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Accident records prove that less than one accident in four is caused by highway conditions, mechanical troubles, weather and other causes. Eighty-five per cent of all accidents are caused by the driver. And since cars, streets and highways are constantly being improved, the answer to the increasing accident toll must be better, safer driving.

Traffic is heavier these days, too — drivers have to be better, and a training program for young, beginner drivers would go a long way in developing a generation of careful, efficient, accident-free drivers. Already in Canada in response to strong favorable public opinion, a start in safety driving instruction has been made. Several schools have led the way in providing class-rooms and behind-the-wheel instruction for high school students.

**300 Attend the
Guelph Area
W. I. Convention**

**Officers Named for Next
Year and Interesting
Reports Presented**

The Annual Women's Institute Convention of the Guelph Area, comprising eleven districts in Western Ontario was held on Sept. 1 and 2, 1948 in Memorial Hall, O.A.C. Guelph, when some 300 Women's Institute Members gathered for two days with the purpose of learning and discussing the work of the Women's Institutes, and to carry back to their own branches and communities some of the enthusiasm and co-operation so much in evidence throughout the Convention.

The motto for the Convention was "Working-together we grow in understanding and accomplishment" and the events of the entire Convention proved that this theme was indeed well chosen and actively born out.

The Convention was opened by all singing the Institute Ode and Mrs. Ford Sudden of Galt reading the Mary Stewart Collect, so widely used at Women's Institute meetings.

On the minute at 11 a.m. we were privileged to have C.J.O.Y. Guelph broadcast their 11.00 to 11.30 program "The Way I Heard it" direct from the stage of Memorial Hall when several Institute ladies were interviewed and a miniature quiz program conducted with three of the ladies each winning two pair of Nylon hose.

C.K.N.X Wingham also recorded the events of Wednesday's session to be re-broadcast later in the week.

During the broadcast from C.J.O.Y. Miss Stout gave a recipe for stretching meat which she had received from Mrs. Loren Guild, Rockwood.

Also Mrs. Lloyd Crawford conducted sing-song accompanied by Mrs. MacNaughton at the piano. Others taking part were Mrs. J. Olson, Waterloo South; Mrs. Rhinehart, Halton; Mrs. Lockhart, Waterloo South; Mrs. Henry Carter, Wellington; Mrs. Hamilton, Perth.

"Happy Anniversary" was sung for Mr. and Mrs. David Humes, Arkell, on their 25th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Hume was pianist for the Convention for six years.

After the completion of the minutes of the 1947 Convention and the appointing of the Nominating Committee were completed the Convention adjourned for lunch in the Dining Room at the O.A.C. At this time the delegates registered at the Administration building for their rooms for the night and meal tickets, for the entire Convention period.

At 1:45 p.m. the afternoon session opened with the Girls Program by members of the various Homemakers Clubs and Junior Institutes of the area.

The Junior Area Report, given by the Convenor, Mrs. Rutherford, better known to us as Miss Marjorie Ford of Galt, showed that the Juniors are really "on their toes" and have very worthwhile projects and programs planned for their year's meetings. One branch reported making their own prize list and contributing the prize money for this list for the competition of their members at the local fairs.

Miss Scott, Home Economist for Wellington and Perth was in charge of the Girl's session with Miss Erland Gregg of East Huron, a Provincial Honour Junior and winner of the Chicago Trip, as chairman.

Two new Home Economists for this Area were introduced to the group Miss Anne Jackson for Waterloo County and Miss Lucille Barber for Halton.

The total number of Homemaking projects in the Junior Club Program is 16.

Girls acting as leaders in the various sections were: Miss Jessie Wingfield, Halton on clothing; Miss Margaret Donaldson, Perth, on foods. An interesting part of this section was the demonstration by two girls of different salad plates, one called "Susanne" and the other a hot vegetable salad plate.

Miss Eleanor Stark of Halton spoke on the "Supper Club".

Hearty applause by the audience ended the Junior Girl's session.

Secretary-Treasurer's report as given by Mrs. Loren Guild, Rockwood, and the auditor's report by Mrs. F. Rhinehart, Halton showed the Area Finances to be quite in accordance with their requirements.

Reports were given by each of the six Standing Committee Convenors showing much interest in their respective fields.

A pleasant interlude in the afternoon's serious business was the musical selection by the St. Jacob's Hillbillies which were really enjoyed by all, also the sing-song which provided relax-

ation from the taking of notes by the delegates.

Mrs. Oster, chairman of the London Convention Area brought greetings from her Area to the Guelph Convention.

A guest from the English Women's Institutes, Mrs. Braine (of Hartfordshire) brought greetings from the British Institutes and won the hearts of her audience with her message from England. The British Institutes consider the Canadian W.I. as their Mother Institutes as it was from Canada that the W.I. movement was carried to Britain in 1915 by Mrs. Alfred Watt, past President A.C.

The British W. I. members worked truly and faithfully through both world wars. The main project at present is to produce more food and the promotion of International Work for World Peace.

Mrs. Braine attended the A.C. W.W.—Conference in Holland last year and has many pen friends in different countries as a result.

At the present there are two German Countrywomen in Britain studying W.I. work and hope on their return to inspire German people in the democratic way of living.

