

# Hillsburgh hosts annual meeting Centre Wellington district W.I.

The 63rd annual meeting of Centre Wellington District Women's Institute was held recently at the Christian Church, Hillsburgh, with the members of Hillsburgh Auxiliary Institute as hostesses for the occasion.

Mrs. E. Kraft and Mrs. Tolton were in charge of registration when well over a hundred ladies registered.

Mrs. John Reid, the president, called the meeting to order and the presentation of the Canadian flag by Mrs. Roy Black was followed by the singing of O Canada with Mrs. Howard Barbour at the organ.

The president of the host institute, Mrs. O. Somerville, gave the address of welcome and also gave a short sketch of the village of Hillsburgh which was founded in 1822.

Mrs. George Ostic presented the minutes of last year's meeting and also a detailed financial report.

Due to the absence of auditors, their report was read by Mrs. Ostic.

Mrs. Norman Jamieson, the Ontario Board member, spoke to the incoming district directors, outlining their duties and branches. Mrs. Jamieson, along with most of the officers and directors and some guests were becomingly attired in centennial costumes.

Roll call of the branches was answered by the number of new members. The Ferguson branch reported nine, so received a prize which was accepted by Mrs. E. Matthews.

Mrs. Reid introduced Mrs. Lloyd Laing, second vice-president, who presided for the district conveners reports. These were in printed form and were handed out.

Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. Griff Jackson, read by Mrs. Ostic; Home economics and health, Mrs. E. Archibald; Citizenship and education, Mrs. Allan Watson; Federation of Agriculture, Mrs. Jack Baldwin; Safety, Mrs. James Wilson; Temperance, Mrs. George Barber; Curator, Mrs. Irvine Black; Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Roy Wheeler.

Mrs. Gillespie of Erin delighted all with a humorous number "Air Castles".

Gifts were presented to Mrs. Elgin Riely and Mrs. John Awrey, who were judges for the baking and sewing contests, winners of which were: Anniversary cake, (1) Mrs. H. Root, Mimosa; (2) Mrs. E. Kraft, Elora; old fashioned scones, (1) Mrs. M. Flewelling, Mimosa; (2) Mrs. James Hamilton, Living Springs; mother and daughter aprons, (1) Mrs. John Reid, Comingsby; (2) Mrs. Arthur Wheeler, Speedside.

The home economist, Mrs. Barbara Flewelling, gave an excellent report of the 4H Home-making Clubs. 155 girls completed the Centennial project — "A World of Food in Canada".

She expressed thanks to the branches for support for the clubs, and also to the leaders and mothers for the great interest and encouragement. The speaker noted the fall project would be working with wool in which the girls would be making a wool skirt.

The president, Mrs. Reid, in her address stated "coming together is beginning, working together is success". She urged all to study "Safety", be ever mindful of it, stressing insecticides as it affects all — mentioning the many equidart articles which are used quite carelessly.

The speaker suggested we continue centennial projects in to other years and make Canada beautiful.

A delightful noon meal was served in the basement, with table centres of spring flowers in blue and gold and gold candles.

Head table guests were introduced, including the executive, Mrs. Barbara Flewelling, presidents and secretaries from other districts and the Agricultural Representative, Mr. Grubbe, who spoke briefly. He brought greetings and commended the branches for the excellent work being done, and also work along "Safety". He reminded all of the International plowing match which will be held in 1968 near Guelph.

A tribute to the 70th anniversary of Federated Institutes of Ontario was given by Mrs. Ed Gray, who quoted "Better to light a candle, than curse the darkness."

Doors of opportunity are always opening and members were urged to carry on the work so ably started by Adelaide Hoddless, whose name is one of five women to be placed on a plaque at Expo. The Afternoon session opened with the singing of "From East to West", this was second prize winner in a Tweedsmuir contest a few years ago.

Mrs. A. Reynolds paid tribute to deceased members with a thought on "The Old Violin".

Mrs. M. Barden, on behalf of the Church Board, extended greetings.

Roll call, "An article 100 years old", was most interesting and varied, including a family Bible of 1851, a Methodist hymn book of 1818, a palisade over 130 years old, child's shoes, quilt, can opener, cruet case, cook book, sugar tongs, brass candle stick, calling card case and perfume holder.

Mrs. Jamieson reported on her work as a member of the Ontario board. The National Convention is to be held in Guelph in June and Pennies for Friendship would be all gathered and presented to Mrs. Aroti Durt of India, who is president of A.C.W.W. (Associated Country-Women of the World).

The UNESCO coupon plan was completed and had raised \$22,000 with Ontario contributing \$12,000. She also stated that obstacles to progress are often caused by our reluctance to make changes. In closing she said 1967 is a great year — Canada's 100 birthday and the Women's Institutes 70th anniversary.

Mrs. Ward Bruce of Ospringe delighted all with her costumed version of "Sixty years ago".

Mrs. Flewelling reported on the extension service, the popular "Baking with Yeast" will likely be the one for fall. She reminded all that the services are available to those interested.

Mrs. L. Cheyne read an interesting report of the Hillsburgh Christian Church as prepared by Mrs. Frank Gray.

Mrs. C. Allan, who had been the district's representative at the officers conference on Historical Research and Current Events Workshop, gave a splendid report, noting valuable information gleaned.

Election of officers for 1967-1968 was conducted by Mrs. Barbara Flewelling with the following results:

Honorary president, Mrs. E. Kraft; president, Mrs. John Reid; first vice-president, Mrs. E. Gray; second vice-president, Mrs. L. Laing; third vice-president, Mrs. Albert Sobel; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. George Ostic; assistant secretary-treasurer, Mrs. R. Brett; auditors, Mrs. A. Reynolds, Mrs. W. Mann; federated representative, Mrs. N. Jamieson; alternate, Mrs. Alf Woods.

