

48th DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING HALTON W.I.'s

Officers Elected at the Palermo Meeting—Resolutions Passed and Reports Received.

The significant fact of the alertness of women, particularly in the rural areas, in shouldering their responsibilities and seizing opportunities of service to others, was forcibly indicated in the reports of Women's Institutes at the 48th District Annual for Halton held at Palermo, on June 14th.

Mrs. Frank Rinehart, R. R. 7, Campbellville, who was elected as president for her second term, presided in her president's address. Mrs. Rinehart thanked the district directors, the secretary and the vice presidents, as well as others for their co-operation. She hoped the delegates would go back to the branches inspired by this occasion. She urged the women to meet together, work together, play together and as Women's Institute members to take their place in the communities as non-denominational non-political organizations.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Chester Service. This last year in the district, receipts had totalled \$11,060.73. Expenditures had been \$8,983.73, leaving a balance of \$4,077. The address of welcome was given by the Palermo Branch and replied to by Nelson branch. Particularly interesting during the morning session were the reports of the Standing Committees, each conveying to those assembled, something of the work being done in each line throughout the district.

The following conveners gave reports: Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. George Somerville; Citizenship, Mrs. Methuen Deering; Home Economics, Mrs. C. McCulloch; Social Welfare, Mrs. Robert Mears; Historical Research, Mrs. A. Smethurst; Publicity, Mrs. Max Featherstone; Junior Activity, Miss Lorna Lawrence; Halton's Home Economist, Miss L. Barber.

Community singing was led by Mrs. Lloyd Crawford whose piano accompaniment together with her friendly smile, made this an enjoyable feature.

Resolutions were presented by Mrs. J. K. Mahon, only one having been received, from Campbellville. Mrs. Rinehart gave the report of the Officers' Conference at Guelph, from which much benefit has been derived by the meetings of the branch presidents with district presidents. She described the program as follows:

Mrs. Milton Weber, R. R. 2, West Montrose, Federated Board Director, spoke for the guardian body. The growth of the W.I. in Ontario has been rapid with 1401 branches and a total membership of 44,150. A percentage of 96.9 branch Institutes had reported at District Annuals with an attendance of 10,942. She spoke of the fall and spring meetings of the F.W.I. and of the 52 years of progress. "Hats off to the past, coats off to the future," was a good slogan to follow and she urged the women not to rest on their laurels nor to relax their efforts. Mrs. Weber also spoke of scholarships of which five would be set up this year. W. I. scholarships were being set up for rural girls. Each district area raising \$3000 would be assured of a scholarship in that district or area. Any individual donating scholarships could name them. Selection of girls would require that they be 18 years of age, have completed six or more projects, be connected with Home Makers Clubs. The choice would be made on definite personal growth as well as having given leadership.

Mrs. Weber reported that a portrait of Adelaid Hoodless was now being painted to be hung in the Canadian Archives as a permanent memorial to the founder of Women's Institutes. She appealed to the members to assist with the Cancer Society work, for which there were needed 20,000 dressings each month. She admonished members to give no industrial or geographical information to foreign correspondents. She outlined other W.I. work and told of plans for the W.I. holiday at O.A.C., Guelph, from July 11th to 15th. Applications would be received till June 25, and should be sent to the Department of Public Relations at the O.A.C. She encouraged all parents to accompany their children to moving pictures and make it possible for moving picture managers to enforce government regulations. Never had there been such growth and development as in the past four years.

Mrs. Weber presided for the election of officers. She stressed the point that officers could not hold office for longer than six years consecutively, and referred the members to the new Handbook for references. The district directors were confirmed.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Frank Rinehart, president; Mrs. Milton Brown, R. R. 1, Norzyp, first vice president; Mrs. J. Ellerby, R. R. 1, Acton, second vice president; Mrs. Chester Service, R. R. 3, Milton, treasurer; Mrs. Max Featherstone, R. R. 1, Acton, publicity representative; Mrs. Lloyd Crawford, R. R. 2, West Montrose, federated board director; Mrs. Har-

ris' Bell, Freeman, district delegate, with Mrs. Milton Brown, alternate; Mrs. W. P. Bailie, Milton and Mrs. Charles Jarvis, R. R. 1, Milton, auditors; Mrs. George Robertson, R. R. 1, Acton; Mrs. George Somerville, R. R. 2, Acton; Mrs. Max Featherstone, R. R. 1, Freeman; Mrs. Milton Brown, Mrs. D. A. Wendover, Palermo; and Miss Jean Patterson, R. R. 1, Bronie, representatives to the Federation of Agriculture. Miss Lorna Lawrence, R. R. 2, Oakville, was appointed as Junior Convener and Home Makers Club representative. Mrs. George McMillan, Burlington, was appointed on the Halton Musical Festival Board.

The following standing committee conveners were elected: Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. R. L. Davidson, R. R. 2, Acton; Home Economics and Health, Miss Charlotte McCullough, R. R. 1, Georgetown; Historical Research and Current Events, Mrs. Veina Norris, R. R. 2, Milton; Citizenship and Education, Mrs. E. Manning, R. R. 1, Hornby; Community Activities and Public Relations, Mrs. R. D. Dredge, R. R. 3, Milton; Resolutions, Mrs. J. K. Mahon, Campbellville.

