

A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF F.W.I.O. BOARD ACTIVITIES

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since a complete report of Board sessions has already been given at your District Annual as well as through publicity releases we publish below only a brief summary. Any members wishing further details may secure these through her Board Director or the F.W.I.O. Secretary-Treasurer.

At every session of the Board and at each meeting there is some outstanding feature which impresses itself on our minds. This year will long be remembered for the interest in and the planning for our Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration at Guelph. (The results of these plans have already been viewed by our members and will be fully recorded in the next issue of Home and Country).

Outstanding was the welcoming for the first time on the Provincial Board our two Junior Institute Board Directors, Miss Betty Ruddell of Georgetown and Miss Orphie Orr of Maple. Each brought reports of Junior activities. Their contribution in every way was exceptionally fine. Through this contact it is hoped that a much closer bond of friendship and understanding will be developed between the Junior and Senior groups.

Mrs. Hugh Summers, re-elected for 1946-47, brought inspiration and a challenge to the meetings. "International affairs", said Mrs. Summers, "have been somewhat disappointing. May we take our part in bringing peace and plenty to the world". She urged both officers and members to be alert to every opportunity to extend the work of our W.I. and to make use of the services provided by the Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service.

She reviewed the achievements of the last year mentioning especially that the two mobile canteens had been shipped to Europe through the Save the Children Fund,—one to Poland, the other to Sweden.

Mrs. Summers urged that a greater interest be taken in rural schools and rural education. She particularly commended provision of hot lunches in rural schools as a Women's Institute project.

New Courses Outlined

Miss Anna Lewis, Director, Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service in her address to Board members announced the introduction of new courses for 1947. Two entirely new phases, Psychology for the Home-maker and Weaving are to be introduced. She outlined the Co-operative Program in Home Economics and explained that in 1946-46, 76 of 99 districts in Ontario were served with courses while in 1946-47 89 districts were served. Fifty-nine new Institutes have been organized during the year, 14 of which were Juniors. Our membership has increased to 37,500 by March 31st, 1947. The staff of the Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service now consists of 35 home economists, field assistants, clerical workers and supervisors.

Institute women were urged to encourage young matrons to take the courses offered and to make arrangements for children to be looked after in order that mothers might attend. "After all", said Miss Lewis, "these are the women who are raising our citizens of tomorrow and if we are to look forward to a better tomorrow we must see that children today are being raised in happy, well-adjusted homes,—homes where there are right living standards, high ideals, and an intelligent wholesome outlook on life".

"Our program this year is styled to meet the needs of the young matron. With courses such as 'Clothes for Young Children', 'Your Children's Food', and 'How Your Pre-School Age Child Develops', we are doing our part by providing the instruction. It is up to the Institute members to make necessary plans for the course, to invite young matrons of the neighbourhood and to arrange good advance publicity.

"Our grandmothers and maiden aunts will still be most welcome to attend all classes but let us make

an effort to welcome the young matron, the war brides and our new-Canadian citizens. Let us make the whole Institute program appealing and helpful to all women of the community".

Standing Committee Reports

As convener of the Committee on Agriculture and Canadian Industries Mrs. F. M. Rutherford pointed to the fact that agriculture is going through a period of evolution as a result of scientific research. She recommended that the Institutes throughout Ontario make a study of the work of the Federation of Agriculture, attend county meetings, organize farm forums, study immigration in the light of labour and population, and take an interest in the problems of soil conservation and reforestation.

Mrs. G. Maynard, convener of Historical research gave an interesting report on the Tweedsmuir History Books being compiled by many Institutes, recording the salient points in local community history. She asked all Institutes to have these ready for the Fiftieth Anniversary meeting.

An appeal to rural women to use their franchise, to support worthy women for public offices, and to accept greater responsibility in civic affairs was made by Mrs. C. L. Murray, in her report as convener for citizenship. Mrs. Murray particularly stressed the necessity for rural women to take greater interest in educational matters, and to become well informed on matters of national and international importance. She made a plea for a helpful interest in newcomers to Ontario, and particularly in war brides from overseas.

Submitting a final report of the committee on emergency war work, Mrs. L. W. Challand reported an overall total of \$40,653 raised and expended during the year from May 1, 1945 to April 30, 1946. She also reported on the winding-up of the Central War Charities Fund; the balance of \$2,124.80 being divided among the veterans' hospitals to provide extra comforts.

Women's Institutes have gone a long way in the field of publicity, Mrs. N. J. White reported. W.I. radio broadcasts have become very popular while publicity in our daily, weekly and farm papers still improves as our women learn the proper method of reporting. Special tribute was paid to the co-operation our Women's Institutes receive from the press. W.I. seals, fair fairs, our poster contest, W.I. tourist cabins and rest rooms, boats, and goodwill visits all provide publicity. Every publicity report stressed the point that each Institute member is the best publicity our Women's Institutes can have. Are you giving the right publicity to your Institute?

Mrs. Wilmer Keyes in her Home Economics report recommended that the study of Family Relationships might take a major place in Home Economics work this year.

