

F. W. I. O. BOARD DINNER PARTY

THEY ASK US



Front Row (left to right): Miss Jean Munro (Supervisor, Girls' Extension Work), Nova Scotia; Miss Margaret K. Fraser (Supervisor, Girls' Extension Work), Alberta; Miss Anna P. Lewis (Superintendent, Women's Institutes of Ontario); Mrs. W. R. Reek (wife of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture); Mr. R. S. Duncan (Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture); Mrs. H. Summers (President, F.W.I.O.), Fort Hill; Colonel the Honourable T. L. Kennedy (Minister of Agriculture); Mrs. T. L. Kennedy; Miss Mary A. Clarke (former Superintendent); Mrs. R. S. Duncan; Mrs. C. Holmes (Honorary President), Belleville; Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale (Secretary-Treasurer, F.W.I.O.), Coldwater; Mrs. J. R. Fitcher, R.R. 1, St. Thomas; Miss F. P. Eadie (Supervisor of Junior Extension), Ontario.

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Back Row: Mrs. R. Dodds, Clute; Mrs. J. Christianson, Kenora; Mrs. S. L. Heath, Portland; Mrs. W. A. Cowan, Metcalfe; Mrs. L. Challand (War Work Convener), R.R. 5, Simcoe; Mrs. N. (Wicks) Tait (Treasurer, Central Fund), Cobourg; Mrs. N. Smith, Port Elgin; Mrs. G. W. Keyes (Home Economics Convener), Wolfe Island; Miss Mary G. Thompson (Loan Librarian); Mrs. L. A. McEwen, Russell; Miss Iona M. Winterburn (Secretary to the Superintendent); Mrs. G. G. Maynard (Convener, Historical Research), Unionville; Mrs. J. Reid (Social Welfare Convener); R.R. 1, Islington; Mrs. R. Ross, Thornloe; Mrs. Phil. Hamilton, York Mills.

- A Quizz — contributed by Miss Esther A. Slicter.
1. In what year and when was the first Women's Institute established?
  2. What are the membership fees?
  3. Who are the executive officers of the local Institute?
  4. Who comprises the Board of Directors of the local Institute?
  5. For how many years in succession may an officer hold office?
  6. To whom may a Life Membership be granted in the local Institute?
  7. How is the local Institute linked with the district Institute?
  8. Who are the executive of the District?
  9. Who comprises the Board of Directors of the District?
  10. Who by virtue of their office are delegates to the District Annual Meeting?
  11. Who may not be auditors of the District?
  12. How many Convention Areas are there?
  13. How many delegates may the local Institute send to the Convention?
  14. How many voting representatives may the District send to the Convention?
  15. Who are these voting representatives?
- All answers can be found in the Hand Book—If you can't find them, let us know and we shall publish them in a later issue.

PROVINCIAL BOARD HOLDS BUSY SESSION

The sessions opened on Tuesday morning November 20th with the sub-executive meeting. The whole group assembled at 2.00 p.m. and were in session, with the briefest intermissions, up until late on Thursday, November 22nd. Even with this long period a number of matters had to be left over for the spring session. Answering the roll for each meeting were the twenty Board members of which eleven were present for the first time, and five conveners of standing committees.

Our New Superintendent

Although only one area, Kingston, held a convention this fall the majority of the Board members, in their executive gatherings, had met our new Superintendent and she was given the same hearty welcome at the Board meeting that she had received in those earlier meetings. As she presided at the annual banquet given on the evening of the first day, she made all realize that she had entered into her work with a keen interest and a desire to be of service to all, from those holding the executive offices to the individual member in the local rural groups.

The Annual Dinner

The dinner was its usual success with greetings from Miss Clark, our former Superintendent, whom all were glad to welcome to this function, from Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Mrs. Summers and Mr. Duncan, Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture. Mr. Bray, who has been on a concert tour for the troops, entertained in two delightful groups of songs. The appreciation of the guests was expressed in a happy way by Mrs. Fitcher.

Much Business Discussed

There was the usual routine of business, which was simplified somewhat by having the sub-executive meet before the general sessions opened. The report from this meeting dealt with matters which came up later and saved time in the discussion.

Forty-three resolutions were dealt with most ably by Mrs. Clarence Holmes, Past President. The majority of these were sustained and are published separately in this issue.

The Secretary, Mrs. Leatherdale, reported that a Tweedsmuir Village History Book had been purchased for the Province. The book is 17" x 13" and has on its cover an enlarged crest

of the Women's Institutes of Ontario. She expressed appreciation for the prompt payment of federated fees but regrets that reports from conveners of standing committees are not being forwarded as promptly. It is well to note that any convener not receiving an outline of work for her particular standing committee may obtain a copy, on loan, from the Loan Library and all conveners are urged to secure these outlines if they have not received one. There was some discussion as to whose responsibility this was, but the convener who means to work will look after this herself.

