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Plan for self appraisal urged by speaker at WI convention

Make every day a great day, was the theme of Dr. Harry S. Rodney's address to over 300 delegates and guests to the 55th annual convention of the London Area Women's Institutes which was held yesterday and today in Grace United Church, St. Thomas.

Dr. Rodney urged his

audience to "know yourself — what do you really want out of life? If we cannot know ourselves, that is no reason why we do not take stock of ourselves and find our weak points. Some do not know or have no definite plan for their lives. We should appraise ourselves, then we can formulate plans on what we want — plans for a big, bold, imaginative life.

"No one is bigger than the dreams we dream or think," he went on to say. "If a community thinks in terms of smallness, it remains small and the same applies to city, church and individuals. Then we wither up, fade away. People should concentrate more on what is right instead of what is wrong. There are so many great and wonderful people, causes and ideas for everyone to add their contributions."

In conclusion Dr. Rodney stated "that life is God's greatest gift and every moment and heartbeat is a miracle of God. For home and country and the sake of your own soul, for a world to help redeem, for a life more wonderful — you have every dream."

The guest speaker was introduced by Mrs. Gowan Young, Provincial Board Director.

During the noon luncheon, greetings were extended by Mayor Edward Fanjoy, St. Thomas; John Wise, Warden of Elgin County; A. V. Langton, Ontario Department of Agriculture; Mrs. William



THEY BROUGHT GREETINGS—Greetings from various city and county representatives were extended to the more than 300 Women's Institute members attending the London Area convention held yesterday and today in Grace United Church following the noon banquet on Wednesday. Dr. Harry S. Rodney of Knox Presbyterian Church was guest speaker.

Blue, president of Southwestern Ontario Women's Institutes. Rev. Lloyd Coates of the host church said grace and Mrs. Charles Munroe, vice-president of London Area introduced the head table guests.

Mrs. George Corneil, Dutton provided special music accompanied by her mother, Mrs. James Bennett, Dutton, following the dinner.

Mrs. Vermont Pow, area president was chairman for the morning session when Mrs. J. R. Fitcher, past FWIO president gave her comments on the theme — Friendship will bloom from year to year if — we have the following ingredient, loyalty, true concern, forgiveness and trust.

The reports of the standing committees were given by Mrs. Clarence Switzer, St.

Marys; Mrs. Leonard Caffyn, Ingersoll; Mrs. Harry Langford, Kerwood, and Mrs. Roy McCorquodale, Lakeside.

Mrs. Roy McNeil, Dutton reported for the Canadian Association of Consumers urging the women to change their buying habits to fight the high cost of living, musingly telling them "one way to save money was to leave your husband and children home when

From left to right, standing, are John Wise, Warden of Elgin; Dr. Rodney; A. V. Langton, Ontario Department of Agriculture; (seated) Mrs. Vermont Pow, RR 7, St. Thomas, area president; Mrs. William Blue, president of Southwestern Ontario Women's Institutes, and St. Thomas Mayor E. O. Fanjoy.—(T.-J. Photo)

shopping in the supermarket." The CAC investigates many problems and assists the consumer.

Mrs. Lorne Crinklaw, London, gave the report of the Western Fair Association while Mrs. Albert Lawson, London, told of the work being done by the Women's Committee of the War Memorial Children's Hospital. A collection was taken to aid in this worthwhile work for the children.

The president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, Mrs. Austin Zoeller, New Hamburg, spoke of the 75th anniversary fund of \$50,000, which the branches are being asked to raise for the expansion of Macdonald Institute, Guelph, with the goal to be reached by 1972. She challenged the branches with concentrated efforts and actions so they will continue to progress and enrich the lives about them.

The evening session was a program of music with piano

selections by Mrs. Ralph Graham, organist of Grace Church, followed by an hour of singing with the St. Thomas Chapter of Sweet Adelines Inc. under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Perry, St. Thomas.



Mrs Vermont Pow elected President
of the London Area.

1968.

