Institute director's report shows wide range of women's interests

by Mrs. Bert Benton

Mrs. R.C. Alexander, Georgetown, provincial board director for the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario, hosted her subdivision meeting early in January. District executives from Halton, Wellington Centre and Wellington South attended.

 Mrs. Alexander spoke on the recent board meeting in Toronto stating "Nothing is Achieved Before it is Thoroughly Attempted."

The new provincial secretary is Mrs. Sam Johnston from Listowel. New conveners appointed for Agriculture and Canadian Industries is Mrs. Theima Allen of Thessalon and Citizenship and World Affairs is Mrs. Murray Forest of Princeton.

The offices of "Rural Organizations and Services" have now moved. New address is Johnston Hall, Room 111, University Guelph, 519-824-4120, ext. 2289.

Four main trusts this year are Rural Leadership Development, Communication, Education, Rural Urban Relations.

The Bicentenary of Ontario will be celebrated in 1964. We were asked to give some thought to how we intend to mark the occasion. She reported that 3 Helen McKercher scholarships were given in 1982. In 1983 one scholarship of \$1,200 will be given.

The Erland Lee Home Report showed 3,343 people visited there in 1981-82. The quilts and quilt blocks that were donated last year by the branches realized \$439. The 1983 WI week at the home is May 31, June 1 and 2.

Guelph Area Day is April 13 and our 3 subdivisions will be visiting the Erland Lee Home and taking their crafts and preserves. Christmas at the Lee 1983 will be Wednesday November 30, and December 1.

The Officers Conference will be May 3, 4, 5 at Waterloo. The theme this year is resolutions. District Annual dates are Halton District May 25, Wellington Centre May 18 and Wellington South May 10. In the

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National Reports Mrs. Alexander mentioned the competitions "history"—people who put my community on the map. "handcraft"—needlepoint. "Cultural Essay"— Impact on Women's Instituteds on Rural Canada. "Citzenship"—House Log.

Ideas for meeting topics were suggested including unpaid farm labour, pensions, how women are coping with industry shut down and unemployment, pornography and human rights; effect of micro technology on women and the home; zero in on international Affairs; safety in the home, farm, industry, school, traffic, and chemicals.

A new International pin is available for a WI member with 25 years service and who has lived in 2 provinces. A lifestyle award can be presented to someone within the community who has made a worthwhile contribution.

The water and sanitation project goal is to

have all the world with safe purified water by 1990. At present one half of the world people are without reasonable access to clean water and sanitation.

A "Child Care Course" is available where an overseas student comes to England and then returns to her own country to teach her own. The Triennial Conference is in British Columbia in June 1983.

It was stressed that Women's Institutes should support WI projects first. Also WI members must do a better job of promoting our organization.

A discussion on the Area Convention which will be held in Acton Legion on October 26 and 21 followed. The theme is "It's a Small World". There will be no gift stall but an ACWW display and a PRO display will be set up.

Billots and transportation will be looked after by Betty Armstrong, 83 Lake Ave., Acton.



Bruce Trail Association President Eric Kennedy presents a cheque for \$37,000 to Howard Stewart, chairman of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority toward the purchase of the 88.75 acre Vaughan property on the Tenth Line. With them are Doug Robertson director of the Bruce Trail Association, Harry Watson Manager of Land Resources, CVCA, and Glen Schnarr General Manager CVCA. The Richard Ivery Foundation also contributed part of the cost of the purchase.

Ballinafad

Time to register for soccer

by Winifred Smith

Another beautiful weekend to enjoy the great out-doors. Travelling was exceptionally good and, as always many took advantage of it.

It was the second Sunday in Lent and the worship service at the church was carried through on that theme. The children were also told a few things about the meaning of Lent by the minister, before Sunday School classes. Mrs. Pat Kerr was organist for the service. The congregation enjoyed special music, which was a duet by two of the Sunday School scholars, Christine Kerr and Becky Howes.

It was announced the "World Day of Prayer" service would be held this year at the Christian Reformed Church on Friday, March 4, at 2 p.m.

A reminder that the United Church Women (UCW) have a quilt in the frames at the home of Helga Schwarz. Ladies with a few spare hours who quilt would be welcomed this week.

It is that time of year again when the Ballinafad soccer teams are being lined up. The 1983 season registration will take place at the Ballinafad hall on this coming Thursday, March 3 starting at 7 p.m.

The age groups are: (1) Minor Squirt, boys and girls born in 1976. (2) Major Squirt, boys and girls born in 1975. (3) Atom, boys born in 1973, 1974. (4) Minor Mosquito, boys born in 1972. (5) Major Mosquito, boys born

in 1971. (6) Girls' registration will be accepted for girls born between 1969 and 1972. The formation of any of the above teams will depend on volume of registration.

Registration Fee, Minor and Major Squirt, \$18. all others, \$25. Birth Certificates or other proof of age required.

For further information contact Ivan Bird, 877-4985 or Gord Colton, 877-7003. We welcome home Lloyd and Frances Buckrell, who have spent several weeks in

Texas visiting with his sister and family.

The games night in the community centre on Saturday was successful. Thanks to all those who participated and helped. More details next week.

Council cost us \$104,447

The taxpayers paid out \$104,447 to councillors in their yearly salary, Canada

Pension Plan and conferences, during 1982.
The total to the mayor and councillors was \$99,604, while Canada Pension added \$723 and conferences and seminars added \$4,119.

In salary the mayor received \$17,325 plus \$2,900, which Treasurer Ray King said went primarily for public relations expenditures and mileage. He noted less than \$200 was for conferences.

The yearly salary for councillors amount to \$6,856.

One third of the salary is tax exempt since

Board's budget proposal is up only 7.6%

The Halton board of education's finance committee is not going to make the same mistake two years in a row, if chairman Bill Priestner has any say in the matter.

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And the board of education may be in for a surprise when Priestner presents the budget to the board next month.

Rather than presenting a budget increase of eight per cent over last year. Priestner will be recommending the board accept a proposal limiting the budget to 7.6 per cent for the year 1983-84.

The decision to further decrease the budget from the original eight per cent to 7.6 per cent (the difference of about \$450,000) was made at the finance committee meeting. Priestner urged committee members to cut half of the \$900,000 worth of new and expanded programs.

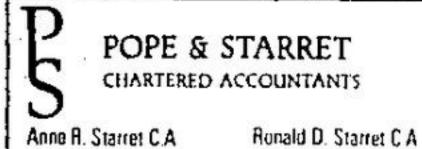
The new dollar figure the committee will recommend is \$140,658,856. Priestner told this newspaper he is confident the board will accept the committee's recommendation.



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