

## Wallacetown WI Enjoy Visiting Canadian Industries

Mrs. Mac Graham has guided the Wallacetown Women's Institute through another year as president of the branch in a very capable manner. Eleven regular meetings were held with an average attendance of twenty-four.

Community activities have been a major department of the year's work.

The members assisted at the annual At Home, of the Bobier Convalescent Home in Dutton; the Elgin County Museum tea held at the museum; the Elgin West Cancer tea held at Clachan.

An exhibit of Centennial quilt blocks was entered at beautiful quilt was made later and will be exhibited throughout Centennial year.

Meals were served one day of the fall fair which proved profitable for the treasury. New curtains and rods have been purchased for the dining room at the Community Hall.

At Christmastime gifts were sent to each patient at the Bobier Convalescent Home. Fruit baskets and candy were sent to shut-ins in the community with special attention to the aged.

Two patients at the Ontario Hospital were adopted by the members and will be remembered by the members with gifts, cards and visits throughout the year.

Two members planted and cared for flowers at the entrance to the local fair grounds and this will be carried through as a centennial project.

Public Relations: the art of getting acquainted with members of other societies, is important in the work of the branch.

The Sororis Women's Institute of Sparta was invited to provide the entertainment at one meeting and the members and guests were taken on an illustrated trip across Canada, including an interesting commentary. Some special interest slides were shown, taken to preserve some of the disappearing sights in the rural countryside such as rail and stump fences, grain and corn shocks, etc. An interesting musical contest ended a pleasant afternoon and left time for merry fellowship over a cup of tea.

West Lorne members met with Wallacetown W.I. at another meeting and an interesting and appropriate Centennial program with citizenship as the theme, was presented by the visitors.

Eight neighboring branches were entertained at an afternoon of cards and the members joined with Iona and Shedden when they entertained.

Wallacetown Branch members were hosts to the West Elgin District members for their winter picnic in January when more than 100 women enjoyed a potluck dinner and a social afternoon of pictures, a skit and music as well as a short business session.

An interesting afternoon was spent in St. Thomas visiting Canadian Industries: Parkspin, Vio-bin and The Times-Journal. Dinner was enjoyed at Johnston's Steak House.

Education was the subject for one meeting when the speaker was Mr. P. Heeney, principal of the local cen-



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tral school.

Delegates attended district annual and area conventions as well as officers conference at Guelph.

All branches of the organization, provincial, federal and international have been supported throughout the year as well as the local fair board, Community Hall and anyone who is in need. Courses sponsored by the department of Agriculture are also supported.

As Centennial year progresses, the members hope to give serious study to the past by continuing the Tweedsmuir History Book and to look forward hopefully to a good life for the rising generations during the second century with Canada remaining an independent, strong member of the British Commonwealth.



# Mrs. W. Robson installed president of Wallacetown Women's Institute

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The April meeting of the Wallacetown W. I. was held in the hall on April 1st at 1:30 p. m.

The president Mrs. W. Robson opened with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Being the Annual Business meeting, the regular monthly meeting took place as usual first.

The minutes were read and approved, followed by the Financial report and other correspondence, after which Mrs. H. Gowan gave her report on plans for the District Annual to be held at Paynes Mills on May 19th at which there will be a display of cushions and quilts from the Quilting course, as well as a Tweedsmuir History display.

The Elgin Manor tea is to be held at the manor on May 5th; also the London Area Convention will be held in Tillsburg on November 9th and 10th.

4-H Achievement Day, "Clothes for Leisure" will be held in West Lorne Secondary School on May 1st. Wallacetown W. I. will again serve the noon meal for the Fair board on October 1st.

Mrs. C. Morrison had a varied and interesting programme including several games etc. and a display of The Tweedsmuir History Book, a report on which the curator Mrs. C. Blue gave. Also a goodly number of articles were received for the Roll Call, "Something for the Tweedsmuir History," in the form of clippings and pictures.

Mrs. Morrison closed the regular meeting with the Mizpah Prayer. After which Mrs. Gordon Gow, Federal Board member, proceeded to instal the slate of officers for the year '76 and '77.

