

East Elgin District W.I. holds 70th annual meeting

by Bernice Taylor
Elgin East District Women's Institute held its 70th district annual meeting at the Church of Christ Disciples, Mapleton.

About 65 members attended hosted by Kingsmill Mapleton W.I. Following greetings from Gerold Byron minister of the host church. Mrs. John Penhale of North Yarmouth W.I. presented the theme "Let us take time for all things."

A memorial service was held in memory of deceased members by Kingsmill Mapleton W.I.

A lively sing song was led by Mrs. Lorne Nethercott assisted by Mrs. Inez Smith at the piano.

Mrs. Russell Campbell, board director for subdivision 22 of Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario brought greetings and ratified the eleven district directors.

Mrs. Campbell asked each branch to have a meeting on producer consumer awareness and let her know by Sept. 30 what we are doing about it. For Associated Country Women of the World Convention in 1983 save stamps in 6 or 12 or 25 to a package one country only in each package and send to Mrs. Russell Campbell RR 1 Iona Station, Ont. NOL 1PO by March 1, 1983.

There will be three Helen McKercher scholarships available this year to a value of \$1200. each. Application forms may be obtained from F.W.I.O. office.

Home economist Bonnie Wilson of St. Thomas Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food reported on the 4-H project more outdoor living and the adult course on quilting. The fall 4-H project will be Bread Winners.

Mrs. Campbell installed the officers for 1982-83. Past president, Mrs. Jack Widner, President Mrs. Nicholas Cerna, 1st Vice-Mrs. Leo

Pressey, 2nd Vice-Mrs. Orrie Ostander, Secretary-Mrs. Robert VanPatter, Treasurer-Mrs. Robert J. Ferguson, Ass't. Secretary Treas.-Mrs. Roy Gardner, Federation Representative-Mrs. Marshall Field, Alternate Federation Rep.-Mrs. Robert Martin, Public Relations Officer-Mrs. Morris Taylor, District Convenors-Agriculture and Canadian Industries-Miss Helen Martyn, Citizenship and World Affairs-Miss Mildren Owen, Education and Cultural Activities-Mrs. C.D. Kennedy, Family and Consumer Affairs-Mrs. Wm. McCaw, Resolutions-Mrs. Jack Widner, District Tweedsmuir History-Mrs. Gordon Hoshal, Assistant-Mrs. Catharine McDowell, Auditors-Mrs. Joe Bechard and Mrs. Ralph Gooding, Nominating

Committee-Mrs. Leo Pressey, Mrs. R.J. Ferguson, Mrs. Robert Stewart and Mrs. Ernest Jenkins.

Mrs. Hoshal announced there will be a Tweedsmuir history workshop held for branch and district curators at the Presbyterian Church, Embro, Aug. 18. Please bring a box lunch, beverage is provided.

The area convention will be held at St. Marys Oct. 27 and 28.

The district annual for 1983 will be hosted by Eden Branch.

Mrs. Marshal Feild gave the museum report. Mrs. Pressey gave the courtesty remarks.

The meeting closed with the singing of God Save the Queen.

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New officers elected for Women's Institute

by: Frances Irwin

May 1982



The new executive of the East Middlesex District W.I. Mrs. Fallon, Mrs. Don Black, Mrs. A. Rath, Mrs. Charles Lamb, Mrs. Gordon Johnson, Mrs. William Boles and Mrs. Robert Wilson.



Provincial President, Mrs. Hiepleh, chats with a W.I. member.

The Nilestown Women's Institute hosted the 73rd annual meeting of the Middlesex East District Women's Institute Tuesday, May 18.

A new slate of officers were elected as follows: President - Mrs. Charles Lamb of Belmont; First Vice-President - Mrs. M. Moore of London; Second Vice President - Mrs. Gordon Johnson of Thorndale; Federal Representative - Mrs. Don Black of Glanworth; Alternate Federal Representative - Mrs. A. Rath of Aylmer and Mrs. Robert

Wilson of Hyde Park, will assume the position of Past President.

The Provincial President, Mrs. Hiepleh, of the Kingsmill-Mapleton branch, was present. She thanked the women for inviting her to the meeting and expressed her continuing surprise at how different each

district annual can be. Mrs. Hiepleh said afterward, that she enjoys meeting the Women's Institute members from across Ontario because "There's never any grumbling" by these volunteers and it's a pleasant contrast to the bad news that appears daily in the newspapers.

Mrs. G. Papple, the London Area President, also brought greetings to the ladies.

