

# Local ladies attend WI conference

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**WATERLOO** - The 94th annual officers conference Women's Institute of Ontario (WI) was held May 4 to 9 at the University of Waterloo. The theme of the conference was: to accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but believe.

The 1982 conference year was public relations officers at branch districts, area levels and branch members at large. Mrs. Keith Hepden of PWIO chairman, chaired the

meeting. Mrs. Hepden introduced Mr. E. McNeil, minister of agriculture who urged all to help support agriculture, to believe in Ontario for it is a great province to live in. We must dream, but also act in the future, self-sufficiency, produce our own food. Buy Ontario foods, keep our money in our province, we are helping our economy. This is good PW.

## SPEAKER

Guest speaker, Walter Borosa, chief of protocol, government of Ontario, was born in

Yugoslavia. Present is the rule book that they must follow to gain respect of one another. He has conducted 17 royal visits to Canada, we wish as many friends from other countries. This means good public relations.

Mrs. Hepden, in her address, and WI, to chosen delegates from 14 subdivisions, had been given a golden opportunity to promote PWIO with each other. The WI is celebrating its 85th anniversary in honor of the founding of the first WI, near Stony Creek. Mrs. Woodrump-Muller, president of ACCW will be the guest speaker. The topic will be a flicker to a flame. Over 1,000 women are expected to attend.

## 4H

Mrs. Molly McIvor, director of home economics, branch, Ontario ministry of agriculture and food brought greetings. Miss McGee reported 4-H groups are the only groups in Ontario who have maintained the highest membership in 1982 with 5,000 leaders and 1,000 WI auxiliaries. These are enthusiastic young women working for our country and WI.

Mrs. Vera Malkozi gave the Ireland tea presentation. This is the 10th anniversary of our purchasing of the Ireland tea home, near Stony Creek by WI. The committee worked very hard to maintain this home to the original state. The home was built in 1864. The first year, 6,000 visited the home. Mr. Lee organized the teaching of domestic science in

the schools in approximately 1883.

## DINNER

Bruce Johnston of CFCO TV in Kitchener was asked to speak to WI. Mr. Johnston said he knew nothing of WI but thought it had died and gone to heaven. Looking into WI its traditions and history, he found they were a very large group of dedicated women of the world and deserved a great deal of credit.

A musical, Gilbert and Sullivan's Princess Ida, by students from Waterloo's Oxford Secondary School presented the play Wednesday evening. This was enjoyed by all.

Thursday morning planetary session conducted by Mrs. J. Bern PRO/WIO. Through the untiring effort of Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, and Mr. Erland Lee co founders of WI, there are 1,267 branches in Ontario with 37,400 members, 118 districts in Ontario associate country women of the world, nine million members with 30,000 across Ontario.

These people made it possible for over 500 PWIO officers of the PWIO to attend the officers conference. These are most important.

Who am I? I am a member of the Women's Institute. Those at feeding from the Bradford area were: Mrs. Harold Watson district H PRO Simcoe South, Mrs. O Haggard Mrs. D. Jobb, Mrs. A. Heines, Mrs. A. Orr and Mrs. H Campbell Shanty Bay musical directors.