

ANNUAL MEETING

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Finance Committee Report

A Finance Committee, convened by Mrs. H. Summers, with Mrs. E. A. Duke, Mrs. C. Holmes and Mrs. H. R. McCrie brought in suggestions to strengthen the financial status of the Provincial Federation.

A substantial carry-over balance is required to cover accounts which come in immediately following the annual meeting. The source of income is from federation fees due after February 1st and the co-operation of districts in prompt remittance would greatly facilitate the financing of the Provincial Federation.

The following action was taken to balance the budget and ensure sufficient carry-over balance; that grant to convention areas be withdrawn except upon application made to the provincial secretary by letter with accompanying copy of financial statement (convention area) duly audited, warranting need of grant; that notice be given to the districts and Institutes, that they be asked at the district annuals in 1943 to ratify a federation fee of 15 cents per member per year.

Representatives to Other Organizations

Mrs. Duke as Publicity Convener to the Associated Country Women of the World reviewed Parts 1 (Food) and 2 (Planning and Housing) of the draft Memorandum on International Reconstruction. The circulation of the draft Memorandum is to obtain the considered views of rural women all over the world on reconstruction possibilities in country areas, on basic questions. The Provincial Board endorsed the general principles expressed in the Memorandum, Parts 1 and 2.

The Provincial Board voted to affiliate with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and appointed the convener of the committee on Agriculture, Mrs. F. E. Birdsall, as representative. Contributions of members to agricultural production, a vital part of the war effort, was noted and commended.

Miss Florence P. Eadie was named as the Institutes' representative to the Canadian Girl Guides' Association.

District Women's Institutes

Helpful joint letters from the district president and secretary to local Institutes was commended as one way of overcoming difficulties facing the district president with respect to making personal visits.

The Provincial Board endorsed the recommendation that wherever possible the most accessible place be accepted for district annual meetings for the duration; and that the district annual lunch be very simple, either pot-luck or box lunches having been suggested.

It was agreed that the Department be requested to send a letter to the district presidents and secretaries concerning the above recommendations.

Easter Board Meeting

To have the Women's Institute geared to meet any possible emergency, consideration was given to various policies for carrying on. The president was given power to call a sub-executive meeting instead of a full executive meeting and at such meeting the president was to be given the power to vote. The sub-executive to be president, three vice-presidents and secretary-treasurer.

Area Conventions

Consideration was given to the possibility of having to cancel conventions. The Provincial Board strongly recommended that conventions be held if possible. But, if not possible, that the convention executive be called together with the federated representatives to appoint provincial directors and to deal with resolutions, commit-

tee reports and necessary business; or, in Convention Areas where there are two or more subdivisions, if deemed advisable, the federated representatives in each subdivision could meet together within the subdivision for the election of their board director, and only the elected board director should meet with the executive. A representative of the Department or the provincial president or her representative should attend and arrangements should be made through the Department.

Board Rulings

The superintendent, provincial president and secretary with Mrs. Duke were named a committee to compile Women's Institute rulings not incorporated in the hand book and to have them printed or mimeographed and sent out to Institute, district, area and provincial officers and board members and appended to all new hand books.

Life Member List

It was agreed that a list of all life members be compiled and that an official form be prepared upon which application for life membership will be made. This form, signed by the secretary and president, will indicate that the necessary fee has been paid to the Institute. Requests for application forms and life membership should be made to the provincial secretary.

Women's Institute Pins

A letter from the manufacturer explained that the price of Women's Institute pins has been raised because of metal restrictions imposed by the Canadian Government to secure a supply of metal for essential industries. In addition there is a Government tax of 25 per cent. Pins will be made with a sterling silver base.

New Prices.

Ontario W.I. member pin.....\$	25
(no increase as long as present stock lasts)	
Pins listed below will have a sterling silver base and safety catch:	
Ontario Life Member pin.....	2.00
Ontario Board Director pin.....	2.00
"Federated Women's Institute of Canada" member pin.....	1.25

Luncheon Meeting

Honourable P. M. Dewan, Minister of Agriculture, speaking at the luncheon meeting, challenged Women's Institute members to reflect upon their responsibility as a rural organization, asking them especially to consider the problems facing rural youth and to bring about a greater co-ordination of rural groups, and a better understanding between rural and urban peoples.

Mrs. Jean Atkinson who had been the representative of Ontario Women's Institutes to the A.C.W.W. before the war was a welcome guest. Mrs. Atkinson gave a splendid review of her activities in connection with the international organization. She felt that it was an important link for the constituent societies to have a representative on the A.C.W.W. She considered that peace in the world will depend to a great extent upon the attitude of women in furthering good will and understanding.

Presentation to Mrs. Duke

A presentation of an antique English silver locket and chain was made to the retiring president, Mrs. E. A. Duke.

Mrs. Summers very graciously expressed the sentiments of the Women's Institutes in words of tribute to Mrs. Duke. She voiced their gratitude and appreciation of the fine service Mrs. Duke had given to the Women's Institutes of Ontario, asking her to accept and wear their gift. Mrs. Roblin made the presentation.

Mrs. Duke in words of feeling thanked the members for their loving

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED

The following resolutions were carried at the meeting of the Provincial Board and action has been taken by Mrs. E. A. Duke, provincial convener of resolutions. Board directors will explain action taken on any resolution from their respective areas.