On behalf of St. Andrews W.I., Mrs. Lawrence Smith offered to host the District Annual next year.

Mrs. Grace Whittington, the Home Economist, talked about the new 4-H courses that are being offered and explained the structural changes in the Ministry of Agriculture.

The W.I. represents rural women and was originally founded by Adelaide Hunter Hoodless for the

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**Kingsmill-Mapleton
Branch
of the**

**ELGIN EAST
WOMEN'S
INSTITUTE**

Hosting a Tea

in Honour of

**ZINY WESTERBRING-MULLER,
A.C.W.W. World President,**

August 7, 1982

6:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

MAPLETON CHURCH OF CHRIST

(DISCIPLES)

*Ziny Westerbring Muller
with much love!*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Leader: Mrs. Gertrude Davies

Organ prelude: Mrs. Inez Smith

Institute Ode:

A goodly thing it is to meet
In friendship's circle bright,
Where nothing stains the pleasure sweet,
Nor dims the radiant light.
No unkind word our lips shall pass
No envy, sour the mind
But each shall seek, the common weal;
The good of all mankind.

The Mary Stewart Collect

THE MARY STEWART COLLECT
Keep us, O Lord, from pettiness, let us be
large in thought, in word and deed;
Let us be done with fault finding and
leave off self-seeking;
May we put away all pretence and meet
each other face to face, without self-
pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgment and
always generous;
Let us take time for all things; make us
grow calm, serene, gentle;
Teach us to put into action our better im-
pulses, straightforward and unafraid;
Grant that we may realize that it is the
little things that create difference;
that in the big things of life we are one,
And may we strive to touch and know the
great human heart common to us all,
and O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

The Mapletones (accompanied by Carol Reith):

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Welcome: Mrs. Eleanor Stover, K.M.W.I. President

The Mapletones: "Pass It On"

Greetings

Duet: Mrs. Aletha and Cindy Bradt

Introduction of Mrs. Ziny Westerbring-Muller, Guest
of Honour: Mrs. Janet Hiepleh

Duet: Aletha and Cindy

God Save the Queen

Institute Grace

"We thank Thee, Father, for Thy care,
Food, friends and kindness we share;
May we forever mindful be
Of "Home and Country and of Thee."





WORLD PRESIDENT HONORED — Members of Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute hosted a tea in honor of World President Mrs. Zina Westebring Muller of Holland, President of the Association of Country Women of the World. Pictured here from left

to right is Mrs. Grace Campbell, Board Director of Subdivision 22 of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario, Mrs. Sylvia Cerna, Elgin East District President, Mrs. Muller, Mrs. Eleanor Stover, President of Kingsmill-Mapleton WI and Mrs. Janet

Hiepleh, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and Mrs. Muller's hostess during her visit in Ontario. Mrs. Muller will be guest speaker at the 85th celebration of the formation of the first WI group in the world Thursday in Toronto. — (T-J Photo).

WI members honor World President

It's not often a world leader drops by Elgin County.

Saturday night, members of the Kingsmill-Mapleton branch of the Elgin East Women's Institute hosted a tea for Mrs. Zina Westebring Muller of Holland, world president of the Associated Country Women of the World, one of the largest WI's in existence.

Mrs. Muller, who has visited WI branches in the Caribbean, the United States and Canada for the past 20 weeks, arrived in Elgin County late Friday afternoon, one week prior to the 85th celebration of the formation of the first WI in the world.

About 1,700 members are expected to attend the celebrations Thursday at the Constellation Hotel in Toronto, where Mrs. Muller will be guest speaker.

The evening tea held at Mapleton Church of Christ (Disciples) attracted about 100 WI members.

Greetings were extended to Mrs. Muller from Ron McNeil, MPP for Elgin, Bob Millard, reeve of South Dorchester, Mrs. Sylvia Cerna, President of East Elgin WI and Mrs. Ralph Palmer, president of West Elgin, Larry Shaw, warden of Elgin County, Mrs. A. E. Dale of Oxford South WI and Mrs. Grace Campbell, Elgin

County rally chairman and Mrs. Ruth Pappelle of London area WI.

Also in attendance was Karen Van Roojen, the Kingsmill-Mapleton representative for the Aylmer Fair Queen competition. Music was provided by the Mapletones and Mrs. Aletha Bradt and Cindy Bradt.

Mrs. Muller, who can speak five languages, said she hopes to meet as many WI members during her three year term as possible.