Much has been done along Social Welfare lines, Mrs. Ross Dodds reported. Assistance was given in hospitals, schools, in all types of community activity, in welcoming back our service personnel and their brides.

F.W.I.C. Halifax

Mrs. Hugh Summers and Mrs. L. W. Challand were appointed Ontario Directors on the F.W.I.C. Board and with Miss Anna Lewis attended the F.W.I.C. Biennial at Halifax in June.

A.C.W.W. Representatives

Representatives and alternates were named to the A.C.W.W. Triennial Conference in Amsterdam. Those who have made arrangements to attend are: Mrs. Hugh Summers, Provincial President; Miss Anna Lewis, Director, W.I. Branch; Miss Edith Collins, W.I. Branch; Mrs. Wm. McClure, Board Director, Brampton; Mrs. Angus Jackson, President, Stoney Creek W.I. and Miss Marjorie Lee, daughter of Erland Lee (co-organizer of first W.I. at Stoney Creek).



Front Row: (left to right) Miss Betty Ruddell, R.R. 2, Georgetown; Mrs. Ross Dodds, Clute; Miss Anna P. Lewis, Director, Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service; Mrs. Hugh Summers, R.R. 1, Fonthill, President; Mrs. C. Holmes, R.R. 3, Belleville, Honorary President; Mrs. John H. McCulloch, R.R. 2, Brampton, Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Orphie Orr, R.R. 1, Maple; Middle Row: Mrs. Fred Boulton, R.R. 2, Elora; Mrs. Norval Smith, Port Elgin; Mrs. Aylmer Campbell, Huntsville; Mrs. Lyle Shaver, R.R. 1, Millgrove; Mrs. L. A. McEwen, Russell; Mrs. Wm. McClure, R.R. 2, Brampton; Mrs. Ben James, R.R. 2, Almonte; Mrs. N.J. White, Brooklin, Convener of Publicity; Mrs. James Lotan, Appin; Mrs. F. L. McDougall, R.R. 4, Thamesville; Mrs. W. A. McGregor, Desboro; Mrs. Roy Goodfellow, Stroud; Mrs. M. Fisher, R.R. 1, Emo; Back Row: Mrs. O. W. Rolph, Orono; Mrs. Harry L. Wood, Brantford; Mrs. Arnold Mitchell, R.R. 6, Belleville; Mrs. L. W. Challand, R.R. 5, Simcoe, Convener of War Work; Mrs. B. F. Daniels, Fort William; Mrs. S. L. Heath, Portland; Mrs. Bert Litt, Sebringville; Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard, Unionville, Convener of Historical Research; Mrs. F. M. Rutherford, Campbellville, Convener of Agriculture and Canadian Industries; Mrs. G. W. Keyes, Wolfe Island, Convener of Home Economics.

THE PROVINCIAL BOARD 1946-47



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ENTERTAINS BOARD

New Committees Formed

The Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship Committee was appointed to look after the Anniversary Scholarship, this committee to be composed of three Board Directors the Provincial President and the Director of the W.I. Branch. One of the three named from the Board will retire each year. Mrs. McEwen, Mrs. Rolph and Mrs. Shaver will act on the committee with Mrs. Summers and Miss Lewis. Miss Dorothy Lindsley, Director of Macdonald Institute, and Miss Florence Eadie, Supervisor of Junior Extension will be invited to sit in on this committee in an advisory capacity.

Mrs. Hugh Summers and Mrs. O. W. Rolph were named to meet with two members of the Home and School Association to discuss co-operative policy.

Mrs. McClure and Mrs. Shaver were named to act with Miss Lewis to investigate a trophy for the Junior competition.

Method of Electing Provincial President

It was decided at the April meeting that Nomination Committee composed of the Honorary President and two first year Board Directors be named to receive nominations for Provincial President.

Nominations, accompanied by qualifications and credentials must be sent to the convener of this committee not later than October 1st. Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. James and Mrs. Goodfellow were named as the Nominations Committee.

Thus we record a bird's eye view of the year's activities. The agenda was particularly heavy in this our anniversary year. Mrs. Daniels, speaking on behalf of the retiring

members expressed the feeling of the directors as she said:

"Today is the last time some of us will be present at a Provincial Board meeting. To Mrs. Summers, Miss Lewis and Mrs. McCulloch I feel we owe much to the success of our sessions. Their kind and courteous manner has been an example to us.

I have found much joy in the work and the friendships made while in your midst.

I feel sure the members will continue to co-operate with the officers to create harmony in our beloved organization.

May we all help to design the structure of tomorrow with strong corner stones of purpose, prepare great blocks of wisdom cut from past mistakes, and shape mighty pillars of resolve.

If we do this with belief in God and our own selves all we hoped for will be achieved."

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and the Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service express their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, former provincial secretary-treasurer in the death of her husband, Dr. W. B. Leatherdale, Coldwater, and to the family of Mrs. Chas. Macoun, former corresponding secretary, F.W.I.O.