

Many Delegates Attend WI Area Convention *Sept 29/72*

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Mrs. Helene Dubinski, deputy mayor of Kenora welcomed 136 delegates and visitors to the 52nd Area Convention of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

Mrs. Dubinski, in her address of welcome said, "All women's organizations add much to the betterment of our society, and the Women's Institutes do their share."

1972 marks the 75th anniversary of the Women's Institute movement. Since first meeting held in the village of Stoney Creek, Ontario, the movement has spread to 67 countries and provinces with a total membership of more than seven million. International movement is called the Associated Country Women of the World... direct out-crop of the first small group of women.

Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless was the spark who started the ever-growing movement. She established the educational group when her child died after drinking impure milk.

Motto of Area Convention, "They built better than they knew," paid tribute to pioneers who started the world movement.

featured reports of year's activities by area home economists, Mrs. Mary Leah deZwart, Rainy River, and Miss Barbara Weise, Thunder Bay.

Provincial president, Mrs. Noblitt's first address to the Northwestern Ontario area since taking office, highlighted afternoon sessions.

Mrs. Noblitt stated that at one time she lived in mining camps located 100 miles north of Sioux Lookout and she remembers the time when a visit to Kenora was considered a big event.

"Don't feel sorry for yourselves here in the north. Here one must use your ingenuity and imagination, more so than we do in the south" she stated.

She told delegates that the convention presented them with an opportunity to feel they are part of a world-wide organization.

Among upcoming WI projects is a program designed to help northern Institutes carry on their work.

Members were also asked to keep the pennies flowing into the Pennies For Friendship fund. This fund finances work carried on by ACWW in under-developed and emerging countries of Asia, Africa and South America. Women in these countries are now forming groups based on aims of the Women's Institute.

Conveners of various stan-

ding committees presented annual reports.

Miss Helen McKercher, Director of the Home Economics Branch, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, addressed the Friday sessions. Miss McKercher outlined services available from her department and thanked the women for enthusiastic assistance given to 4-H Girls' Homemaking clubs over the years.

Donations report noted that a total of \$8,626.46 had been contributed by 47 branches to their home communities and to Women's Institute projects during the past year.

Mrs. Phyllis Grann, Pass Lake, invited delegates to the 1973 convention to be held in Thunder Bay.

FWIO president, Mrs. H. Noblitt, presided for election of officers.

Mrs. R. Tolmosen, Dorion was elected chairman for the 1973 convention with vice-presidents, Mrs. W. McLeod, Emo, Mrs. N. Sinclair, Fort Frances, Mrs. M. Cronk, Kakabeka Falls, Mrs. L. Boersma, Stratton, Mrs. H. Pateman again will serve as secretary-treasurer.

Board directors for subdivision 31 and 32 are Mrs. Rebecca Johnson, Slate River and Mrs. N. Sinclair, Fort Frances. Public relations officer is Mrs. J. F. Atkinson, Dorion.

Conveners are, Mrs. E. K. Hill, Agriculture and Canadian Industries; Mrs. J. F. Bellamy, Education and Cultural Affairs; Mrs. Cecil Kellar, Family and Consumer Affairs; Mrs. R. Reinson, Citizenship and World Affairs; Mrs. W. Redford, History Curator; Mrs. W. Laverdure, resolutions; Mrs. H. Latimer, Oxdrift and Mrs. R. Eglu, Minnitaki, auditors.

One resolution, dealing with date-coding meat, was sustained.

Of special interest during the session was introduction of Mrs. Alice McKendie a 52-year member of the Women's Institute and presently life member of Stratton branch.



MISS HELEN MCKERCHER, director, Home Economics Branch, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, left,

and Mrs. Harvey Noblitt, Ottawa, newly-elected president, Federated

Women's Institutes of Ontario, prepare to cut 75th anniversary cake, at Kenora Convention.

Couple Feted On 50th *1972* Anniversary

SCHREIBER — Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Nicol, formerly of Jackfish, Ont., attained their 50th wedding anniversary, Oct. 7, and in celebration were feted at a family dinner and an evening reception.

The dinner was held at the home of the couple's son Edwin in Terrace Bay, and the reception arranged by the family, was held at the couple's present home in Schreiber.

Mr. Nicol, a World War veteran and a member of Royal Canadian Branch 109 arrived in Jackfish in 1909, from St. Pierre, Que., and worked in the general store, first with W. J. Ryan, and later for his uncle P. A. Nicol. Mrs. Nicol arrived in Jackfish in 1921 and a year later the couple were married in the Star of the Sea church by Rev. LaFortune. They continued to make their home in Jackfish until Mr. Nicol retired in 1963, when they moved to Schreiber.

Their children include Edwin, Terrace Bay; Gerry, residing at home and daughter Isobel, Mrs. Tony Cenerelli, Kitchener, who was present. The family now includes 11 grandchildren.

Guests included a host of former Jackfish friends; their Schreiber neighbors; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cenerelli and family, Kitchener; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sahl, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Charban and Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Patterson, Thunder Bay; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Almost and others from Terrace Bay and Mr. and Mrs. C. Todesco and others from Rossport.

The many expressions of congratulation received by the couple included a framed message from the office of Prime Minister Trudeau.



MR. AND MRS. EDMOND NICOL

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