She described her eight-week visit in South Africa and the lifestyle of women in that country, noting that many earn money by working in the mines,

creating handicrafts or members she never declines an invitation.

She said as president of a group of nine million Mrs. Muller has now visited Canada four times.

Big issues concern international WI

By The Times-Journal and The Canadian Press

The image of Women's Institute members as homebodies "sitting around having tea" is something the organization's new president would like to change.

Bernice Noblitt says that image hasn't been accurate since the 1950s, when the institute began tackling such varied issues as pensions and child abuse in addition to its traditional rural interests.

While WI branches are concerned with these problems, bigger issues are being tackled by the international branch of the WI, the Association for Country Women of the World (ACWW).

The main thrust is learning how women in Canada can help women in another

land, especially in the Third World, said Mrs. Janet Hiepleh of Springfield, and president of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario.

The problem of poverty in the Third World will be presented to 1,700 WI members expected to attend tomorrow's 85th celebration of the formation of the first WI being held at the Constellation Hotel in Toronto. Guest speaker, ACWW World President Mrs. Zina Westebring Muller of Holland said during a telephone interview Monday that the ACWW is also stressing the importance of education all over the world and is asking for special attention on the problem of clean water and sanitation.

Mrs. Muller, who was elected president of the

ACWW two years ago in Germany at the tri-annual conference, has spent eight weeks in South Africa and the last 20 weeks touring WI branches in the Caribbean, the United States and Canada.

She said the problem of erosion, especially in developing countries where women are cutting down trees for firewood, must also be brought to world attention.

"I've seen that in South Africa and it's a huge problem. When it goes too far it's impossible to begin again because there has been too much erosion."

Reforestation programs must be initiated in these countries, she said.

Lack of transportation for women is another problem which concerns the ACWW.

She said women in South Africa are earning their own living through weaving or handicrafts and these must be marketed. But she said in many countries women have no possibility of using public transit.

"Women never get a place on the bus in South Africa."

Mrs. Muller added that hunger in the world is another problem which deserves attention.

"Hunger in the world is increasing, not decreasing. We never realize that in so many countries there is no daily bread."

Mrs. Muller said Canadian women have been helping the ACWW for the past 50 years through the Pennies for Friendship fund.

"They have supported all our projects in a tremendous way." But part of the reason for the WI's 'homebody' image is it may have been true in the organization's early days, Mrs. Noblitt said.

The institute was co-founded in 1837 at Stoney Creek, Ont., by farmer Erland Lee and Adelaide Hunter Hoodless, whose 18-month-old son had died because of impure milk.

Mrs. Hoodless wanted to educate farm women to prevent similar tragedies and campaigned for household science classes to be taught in schools.

Mrs. Noblitt said another reason the image remains is most people see only the work of a local branch, "which may not be doing much to report."

"But they're doing a part



MRS. ZINA WESTEBRING MULLER

Mrs. Noblitt, whose mother was active in the institute in its first years in Alberta, has been a member since 1959 and became president of the national organization in June.

and it can add up to something considerable."

She said there are 1,250 branches in Ontario alone and 50,000 members from rural areas across Canada. There are more than eight million members worldwide, affiliated under the ACWW.

Although the institute still stresses the importance of women's role as homemakers, "we want to see women get beyond the house and concerned with everyday events to the point they're making an impact," Mrs. Noblitt said.

To do this there are committees studying agriculture, Canadian industry, citizenship, legislation, education, cultural activities, home economics, health and international affairs. Each is divided into subtopics, with agriculture, for example, split into environment, safety and consumerism.

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Times-Journal

Lifestyles



WI president honored

Mrs. Keith (Janet) Hiepleh, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario 1981 to 1983, centre, was honored at a Recognition Night banquet Thursday at Springfield Lions Community

Hall. At left is Eleanor Stover, president of Kingsmill-Mapleton WI, and at right is Helen Widner, first vice president of the Elgin County Women's Institute Rally. — (T-J Photo).

Elgin County Women's Institute hosted 160 people at a successful recognition night in honour of a very important person, Provincial President Janet Hiepleh. Mrs. Jack Widner presented a crystal dish and a gift of money on behalf of Elgin County W.I.'s while Eleanor Stover presented a cup and saucer from the Kingsmill-Mapleton W.I., Janet's home branch. Highlight of the evening was a well-deserved standing ovation for the guest of honour.

Janet is pictured above with a few of her well-wishers.