Mrs. Keyes' recommendation for memorial school gardens was dealt with and a committee named to look into the matter.

Mr. Russell T. Kelly, President of the United Nations Society spoke briefly at one session and urged co-operation and support of the Institutes in helping to make this society accomplish its full purpose. Its main object is to keep people thinking of peace and to Institutes taking membership (fee \$2.00) monthly bulletins and pamphlets on world peace will be sent.

Inspirational Addresses

The address of the President was one of inspiration as she urged all to work to preserve the esteem in which we are already held. When other groups disband, welcome them to our ranks and make as our slogan (and work at it) 50,000 members for our 50th anniversary in 1947. As good Women's Institute members we must be well informed in the trends and policies in Government at home and abroad and set ourselves to form a sane, sensible public opinion.

Miss Lewis also brought an inspiring message as she told of all that the Department of Agriculture is planning for us through the Women's Institute Branch. There are tangible things to which we can point as a part of our success but the intangible things such as the spirit of tolerance and co-operation mean most in achieving our goals. She, too, urged us to be well informed and take the positive rather than the negative appeal, to read, discuss and work towards good citizenship. "Let us not hoard our opportunities," she said, "but find new groups and learn to live well by sharing. Introduce more fun into our

programs. Give each member a chance to express herself. To develop good sportsmanship and good leadership in our Institutes pass the honours around. Many do not know their potentialities until they try."

"It is up to each to help and encourage the others to work and strive towards bringing all that is best for Home and Country."

Miss Lewis announced that there are thirteen new staff members appointed and more requests for all services have been received than in previous years. She described the new Community Centre being set up at Cayuga.

Miss Eadie spoke for the Junior groups and will investigate possibilities of representation of these on the Provincial Board.

The Brief on Education

The Brief on Education, presented to the Royal Commission on Education since the Spring Board meeting, was presented and explained by Mrs. Summers. This was to many of us the "high light" of the meeting. It dealt with more rural representation on the commission; greater equality of educational opportunity between rural and urban students; greater measure of equality in experience of rural and urban teachers; provision for itinerant teachers for special subjects; more Provincial financial aid to rural schools; dental and medical services for rural schools; assistance towards beautification of rural school grounds and interiors; installation of radios in rural schools; Bible study a part of the curriculum; and adequate sex instruction. It stressed the responsibilities of democratic citizenship.

Mrs. Challand's report on war work proved that the groups have been busy during the year. Her report was only 87% complete but showed that \$169,142.20 had been raised. There were 56,904 knitted articles and 92,790 sewn garments, 26,377 pounds of jam for Britain and 6,504 blood donors among the Institute members.

Mrs. Tait's report on Central Fund for War Charities showed \$9,198.23 contributed since January 1st and up to October 1st \$7,306.45 had been sent on for war work.

Comforts for hospitalized veterans is the main issue for this coming year and \$1,000.00 was voted to be used for this. For the mine sweepers \$250.00 and for the Save the Children Fund also \$250.00. Miss Lewis reported that \$5,475.00 had been donated through the Women's Institute to the Hospital for Sick Children.

Committees Appointed

A special committee was appointed for the 50th anniversary celebration. Each division named a representative,—Mrs. Leatherdale, Coldwater, Mrs. J. K. Kelly, Almonte, Mrs. G. Maynard, Unionville, Mrs. H. McCrie, Sarnia and Mrs. Duke, Port Carling with ex-officio members—Mrs. Hugh Summers (President F.W.I.O.) and Miss Lewis, (Superintendent).

A committee to compile a new Hand Book was chosen. It is to consist of Mrs. C. Holmes, R. R. No. 3, Belleville, Mrs. J. E. Houck, R. R. No. 2, Brampton, and Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, Coldwater, working with the President and Secretary of the Board, the Superintendent and one Departmental staff member.

Contributed by Mrs. N. J. White, Provincial Convener of Publicity.

EXPRESS THANKS

The members of the Women's Institutes will be interested in the following letter which came to the Superintendent from France. It reads as follows:

Cite de Refuge  
Armee du Salut  
Paris-13<sup>e</sup>

"Naked, and ye clothed me",  
"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me". Jesus.

We the workers in France, for the Salvation Army Post-War Relief Department, wish to express our most heartfelt gratitude for the beautiful gifts of clothing, which have brought untold blessing to the suffering people of this country.

Christmas and New Year 1945-46.