Area representative, Mrs. J. Reid; alternate, Mrs. E. Gray; public relations officer, Mrs. Roy Wheeler; agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. Griff Jackson; home economics and health, Mrs. E. Archibald; citizenship and education, Mrs. D. McFee; historical research, Mrs. C. Allan; in memoriam, Mrs. Roy Black; resolutions, Mrs. Allan Watson; Federation of Agriculture, Mrs. J. Baldwin; safety, Mrs. James Wilson; temperance, Mrs. George Barber; curator, Mrs. Irvine Black.

Elora Branch president extended the courtesies and invited the District Annual to Elora next year. Press reporter was Mrs. D. G. Robertson.

# BALLINAFAD Will beautify cemetery as W.I. centennial plan

The last of the regular tri-weekly eulogies was held in Ballinafad Community Centre on Tuesday night with 21 tables playing. Lady's high score went to Mrs. Storey; second, Mrs. Price; men's high, Mr. Storey; second, Mr. Cutting; lone hands, Mrs. H. Sinclair; lucky cards, Margaret Binnie and Paul Wilson. The eulogies will be held next fall again.

Mrs. Frank Smith, Mrs. Jesse McEnery and Mrs. Robert McEnery attended the W.I. District Annual meeting in Milton on Wednesday.

The community was shocked to learn of the sudden passing of Mr. Douglas McEachern of Acton.

# ONTUARY Firefighters guard of honor at Douglas McEachern funeral

An automobile mechanic at Thompson's Motors for the past 13 years, Douglas Norman McEachern died suddenly on Thursday, May 25. He was 46 years of age. Unmarried, he lived at the Dominion Hotel.

His sudden death came as a shock to relatives and many friends.

Associates in Acton Fire Brigade formed a guard of honor at the funeral service at the Rumley - Shoemaker funeral home and at Rockwood cemetery on Saturday afternoon. The services were conducted by the Rev. A. H. McKenzie. Pallbearers were Frank Padlock, a cousin; and friends Ray Thompson, Stuart Russell, Doug Mason, Don McIntyre and Jack Hardy.

He was born April 29, 1921, son of the late Norman McEachern and Margaret Major. He attended Woodside public school and Acton high school.

Friday evening at the funeral home there was a formal Masonic service. He was an eighteenth degree Mason, a member of Walker Lodge, Royal City Lodge of Perfection and the Rose Croix. He was a member of the Legion cribbage team.

# Vic Bristow heads Lions

New president of Acton Lions club is Vic Bristow. Other officers are first vice-president, Murray Harrison; second vice-president, John Griefeneder; third vice-president, Neil Miller; secretary, Bob Hall, treasurer, Tom Manes.

Tail twister, Pete Papillon; Lion tamer, Gerry Lamarche; directors, Hartley Coles, Al Lauder.

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# C.G.I.T., Explorers hold closing banquet in church

The Canadian Girls in Training changed their name temporarily to Centennial Gals in Trim Monday evening when they staged a comical fashion show at their annual closing dinner. There were 40 mothers and daughters present at the C.G.I.T. and Explorers Mother and Daughters Banquet in the United Church.

The girls paraded for the appreciative group at the program in the chapel, wearing outfits ranging from the old fashioned to a very latest type paper dress, worn by Jessie Ann Davidson. Linda Perry hit the mid-point in the show dressed for the roaring-twenties, swinging her long string of beads.

Leaders Miss Fern Small and Barbara Symon and the C.G.I.T. girls arranged the entire evening's program. Ladies of the U.C.W. catered and served the dinner of turkey and salads, ice cream and cookies.

All the C.G.I.T. girls took part in the program — Kathy Cook, Donna McCabe, Peggy Wheeler, Leah Leslie, Dianne Bousfield, Bonnie Jones, Linda Perry, Roberta Nessel, Gay Nessel, Patricia Sampson, Carol Masales, Julie Smith, Jessie Ann Davidson.

Explorers are Debbie Bousfield, Kathleen Dills, Susan Bruce, Marianne Dehaan and Susan Shoemaker. Their leaders during the year were Mrs. F. Kentner Jr. and Mrs. Howard Pearce.

The C.G.I.T. girls also presented an entertaining skit, "The Beauty Shop," when Patricia Sampson had the misfortune to seek a beauty treatment at a shop where the operators had their minds on other things. She emerged looking a good deal worse than when she went in, to the delight of the audience.

Three of the Explorers, Susan Shoemaker, Debbie Bousfield and Marianne Dehaan sang a trio, and Debbie Bousfield played a piano solo.

Guests at the dinner were the interim minister Rev. John May and Mrs. May. Mr. May said grace and replied to the toast to the church which was proposed by Kathy Cook. Carol Masales, as C.G.I.T. president, introduced the program and expressed a welcome. Julie Smith proposed a toast to the mothers, responded by Mrs. Davidson. A song was led by Julie Smith and Jessie Ann Davidson. Roberta Nessel thanked the ladies for catering

and in reply Mrs. Hugh Patterson especially thanked the leaders.

A worship service was included, and the pleasant evening concluded with Taps.

There were attractive corsages for all the mothers, leaders and guests, made by the C.G.I.T. They had also prepared programs which combined the crests of the two groups and the centennial crests. The tables were specially decorated with red, white and blue candles and bouquet of flowers.

A presentation was made to Miss Small by the girls of her group.

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