*Nancy Gardner
Wileen Wilson
Ella MacIntosh*

*Joyce Zaretsky
K.M.W. members
attended*

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Ontario women's institute observes 85th anniversary

From a flicker to a flame was the theme of the 85th anniversary celebration of the Women's Institutes of Ontario when over 1700 members met at the Constellation Hotel, Toronto, on August 12th, with the provincial president Mrs. Janet Hiepleh of Springfield presiding.

The flicker began in 1897 when Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless saw the need for women to learn how to better care for their families. With the help of Erland Lee, the first Women's Institute was founded at Stoney Creek, Ontario. The flicker became a flame during the years as dedicated members with their volunteer efforts improved the life of rural women and their families. The movement spread and today there are 27,000 members in Ontario; 48,000 in Canada; and over 9 million in the world.

The guest speaker, Mrs. Ziny Westebing Muller of the Netherlands and the world president said "Ontario can be proud of its women and their accomplishments. When Mrs. Alfred Watt took the W.I. to England it was said "the greatest idea that had come out of the colonies to England. Canada's gift to the Motherland soon became Canada's gift to all nations and known as the Associated Countrywomen of the World". Mrs. Muller spoke of the projects in the under-developed countries, training leaders and helping persons. She asked the women to be concerned with the project for the 1980's.

"Fresh water and sanitation for all". She sees the hunger problem when she travels to many countries for ACWW. "The members must be a mighty force as your influence can know no bounds, we must pull together for world peace," she said.

Hon. Dennis Timbrell, Minister of Agriculture and Food congratulated the members for their continued leadership in their communities, for preserving history; promotion of homemaking skills and meeting the challenges of the many changes in rural life.

Greetings received includ-

ed from Members of Parliament, Premier Wm. Davis; Prime Minister Trudeau, Queen Elizabeth, Manitoba and Northern Ireland W.I.'s.

Senator Martha Beilish of Alberta, vice president for Canada to ACWW, brought greetings from the Senate, Hon. Joe Clark and the Member Societies of ACWW.

In closing Mrs. Hiepleh said "You should be proud to be a member of an organization that has stood the test of time, of 85 years of working for home and country and now look forward eagerly to the challenges of the future and what it holds for each of us."



Elgin East District Women's Institute held its annual meeting and election of officers at Eden Baptist Church last Wednesday. The 1983 executive is from left: past president Sylvia

Cerna, secretary Betty VanPatter, president Mary Pressey and vice-president Ella Ostrander.

Elgin East 1983 District WI

The Elgin East District Women's Institute fall directors' meeting took place at Terrace Lodge, with Mrs. Mary Pressey presiding.

Roll call was answered by each branch director presenting a gift to be donated to the craft table at London area Convention in St. Marys, Oct. 27 and 28.

The museum coffee break will be held Dec. 2, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. with North Yarmouth and Sparta Women's Institutes looking after the tea room.

Winter picnic will be held Feb. 23, 1984, with Corinth and Springfield as hostesses. Yarmouth Glen, Eden, Aylmer, Calton, to provide the program. The District Annual will be held at Yarmouth Centre United Church in May 1984.

Mrs. Grace Campbell, the provincial board director, announced Oct. 3 to 10 as Agri Food Week. Oct. 16 is World Food Day.

Mrs. Helen Widner announced a rally meeting at the museum, Nov. 5 at 1:30 p.m. Safety awards are to be presented at 3 p.m.

Miss Bonnie Wilson, Rural Organizations and Services Specialist, announced a Microwave demonstration entitled 'A new wave of cooking' to be held at Belmont United Church, Nov. 7, at 1:30 and again at 7:30 p.m. 4-H Achievement Day at McGregor Public School, Aylmer - 7:30 p.m. Nov. 30. Rug braiding course Oct. 5 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Elgin Labour Centre.

Lunch and a social time concluded the meeting.

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RALLY NEWS

Elgin County WI Rally enjoys world's desserts

Oct. 83

The Elgin County Women's Institute Rally was held at the Paynes Mills Women's Institute Hall for an A.C.W.W. Review. Mrs. Jack Widner, chairman of the rally, opened the meeting.

Mrs. Russell Campbell, chairman of the cookbook committee, gave out information sheets to the branches concerning the cookbook which the rally is preparing for the 1985 plowing match in Elgin County.

Each Institute had brought a dessert representative of one of the countries of ACWW,

and these were admired, then enjoyed by the 100 or so women present.

Members who had attended the 17th Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World in Vancouver in June. Presented the main part of the program.

