

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE LECTURING STAFF



Back Row—Left to Right—Miss E. A. Slieter, 1167 King St. E., Kitchener; Mrs. Clarence Hayes, Georgetown; Miss Alleta Smith, Glanford Station; Miss M. E. McDiarmid, R.R. No. 1, Moose Creek; Miss Ethel J. E. Robson, R.R. No. 1, Denfield; Mrs. Hugh Bertram, Stoney Creek; Miss Harriet Graydon, Streetsville.
 Second Row—Miss Elizabeth Warner, 157 Nottawasaga St., Orillia; Mrs. Wm. G. Towriss, Athens; Miss Gertrude Gray, Toronto Institutes Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture; Mrs. Fred. H. Graham, North Gower; Miss Lilly Petty, 40 Sanderstead Ave., Toronto; Mrs. John Hamilton Shearer, Poole; Miss E. Appelbe, Bor 451, Georgetown; Miss E. M. Collins, Institutes Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture; Mrs. J. M. Percival, R.R. No. 1, Addison.
 Front Row—Miss E. J. Guest, 9 Evelyn Crescent, Toronto; Mrs. Jas. Patterson, New Hamburg; Mrs. Laura Rose Stephen, 359 First Ave., Ottawa; Mr. G. A. Putnam, Superintendent Women's Institutes, Ontario Department of Agriculture; Mrs. J. W. Stone, Bond Head; Miss M. V. Powell, Institutes Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture; Miss F. P. Eadie, Institutes Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture.

In general, any rivalry too intense for good humour should be stopped. The ideal of good sportsmanship has to be taught. Its essentials are abiding by the rules of the game and the decision of the umpire; playing for the sake of the game, not for winning at any cost, be it honour, temper, or comradeship; being a good loser, and a graceful, not overbearing, winner.

Some communities arrange to have a man in charge of both boys and girls. This may be the only possibility for girls to master the rules of a new game such as basketball. But the woman leader should always be present to see that the girls are not overstrained and that every girl has a chance. A leader has, during the course of the games and exercises, a good opportunity to impress upon the girls the care of their bodies, not by set talks, which always make girls shy and uncomfortable, but in a casual and incidental way as the occasion arises naturally, in the comradeship of planning a carrying-on and carrying-out of activities.

In planning recreation, it is well to have, with all ages and sexes, singing together as much as possible; a class or department Glee Club learning to sing, first two, then three parts, is pleasure and service combined. If two or more persons in the community play musical instruments, encourage an orchestra or banjo club. Ukeleles are quite inexpensive and easy to learn and easy to sing with. But above all, if the young people are to get the best out of music, they must learn to know and love good music, they must learn to discriminate between vulgar, trashy music and the really beautiful. Get good musicians to interpret an immortal piece of music and to give talks on the lives of musicians.

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THE PROVINCIAL BOARD

At a meeting of the Provincial Board held in Toronto on April 3 and 4, all members except Mrs. Frank Tanner, Vars, Mrs. W. J. Trainer, Hilton Beach, and Mrs. J. J. McCoombs, Kenora, were present. (see November-December "Home and Country" for photo and list of the Board members). The President referred to the absence of Mrs. McCoombs, expressing regret for her sudden bereavement in the passing of Mr. McCoomb through an accident. The members of the Board expressed their sympathy.

The President, Mrs. R. B. Colloton, referred to the honour recently conferred upon Mrs. W. F. Parsons, Port Credit, Provincial Convener of Health and Child Welfare, by His Majesty the King. The Secretary was instructed to congratulate Mrs. Parsons on the birth of a son.

The F.W.I.C. has contributed Twenty Dollars to the International Organization, "The Associated Country Women of the World", and are in receipt of their publication, "The Countrywoman", the first number of which was published in March and contains information of world-wide interest.

Mrs. A. E. Walker, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, reported that resolutions dealt with at the conventions held last fall and by the Board had been presented to Dominion and Provincial Governments and others concerned, and she and her committee had been given a hearing by the Provincial Cabinet.

The President reported that she had interviewed the Honourable W. F. Finlayson re the construction of a road to Killarney.

The Superintendent, Mr. Putnam, stated that material for a new Hand Book was being prepared, and submitted some suggested changes and additions for the consideration of the Board. When suggested material is complete it will be submitted to the members of the Board and other leaders for final revision.

The Treasurer presented a financial statement, which showed a substantial balance in the treasury.

Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Kelly, and Mrs. Colloton, referred briefly to their representation to the Federated Teachers' Association; the League of Nations; and the Royal Winter Fair, respectively.

A resolution was passed expressing appreciation of the Provincial Conveners of Standing Committees for their reports.

The Secretary reported on the distribution and financing of the Song Sheets published by the Federation, and announced that quite a large number of copies are still on hand.

