

ANNUAL MEETING

(Continued, from page 2, column 4) Previous years, while consideration should be given to an increase when funds justify this. This recommendation was accepted by the board and also one to the effect that two full board meetings be held this Federation year 1944-45.

It was agreed that expenses of the Central Fund Secretary-Treasurer be paid to meetings of the Central Fund Committee held concurrently with the board meetings.

Elections

Early in the proceedings of the meeting the secretary read a letter of resignation from the Provincial President. Mrs. Duke was called upon to take the chair, and Mrs. Holmes explained the circumstances that led to this action. She spoke in appreciation of her pleasure in her work in the interests of the Women's Institute and regretted that due to ill health she would not be able to continue.

Her resignation was accepted with deep regret.

The names of 29 directors who had served during the past three years and who were eligible for nomination for president were posted. The election was conducted the following day by Miss Clarke, and, from among four nominees, Mrs. Hugh Summers, R.R.L. Fonhill, was elected by majority vote.

Conveners of standing committees appointed were:

Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. F. E. Birdsall, Birdsall; Home Economics, Mrs. G. Wilmer Keyes, Wolfe Island; Citizenship, Mrs. C. L. Murray, 211 Begin Street, Fort William; Social Welfare, Mrs. J. Reid, R.R.L. Islington; Publicity, Mrs. N. J. White, Brooklin; Historical Research and Current Events, Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard, Unionville; Resolutions, Mrs. Clarence Holmes, R.R. 3, Belleville; War Work, Mrs. L. W. Challand, R.R. 5, Simcoe; Convener Central Fund Committee, Mrs. Hugh Summers; Secretary Central Fund, Mrs. H. Wicks, 27 Buck Street, Cobourg.

Presentation to Mrs. Holmes

Mrs. N. J. White, on behalf of the directors, paid a warm tribute to Mrs. Holmes for her leadership and the contribution which she had made in spreading the interests and making the influence of the Women's Institute more valuable. She spoke in appreciation of her friendship and personal qualities and of her executive and presiding ability. Best wishes were extended to her for health and happiness in her home and life work. Mrs. A. Manley made the presentation of a

silver bracelet, a token of remembrance and affection.

Conveners' Reports

Progress was noted in the forward step taken by the Provincial Conveners of Standing Committees in observing the new ruling to present outlines for study and activity with the year's report. Another outstanding feature was the fact that all conveners were present to deal personally with their reports and outlines. (All conveners who are not board members attend at their own expense.)

The Agriculture and Canadian Industries report was dealt with by the convener, Mrs. F. E. Birdsall. Members were urged to keep farm accounts and to give more consistent support to boys' and girls' clubs which are necessary to provide education, recreation and inspiration for the young people of the rural districts. She spoke of the necessity of improving the standards of quality to retain post-war markets. The Institutes were asked to make a thorough study of the problem of re-establishing war veterans on farms.

The Home Economics outline presented by Mrs. G. Wilmer Keyes was in the form of a questionnaire and would make a most interesting program for one or a series of meetings.

Mrs. T. D. Cowan, reporting for the Citizenship Committee, commented that reports from the Area Conveners show that the Institutes have done much to impress upon their members the three characteristics of a good citizen—Intelligence, Integrity and Industry. A resolution had come from the Timmins Area asking that, in the oath of allegiance, a clause be inserted swearing loyalty and fidelity to Canada as well as to our King. Members are asking if there is any reason why the word "Canadian" should not be given meaning, since Canada belongs to the Commonwealth of Nations. A recommendation was passed that Mrs. Milton Wade, Dominion Convener of Citizenship be asked to contact authorities at Ottawa re these matters.

Mrs. J. Reid, reporting for Social Welfare asked the members to continue the study of the Planning and Housing Memorandum of the A.C. W.W. They were advised to become familiar with the Family Allowance Bill which will become law in July.

"Our aim is a Tweedsmuir Village History in every Institute by 1947," stated Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard in presenting her report on Historical Research and Current Events. This will fittingly mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Women's Institute movement. It was agreed that the Pro-

vincial Convener of this committee be made a new member of the Ontario Historical Society.

To mark the Silver Anniversary of the Provincial Federation a Provincial Tweedsmuir Women's Institute History will be compiled. Mrs. Maynard with Mrs. Summers and Mrs. Leatherdale were named a committee to be responsible for the history and the purchase of a suitable book. A recommendation will be made to the National Federation of Women's Institutes to include Historical Research among the F.W.I.C. Standing Committees.

Publicity—How to interest women of the community in the Institute program and to put across its aims and ideals was the keynote of the convener's outline for activity. Publicity articles by her pen had been far-reaching.

Members are reminded that the reports and outlines of conveners of the respective standing committees may be had upon request from the Loan Library, Women's Institute Branch.

War Work Committee

Some 960 Institutes or 74.2% reported. Mrs. L. W. Challand, the convener stated: "There is much more to this war work of ours than can be estimated in money value. A well-meaning Government might have spent our \$173,500.86 during the past year but could it possibly have meant as much to either the receiver or to those who gave? Just touching the garment that someone at home has handled, or made, unpacking the box that someone has lovingly filled, makes the homesick lads or the hungry, homeless folk feel that someone cares and they take fresh courage".