Mrs. Ralph Palmer gave some facts concerning the ACWW. The Associated Country Women of the World is an organization of women, mostly from rural areas, in sixty-nine countries, with about nine million members. ACWW is a link between represen-

tatives of rural women's societies helping to teach education, health economics and family and social life. Conferences are held every three years in a different country. A.C.W.W. is closely involved with United Nations, and has consulting status. Member societies contributed through Pennies for Friendship.

Mrs. Butler, with slides and commentary, described a pre-conference tour taken by Mrs. Mary Gow and herself. Thirty four other people from seven countries were on this tour. They were hosted for coffee breaks, meals and overnight lodging by several Institutes in British Columbia.

Mrs. Gow commented on the conference mentioning especially the impressive inter-faith service on Sunday morning, and Canadiana, a program of music and skits with each province giving a presentation.

Mrs. Gertrude Liepman who had also attended the conference had brought some souvenirs, which were sold and the proceeds donated to the rally.

Mrs. Abel Post, and Mrs. Tina Chambers sang a duet in Dutch, and Mrs. Don Vicary led in singing some English and Scottish songs. Mrs. Liepman gave a greeting in German.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the Hymn of All Nations and O Canada.

Elgin WI rally welcomes guest

Oct. 84

A slide presentation with a commentary by Mrs. Della Fletcher on the work of the Associated Country Women of the World, Zambia, was given to members of Elgin County Women's Institute Rally.

Mrs. Fletcher, a member of Oxfordshire WI, England, is a representative of the President, Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario at council meetings of ACWW, England, when the Ontario president cannot attend.

The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Keith

Hiepleh and thanked by Mrs. Garnet Cowell.

Mrs. Fletcher presented three members with a Women's Institute tea towel which she had brought from England.

Members from the various Institutes, Elgin East and Elgin West, set up displays of crafts done by the members and Tweedsmuir history books.

The event, at New Sarum Public School, began with dessert and coffee. Helpers for the event were members from Yarmouth Glen, Aylmer, Boxall and Corinth Women's Institutes.

The Women's Institute Grace

*We thank Thee, Father for Thy care
 Food, friends and kindness we share;
 May we forever mindful be
 Of "Home and Country" and of Thee.*

*O CANADA*

*O Canada! Our home and native land!
 True Patriot love in all thy sons command.
 With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
 The True North strong and free!
 From far and wide, O Canada,
 We stand on guard for thee.
 God keep our land glorious and free!
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.*

J.A.

*ELGIN COUNTY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE RALLY**RECOGNITION NIGHT**in honour of**MRS. KEITH (JANET) HJEPLER**President**Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario 1981 to 1983**Banquet 6:30 p.m.**Thursday, November 4, 1982**Springfield Lions Community Hall**Springfield, Ontario*

Janet Hiepleh, elected President of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario on November 25, 1980, has a long and distinguished career in the work of the Women's Institute. It is interesting to note that Janet's Grandmother in England was a charter member of a Women's Institute Branch organized by the late Mrs. Alfred Watt.

Born in Malahide Township to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Howe, Janet and her younger sister Muriel, were raised on a farm. She attended public school at Luton and rode her bicycle three miles to the Aylmer High School. After graduating from the London Normal School in 1946, she taught public school at Dunboyne. It was during this time that she joined the East Elgin Junior Women's Institute (November 20, 1946). She was no stranger to W.I. As a youngster she had often been present when her W.I. Mother hosted Branch meetings. Just 10 days after joining the Junior W.I. the Elgin County Women's Institute organized and she was chosen a Director at the inaugural meeting. She faithfully served the Jr. W.I. as both Secretary-Treasurer and President during her years of membership.

Shortly after her marriage she joined the Kingsmill-Mapleton Branch and has been active ever since, holding Conventions and serving as President. She has also been President of Elgin East District, Chairman of Elgin County Rally and following her three years as Board Director to FWJO she served a two year term as London Area W.I. President.

During her term on the Provincial Board (1975-78) she assumed the duties of a Scholarship Committee member and FWJO representative to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Board. She was a voting delegate for FWJO to both the FWJC Convention in Charlottetown and also the ACWV in Nairobi, Kenya.

Janet has been happily married to Keith Hiepleh for 30 years and they have one son Wayne, a daughter-in-law Wendy, and a lovely little granddaughter. Janet is a very devoted wife, mother and grandmother and enjoys home-making and a hobby of photography. Even with her family and W.I. commitments, she still finds time to take an active part in the family farm business, be a Sunday School Teacher, and serve very diligently on the Aylmer Fair Board.

