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Minister of Agriculture
Lauds Institute Work

Colonel the Honourable T. L. Kennedy in speaking to various rural groups throughout this province has paid high tribute to our Women's Institutes for their part in improving things which for years have been pressing problems.

"Today in Ontario there are 1300 Women's Institutes actively engaged in community service that is constantly being broadened."

"For instance", Colonel Kennedy stated "through the Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service the Department is putting into effect a program of special courses and activities to assist farm housewives in the tasks of maintaining and improving their rural homes."

"The Women's Institute has made farm women see that farm life offers a larger measure of independence than pioneer women ever dreamed of. It has brought them into close touch with their sisters in the city, in whose presence they are no longer shy and retiring but on the contrary are able to comport themselves with as much quiet dignity and to converse with as great intelligence on practically every topic that interests their sex."

"The object of the Institute is to promote a knowledge of home economics in all its phases with a view to raising the general standard of education, health and happiness of our people and to create among the members a desire to fit themselves to a higher plane."

"Through improved practices and greater home efficiency the drudgery of housework can be removed and more time left for real homemaking and the appreciation of an abundant life."

"At their gatherings young women

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Service, Department of Agriculture, will be ready for circulation some time in late Spring.

Great Responsibilities and Opportunities

Miss Lewis reminded the Board Directors that great responsibilities and opportunities were theirs. "Our members have placed great faith and trust in you by electing you to this office. You are the women who carry the vote and shape the policies of the F.W.I.O. So very much depends upon your action and your decisions. May we, the Federated Board, co-operating closely together give of our best to stimulate, inspire and direct the rural women and girls of this province and help them fulfil the aims of our organization".

and older women are encouraged to express their views of the big and the little problems that confront them; the ideals that thrill them and their hopes and aspirations for making rural life ideal and such as will keep their young men and women on the farm instead of hurrying away to the cities as soon as their education is complete. Women's Institutes have altered conditions for the better and the idea has spread all over the continent. It is practical and affords scope for genius wherever found. Much of which would never have been brought to light had there been no little gatherings of institute members to inspire them."

In closing her address Miss Lewis quoted from Emerson, "The stream of human affairs flows its own way—What great masses of men wish done will be done". So let us, as Institute women, wield our influence,—see that the masses are educated in right principles—that public opinion is influenced for good".

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF CONSUMERS

Mrs. J. R. Futcher reported her activities as representative on The C.A.C. citing its purposes and aims. In brief the purpose is:

1. To unite our strength as consumers for the improvement in standards of living in Canadian homes.
2. To study the problems of the consumer and the recommendations for their solution.
3. To circulate information so that Canadian women can evaluate opinions.
4. Bring the views of consumers to the attention of the Government, trade and industry and provide a channel from these back to the consumers.

The headquarters of this organization will be in Ottawa. A 50 cent membership fee is being asked which will provide for literature for members each month.

A resolution was passed by the Board that the F.W.I.O. support this organization.

Stirling-Lyons, Thunder Bay: Each member sent a parcel of food to Britain.

ONTARIO WOMEN'S INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP

Of major significance to the Institutes of Ontario was the report of the Scholarship committee, the findings of which were all approved by the Board.

The following are the recommendations:

1. That of the \$19,700 at present in the Adelaide Hoodless Fund \$19,000 be turned over to the Ontario Agricultural College for the establishment of THE ONTARIO WOMEN'S INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP for Macdonald Institute.
2. That the interest accruing from the investment of this fund be the amount used for the Scholarship or Scholarships.
3. That all applications for the Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship for Macdonald Institute be addressed to The Director, Macdonald Institute, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.
4. That the President, Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and the Director, Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service be members of the Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship Committee set up by the Ontario Agricultural College.
5. That preference in awarding the scholarship be given to daughters of Women's Institute members.
6. That, since requests have come in for scholarships for rural girls in Homemaking Clubs and Junior Institutes, the Adelaide Hoodless Fund be left open for another year. General publicity by all Branches should be given to the above as individuals or groups other than Women's Institutes might wish to donate to such a worthy cause.
7. That those Women's Institutes which have not contributed the stipulated amount per branch be requested to do so.
8. That the Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship Committee as set up by the Provincial Board be responsible for the remaining fund and that the Homemaking Club and Junior Institute Scholarship or Scholarships be awarded upon the advice of the staff of the Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service.
9. That the selection of the course be left to the girl winning the Scholarship but the course must be approved by the Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship Committee.
10. That the Scholarships for Homemaking Clubs and Junior Institutes be made regional.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The reports of standing committees, which occupy a large part of the program at the fall meeting, were most comprehensive and full of interest but only two were one hundred per cent complete—Agriculture and Canadian Industries and Publicity. To have a complete picture of the thirteen areas all must co-operate and every convener Branch, District and Convention Area as well as Provincial must understand her duties. These duties are clearly outlined on the sheet "The Functions of Standing Committees" which is available for the asking from the Women's Institute Branch, Department of Agriculture.

Miss Lewis very kindly offered again this year to mail to all Institute secretaries the Provincial Conveners' Outline of Work for each standing committee. Would each standing committee convener, whether for Branch, District or Convention Area, see that she receives her copy. With this, and the sheet "Functions of Standing Committees" carefully studied, more efficient results should be seen next year.

Copies of all Provincial Conveners' Reports and many Area Conveners' Reports are available on loan from the Loan Library, Women's Institute Branch.

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