Self Help to Korean War Widows. The canvass which is closing July 31st, has raised money to buy looms and sewing machines to help Korean war widows to make their own clothing and supplies.

Speaking briefly on the organization of F.W.I.O., Mrs. McPhatter pointed out the places of the individual branches, and said, "without them, there could be no provincial organization." She also referred to the splendid co-operation received from the staff of the Extension Branch of the Department of Agriculture, directed by Miss Anna P. Lewis, in helping to carry out the policies formulated by the Provincial Board.

In looking to the future of Institute work, Mrs. McPhatter offered a number of suggestions: keep up the Branch membership interest; pass along the good things learned by experience; voice appreciation of efforts well done by fellow mem-

bers; do not ask too heavy a financial contribution from members;—the W. I. is not a service club; do your best whatever your assignment in the branch may be; voice your criticism openly in the meetings and be prepared to offer constructive suggestions if the policy is not to your liking; study the work of Women's Institutes everywhere.

The guest speaker was introduced by Mrs. Rodger Cumming, and at conclusion of her address, she was tendered a vote of thanks on behalf of the Williscroft branch, and the visiting branches, by Mrs. Arthur Teasdale.

The meeting was presided over by Miss Ewa McKelvey, president of the Williscroft branch.

The short program was made up of numbers contributed by members of the guest branches, and included a vocal solo by Mrs. Aivin M. Blue, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Ken Muir of Paisley; piano duet by Miss A. Thomas and Miss M. Taylor of Bradley, and a humorous reading, "Child Care," by Mrs. John Patterson of Elora Road North.

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W. I. HEARS ADDRESS BY DISTRICT PRESIDENT

The Paisley branch of the Women's Institute held the regular monthly meeting in the Memorial Community Centre, on October 19th, with a good attendance. The president, Mrs. Wilford Dippel, occupied the chair, and Mrs. Wm. Archer read the Scripture. The minutes and the treasurer's report were read and approved. The secretary was instructed to apply for the Legislative grant. Mrs. A. Forbes was named to assist Mrs. V. Tanner at the child welfare clinic. Mrs. A. M. Blue sang a solo, with piano ac-

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