

Women's ¹⁹⁶⁶ Institute Meet In Picardville

The members of the Women's Institute held their Mid-Pembina constituency conference in Picardville Hall on June 3rd. Echo Hill branch acted as hostess. It was the largest attendance at a constituency conference in some years as more than 80 members and visitors gathered with Mrs. A. Cameron, convener. Mrs. J. Beilish, provincial president, was in attendance as well as four other provincial officers, namely — Mrs. M. Ballhorn of Wetaskiwin, Mrs. G. McMillan and Mrs. R. Whitson of Edmonton and Mrs. L. McMillan of Busby.

Handicraft was judged by Mrs. B. McCutcheon of Westlock and Miss M. Oke and Miss Day. These are the District Home Economists from Westlock and Sturgeon M.D.'s. For the first time a bronze cup was awarded by Mrs. N. Bakker to the branch winning the largest number of points. Fawcett won with a total of 36 points. Independence branch was a close second with 35 points and Belvedere third with 32 points.

Reports were read by each constituency convener. Mrs. Beilish gave a brief review of some of her duties as provincial president and then took the group on a brief but most enjoyable trip to Ireland where she attended the

A.C.W.W. conference in 1965. Mrs. Ballhorn spoke on the W.I. centennial projects and recommended the Alberta Craft at Jubilee Auditorium on June 24 to July 1.

Mrs. Whitson, district director very capably acquainted the W.I. members with the papers and literature available from A.C.W.W. down to branch level. She also spoke of the Oliver Mental Home's Shoppers' Fair and suggested that the need of gifts is still very great and they should be sent unwrapped.

Mrs. Drysdale reported on Pembina Lodge.

Mrs. D. Brown favored the group with a solo "How Great Thou Art" and the Grade 1 and 2 pupils of Picardville under the direction of Mrs. S. Yeomans gave a most delightful number of pieces including a rhythm band, choral speech and singing.

The group voted that \$100 from constituency funds be sent to the provincial treasurer for the provincial office fund. This to be one of their centennial projects.

Mrs. R. Whitson invited all members to a picnic in Emily Murphy Park on July 6th to meet the W.I. visitors from Ghana.

Mrs. Beilish displayed some very interesting pictures and handicraft from Rhodesia, Europe and of course Ireland.

Mrs. G. McMillan displayed W.I. items for sale through the provincial secretary-treasurer.

The group voted the day a real success.