It is our pleasure to honour you tonight and we wish to express our sincere appreciation and extend our very best wishes to you in all your endeavours especially for Home and Country.

Institute Grace

Toast to the Queen

God Save the Queen

Banquet

Welcome

.....Mrs. Russell Campbell

Introduction of Head Table

.....Mrs. Ralph Palmer

Greetings

Vocal Selection

Presentation to Mrs. Hiepleh

.....Mrs. Jack Widner

Introduction of Guest Speaker

.....Mrs. Nicholas Cerna

The Honourable Dennis Timbrell
Ontario Minister of Agriculture and Food

Thanks to Speaker

.....Mrs. Joe Dechard

Vocal Selections

Courtesy Remarks

.....Mrs. Garnet Cowell

O CANADA

Women's Institute March 1984 plans for Bicentennial

Projects for Ontario's Bicentennial and next year's International Plowing Match were discussed at the Spring board meeting of Elgin West District Women's Institute.

As a Bicentennial project the 22 Junior Women's Institutes will plant a tree representing each branch around the Women's Institute Hall at the Ontario Agriculture Museum in Milton, Provincial board director, Mrs. Russell Campbell told the group.

The Women's Institute will hang a quilt in Queen's Park on June 11.

According to Mrs. Campbell, who is also heading the cookbook committee for the plowing match, the publication should be ready for distribution by District Annual time.

Mrs. Campbell also reported that awards are available for students enrolled in the Family and Consumer Studies course at the University of Guelph.

Bonnie Wilson, Rural Organizations Specialist for the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, urged Women's Institute members to begin planning for their involvement in the plowing match soon.

Mrs. Don Vicary, District Tweedsmuir curator, suggested some of the branches might have Tweedsmuir teas to celebrate the Bicentennial.

She noted that Mrs. Ray Ross, the provincial curator, has paper available for Tweedsmuir books. Mrs. Ross also is interested in any famous people who lived in the local area. Anyone with information is requested to contact Mrs. Don Vicary, RR 3 Shedden, N0L 2E0.

Plans were made for the District Annual, which will be hosted by the Tyrconnel W.I. at Wallacetown Hall, Wednesday, May 16 at 9 a.m. The group decided to have a craft table and reminded members to bring their craft articles for the table at the area convention, November 1 and 2 in St. Mary's.

The Elgin W.I. Rally will be Friday, April 13 at the Pioneer Museum at 1:30 p.m. with all branches expected to send a representative.

The officers and convenors workshop will be held April 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Paynes Mills W.I. hall.

The annual spring tea will be held at Elgin Manor on Wednesday, May 2.

District Annual and the names of members who have passed away. The Elgin Rally meeting will be held April 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the museum to formulate activities. All branch public relations officers are urged to attend.

Mrs. Joe Bechard, secretary treasurer will be the districts delegate to the officers conference.



NAMED: Mrs. Janet (Keith) Heipleh of Springfield has been named to the Ontario Bicentennial Advisory Committee for the 1984 celebrations. Mrs. Heipleh, who is a farmer's wife and president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, joins other prominent Ontarians but is the only member from this area.

pointment of Mrs. Marshall Field as acting curator of the District Tweedsmuir book, address 89 Elm St. St. Thomas, N5R-1H 7. Branch conveners were urged to send the annual reports promptly to the district convenor as soon as possible after the March meeting. It is urged that the public relations officer receive her reports no later than April 10. The 1978 Elgin East District Annual meeting will be held at the Sparta Baptist Church May 15 with registration at 9 a.m. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. A July bus trip was discussed. Branches will be given \$15 each if they enter the Aylmer Fair WI Antique Display, a collection of antique clocks and watches at least 50 years old. Set up time is Aug. 15 from 1 to 5 p.m. Mrs. R. Mareou, home economist dealt with upcoming training school on Food Forums. The fall project is needlepoint.

Branches are reminded to prepare their \$3 craft which will be sold at the Fall Area Convention. Each branch is asked to contact Mrs. Harold Nichols, Sparta stating the number planning to attend the

A letter was read from Mrs. Clarence Diamond, new Federated Women's Institute of Ontario president at the meeting of the Elgin East District Women's Institute Directors meeting, held at the Elgin County Pioneer Museum.

