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**MRS. J. L. ELLERBY ELECTED HEAD OF COUNTY INSTITUTES**

In Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton, the twenty senior branches and four junior branches of the Women's Institutes in Halton, met for their district annual. The church was decorated with flowers and the picture of Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, who founded the Women's Institute in 1897, stood in front of a lovely floral basket. Mrs. W. L. Ferguson welcomed the gathering on behalf of Dublin branch, and Rev. R. H. Armstrong gave the address of welcome, which was replied to by Mrs. George Campbell of Georgetown. Mrs. Milton Brown, district president, was in the chair and introduced the conveners of standing committees. Mrs. F. Chisholm, Hornby, reported on Agriculture and Canadian Industries; Mrs. Max Featherstone, Burlington, on Citizenship and Education; Mrs. E. Hatkin, Georgetown on Home Economics and Health; Mrs. G. Somerville, Acton, on Community Activities and Public Relations and Mrs. V. Norris, Milton, on Historical Research and Current Events. The junior convener, Miss Vera May, Hornby, spoke of the work of the Junior Homemakers Clubs and Mrs. E. Sanford reported on the music festival. Mrs. E. Clarke, Halton Home Economist spoke most encouragingly of the homemaker clubs and she is proud of the work which the girls have done this year under their capable leaders. A resolution was passed that the word "Dominion" not be deleted from official documents, that it maintain its full status.

Theme for the day was "Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you" and Mrs. Brown spoke of the nearly 1500 branches in Ontario and the great amount of work they do. She suggested that at the end of the institute year we take stock of ourselves and judge our efforts and achievements. She stressed the point that each individual member is responsible for the success of her

branch and that each one in giving her support should show sound thinking, sincerity, saneness, steadiness and efficiency. Each branch should encourage members to be interested not only in local events but that which concerns us all in other parts of the world. Mrs. Brown said that only women understand women and she encouraged her listeners to show as much friendliness as possible to those from other countries seeking homes in our country.

Mrs. Audrey Spencer, the department speaker explained the extension services to the members. She also spoke on "Culture" or as she preferred to call it, the Canadian way of life and she seemed to think we are taking for granted all the advantages we have in this country. Now Canadians are bringing in new culture and because Canada is made up of so many different nationalities, we get along well with all nations and benefit by their culture.

Mrs. L. Guild of Rockwood, provincial director, said the ladies should remember they are very important people, and as the Associated Country Women of the World, their numbers have spread to almost every country. She spoke briefly of the scholarships for girls, of the Women's Institute Booth at the Royal Winter Fair and the Tweedsmuir competitions. The Greek Tractor Fund reached almost \$7300 and was used not only for the tractor sent there, but for equipment, seed, oil and some food. Mrs. Guild spoke of the Memorial Peace Garden on the Canadian-American border and she regretted the withdrawal of Government aid for our share of its upkeep. She urged all branches to protest this withdrawal in a letter to their MP and ask that money be put into the budget for this purpose next year.

Mrs. Guild conducted the election of officers. Hon. pres., Mrs. Milton Brown, R. R. 1, Norval. President, Mrs. J. L. Ellerby, R. R. 4, Acton, 1st vice president, Mrs. E. A. Manning, R. R. 1, Hornby, 2nd vice president, Mr. Max Featherstone, R. R. 1, Burlington, secretary treasurer, Mrs. C. Service, R. R. 3, Milton, District Delegate, Mrs. T. G. Anderson, of Hamilton, alternate, Mrs. H. Gray, Hamilton, Federal Representative, Mrs. M. Brown, R. R. 1, Norval, Representative Fed. of Agri., Mrs. R. L. Davidson, R. R. 2, Acton.