Ottawa Area:

1. North Renfrew—(a) That the W.I. petition the Ontario Legislature at the next session to pass legislation enabling the municipalities to levy taxes for Municipal Health Services; and (b) That the W.I. stand shoulder to shoulder with the Federation of Agriculture in its efforts to obtain legislation enabling the levying of taxes for Municipal Health Services in Ontario.

2. Russell—Similar to Resolution, 1, part (a).

Belleville Area:

3. East Hastings—Plainfield—That the W.I. ask the Dominion Government to form a committee to investigate the waste at military camps.

Central Ontario Area:

4. East York—Thornhill—That the W.I. request the Legislature of the Province of Ontario to compel medical inspection of both sexes prior to marriage, and that marriage be prohibited if one or both of the parties are found to be suffering from any form of venereal disease; and that a copy be sent to the Minister of Health.

5. North York—Queensville—(To prevent the depletion of woodlots) That it be made unlawful to cut out young trees beyond where natural regeneration takes place.

Guelph Area:

6. North Waterloo—Sunnyside—Similar to Resolution 1, part (a).

London Area:

7. South Oxford—Norwich—That the W.I. should endorse the Farm Forum movement in the following ways: 1. That it be included in the work of the standing committee on Agriculture and Canadian Industries. 2. That institute members support actively Farm Forums already organized in their communities. 3. That W.I. branches assist in the expansion of the Farm Forums by organizing new Forums in communities which have not yet been reached.

8. South Essex—Cottam—That we petition our Government that the bicycle law with reference to head and tail lights be enforced strictly.

Powasson Area:

9. North Parry Sound—That we ask the Department of Lands and Forests that a law be passed to prohibit the cutting of Christmas trees unless a guarantee is made that said trees be picked up.

Cochrane Area:

10. South Temiskaming—Thornloe—That the W.I. ask the Provincial Government to pay a bounty on bears and to compensate farmers for losses of cattle and sheep caused by bears.

11. Resolution drafted to embody the many resolutions from conventions relative to intoxicating beverages.

(a) That the manufacture of intoxicating beverages be drastically curtailed by the Dominion Government;

(b) That we request the Government of the Province of Ontario to take action as follows: (1) to curtail drastically the evening hours of sale in beverage rooms and (2) to abolish women's beverage rooms or designate them for the exclusive use of women.

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token which bore the inscription "Mizpah". The interpretation: "The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another" (Genesis 32:49) would ever be meaningful to her and she would wear their gift with pride.

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

CENTRAL FUND F.W.I.O.

NOTE: All contributions to the Central Fund should be made payable to the treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, Coldwater.

The Central Fund committee is very happy about the response of the Institutes to their appeal for funds for a mobile kitchen and for seeds for Britain. Donations are coming in regularly and the secretary-treasurer reports that the Fund is within \$500 of the objective. Don't let this figure discourage further contributions, however, because, after the objective has been reached, you will wish to build up a substantial balance in the Fund to be prepared for emergency calls so that the F.W.I.O. may not miss an opportunity for service.

Your secretary will receive a copy of the audited financial statement for 1942, and a list of recent contributions which will give you full details.

The mobile kitchen is being built and will be sent to the East coast for emergency use. The kitchen is the standard model, built on a Chevrolet chassis and equipped for serving soup, beverages and light lunches. The total cost will be \$3,800.

The vegetable garden seeds are en route to England. We hope that by the time this reaches you they will have arrived safely in time for early planting. Quantities sent and varieties were listed in the Fall Home and Country. The Toronto Hydro-Electric Club has again generously contributed \$10.00 to this Fund.

Letters of Appreciation

From Helen Graham, Y.W.C.A. of Great Britain, for the gift to the Mrs. Churchill Fund for Service Women of \$500.00 from the Central Fund, "On behalf of our Appeal Committee I beg to send you our most heartfelt thanks for the gift that you were good enough to make to the Mrs. Winston Churchill Y.W.C.A. Fund for Service women."

"To receive such gifts as those from so far away, but with close sympathy and imagination for all that we are trying to do heartens us so much in our task, and I hope you will accept this expression of our deep gratitude to you for your generosity."

From Capt. H. M. Travers, Assistant Director, Auxiliary Services, Canadian Military Headquarters, London, England, for song sheets and books:

"I am directed to write to you in connection with the 4,500 song sheets and 40 song books which have been duly received from your organization."

"May we advise that these song sheets and books have been distributed among Canadian Forces Overseas, and on behalf of those benefitting may we thank you very heartily for your kind generosity and interest in the welfare of Canadian Troops."

JAM FOR BRITAIN

As outlined in the Summer 1942 Home and Country the jam-making enterprise has been carried on successfully again this past summer and fall. We are sure that the people of Britain will say a heartfelt thanks for all the jam which has been shipped from Ontario. Practically all the jam arrived at the warehouse in Toronto on time and has been shipped overseas, where it should now be bringing pleasure to the homeless children and adults of Britain.

Final figures for Ontario show that to date 230,250 pounds have been shipped overseas. One late shipment of 600 cases or 28,000 pounds has still to be shipped. This will make a total of approximately 130 tons. Congratulations are extended again to all who gave of their money, time, labour or ingredients.

The Sugar Fund reached a new high this year. Institutes contributed \$2,066.84 which was distributed to other Institutes for the purchase of sugar or used to purchase jam, after all requests for sugar had been met.