

# Halton Institutes stage 72nd annual meeting at Knox

The 72nd District Annual of Halton Women's Institutes was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton, with Dublin branch as hostess, on Wednesday May 23. Theme, "Our Native People", was recognized several times during the day.

Following registration and coffee Mrs. M. Nellis, district president, chaired the meeting. Mrs. C. Armstrong and Rev. A. H. McKendle extended welcomes. Floral decorations in blue and gold were donated by Caroline Nurseries and Blue Springs Flower Shop. Members of the hostess branch wore name tags representing northern lights, while others wore igloos.

District directors Mrs. Nellis read a poem by Indian Pauline Johnson and called on alternate prov. director Mrs. John Bird to ratify the district directors, all 16 attending. She outlined their duties informing them of their being liaison officers between their branches and the district. The president lamented that the Drummond branch had disbanded leaving 16 branches in Halton, nine of which she had visited in 1972-73, and hoped to visit the others this coming year.

Minutes of last year's district annual were read by Mrs. R. Alexander. She also gave her treasurer's report in her usual self-explanatory manner using charts. The county handled \$2,447.65, spending \$1,724.25 leaving a balance of \$723.40 during the past year. The branches increased their combined balance of \$10,483.16 to \$21,281.46 during the year, and spent \$9,539.50.

Conveners of county standing committees were called forward by Moderator, Mrs. Frank Brown. 100 per cent reports were received from the branches.

**Fine reports**

Mrs. J. Vansickle, convener of Agriculture and Canadian Industries read a list of mottoes, and roll calls, complimenting two branches for fine reports.

Reporting for Citizenship and World Affairs, Mrs. C. Britton asked why Canada attracted people from other countries. Suggestions for programs included slides, trips, costume displays, samples of crafts of other cultures, making of wills, etc.

Mrs. C. Wrigglesworth reported for Education and Community Activities, in which crafts were prominent in programs. She stated Women's Institutes should be proud of their endeavours.

Mrs. Geo. Hargrave for Family and Consumer Affairs commented that one of the best things to keep up your sleeve is your funny bone, and be prompt.

Resolutions convener Mrs. Glen Pearce said all her questionnaires had been returned

but few contained much information. She said the program is important. If nothing else, you could make it happy, silly or foolish. She gave an example of a program. She advised them to share resolutions with other organizations for consideration and promotion.

Curator Mrs. Frank Wilson said typing of history is a legitimate expense and offered to help sort and compile Tweed-smuir histories.

**Award winners**

Mrs. John Bird reporting for the Bursary and Scholarship committee named winners for awards - Sheila Jamieson \$100 from the Dr. Ethel Chapman fund; Susan Vansickle \$50 from the bursary fund and Joyce Wilson a \$40 bursary. All are daughters of long-time Women's Institute members.

She asked for assistance finding eligible applicants for next year's awards.

Mrs. Donald Lindsay reported the recent music festival and stated that the students were pleased with the jovial adjudicator, Jas. Whicher. She said few buildings are suitable for the event. She appealed for funds as more trophies will be required in 1974.

**Federation of Agriculture reports**, prepared by Mrs. W. Mahon was read by Mrs. O. Vansickle.

The report explained some taxes affecting farmers, and mentioned Edward Bird and Dennis McClure were educational award winners.

**Safety display**

Safety convener, Mrs. C. Patterson had a display of safety equipment and explained its uses. Numbers drawn gave Mrs. Weller, Mrs. McCarron Miss L. Godward and Mrs. Linham each a piece of safety equipment. She said no reports were received from branches and few W.I. members attended their worthwhile meetings. She told delegates to be safety lovers.

Public Relations Officer, Mrs. Frank Brown reported donations and gifts to various projects including scholarships and bursaries. She complimented Nelson branch for their work. She advised using W.I. money for projects of the organization. Short courses are one of the best efforts, but tours and overseas correspondence were also recommended. She told us to take a critical look at ourselves, get new members; train others for future leaders. Let's have a wave of enthusiasm that will spread. Retiring from her six year term she ended with thanks.

**Handicrafts judged**

Wall hangings "Good Luck" a rug hooking technique on burlap, was judged first for Mrs. Neil Anderson of Limehouse in handicrafts by judge, Mrs. McDonald of The Eden Mills handicrafts shop. She liked the



MRS. MANSELL NELLIS WAS elected president of the Halton W.I. at the annual convention in Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton, last Wednesday.

contrasting colours and originality of the work.

She gave Mrs. Roughley of Limehouse second for her "Quail," saying the workmanship was superb and the flowers so real one could almost smell them.

