

EAST MEETS WEST

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Weekly Star", we knew we had a definite piece of work to do in war time as well as in peace time.

Miss Weldon, Superintendent of New Brunswick Institutes, Miss Mary A. Clarke, Superintendent of Ontario Women's Institutes, Miss Margaret MacDonald, Superintendent of Prince Edward Island Women's Institutes, and Miss Helen Macouggall, Director of Home Economics in Nova Scotia, all brought to both the F.W.I.C. Biennial and the New Brunswick Convention valuable assistance and direction. We are interested in Miss Macdougall's outline of the "Garden Brigade" as carried out on Nova Scotia. Miss Clarke outlined Ontario's Jam Making of last year and the plans for this year's effort. As each Institute learns from her neighbor Institute, so do provinces learn one from the other.

Social Functions

Much time and thought had been given by the Provincial authorities to our entertainment. A delightful sail down the St. John River, an informal reception with the ladies of N. B. Institutes acting as hostesses, a reception at the home of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Clarke, and many other courtesies made our visit one we will long remember.

Mrs. Dunham and Mrs. Price were presented with life membership pins in recognition of their contributions to the F.W.I.C. Mrs. McGregor was given a rug, a product of the New Brunswick Loomcrofters. Mrs. Scott Trenholm brought to the meeting a hamper of apples, the gift from Nova Scotia Experimental Station at Kentville.

Throughout the sessions Mrs. Watt gave of her wealth of knowledge and experience. She brought us greetings from the A.C.W.W. telling of a Sub-Committee on International Reconstruction which has already met and that among the problems discussed, one was "Feeding the Post-War World". The office of the A.C.W.W. still functions from London, England, and great admiration was expressed for those who are so courageously carrying on.

1941-1943 Officers

The officers for the ensuing term are as follows:

- Patroness—Mrs. Alfred Watt, M.A., M.B.E.
- President—Mrs. Harley Dunham, Havelock, N.B.
- First Vice-President—Mrs. Cameron Dow, Port Daniels, Que.
- Second Vice-President—Mrs. Ernest A. Duke, Port Carling, Ont.
- Recording Secretary—Mrs. Scott Trenholm, Grand Pre, N.S.
- Treasurer—Mrs. L. B. Mellish, Montague, P.E.I.

Additional members of the Executive:

- Mrs. W. Leard—Bedeque, P.E.I.
- Mrs. H. Prescott—Baie Verte, N.B.
- Mrs. Townsend—Birtle, Man.
- Mrs. P. Collier—Bracken, Sask.
- Mrs. W. Thompson—Coaldale, Alta.
- Mrs. B. F. Gummow—Peachland, B.C.

National Conveners:

- Citizenship—Mrs. Milton Wade, Glenbush, Sask.
- Agriculture and Canadian Industries—Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, Coldwater, Ont.

To those who attended the Biennial for the first time it gave a realization of the magnitude of the Women's Institute organization and a feeling of pride that we were members of such a powerful body; and induced a determination to hold still higher the standards which we have raised. To those who have attended several Biennials, it was a meeting of friends as well.

Mrs. Dunham in her address as incoming President asked co-operation and help from the provincial units, and as Ontario's President I pledged the support of our province. It is to you, the Ontario Women's Institute members, that I look for this support. (Contributed by Mrs. E. Duke).

YOUR JAM IS NEEDED



That Ontario jam is being relished by small English war victims is shown by this picture from England of children enjoying jam from Norfolk County.

FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF ONTARIO EXECUTIVE MEETING 1941

The Executive of the Provincial Board of the F.W.I.O. convened during Easter week. All members excepting Mrs. J. C. Thompson were present.

War-time activities and suggestions for a working programme were covered in lengthy discussions.

Conservation Programme

Attention was given to conservation of foods, salvage campaigns, buying Canadian, buying British and making the best use of home products.

The use of more lard a home-grown product, in preference to imported oils or vegetable products, was stressed.

Jam Project

It was agreed that the Women's Institutes carry on a Jam Making programme again this year. It was recommended that a sugar and fruit fund be established to which Institutes in localities where fruit is not in abundance may contribute.

Suggested Activities

The following were suggested for Institute activity:—

- (1) Quilt and Blanket: It was suggested that Institutes collect old used woollens to be made into blankets.
- (2) Skirt and Sweater for adult.
- (3) Afghan made of 8 inch square blocks, wool.

Central Fund

The Executive ratified the recommendation of the Central Fund Committee that \$10.00 be forwarded from the Central Fund to the treasurer of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada to help make up the \$50.00 shortage in their gift of \$2,500.00 to the Department of National Defence.

Pending the approval of the other members of the Board, it was agreed that the Central Fund Committee be authorized to supply ten Survivor's Bundles to the Navy League of Canada and increase the number as the need arises. Each bundle is valued at \$25.00. (Note: This has been done).

