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## HER EXCELLENCY THE LADY TWEEDSMUIR ADDRESSED BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Brought Greetings  
of English Institutes

"Women's Institute members owe a debt of gratitude to their husbands. His Excellency has suffered in this capacity and feels if ever a list of Women's Institute martyrs is compiled, he should head it. I was a county organizer in England and my cook was a Women's Institute member, which took us both from home frequently on Women's Institute work."

### Pen Friends

Bringing a message from English Women's Institutes, Her Excellency stated that they want more Canadian news in their magazine "Home and Country" and would like pen friends to exchange branch news. She commended the idea of a national Canadian Women's Institute magazine. Analyzing Women's Institute meetings from a social standpoint, Her Excellency said they should be "good parties", occasions where members shed cares and troubles, and should not be nests of envy and jealousy. They should be "delightful, inspiring, interesting and pleasant".

The Women's Institute movement should produce great educational and cultural figures—writers, artists, educationalists. "We should not be satisfied with anything but the best in music, art and literature", declared Her Excellency. When budgeting we should plan for the best lectures and teachers. There is no use doing handicrafts which people do not want to buy.

### Proper Spending

Her Excellency warned Women's Institutes against giving away too much money. "You are not relief or welfare agencies. Do not be used by every institution that wants money. Keep your money for your own work—let it come first." Speaking of The Lady Tweedsmuir Prairie Libraries which now contain 9000 books, Her Excellency paid tribute to Mrs. J. P. Ferguson, past president of Alberta Women's Institutes and two directors of rural women's work—Miss Esther Thompson, Manitoba, and Miss Bertha Oxner, Saskatchewan. In the old days there was a prevalent impression that country women were not as good as city women. Women's Institutes have been largely instrumental in doing away with this false idea.

### Peace Promotion

"Women's Institutes have a part to play in peace", Her Excellency concluded. "If we do not have peace in our hearts, homes and communities, how can we have it among the countries of the world. When history is written, may it be recorded that Women's Institutes were one of the greatest unifying and stabilizing powers of the times and may it be said of them as of Cromwell, 'They did the best of things in the worst of times'."

In the course of the meeting, Her Excellency was presented with a bouquet of flowers by the Stoney Creek Institute—a gracious gesture on the part of the branch whose home is the birth-place of Women's Institutes.

(Contributed by Elizabeth Bailey Price, F.W.I.C. Publicity Director.)

## Short Course at Clute on Planning and Preparing Meals



The most northern short course held in Ontario during the past year was given in the teacher's house shown in the above picture. It was attended by the women of the district.

## THREE MINISTERS SPOKE AT BIENNIAL CONVENTION IN TORONTO

Three ministers of agriculture gave encouragement to the work of Women's Institutes at the convention held in Toronto on November 18, when the Toronto Women's Institute area and the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada met together.

Honourable J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, was the guest speaker at the banquet held on November 18. He reviewed the difficult times farm families are meeting in the prairie provinces at the present time. He felt that with the experience gained in the last fifty years and the aid of research, a sound programme could be worked out for the future. Mr. Gardiner spoke of the adjustments which the families had to make and commended the contribution made by modern education in home economics and the social contribution of Women's Institutes.

Honourable P. M. Dewan, Minister of Agriculture in Ontario, officially greeted the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada and presided at the banquet held on November 18. In his address he said, "There can be no greater asset to any country than happier and more contented and more remunerative farm homes. I should like to pay tribute to the Women's Institutes which have done so much to develop better living."

Honourable D. L. Campbell, Minister of Agriculture in Manitoba, spoke at the morning session of the joint convention. He told how the handicraft work among the members of the Women's Institutes had produced not only beautiful articles, but had given a new outlook to many of the workers.

The secretary of the institute is responsible for the distribution of "Home & Country" among the members. The time to do this is at the first meeting of the branch after the copies have been received. The secretary should not overlook taking them to the meeting. Immediately after the meeting, a copy should be mailed to any member who may not have been at the meeting. If the secretary finds that she does not receive a sufficient quantity of "Home & Country" to cover the membership, will she please notify the Women's Institute office at Toronto.

## MEMORIAL DEDICATED TO ADELAIDE HOODLESS IN BRANT COUNTY

Women's Institutes everywhere honour the memory of Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless and in Brant County they hold her in tender reverence as it was the place of her birth. To express this respect, the Brant County institutes erected a cairn at the crossroad near St. George in memory of Mrs. Hoodless. On Saturday, October 3, this cairn was unveiled by Her Excellency The Lady Tweedsmuir in the presence of three hundred spectators. Lady Tweedsmuir considered the occasion a historical one and expressed her belief in the value of the work of institutes in exalting home standards.

Mrs. A. E. Linnington of Paris, chairman of the Memorial Committee, introduced the speakers among whom were: Mayor M. M. MacBride of Brantford; Mrs. Travers Stewart, president of South Brant Women's Institute district; Mrs. A. E. Walker, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada; Mr. H. J. Moore, creator of the Peace Garden; and Mrs. H. M. Bostwick, a daughter of Mrs. Hoodless.

The inscription on the cairn reads as follows:

"For Home and Country"

To commemorate the birthplace of  
ADELAIDE HUNTER HOODLESS  
1858—1910

Who founded the Women's Institutes  
February 19th, 1897.

Erected by the Women's Institutes  
of Brant County.

Plans for a garden are being made in order that the cairn may have a suitable setting.

## DOMINION FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES CONVENED AT TORONTO, NOV. 18

Shared Programme  
with Toronto Area

The attendance of Her Excellency The Lady Tweedsmuir, as a guest speaker and enthusiastic Women's Institute member and worker, was the high note of the recent Tenth Biennial Convention and Board Meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada held in Toronto in November. Nothing in the past few years has given greater impetus to the Women's Institute movement in Canada than the interest of Her Excellency, who brought with her her enthusiasm in this organization in England. In appreciation of this, the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada presented her with an exquisite miniature of herself, painted by Mrs. Frances Taylor Cumming of Salford, Ontario, and set in a gold frame embossed with maple leaves and mounted with coloured crests of each province.

### Tribute to Rural Women

Another important guest was Miss Grace Frysinger, Washington, D.C., Senior Home Economist of the United States Federal Home Economics Division of the Department of Agriculture, and vice-president of the Associated Country Women of the World for North America. In her address on "Rural Women Achieve Happy Living", she paid a tribute to their high ideals and vision, which are achieved with or without money which, after all, has little to do with the spiritual needs of life.

Dr. E. A. Corbett, Director of the Canadian Association for Adult Education, discussed the importance of building up possibilities for adult learning especially in rural districts. He said, "Such a powerful organization as the Women's Institute should urge provincial and national governments to provide decent facilities in the way of books, extension services, speakers for adult education in every rural area in Canada. Education should begin in the home and school but no youth education is sufficient for the changing complexities of modern life".

### Sanitation Campaign

The most important decision for national Women's Institute work was the decision to promote a Dominion-wide campaign to improve sanitation in rural homes, which will be a part of the programme of the national health convener, Mrs. Allison MacMillan of Fairview, P.E.I. She has already started work, as enroute home she called on the Federal Department of Agriculture asking that they prepare some leaflets containing information on the various projects outlined.

All national conveners presented excellent reports. The new conveners were urged to get their outlines of work ready as soon as possible—these to be passed on to provincial, district and branch conveners respectively. It was felt the conveners' work was the backbone of the organization and that, if funds were available, all conveners should be brought to the next Biennial Meeting in Edmonton, 1939.

It was a convention of few resolutions and those presented dealt largely with the constitution. Four provinces sent in resolutions suggesting various

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