A large display of Serving with Knits garments from a recent short course was seen by many. She judged two unframed pictures depicting "Meal Time", giving Mrs. Norman Langton of Mountain Union first for her oil painting of the Pilgrims of the Mayflower at their simple Thanksgiving dinner, and second to Mrs. Bert Benton of Limehouse for her tube painting of a homey scene where a little girl serves ice-cream to her doll. Winning entries in these contests will be sent on to the area convention.

Mrs. Harry Norton conducted a lively sing song with Mrs. Tom Manes at the piano.

**4-H Clubs**

Home Economist, Mrs. Bannister told of the purpose of 4 H clubs, saying Sportsweaver from Knits had been a popular project. She advised interesting others, joining other branches if numbers were small. One hundred and sixty-four girls were involved

in 16 clubs last year, and three are in the extra course, home beautification.

Thirteen county honors pins and diplomas, and four advanced honors, were presented. Two leaders had completed five years.

She asked for help in getting applicants for bursaries due June 30.

Prov. board director, Mrs. Geo. Henderson was unable to be present but sent good wishes and report via alternate Mrs. J. Bird. She says numbers have been reached 388 members and she wants more. She thanked them for contributions to the gift stall at the June F.W.I.C. convention in Banff which she hopes to attend. She asks continued support for pennies for friendship, for helping save the eyes of children of India, etc. Twenty-two scholarships were raffled, \$2,000 given to train three girls as teachers in Turkey; \$300 was provided for teaching a Spanish lady to speak English by the A.C.W.W.

Money is available for setting up another scholarship. There are only four W.I.'s in Ontario but another is forming.

**Lee Homestead**

She mentioned the Erland Lee homestead, now owned by the F. W. I. O. would be open for visits July 1. It is being furnished from 1850 on, and more is needed.

Eaton's and Simpsons, Nassagaweya and Burlington donations to furnishing were acknowledged. She sent out trilliums, on which each wrote greeting, name and address, and a province from which one wished a pen pal. Mrs. Henderson will take these to Banff to distribute. After lunch Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Brown showed her pictures and read a commentary of the Erland Lee Home, and a few local slides.

## Fashion show by 4-H girls

The May meeting of Banckburn Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. S. Morrison on Highway 7. Roll call was answered by "How many of your neighbours have you visited lately?" Donations were to be made to the bursary and leaders of the 4H club.

The program committee is to meet May 30 to arrange programs for the coming year.

Banckburn 4H girls were present at the meeting and Janet Cox, one of the leaders of the club Dressing up Vegetables, gave a very interesting talk and had a different menu which had been used during the club.

**Fashion show**

Mrs. Henderson, the leader of the next club "sewing with knits", commented on the club and several of the girls put on a fashion show showing the lovely suits they had made. The girls also showed their record books and one of them had received a lovely sterling silver pie server for having completed 18 clubs.

Janet Cox conducted a flower contest, the winner Mrs. C. Colea. Mrs. Vaughan read a poem "The Women's Institute by Mrs. McNabb.

Delegates were appointed to attend the district annual in Acton May 23. Arrangements were made for the June meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Matthews.

A social hour was spent over a cup of tea.

**Baking judged**

Baking entries were judged by C. N. E. standards, Mrs. Young of Acton, giving Miss Eva Chisholm of Scotch Block first for fruited applesauce cake and second to Mrs. Geo. Burt of Silverwood. Mrs. Jas. Noble of Limehouse got first for plain rolled out cookies and Mrs. Glen Campbell of Nelson second.

A good dinner was served by the church ladies. Head table guests were introduced and visitors included Mrs. Smith area president, who brought humour and greeting. Other visitors included those from Central and Southern Wellington and South Peel.

**Tells of north**

Luncheon speaker was Mrs. L. Dittich of Acton who spoke of living and weather conditions at Inuvik, N.W.T., where she occasionally visits her son who is an Anglican rector. She told of winter temperatures of -60 degrees in constant darkness and in late May 10 - 12 degrees. Winter air pollution is dense due to motors running constantly and heat being manufactured.

Eskimos do not take part in beauty contests but in good woman contests. She showed slides. She was introduced by Mrs. Armstrong of Dublin and thanked by Mrs. Campbell of Nelson and given flowers.

Mrs. Campbell Sinclair thanked the kitchen staff for their fine job for 133 diners.

Mrs. L. Jamieson, vice-pres; presided for the early afternoon. In Memoriam was handled by Mrs. Ellerby of Limehouse branch.

**Musical skit**

After roll call was Indian or Eskimo handicraft and a saying of either language. Dublin ladies entertained. Mrs. Manes played "two little maidens", Anne Norton & June Hunter sang and

acted out their musical skit assisted briefly by Mrs. C. Britton.