Roll Call at the afternoon session was answered by all branch members standing. The resolution presented by Campbellville, could not be dealt with due to the fact it was not properly signed. The resolution was as follows:

"Whereas we have noted through succeeding years, the pyramiding of both consumption and advertising of cigarettes, and whereas this advertising in its diversified character has insidiously crached a point today which a few years back public opinion would have resented, viz:— using womanhood's beauty and refinement for obvious reasons; be it resolved therefore that the Campbellville Branch of Women's Institute communicate our resentment of such means being used by tobacco's financial interests to what we deem is lack of respect for true womanhood and added to which is the hope that from this high office may emanate a request that no face, figure, attitude or attire of womanhood be used associated with tobacco advertising."

The invitation of Georgetown to hold the district annual there next year, was accepted.

Miss G. Hamilton, the Department speaker congratulated the district on the work accomplished as compiled in the reports. She urged the branches to select the right women for the right conventions, and emphasized the use of the W.I. crest on stationery, etc.

BAPTIST CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday evening the pastor's subject was: Higher Criticism, What is it? In early days higher criticism was the study of manuscripts in order that we may be sure we have the original words as written by divine inspired writers. It was the study of the historic origin, dates and authorship, and the literary structure of the various books of the bible. This in itself was very helpful.

The higher criticism of unbelief, is the criticism without the Holy Spirit. The scriptures are only discernable through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Higher Criticism started back in the sixteenth century. They did not influence very many. In 1878 the Germans expounded this teaching. The most powerful exponents of modern higher criticism were the Germans. These were men without faith in the God of the Bible and no faith in a personal supernatural revelation.

Dr. Samuel Davidson, a British critic published a volume in 1892, borrowing from the German critics. The German higher critics did not believe in the inspiration of the Bible and said they were a mere human product.

The English and American higher critics compromised and said, the word of God was in the Bible but the whole Bible was not the word of God. From this teaching we have today higher criticism, modernism and free thinking. They are all the same.

The doctrinal system of the leading denominations have accepted

Blotters totalling 44000 had been sold which was good publicity. Home and Country should be read and Tweedsmuir village histories continued. She took up the Co-operative program with the result that Health before and after Forty was accepted as the district service this year. Miss Hamilton spoke of the 52 years of Institute work in the past which should be a challenge to the future. Women too easily were discouraged by setbacks, she said. Women should make their own contribution to public life and not to emulate the men. "Prejudice is being down on what we are not up on," she quoted.

Mrs. L. A. Clarke and Mrs. Milton Brown presented the prize for the best suggestions for district annuals, to Mrs. E. Manning of Drumquin branch Mrs. Brown and Mrs. J. I. Ellerby presented the past president's jewel to Mrs. Chester Service. A demonstration of weaving was given by Mrs. H. E. Batkin and an entertaining account of her trip to Florida was given by Mrs. P. W. Merry. Mrs. W. Cromar gave readings and music was furnished by Palermo branch.

that the Bible is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

Peter said: Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. We believe the Bible is the word of God, therefore stand on its promises and we need not fear.

The evening subject was Backsliders. You cannot be a backslider until a profession has been made. God is ever calling the Israelites, through the prophets to return unto Him. The Israelites forgot God on many occasions. Backsliding is the first step of the journey back to the old life of sin. Backsliding begins in the heart. The Old Testament is full of God's appeal, return ye, why will ye wonder? The New Testament appeal through Christ is, Come unto me, Jesus know all about the backslider and represented him by the parable of the prodigal son.

The Women's Society held their meeting on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Wm. Thompson.

GEORGETOWN UNITED CHURCH

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed at the Georgetown United Church on Sunday morning. The lesson was read from 1 Cor. 11:20-29 and Rev. J. M. Smith spoke on the subject "The Brethren of the Common Table". The choir under the direction of Miss Lynda Stewart sang the anthem "Author of Life Divine" — Colborn.

The flowers decorating the church were placed by Mrs. Tyndall in memory of her husband, the late W. Tyndall.

It was announced that the congregation would worship at Knox Presbyterian Church during the month of July. Sunday School is to be held at the usual hour in the United Church but will be dismissed early to enable scholars to attend the morning worship.

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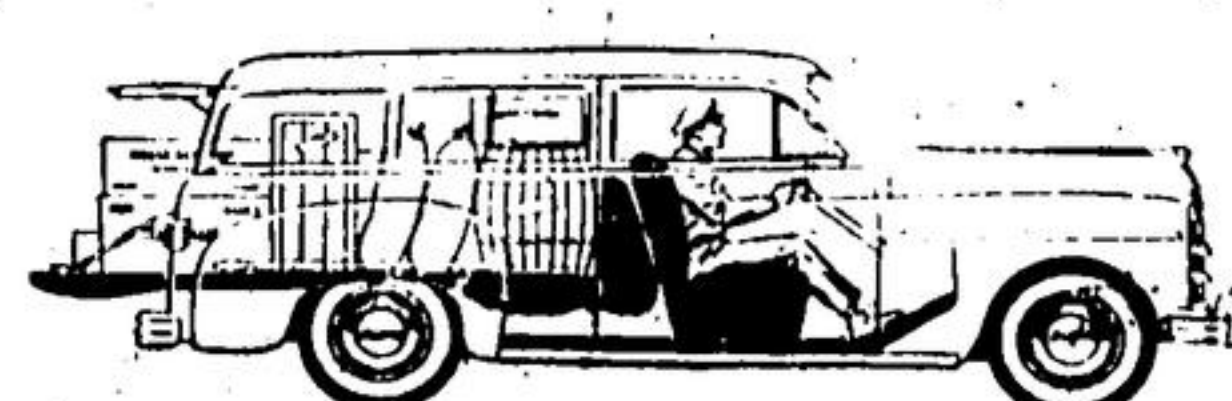
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