There are 7000 W.I.'s in England with a membership of 380,000 members. Their aim being "To improve conditions of Rural Life" and their Motto "For Home and Country". They are self-governing and self-supporting and their fees are now approximately 80c a year.

Once a year their delegates meet in Royal Albert Hall, London, in Convention. Their branches are so large that homes cannot accommodate the members so most of their meetings are held in Halls. There are no Junior Institutes in England but they have Youth Clubs. Also there is no limit to years one may hold office in England. Mrs. Braine thanked the Canadians for parcels sent and expressed the wish that they might see the joy when one is opened. One peach in England costs about \$2.00.

Miss Lewis announced the winners in the Farm Home Contest and three Institutes in the Guelph Area were among the prize winners; Woodstock North W.I. in Oxford County won \$50; Little's Corners W.I. Galt, won \$25 and Central Dumfries W.I. won \$10.

Following the banquet in the dining room at the O.A.C. Mrs. C. Robertson, chairman, introduced the guests at the head table, who included Mr. and Mrs. Lewis parents of our Director of Women's Institutes for Ontario, Mrs. Robertson said we work all year in our own branches and are here together to get instruction and inspiration for future work. She appealed to W. I. members to be part of answer and not party of problem in the world to-day and also asked delegates to take home a full report of Convention activities.

Mr. W. R. Reek, president of the O. A. C. welcomed the delegates with words of praise for the work of the Women's Institutes. He said, "We are very proud of the F.W. I.O. and this organization is considered the foremost rural organization in the country. When the W.I. goes out to meet problems they go as a group and get results. They stand on their own merits and this makes for greater strength."

Mrs. J. R. White replied to Mr. Reek's address of welcome after which Mrs. J. H. Spier, past Area Chairman proposed the toast to the Women's Institutes and stated that the W.I. appeals to Rural women and that is the reason why we have such a vast organization today.

In her reply, Mrs. J. R. Fitcher, Provincial President, F.W.I.O. said "It is a privilege to be the head of F.W.I.O. and membership in this organization is a satisfaction. Helps woman to be better Home-Makers and Better Citizens. This is a splendid way for rural woman to serve. We want to give our work where it will do the most good and are rendering a splendid service to mankind. This service is voluntary and unselfish and the degree to which it is rendered is each member's responsibility. The rapid growth of our W.I. shows the great need we fill in the lives of rural women. Our task now is to deepen and widen those bridge-heads throughout the world, "Home and Country" is dear to man's heart whatever his race or creed."

The meeting then adjourned to Memorial Hall where we were honoured in having John Rockwood, baritone, entertain with several selections after which Miss Lewis showed her slides of "Holland" taken while attending the Conference of the Associated Countrywomen of the World (World Organization of Women's Institutes) in Amsterdam last September.

Thursday sessions started at 9 a.m. sharp after breakfast at 8:15 in the dining-room with the singing of the Institute Ode.

Mrs. Fitcher, Provincial President, in giving her report stated she has already since taking office last November written over 250 letters these are all personal answer

ers to enquiries received from W.I. members. To maintain our reputation all letters must get prompt attention in branches as they are urgent or they would not have been written.

Plans are being made for a gathering of District Women's Institutes officers at the O.A.C. in the spring and a "Summer Holiday" for W.I. women at the O.A.C. in early July.

It is the duty of each member to take the Institute work seriously for in her hands lies the answer as to whether we advance or fall back.

Please do not leave the work for someone else but put enthusiasm into our work and be loyal to our Aims and Creed and to our officers. Loyalty is so important. Be generous in our criticism, don't look for things to criticize, and never belittle an individual effort as each member is most important part in the whole organization.

Miss McBride closed by saying "The world needs our labour, let us make our common endeavour worthy of the world's great need."

Mrs. MacNaughton entertained with two readings: "I Shall Not Pass This Way Again" and "Mrs. Malone and the Censor."

Miss Marion Thompson, Supervisor of Wellington County Public Health Nurses spoke to the Convention about their newly formed Health Unit.

Several resolutions were dealt with and those sent on to Provincial Board included: To shorten evening room hours; To prohibit scenic posters and advertising by billboards; To reduce postage rates to Britain.

In accepting the Chairmanship for 1948-1949, Mrs. Robertson said she had enjoyed her work and would give her best as she realized that where there is honour there is responsibility.

The Convention closed at 3:30 p.m. with the national anthem and some 250 delegates turned their steps homeward, re-inforced for the task ahead of them in their Women's Institute Work for 1948-1949 by the inspiration gained and friendship formed during their stay at the O.A.C.

Officers Elected for 1948-1949.
Past Chairman—Mrs. J. Harold Spier, R.R. No. 3, Brussels;
Chairman—Mrs. C. Robertson, R. R. No. 4, Rockwood;
1st Vice-Chairman—Mrs. J. R. White, Ripley;
2nd Vice-Chairman—Mrs. Ford Sudden, R. R. No. 4, Galt;
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Loren Guild, Rockwood;
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Roy MacKenzie, Box 237, Ripley;
Executive Mrs. J. Fensby, R.R. No. 3, Kitchener; Mrs. Wilbert Corrie, Fergus; Mrs. Arnold Darrach, Clifford;
Jr. Area Convenor—Mrs. John K. Rutherford, Ayr;
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