Mrs. R. J. Ferguson, president welcomed 23 members and Mrs. Joe Bechard, secretary assisted. Silence was observed in memory of the late Mrs. Charles Ingram of Union district Tweedsmuir history curator.

In her letter Mrs. Diamond emphasized the use of time, talent and fellowship to promote the WI program. She announced that the 1978-79 branch membership fee will be \$2 per member and urged the formation of a Junior WI group. This year will mark the 30th anniversary of the WI. The officers convention is May 2, 3, and 4 at the University of Waterloo with special emphasis on the secretary treasurer delegates. Tribute was paid to Mrs. J. R. Futcher of Elgin FWIO president in 1949 who founded the first conference as a pooling of suggestions to work out new ideas for the program.

Local members are to be assessed 10 cents each to help further the Foundation for the Erland Lee Home that the goal

of \$100,000 be met by 1980.

WI week will be observed in Ontario June 5 to 9 and members and friends are urged to visit the home of the co-founder. Large groups should register with Mrs. V. Beachim.

The FWIO is stressing the project Strengthening the Family unit throughout Canada. Study books on this theme were distributed to the branches courtesy of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Mrs. Keith Heipleh brought FWIO news and added further to the officers conference data stating Mrs. Bielish, FWIC president will make her official visit to Ontario. She updated progress of the WI Hall at Milton on the Agricultural Museum Grounds and told of its history from church to community hall and school to WI hall with the crest over the door. Opening is hoped for 1978. Donation of dishes and furniture are needed. Neighborhood ladies will be hostesses for this FWIO project.

Business included the ap-

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Tenth National Convention

June 16th to 20th, 1985



Theme:

"women-unlimited potential"

University of Western Ontario
London-Ontario

MARY STEWART COLLECT

Keep us O Lord from pettiness; let us be large in thought,
word and deed.

Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self seeking.

May we put away all pretence and meet each other face to face,
without self pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.

Let us take time for all things: make us grow calm, serene,
gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses straight forward
and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize that it is the little things that
create differences; that in the big things of life we are one.

And may we strive to touch and know the great human heart common
to us all, and

O Lord God let us not forget to be kind.

TENTH TRIENNIAL CONVENTION
FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF CANADA

SUNDAY JUNE 16, 1985

7.00 p.m.

OFFICIAL OPENING ALUMNI HALL

Presiding Mrs. Bernice Noblitt, President
Federated Women's Institutes of Canada

"O Canada"

Flag Ceremony

Message Her Majesty The Queen

Welcome Mrs. Charlotte Johnson, President,
Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario

Mr. A. K. Adlington, Acting President,
University of Western Ontario

Mr. Al Gleeson, Mayor, City of London

Greetings Dr. Ellen McLean, President,
Associated Country Women of the World

Senator Martha Bielish, Area Vice President,
Canada, Associated Country Women of the World

The Rt. Hon. Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister
of Canada (written)

Hon. John Wise, Minister of Agriculture, Canada

Frank Miller, Premier of Ontario

Reply Mrs. Beatrice Reeves, President Elect,
Federated Women's Institutes of Canada

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Choir Special Selection

Speaker To be announced

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS Mrs. Lois Neabel
Mrs. Bette Ballhorn

"God Save The Queen"

RECEPTION FOR ALL University Community Centre
Courtesy of The Ontario Women's Institutes in Subdivision 23

Alumni Hall.

MONDAY, JUNE 17th

8.40 a.m. Choir

9.00 Presiding Mrs. Bernice Noblitt, President
Mary Stewart Collect
President's Address on theme and report
Memorial
BUSINESS SESSION 1
Reports
National Office Mrs. Alice McLaggan
Finance Committee Mrs. Emmie Oddie
Federated News Mrs. Alice McLaggan
Constitution and By-Laws Mrs. Bernice Noblitt
Nominations Mrs. Emmie Oddie
Announcements

10.30-10.50 Break

10.50-12.00 Presiding Mrs. Gwen Parker, Quebec
Reports of Educational Committees
Agriculture Mrs. Gwen Parker, Quebec
Canadian Industries Mrs. Kathy Sheldon *N.F.L.A.N.D.*
Citizenship & Legislation Mrs. Beatrice Reeves *P.E.I. albert*
Education & Cultural Activities Mrs. Bette Ballhorn
Home Economics & Health Mrs. Lois Neabel *Man.*
International Affairs Mrs. Jennie McInnes *N.S.*
Public Relations Mrs. Alice McLaggan
Northern Canada Mrs. Jacquie Linde *BC.*
Canadian Unity Mrs. Beryl Burgess *N.B.*
Safety Mrs. Jacquie Linde *B.C.*