Victory Loan 1941

Mr. A. H. Gilmour, a representative of the National War Loan Committee, addressed the meeting. He was assured that Institute members throughout Ontario would be encouraged at district annuals to purchase Government Bonds and that these bonds would be recommended as an investment for any special funds on hand in Institute or district.

Service on Ontario Farms

The support of the Women's Institutes was urged in the proposed plan of the Ontario Government, through the Departments of Labour, Agriculture and Education, to meet the shortage of farm labour.

Correspondence

Re letter from Mrs. H. McGregor,

that clothing and comforts to Great Britain bear an Institute label. It was suggested that local Women's Institutes may have their own labels, but the Federation should not assume responsibility of supplying same.

Excerpts were read from letters received by Miss Florence P. Eadie from the Old Land expressing appreciation for the gift of seeds to members of the National Federation of Women's Institutes in England.

Standing Committees

Outlines of programme suggestions prepared by the various conveners of standing committees, excepting that of Legislation, were presented and adopted. Mrs. James Wright, Chiswick, Director for Subdivision No. 16, was appointed Convener of Legislation until the end of the Board year, succeeding Mrs. W. P. Simpson, whose resignation was accepted and recorded with regret.

The regrouping of standing committees was discussed. A committee of Mrs. Duke, Mrs. McDowell, Miss Clarke and Mrs. Leatherdale, with power to add to their number, was named to bring in recommendations at the annual meeting.

Action Re Resolutions

A new ruling endorsed was that the Provincial Convener of Resolutions should send to each area convener of resolutions a report on the action taken on the resolutions sent up from the area, stating reasons for action when the resolution is lost, and for information a copy should be sent to each area secretary.

Reports Presented

Mrs. James Gordon, the Institutes' representative to the Adult Education Section, O.E.A., presented her report and spoke of compliments to the Women's Institutes for the work that they are doing, which had been expressed at the Rural Trustees and Ratepayers' section.

Mrs. F. W. Hicks presented her report of the Ontario Temperance Federation.

Election of President

Miss Clarke presented the report of the committee named to bring in recommendations re method of electing Provincial President, F.W.I.O. The report revised by the Executive is to be given to each Board member, in advance of the annual Board meeting, for discussion at the annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report

This showed that with all accounts paid to March 31st, bank balances at the beginning of the financial year amounting to \$2,517.98 had been reduced to \$494.21.

SEEDS ARRIVE SAFELY

The following letter, dated May 28, 1941, and received by Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale from Miss Edith Walker, Assistant Secretary, National Federation of Women's Institutes of England and Wales, speaks for itself.

"Three shipments of seeds from you have arrived safely in port and are being distributed.

A sample packet has been sent to this office and we were all very excited at opening it and finding packets of pea, bean, onion and carrot seeds with the name of your Federation on them.

With regard to your inquiry about continuing to send us seeds for next year, we are enclosing herewith a list of the seeds we should very much like to receive in any future consignments. We have marked with a cross those which we need most.

If it is possible, we should like these seeds to arrive during the months of December 1941 and January and February of 1942, so that we can get them distributed for early spring sowing.

We are very grateful to you all for your kind thoughts and for your practical help. We, over here, are working hard for victory of which we are confident. At the moment we are greatly cheered by the sinking of the Bismark! We, in this office, are particularly pleased that the Atlantic should be that much clearer for the passage of your very generous gifts of seeds."

Miss Walker lists the following seeds as desirable,—Onion, Leek, Carrot, Pea, Cauliflower, Haricot Bean, American Pea Bean, French Bean, Tomato, Land of American Cress, Sweet Corn, Large Sunflower (this last for chicken feed).

The president pointed out the obvious need of a substantial balance to finance the organization through the fiscal year until receipts are built up by the remittance of federation fees which are the chief source of income of the Federation.

Director's Pin

Acting upon the request of a provincial convener to be granted the privilege of wearing the Ontario pin with bar which is now available at \$1.50 each to both active and past directors of the Provincial Board, it was agreed that this honour should be for directors only.

Departmental Programme

Miss Mary A. Clarke stressed that Institutes should be urged to keep up their educational programmes. She encouraged the Institutes to feel responsibility for district projects, and members to strive for attendance at Summary Day meetings. Summary Day meetings were evaluated and it was pointed out that the work of the Local Leader Training School was not complete until the Summary Day had been held.

Legislative Library Privileges

Mr. G. F. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Education, in response to the request made by the Women's Institutes of Ontario, granted permission to members to borrow books from the Legislative Library of the Parliament Buildings and also from the Teachers' Library of the Public Libraries Branch. This privilege was extended with the understanding that members of Women's Institutes will observe carefully such regulations as there are regarding the care and prompt return of these books.

New Business

It was agreed that the Women's Institutes participate again this year in the Canadian National Exhibition programme, Women's Division. Mrs. Duke, Miss Clarke, Mrs. Reesor and Mrs. Leatherdale were named to be the committee.

In closing, Mrs. Duke extended best wishes to the directors in their visits to the district annuals of their respective subdivisions.

(Contributed by Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, Secretary, F.W.I.O.)