Conveners of Standing Committees, Agriculture & Canadian Industries, Mrs. F. Chisholm, Hornby, Citizenship & Education, Mrs. G. Chester, R. R. 1, Norval, Home Economics & Health, Mrs. M. Readhead, R. R. 2, Milton, Community Activities and Public Relations, Mrs. G. Somerville, R. R. No. 2, Acton; Historical Research, Current Events, Mrs. W. T. Sinclair, Georgetown, Ont., Resolutions, Mrs. F. Binchart, R. R. 1, Campbellville; Junior Convener, Miss Vera May, Hornby, Auditors, Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. C. Jarvis; Music Festival, Mrs. E. Sanford, Limehouse.

Mrs. Ellerby spoke a few words in accepting office as the new president. Mrs. Manning welcomed her, and they presented the Jewel for Service to the retiring president, Mrs. Brown.

Miss M. E. Lunan and Mr. Russell of Oakville spoke on the mass chest survey planned for November, when a mobile x-ray bus will visit various centres in Halton county.

Mrs. Brown told of the committee being conducted through the almost finished home for the aged in Milton which is called the Halton Centennial Manor. Over \$500 was subscribed by the branches in Halton county for a gift to this home and two large radio and record players and a small radio have been purchased with this money. Suitable name plates have been attached to these gifts. There are albums of music also. Wednesday, August 6th has been the date set for the Institute Picnic at Lowville Park. The district annual meeting was invited to Burlington for 1953.

Mrs. John Milton displayed two cotton dresses and accessories and told of her work as a leader with the Ashgrove and Norval girls' clubs. Mrs. Ellerby spoke briefly of the leather work displayed and in which she gave classes this past year. Mrs. A. McKinney of Peel County judged the two entries in the quilt competition sponsored by the Salada Tea Co. They were much admired by the ladies, 1st prize going to Dublin W.I. and second to Limehouse W.I. Institute programs had previously been submitted for competition and Mrs. Houck of Brampton judged them as follows: 1st, Mountain Union W.I.; 2nd, Silver-Wood W.I., and 3rd, Scotch Block W.I.

Roll call was answered by each district director naming an historical spot in her district. Mrs. J. Davidson, Acton, sang a beautiful solo, accompanied by the organ, and a slight and amusing diversion occurred when her small son walked quietly into the choir-loft and sat down. There were two other solos, one by Marilyn Rogivaldaon, age 10, and one by June Elliott, age 7, which were much enjoyed. Mrs. L. Crawford led the community singing.