12.00- 2.00 Lunch Great Hall

2.00- 4.00 Presiding Mrs. Beatrice Reeves, President Elect
ACW SESSION Senator Martha Bielish
Dr. Ellen McLean
Mrs. Jennie McInnes,
International Affairs Convener
Contributions to Water and Sanitation Project

4.30- 5.30 Film "This Borrowed Land"
Dinner

7.30 p.m. Presiding Mrs. Beryl Burgess
PROVINCIAL TWINNING PROGRAM

TUESDAY : JUNE 18th

8.40 a.m. Choir

9.00 Presiding Mrs. Bette Ballhorn
BUSINESS SESSION 11
Ontario Junior Women's Institute Program
Adelaide Hoodless Homestead Presentation
Mrs. Nancy Dodsworth, Curator
FWIC Tweedsmuir History Report
Mrs. Jennie Morgan, Curator
Break
10.30-10.50
10.50-11.45 Mrs. Bernice Noblitt and Mrs. Emmie Oddie
Speaker Hon. Flora McDonald, Minister
Employment and Immigration
11.45- 2.00 Voting (Official Delegates only)
Lunch
2.00- 4.45 WORKSHOP SESSIONS SOCIAL SCIENCE BUILDING
Each person may attend two.

No 1 Room 3024 Charter of Rights and How it Affects Women
Professor Katherine DeJong, Faculty of Law
University of Western Ontario

No 2 3116 Quality of Life for Seniors - Frances McHale
Chairman, Provincial Advisory Council on Aging

No 3 3014 Child Abuse and Incest - Ross Dawson, Executive
Director, Family & Children's Services, Oxford
County

No 4 2024 Water- Endangered Vital Resource - Dr. Irene Spry
Professor Emeritus, Ottawa University

No 5 3108 Women, How to Protect Yourself - Sergeant John
Gale, Persons Squad/Criminal Investigation
Division, London Police Force

No 6 3102 Health Education - Heather Boon, Program Co-
Ordinator, Home Care Community Health Programs
Branch Ontario Government

No 7 3026 Microwave Cooking - Roxanne McQuilkin,
National Home Economist, Panasonic

No 8 3018 Financial Management, Dollars & Sense, Sandra
Burns, Consultant, McLeod, Young, Weir, London

No 9 2028 Pornography - Maude Barlow, Consultant, Ottawa

No 10 3028 Effective Speaking, Expressing Yourself with
Confidence- Patricia Ferraro, Consultant, Guelph

Total 66,576.30

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- No 11 Room 3006 The Family, Family Violence- Valerie da Costa
Citizens Concerned with Crime Against Children,
London
- No 12 2020 Potential of Technology for Women- Linda Zimmerman
President, Software Design, London
- No 13 2032 Child Care- Dr. Fredelle Maynard, Consultant,
Toronto.
- No 14 3010 Planning a Co-ordinated Wardrobe - Nancy Baldwin,
Jodi Fashions, London.

Dinner

- 8.00 p.m. Presiding Mrs. Jacquie Linde
Twin City Harmonizers, Kitchener
Election Results Mrs. Bernice Noblitt

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19th

ONTARIO DAY -ALL BUSES DEPART SAUGEEN
MAITLAND, COMMENCING 8.00 a.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20th

- 8.40 a.m. Choir
- 9.00 Presiding Mrs. Bernice Noblitt
BUSINESS SESSION 111
Resolutions Mrs. Emmie Oddie
New Business
Unfinished Business
- 10.30-10.50 Break
- 10.50-12.00 Presiding Mrs. Lois Neabel
Provincial Reports on Theme (5 minutes each)
Workshop Summaries
- 12.00- 2.00 Lunch
- 2.00 Presiding Mrs. Kathy Sheldon
Workshop Summaries continued
Recommendations for future action
Installation of Officers Mrs. Emmie Oddie
- 6.30 Banquet, Wonderland Gardens
Shuttle bus service provided
Presiding Mrs. Bernice Noblitt,
Mrs. Charlotte Johnson, President FWIO
Mrs. Margaret Zoeller, Co-ordinator
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Thursday (Continued)

St Mary's Bell Ringers

Speaker Dr. Pierre Turgeon, University of Ottawa
"Positive Thinking Under Stress and Strain"

CLOSING CEREMONIES

"This officially concludes Convention Proceedings"

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