It was moved by Mrs. C. Blue and seconded by Mrs. W. Robson that Mrs. R. Gowan act as secretary for this procedure. The report of the nominating committee was accepted as read by Mrs. C. Crawford. The following officers were then installed:

Past President, Mrs. D. McGregor; President, Mrs. W. Robson; 1st Vice President, Mrs. K. Dielman; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. R. Gowan; pianist, Mrs. C. McDonald; District Director, Mrs. K. Dielman; Branch Directors, Mrs. C. Morrison, Mrs. E. Cairns and Mrs. S. Graham; Tweedsmuir Curator, Mrs. C. Blue; Auditors, Mrs. H. Sloan and Mrs. C. McDonald; Public Relations, Mrs. J. Scalia; Representative to Elgin Manor, Mrs. H. Gowan; Representative to Bobier Home, Mrs. M. Graham and Representative to Museum, Mrs. R. Codling.

Standing Committee Conveners: Agriculture and Canadian Industry, Mrs. J. McFarlane; Citizen and World Affairs, Mrs. E. Cairns; Education and Cultural Activities, Mrs. M. Dale; Family and Consumer Affairs, Mrs. H. Sloan; Resolutions, Mrs. T. Lapadat; Cheer and Cards etc., Mrs. M. Graham.

After officers were inducted, everyone proceeded to the tastefully decorated dining room for a social hour over a delicious lunch served by the hostesses Mrs. W. Robson and Mrs. C. McDonald.

Next meeting will take place at usual time May 6th, with con-  
verer Mrs. J. McFarlane, the  
topic "Clothing and Textiles".



## Visit to Wallacetown WI Year's Highlight

The Sparta Sorosis Women's Institute has enjoyed another successful year under the leadership of the president, Mrs. Sam McLorn.

A highlight of the year was a visit to Wallacetown W.I., as guests at their October meeting, which was held in the Wallacetown Community Hall. The drive on a typical fall day, through countryside alive with autumn color, added much to the enjoyment of the outing.

The June meeting was on education with four local girls providing the program. One, a student at S.T.C.I., spoke on, What School Means to Me, and described the scholastic challenge presented to her in Grade 13. Another gave a general outline of her Grade 9 class in home economics. Piano numbers by a local Alma College student, and accordion selections by another attending S.T.C.I. completed a most enjoyable meeting.

In September, a representative of Canadale Nurseries spoke on fall planting and shrubbery, and outlined a plan for foundation planting at The Forge which may become the spring Centennial project.

The health program in Nov-



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ember featured a film and talk by Mrs. Dewey Esseltine from Elgin County Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society. Pamphlets were also distributed to all present.

The program for Family Night in January had a Centennial theme with old time fiddle music provided by Murray Weir. Mrs. Walter Rogers showed colored slides of paintings by well-known artists depicting highlights of Canadian history. The pictures were on loan from Confederation Life Associa-

tion. A skit, Cost of Living in Sparta 1867, completed the evening. This skit was later presented at the East Elgin District Winter picnic.

For the junior activities meeting, members attended an afternoon session of the Centennial Rotary Music Festival, at which several local children were competing, then returned to the home of a member to continue the meeting and hear a speech on, Ye Olde Forge and Anvil, given by Nancy Nicholson, the winner of the public speaking contest at Sparta Public School.

During the year, members continued to visit Elgin Manor and assist in the Tuck Shop. Visits were made to the Ontario Hospital and Christmas gifts and cards were provided for several of the patients.

An exhibit of hand painted china was entered at Aylmer Fair.

Extra activities included a wedding reception at The Forge for a local bride and groom and card parties continue to be popular during the winter months.

The president of Sparta Sorosis W.I. is Mrs. Sam McLorn and the secretary - treasurer is Mrs. Harold Nichols.



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**PROVINCIAL HONORS** — These three girls were awarded provincial honors certificates and pins for their participation in the Elgin County 4-H Homemaking Clubs, at a special Achievement Day program at the Dutton Town Hall, Saturday. From left to right, are Anne Johnston of the Clachan 4-H

Club, Barbara Lackey, Wallacetown No. 3 Club, and Nancy Anne Hull, Tyrconnell. Another girl to win the provincial honors was Marianne Hunter, Cowal Club, who was not present for the picture. About 110 girls from several clubs in the western part of the county, took part in the Achievement Day, with its theme, The Club Girl Entertains. — (T.-J. Photo).



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### *Bee House dedicated*

The 150-year-old bee house at the Elgin County Pioneer Museum has been re-built thanks to the efforts of Parkside Collegiate students

and staff. Present at the official opening Thursday were Elgin County Councillor William Caverly, left, PCI

building construction teacher Bob Hatherall and County Councillor Albert Ford. — (T-J Photo).

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SUCCESSFUL TEA - Included in those assisting in the Bobier Home tea were: seated, Mrs. Alton Reid; standing, on the left, Mrs. Margaret McKillop and Mrs. Wilfred Lundy.

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