Re Telephone resolution—The Dominion Railway Board stated that some two or three years ago reductions had been made in some sections of the province, but proved of little value so far as the retention of service to citizens who were compelled to consider financial conditions. The Board also stated that appeals must be presented direct to the company concerned, citing specific conditions when reductions were desired.

With regard to the Radio Commission, some ten or twelve points had been submitted to the Prime Minister of Canada, stating the stand taken by the Women's Institutes of Ontario, and in reply the Prime Minister stated this information would be taken into consideration when dealing with the Commission.

New books for Travelling Libraries were discussed. Peace Garden Treaty—was presented and discussed. Moved by Mrs. Houck—Mrs. Stewart that the Board approve of the Treaty provided safeguards be provided in this connection. The Superintendent reported that the membership had dropped off somewhat in recent years, but was about the same this year as last year, and he expected that with four or five numbers of "Home and Country" free to all members during the coming year, there would be a substantial increase in membership.

The Board appeals to the members to concentrate on the service the individual may render to her branch and community, and to study very definitely what the Women's Institutes stand for. The President and other members of the Board, as well as the Superintendent, advised very strongly against collections at monthly meetings.

It was considered that the time is inopportune to ask for the appointment of a commission on Health, as suggested by the Community Welfare Council, although in sympathy with the special effort to make general the splendid service available for better health.

It was decided that directors will be allowed only one term on the Board, except, of course, the President. This term should be for two or possibly in exceptional instances three years. If for three years, the last two years must be consecutive.

It was decided to send a recommendation regarding time of examinations, in writing, to the Minister of Education, the President explaining that employment in summer resorts, fruit picking, and other responsibilities were seriously affected by the present dates for writing examinations.

Mrs. A. E. Walker, of Bartonville, the President of the F.W.I.C., extended greetings and good wishes to the Provincial Board. Mrs. Walker stated that this organization had been a definite bond between the provinces, the contacts made have been inspirational, and the other provinces still look to Ontario as a leader and adviser to them, and she urged Ontario to live up to the standards which had been set.

In referring to the Peace Garden, Mrs. Walker stated that the individual branches would not be appealed to for contributions, but that in some provinces the provincial body had already made contributions.

The Board advised that groups of girls taking advantage of one month or three months' short courses, should be urged to form Junior Institutes rather than Clubs, thus being able to cooperate with the Seniors and to take advantage of the services available.

That all cheques should be signed by two officers, usually the president and secretary, should apply not only to the provincial organization but to the district and the branch.

The President advised that when appeals for relief came from outside points to the officers, or individual members, the same should be sent on to the Institutes Branch, where inquiry will be made. It has been found that there are some individuals who make appeal to many sections of the Province.

It was urged that the Institutes be not used as advertising agencies, and that the list of officers be not made available, except for purposes approved by the Board.

It was recommended that the Directors be returned for a second year, and that the auditors in the branch, the district and the convention areas, be Women's Institute members.

Dominion Pins may be had from the Secretary, Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, Coldwater, for seventy-five cents (75c).

Mr. Putnam spoke of the need for adjustment of secretaries' salaries in many districts, now that the responsibilities of these officers have been much reduced. The funds thus saved might be utilized in the organization of new branches, encouraging existing branches, and assisting the girls.

Notes of condolence will be sent from the F.W.I.O. to Mrs. R. M. Faris, of Brantford, and Mrs. A. Huffman of Moscow, former members of the Board who had been bereaved since the last meeting of the Board.

On the resignation of Mrs. J. W. Stone of Bond Head, as Provincial Convener on "Home Economics", Miss Flora Durnan of Dungannon was appointed.

The resolutions committee was given power to deal with resolutions according to their discretion, giving to the branch or district concerned where thought necessary the reasons for their action.

It was suggested that in the new Hand Book general recommendations on Institute activities be included.

The Superintendent emphasized the great importance of definite planning and effective work along educational lines on the part of the members in each branch. He urged the organization of new branches, and a special effort to retain old members and secure new ones.

The Secretary presented a questionnaire with corresponding answers on Parliamentary Procedure; this will be given publicity later.

Mrs. J. E. Houck of Welland made a strong plea for consecrated effort toward world peace.

Miss M. V. Powell, who has been Secretary-Treasurer of the Provincial Board for the past four years, finds that the increasing responsibilities in the Department, together with other responsibilities, make heavy demand upon her time, and, therefore, tendered her resignation. The Board expressed keen appreciation of the services rendered and sincere regret that this relationship was being severed. As an expression of appreciation they presented Miss Powell with a beautiful sealskin hand bag. Miss Powell assured the Board of her continued interest in their activities and the pleasure experienced in the associations during her term of office.

The Board appointed Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale of Coldwater, as temporary Secretary-Treasurer, and permanent appointment will be dealt with at the next annual meeting in November.