

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION

Schreiber Branch of the Women's Institute had the pleasure of hosting the 17th annual convention of the organization, and marking its own 50th anniversary.

The district includes twelve branches, extending from Schreiber to Upsala.

Frances Pajamaki, of Kakabecka Falls was elected president for the coming year. Other officers include: Carol Stadey of Upsala - past president; Anne Todesco of Rosspport - first vice-president; Etta Renaud of Dorion - second vice president; Marjory Boyer of Thunder Bay - third vice president; Arlene Ramsdale of Kakabecka Falls - secretary-treasurer; Cheryl Sovereign of Kakabecka Falls - Public relations officer.

Mrs. Stadey was also named federation representative and resolution convener, with Mrs. Ramsdale as alternate federation representative. Also on the slate, are Marie Larabee, Kakabecka Falls; Winnie Clemens, Schreiber; Alice Make, Anny Boyko, Kathy Zaluzny, Mrs. L.O. Tees and Fran Elchuk all of Thunder Bay; Ingrid Price, Pass Lake and Florence McLenna of Nipigon.

Mrs. Todesco was elected curator and alternate delegate to the area convention.

Mrs. Pajamaki, as president, is delegate to that meeting.

There were twenty-eight delegates and nineteen visitors, as well as guests attending the meeting. No resolutions were presented.

Conveners' reports included - Agriculture and Canadian Industries by Marie Larabee; Family and Consumer Affairs by Ingrid Price; Education and Cultural Activities by Winnie Clemens; Citizenship and World Affairs by Frances Pajamaki; Public Relations Officer, Lynn Asgard; Tweedsmuir History Book, Eleanor Bourke and F.W.I.O. Provincial Board, Anne Boyko.

Joanne Kushnier, district editor of the Times-News was the guest speaker, the proper method of sending reports to the paper, which make it acceptable for publication.

Barbara Weese, Home Economist, also spoke.

Carnations were presented to the head table in memory of departed members.

At the luncheon, given in the Anglican Church Hall, Reeve Harold McParland formally offered Schreiber's greetings and its appreciation of the contribution the W.I. makes to the town affairs. He mentioned the interesting item - that they have always arranged the formal presentation of the Council's engraved silver cup to the first baby of the year and, by happy chance the first baby to receive the cup - Norman Boon, is now a member of the municipal council.

Jack Stokes, MLA, native of the town and familiar with the W.I.'s work in the community, had the pleasure of presenting a letter and plaque to the local Branch, honouring the 50 years of service, from the Province.

A special guest of honour was Edith Reid, of Westminster, B.C. She was the first secretary-treasurer of Schreiber Institute, who was presented with a silver teaspoon inscribed with the W.I. motto - Home and Country. Mrs. Reid, who had lived for many years in Schreiber, coming here as a Health Nurse, married Gordon Reid, a local merchant. She recalled former days and the many friends who'd welcomed her and made her years in Schreiber a fond memory.

Bill Broadsworth, Agricultural representative, Ontario Ministry Agriculture and Food, also spoke.

During the afternoon meeting - Eva Gordon sang the familiar "Amazing Grace" accompanied by Dorothy Lengyel.

Victoria Winters donated the birthday cake for the occasion.

At the end of the long day, which began at 9:30 a.m., Mrs. Stadey, before formally ending the program, read the words - "Coming together is Beginning, Thinking together is Unity, Keeping together is Progress, Working together is Success."

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