## Salter elected president of area Women's Institute at Rockwood meeting

Meeting The Challenge was the theme for the 53rd annual convention for Guelph Area Women's Institute held at Rockmosa Community Centre on Oct. 15 and

On Thursday about 350 and on Friday about 250 members registered for the half day convention. Displays were viewed before the evening banquet. Flags were carried into the hall by the executive representing every province across this great country in which we live.

The keynote speaker for the banquet was Margaret Eberle, president of FWIO. She told the members that a stranger is a friend who isn't a W.I. member. Our challenge for tomorrow is a headquarters fund of \$1 million for office and meeting place, a long term lease is being looked into at Park House. She challenged each member to a metre of loonies. 1994 is the year of the family and community; 1996, global environment; 1997 the institute will be 100 years old with the anniversary being held in Toronto. Flags, bumper stickers etc. are being sold for this event.

The Friday session was opened by the singing of the Institute Ode. Eileen McEnery and Sharon Currie led in sing-song during the conven-

The area president in her remarks said we should support our own headquarters fund as the retiring board of directors had started a fund on our behalf; \$50,000 was given to other than W.I. projects, wear your badge and tell the story about the work of W.I. and be positive and think what the institute has done for home and country. Change is difficult but we can change and have a clear picture of what you want.

Three resolutions were passed.

1. There is a great concern about the negative impact that will result from these casinos and video terminals causing additional unemployment and welfare payments.

2. The disposal of scrap tires in Ontario is a problem in landfill sites and these tires have dangerous potential when left to collect in depots and that shredded tire chips contain the same chemicals as coal when used for fuel in cement kilns and that chips are a viable alternative fuel with virtually no residual ash after burning at very high temperatures.

3. The identity of young offend-

ers is protected by the ban on publication of their names even when convicted and it seems that the cause of justice and the protection of the public could best to served by public access to this information that could also lead to more family responsibility for discipline, community awareness and self protec-

Renate Ross used as her skit an Action car which she had driven for 90 years to W.I. meetings. She used parts of the car as a symbol of branches, member example - the wiper was to have a clear view of the society of all officers; window branches need to look on all sides; car seats - attractive for all members; ownership papers to be passed on to others.

The Erland Lee home, Adelaide Hoodless Homestead had a busy year. The utility shed and decorating fund is increasing, a new brochure is available about the

Les Asselstine was our guest speaker Friday afternoon. He is a teacher in Waterloo, teaching agriculture.

Calling it partnership in agriculture, things have changed in Ontario. He works with children through books etc. Recipe for mashed potatoes and pizza to see what was missing in recipe. Another book was The Three Little Pigs. He used a combine in the classroom to see if the children knew the front from back. Children will ask questions and don't be afraid to answer them, he also used a mystery object for a panel to see what idea they could come up with.

The board of directors' presentation was: pass it on courses; decor assent; new quilt techniques; entertaining with a flair. These courses reach out to other people other than W.I. members.

Pat Salter was elected president for 1992-93, 1993-94 and her district presented her with a bouquet of roses. Irene Maurer was also presented with a gift as our going pres-

The 90 anniversary scholarship winner was Linda Frey from Rockwood as she went back to school as a W.I. member.

Next year's convention will be held in Brussels at the community centre hosted by Sub Division 11.

A very successful convention came to a close with the singing of O Canada.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Don't forget...our office will be closed December 24th until noon January 4th. Have a Happy Holiday! Please Don't Drink & Drive.

Season's Greetings to all our customers from the Driver & Vehicle Licence office.