**Officers 1973-74**

Past pres. Mrs. G. Henderson R.R.1, Georgetown; president - Mrs. M. Nellis R.R.1, Acton; 1st vice - Mrs. L. Jamieson Ballinafad; 2nd vice - Mrs. G. Campbell R.R.8, Milton; fed. rep. - Mrs. G. Henderson R.R.1, Georgetown; alternate fed. rep. - Mrs. John Bird R.R.2, Georgetown; P.R.O. - unilled; secretary-treasurer - Mrs. G. Ironside R.R.1, Georgetown.

Standing committee conveners - Agriculture & Canadian Industries - Mrs. Wallace Lasby, R.R.2, Rockwood; Citizenship & World Affairs - Mrs. Gordon Booth, R.R.1, Limehouse; Education & Cultural Activities - Mrs. C. Wrigglesworth, R.R.2, Georgetown; Family & Consumer Affairs - Mrs. G. Hargrave, Acton; Resolutions - Mrs. Glen Pearce, R.R.2, Rockwood; Bursary & Scholarship Committee - Mrs. W. Webb, Mrs. G. Henderson, Mrs. R. Alexander.

**Music Festival Representative** - Mrs. J. Sladdon, Glen Williams; Federation of Agriculture Rep. - Mrs. W. Mahon, R.R.2, Campbellville; Curator - Mrs. Frank Wilson 63 Charles St.,

Georgetown; Assistants - Mrs. H. Marchington, R.R.1, Georgetown, Mrs. H. Robertson, R.R. 1, Milton; Safety Representative - Mrs. C. Patterson, R.R.4, Milton.

**Resolutions**

Mrs. Campbell, Nelson branch, explained their resolution which convener Mrs. Pearce had read. Mrs. N. Anderson moved its being sustained and Mrs. F. Hadley seconded it. It dealt with restricting many places of business being unnecessarily open on the Sabbath.

A letter requesting a donation to financially assist an athlete was rejected fearing a widespread series of appeals.

Several ladies offered to answer a request to supervise tea tables at the 1973 prov. plowing match.

The decision of the district directors to donate to expenses of the provincial director to attend the F.W.I.C. convention in Banff in June was upheld.

Mrs. C. Sinclair of Banckburn thanked Mrs. Bird, said best wishes were with Mrs. Henderson, and thanked those taking part.

An invitation was accepted from Hornby branch for next year's District Annual at Hillcrest United Church.

**Expect 1,200 in exchange program**

By Cathy Lasby

This summer, Ontario's two greatest assets, its land and its people, have the opportunity of realizing a better understanding. The Urban-Exchange Program is again being offered in this area under the supervision of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. It is one of the 17 projects in the "Experience '73" series organized by the Ontario Youth Secretariat.

Plans are being made for at least 1,200 young people between the ages of 12 and 15 to spend a week in their counterpart's home. By being involved in the daily life of the urban and rural dweller for one week during the month of July or August, it is hoped that this program will resolve the misconceptions that exist between farm and city people.

In order for this program to be a success, we need urban and rural applicants who wish to take part in the exchange as well as urban and rural host families. The opportunity is yours for the asking! For further information regarding this very worthwhile program, please contact the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food office or Cathy Lasby, the Area Co-ordinator at 878-2314 (Milton) or 527-2900 (Ancaster).

**Plan fireworks**

Acton firefighters will be celebrating Dominion Day with a public display of fireworks on July 1 weekend. As is now required, two firefighters have taken special training to permit them to direct the holiday program.

Miss Dorothy Simmons sang a lovely solo in memory of Mrs. Robert Warne When I Come to the End of My Way, followed by a minute's silence for Mrs. Warne.

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## Sample African food at meeting of U.C.W.

The study on Zambia and African foods made the meeting of unit 2 of Trinity U.C.W. interesting. The meeting was held in the church with Mrs. E. Lidka presiding.

Mrs. Tom Shields gave the talk on Africa.

Mrs. Nellie Shoemaker had devotions with her topic the Bible. Mrs. Brooks read Scripture and led in prayer. Mrs. W. Little gave a reading in which the Bible was likened to a magnificent palace.

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**LIP group speaks here**

Mooday night, four teachers from the Ontario Association for the Mentally Retarded gave talks and exchanged ideas with Tinkerbell Nursery School volunteers and Youth Across Canada for the Mentally Retarded members at Sunshine School in Hornby.

The teachers are financed through LIP grants from the federal government. The meeting was set up by Les Griffith who is the recreation chairman for the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded which runs the Tinkerbell and Sunshine Schools.

**Set location**

Georgetown council favored the north side of Highway No. 7 for an arena and community hall, on a split vote. Council voted to purchase 16 acres opposite Georgetown Market at a cost of \$10,000 an acre, a total of \$160,000. Council will apply for a federal provincial winter capital project fund loan of \$700,000.



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