The spiritual side of our war work was stressed by many of the conveners and by one in these words: "We must throw a shield of prayer around our service men and women and ask for a new loyalty and devotion to inspire our country and the nations of the earth that all may work together under God's Guidance for a new world of peace and unselfish freedom for all mankind".

Central Fund

Receipts to October 31st totalled \$7,307.67 and expenditures to war charities \$6,181.57, leaving a balance of \$1,116.10. This was reported by Mrs. H. Wicks, Secretary-Treasurer of the Central Fund Committee.

Recommendations made by the Central Fund Committee for support of the following war charities were presented by the secretary and adopted:

Vegetable Seeds for Britain	\$3,000
Service League for British Ships	600
Queen's Canadian Fund	500
Save the Children Fund	600
Canadian Red Cross Society	
Prisoners-of-War parcels	500

The Navy League of Canada	
—Woollen Comforts	\$ 500
Total	\$5,700

The Wool Fund was closed upon the recommendation of Miss Clarke.

The new personnel of the Central Fund (War Charities) Committee, F.W.I.O. for 1945 are as follows:

Convener: Mrs. Hugh Summers, with Mrs. C. Holmes, Mrs. P. Merry, Mrs. N. J. White, and Mrs. H. Wicks, Secretary-Treasurer. Miss Mary A. Clarke, honorary member without voting power, and Mrs. L. W. Challand, ex-officio, as convener of the War Work Committee.

W.I. Song Sheet

The committee working on the new W.I. Song Sheet reported that many suggestions and recommendations had been received and that these were all being given careful consideration. They are hoping to have the songs compiled in a booklet that will be attractive and serviceable and yet inexpensive.

Institutes Disbanding

Because of occasional requests from Institutes for correct procedure in disposal of assets when disbanding, Mrs. E. A. Duke and Mrs. F. Barron were named a committee to bring in a recommendation to meet this need. The following resolution was adopted:

"That the following procedure be followed by Women's Institutes which consider disbanding:

1. Notice of motion to disband should be made at a regular meeting, to be voted upon at the next regular meeting; and a copy of the notice of motion should be sent to members not present at the meeting at which notice of motion was given.
2. If this procedure is not possible notice of meeting must be sent all members, stating reasons, two weeks previous to meeting.
3. All assets should be disposed of by a two-thirds vote of the members present.
4. No Women's Institute having disbanded shall re-organize within a year.
5. The Women's Institute disbanding shall notify the District Secretary who in turn shall notify the Department.

F.W.I.C.

Each of the provinces has been asked to prepare a brief to be circularized to all Provincial Federations prior to the Biennial Meeting of the F.W.I.C. which will be held some time during 1945. Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Summers and Mrs. Leatherdale were named the committee to prepare the Ontario brief for consideration at the Spring meeting of the board.

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

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT, F. W. I. O.
OCT. 1, 1943--SEPT. 30, 1944**

RECEIPTS

Balance, October 1, 1943	\$1,480.73
Federation fees and exchange	4,841.67
F.W.I.C. Emergency Fund	927.32
Sale of Life Members' Pins	190.97
Directors' Pins	24.00
F.W.I.C. Pins	21.55
Hand Books	78.50
Song Sheets	9.36
Photographs — Mrs. Hoodless	23.15
Motto Cards	1.55
Donation — Otterville and Kenora W.I.'s	56.38
Refund — Central Ontario Convention	2.60
Bank Interest	3.33
Total Receipts	\$7,661.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Allocation, F.W.I.C.	\$ 500.00
Allocation, A.C.W.W.	25.00
Affiliation, Ont. Federation of Agriculture	25.00
Grants to Conventions (9)	265.00
Fed. Representatives to Conventions	308.13
Printing, Home and Country	409.36
F.W.I.O. Directors' Meeting, November, 1943	537.66

F.W.I.O. Directors' Meeting, Spring, 1944	500.23
F.W.I.O. Directors to District Annuals	235.79
President's Expenses to Conventions, 1943	306.28
President's Travelling Allowance	65.00
Representatives to Other Organizations	15.40
Provincial Conveners' postage	3.84
Putnam Memorial Fund	4.30
Memberships and Subscriptions	3.17
Secretary's Honorarium	300.00
Office Supplies, Stationery, Postage	169.84
Secretary's Bond	12.00
Auditor's Fee	10.00
Photographs—Mrs. Hoodless	24.50
Pins for Sale	230.10
Gifts and Flowers	36.75
Interest on Loan	13.51
Exchange	55.09
Total Disbursements	\$4,055.95
Balance, Sept. 30, 1944	\$3,605.16
Total	\$7,661.11

Audited and found correct,
J. C. PRIOR, Auditor.



THE BIRTHDAY CAKE CEREMONY

From Left to Right: Mrs. A. E. Walker, Mrs. C. Holmes, Miss M. A. Clarke, Mrs. Chas. Munro, Mrs. E. A. Duke, who cut the birthday cake and expressed good wishes for the F.W.I.O.