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## ONTARIO INSTITUTES INVITED TO ATTEND A.C.W.W. CONFERENCE LONDON

The date of May 30, 1939, should be kept in mind by all Ontario Women's Institute members who are contemplating a trip abroad, because it is the date set for the opening day of the Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World which will be held in London, England.

It will be remembered that the last Triennial Conference was held in Washington, U.S.A., in 1936, and was attended by many Women's Institute members from Ontario. After the Washington Conference, a group of overseas delegates visited Ontario and were entertained by the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and the Department of Agriculture.

The programme of the Triennial Conference to be held in London in May and June, 1939, will be organized in somewhat the same manner as the Washington Conference. Delegates from country women's associations from all over the world will be in attendance.

Women's Institute members who are making tentative plans on attending the Conference should keep in touch with either Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, Coldwater, Ontario, or Miss Bess McDermand, Women's Institute Branch, Department of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Toronto. As yet, special bookings for passages have not been made, as this will depend upon the number travelling. Each constituent society (Ontario Women's Institutes is a member of the Associated Country Women of the World) will make its own arrangements for the delegates wishing to have travel arrangements made for them.

## DENTAL SERVICES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE ESTABLISHED

It will be of interest to all the members of the Women's Institutes to learn that the Provincial Treasury has this year established grants to local School Boards and municipal Boards of Health initiating services to provide dental inspection and treatment for pupils of elementary and secondary schools.

The Department of Health has for some time supplied health literature and survey charts for use in school dental health campaigns. Extensive surveys have revealed an almost un-failing presence of dental defects ranging from small cavities to serious septic conditions. Efforts should be directed now to supplying the necessary treatment.

It should be understood that the municipality establishes and maintains the clinic, and the assistance from the Department is in the form of a percentage rebate of money expended over three-month periods.

Requests for information and copies of the regulations governing the payment of grants should be addressed to the Dental Division, Department of Health.

(Contributed by Dr. F. A. Kohli, Director of Dental Services, Department of Health.)

## Women's Institute Staff Attending Girls' Conference at Guelph



From Left to Right:—Seated: Miss Bess McDermand (Superintendent), Miss Florence P. Eadie, Miss Jessie Lambden, Miss Elizabeth Atkinson, Miss Flora Durnin. Standing: Miss Helen MacKercher, Miss Greta Pollard, Miss Edith Zavitz, Miss Lulu Row, Miss Elizabeth Wallace, Miss Verna Bambridge.

## District Annuals Demonstrate Qualities of Efficiency

The officers of North Lanark had their work so well organized that their programme was an object lesson in interest and efficiency. When each district convener of a standing committee concluded her report, the district secretary gave her an envelope addressed to the convener of convention area of the standing committee on which she reported. This excellent practice on the part of the district secretary should prevent error and delay in sending the report to the area convener. Previous to the district annual, the district executive had met and discussed a desirable programme for the district for the coming year; consequently they were able to give leadership in deciding the co-operative programme for the coming year. The district has chosen "Quilts and Quilting" for the coming year and has made plans to carry on a Drama Festival and a Dental Clinic.

The Cochrane District Annual was held in Matheson. One delegation of members motored 125 miles to attend the meeting. This group represented the new settlers who are opening up the farming district in the vicinity of Kapuskasing. They have had to adjust themselves to new living conditions and are much interested in their northern housing problems. Special public meetings have been arranged to discuss and demonstrate practical and satisfactory construction of log houses for convenience and comfort, root cellars for safe storage of food, and chicken houses suitable for the north.

The Pembroke Women's Institute extended an invitation to all the institutes in the North Renfrew district to attend a picnic to be held at a summer home. All the guests will be expected to wear badges for identification. The occasion will provide a

splendid opportunity for better understanding and co-operation between the institutes.

At the South Temiskaming District Annual, two women casually remarked that they had walked seven miles to attend the meeting and expected to repeat the effort in the evening.

In South Muskoka, the district annual meeting was called to order punctually. A brief well-worded welcome stated the object of the gathering and extended hospitality from the entertaining institute. It made one feel welcome.

The president of South Parry Sound district gave an excellent resume of her work. She created interest in project work by taking a local leader with her when she visited local institute meetings. The leader gave a brief talk on how the projects were carried on.

Reports given at the North Muskoka District Annual showed that all the institutes contributed ten cents per member to support the district institute. Many note books were in evidence at this meeting.

At the North Parry Sound District Annual, it was decided that only district conveners of standing committees will give reports in the future. In this district, the first vice-president of each institute is named as district director.

East Durham opened the proceedings of the district annual promptly at the hour announced. Each institute was allowed to submit two questions to the meeting. A nominating committee made elections more acceptable and conserved time. An excellent written auditors' report was submitted. All institutes sent their reports to the district secretary for filing.

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## TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN LONDON, ENGLAND MAY, 1939

The Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World, which will open on May 30, 1939, will likely have the ceremonial opening meeting at the Friend's House, Euston Road, London. Messages of greeting will be given by prominent persons and representatives of organizations. Representatives of the constituent societies will reply in their own languages.

The president's address will contain a survey of the world country woman movement and a consideration of its effect on the life of the different peoples.

The business will include the reports of the work of the Study and Investigation Section, the Handicrafts Committee, the Social Section, the reports regarding the special subject of study—"The Use of Natural Resources In and Around the Country Home," and the result of the inquiry into the consumption of milk in rural areas.

Reports from societies will be presented and facilities will be available for description of country women's activities by slides, films or pictures.

Several large meetings for the discussion of special subjects will be addressed by experts. Round-table discussions in subjects of interest to country women will be organized. Resolutions will be presented for general discussion.

The Handicraft Committee is collecting samples of different crafts to make up loan collections. These will be exhibited at the conference. A display showing the use of natural resources in and around the farm home will also be on exhibit.

During the time in London, parties

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## LEISURE INSTITUTE WILL BE HELD AT ALMA COLLEGE

The Community Life Training Institute is holding its second annual Creative Leisure Institute at Alma College, St. Thomas, from August 13 to August 20.

Leaders at the school are: R. C. Sidenius, who will lead the discussion of the philosophy and technique of recreation; Muriel Boyle of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, who will give instruction in the making of musical instruments; Arthur Burrows, Centre Stage Productions, who will give a course in dramatics; Jessie Stewart, A.O.C.A., who will teach glove making and weaving; Grace Price, A.T.C.M., who will teach negro spirituals; Rev. R. B. Cummings, who will be in charge of community singing, and Walter Alexander, who will conduct a discussion group on current events. Edith Smith will be hostess and David Smith, director of the Community Life Training Institute, will be in charge of the programme.

The Institute is planned to provide rural young people, school teachers and adults with an opportunity for learning the techniques and gathering the information which will assist them in the cultural and recreational development of their own communities.