**LONDON AREA
WOMEN'S INSTITUTES**

Fifty-fifth

ANNUAL CONVENTION

At this Convention
received a beautiful
from my own Branch-Pa
Also an real orchid Li
Mrs Gettler, immediate
who came to the Conve
way home from Hiawaii



Friendships will bloom for years and years, if ---

GRACE UNITED CHURCH

Balaklava Street
St. Thomas, Ontario

November 12th, 13th, 1969

Combined Districts of
Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford,
Huron West and South,

Perth Sound

* by Sect = Church + Adeline
* acknowledge by letter or gift

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Payne's Mills WI Plays Host To 100 Members from Other Lands



MRS. ALBERT AUCKLAND

The warmth of fellowship amongst fellow WI members from all parts of the world was soon felt by everyone when Payne's Mills Women's Institute was host at a luncheon for nearly 100 members from other lands who were travelling to the ACWW, (Associated Country Women of the World) conference held in early September in Lansing, Mich. Women from Africa, India, Australia as well as European countries mingled with Elgin County representatives and expressed their delight in being entertained by a sister Institute in their own hall. Certainly this once in a lifetime opportunity to meet people of such varied backgrounds, but with a common interest, must be the highlight of the 1968-69 year.

Other programs that were enthusiastically received were a panel discussion on Leisure Time with representatives from guest institutes sharing the spotlight. School children were special guests when the film "Child Molester" was shown at a meeting. A trip to the United Nations as seen through the eyes of a

teen-age person was well told when Miss Roxanne Doan of St. Thomas spoke at another meeting. A bus trip to the Adelaide Hoodless home and a tour of the botanical gardens at Hamilton provided a pleasant change during the early summer.

The 4-H Homemaking Clubs have been very active during the past year with Mrs. Ray Wymenga, Mrs. Harry Mathysen and Mrs. Cornelius Van DenBroek leading the clubs.

Shut-ins have been remembered during the year with several receiving special birthday visits. Card parties during the winter months have been well patronized and have added to the enjoyment of the winter program. The oyster suppers, started in the 1940's, continue to grow in popularity while the chicken barbecue in the summer months creates a pleasant outing for over 400 neighbors and friends.

Officers during the past year have included Mrs. Albert Auckland, president; Mrs. Morley Adams, secretary; Mrs. Charles Nichols, treasurer; Mrs. Tom Blackman, social convener. Mrs. Vermont Pow, immediate past president brought honor to the Institute when she was elected president of London Area Convention at their annual meeting held in Ingersoll in November, 1968.

Paynes Mills WI has had a busy and enjoyable year. While the members are fortunate to have such a modern hall it brings with it its responsibilities and obligations. The hall is available to anyone in the community and as well to agricultural groups or projects sponsored by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food as it is this department from which the WI receives guidance.

Many Institutes such as Payne's Mills, in the past have been largely guided by the interest and boundaries of the immediate school section. With these boundaries disappearing and enlarging in most areas changes are being made within the organization. "May we not forget or neglect our basic principles that have made us strong in the past. Our service to our fellow man, our sociability amongst our neighbors and our simplicity of purpose" have made the WI motto, "In Home and Country" worthy of respect throughout the lands.

GUESTS FROM 'TOURING' A.C.W.W. SPEND PLEASANT TIME AT PAYNES
MILLS WOMAN'S INSTITUTE HALL AND ALSO WERE INVITED TO TOUR 'SELLDON' ONE OF
THE MOST HISTORIC SITES OF THIS ENTIRE COMMUNITY. INCLUDED AMONG THE GUESTS
WERE OUR OWN M.P. MR STAFFORD OF ST. THOMAS AND MR RONALD McNEIL OUR M.P.P.



WEST ELGIN DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Paynes' Mills 1971
W. I. gain honors
at Western Fair

Paynes' Mills Women's Institute made its first attempt to gain honors in the women's crafts classes at Western Fair this week and came away with top prize.

The Payne's Mills women defeated institutes from Delaware and South Noble as well as the Grace Patterson Institute, Thamesford.

Payne's Mill accumulated the highest number of points with 11 entries that included dresses, a quilt, cushion cover, blouse, man's vest, a shell, sweater, pillow slip, copper tooling and home-made candles. They won two first prizes, five second, two thirds and two fourths.

Paynes Mills W.I.

2nd prize - Handmade Sewing
Competition

Mrs. A. Auckland