Mrs. L. Crawford thanked all

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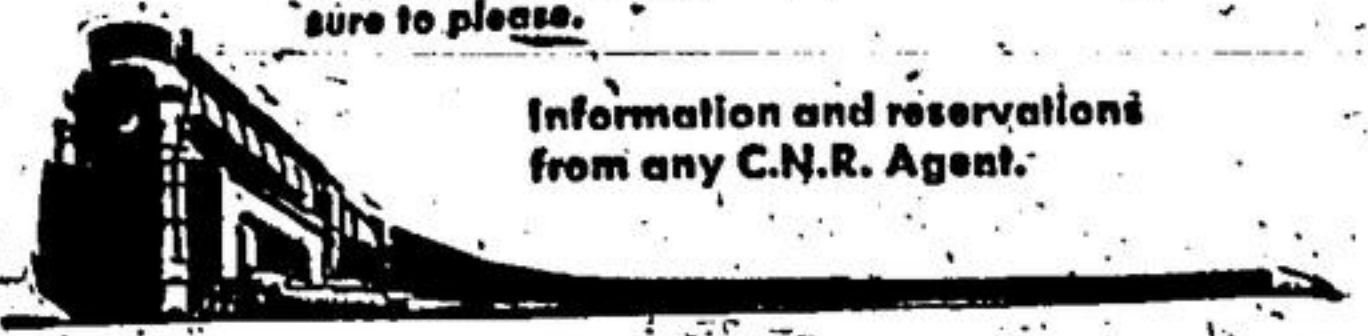
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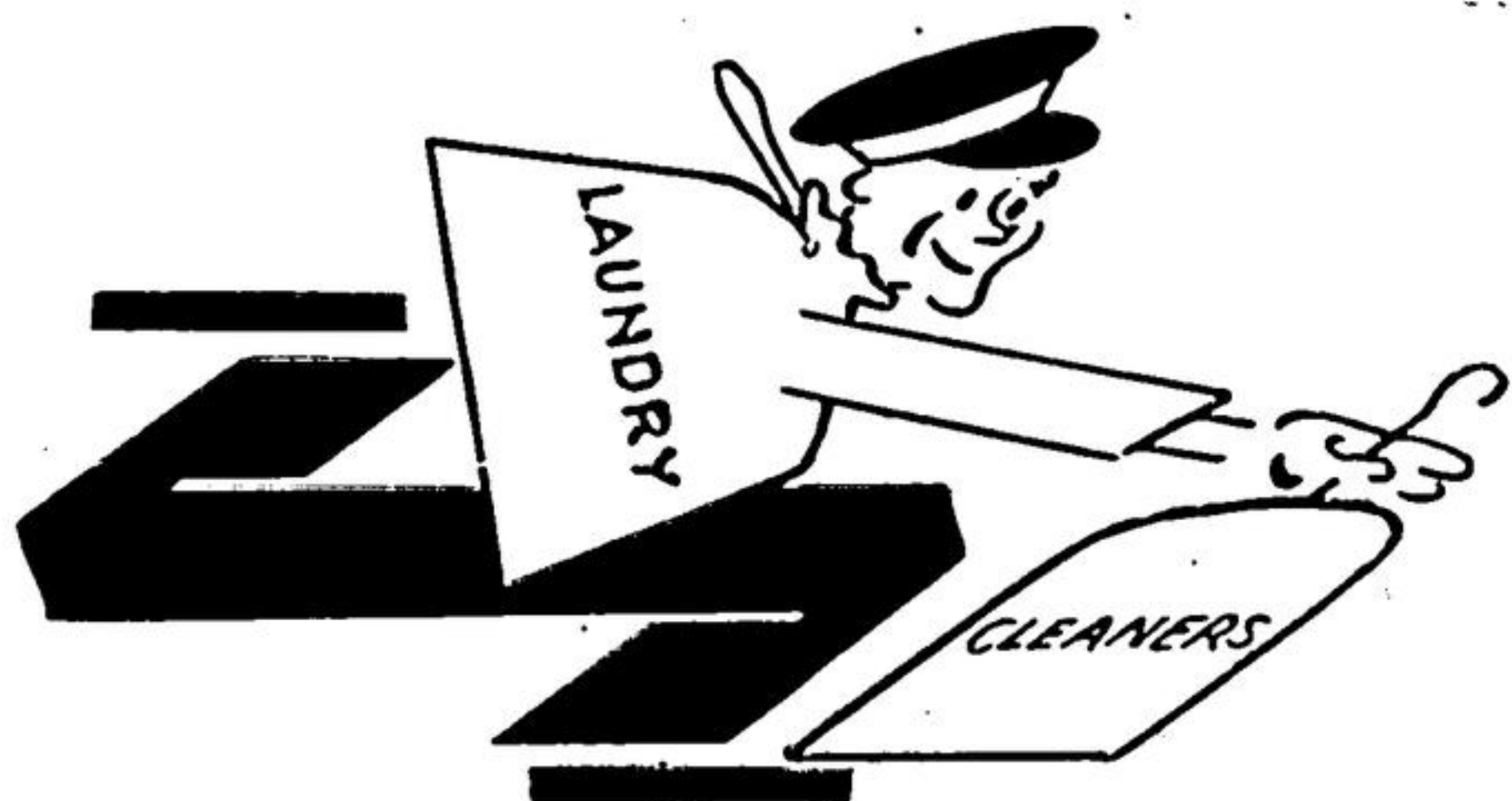
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