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## MRS. FUTCHER PRESIDES AT SPRING BOARD SESSION

### FOUR DEGREE COURSE AT MACDONALD INSTITUTE ANNOUNCED

The Spring Board Meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario was held in the Royal York Hotel, April 5, 6 and 7, Mrs. J. R. Futcher, newly-elected Provincial President, presiding.

Decisions were made regarding the administering of the Ontario Women's Institute Scholarships to Macdonald Institute, Guelph. These scholarships were made possible through the Adelaide Hoodless Fund, a Fiftieth Anniversary project which resulted in a \$19,000 cheque being presented by the Federated Women's Institutes to the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph on March 15, 1948.

### Four-Year Degree Course

The Board were pleased to hear the announcement of Col. the Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture, that a four-year degree course in Home Economics at Macdonald Institute would commence this fall. This course will be open to a limited number of girls. Five annual entrance scholarships of \$100 each will be awarded to students entering the course. Scholarships are regional, giving students throughout Ontario an equal opportunity to win them. Two scholarships are being awarded to girls entering the four-year course this fall with preference given to daughters of Institute members. The remainder of the fund will be used to provide further scholarships for rural girls. The Scholarship Committee for the coming year will be Mrs. A. Hamilton, Atwood; Mrs. Wm. McClure, Brampton, and Mrs. L. A. MacEwen, along with Mrs. J. R. Futcher, Provincial President, and Miss Anna P. Lewis, Director.

### W.I. FILM "LET THERE BE LIGHT"

Miss Anna P. Lewis, Director, announced that the new 16 mm. technicolour sound film, produced by the Department in honour of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario, would be released early in May. Institutes wishing to borrow this film may apply direct to the Department of Public Relations, Film Extension Division, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. Requests for the film will be filled in the order in which they are received.

### HOMEMAKING CLUB TROPHIES

The Junior Homemaking Club Trophies were on display. These are being donated by the Federated Women's Institute to the winning Provincial teams in Clothing and Foods and Nutrition Homemaking Clubs.

### A.C.W.W. COLOUR PICTURES

During the evening session, Miss Anna P. Lewis presented a report, illustrated with coloured slides, of her trip to Europe and the Amsterdam Conference where she officially represented F.W.I.O. at the first post-war Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World.

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

In the address of the president, Mrs. J. R. Futcher stated: "We have a high record of achievement to maintain and a record for unselfish effort to uphold. We can be a tremendous power for good because we actively support the finest things in life.

"Brotherhood and international good-will are a must if civilization, as we know it, is to survive. We are in a splendid position to help bring this about. Through our various organizations we speak an interna-

tional language. We have a hand on the pulse of the world and must do all we can to keep it beating.

"Democracy is coming to realize we can never have world peace until all people are free, with sufficient food and enough security to guarantee happiness and contentment. You all know something about the Food and Agricultural Organization and its stupendous program to feed the people of the world, to so distribute food supplies that never again will there be bursting granaries in the Americas and misery and want in Europe and Asia. Along with agricultural advancement will go Home Economics to teach the better use of food produced and better ways of homemaking. We should never cease in our efforts until rural women all over the world have, in some measure, the privileges you and I enjoy.

"For along with advancement in agricultural methods will go Home Economics to teach the better use of the foods produced and better ways of homemaking and will give your work an impetus that nothing else will.

"It is a high goal—and may take a century or more to bring about. But you know the saying—'A man's reach should exceed his grasp or what's a heaven for!' If we would catch this vision of what our work can mean; we would labour to greater purpose and it would give enthusiasm to our effort. I know of nothing that can take the place of enthusiasm for one's work or play. Application isn't enough. It alone is tiresome and dull. Enthusiasm springs from absolute confidence in your work and the vision of where it can lead. I have a favourite story—it tells the things I am trying to express in a much better way than I can tell it. A stranger in a town was walking along the street and he saw three workmen busy at work on a building. He asked the first what he was doing and the answer was, 'Oh! I'm just mixing cement.' He asked the second workman and the reply was, 'I'm laying brick,' but when he asked the third workman about his job, he said, 'I'm building a cathedral to the glory of God!' All three were doing what was asked of them but the workman with the vision is the kind of workman we want.

"A vision in the heart gives enthusiasm and inspiration to one's work."

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Miss Anna P. Lewis, Director, Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service expressed her appreciation of the fine co-operation of the Institute women of Ontario. "If we work together harmoniously and unselfishly we shall achieve success in the great work of our organization." Miss Lewis reported that Institute membership now stands at 38,600 in the Province of Ontario with twenty new Branches having been organized since December 1st.

This summer the Ontario Institute will have two distinguished visitors, Lady Haworth, Chairman of Cheshire Federation and Mrs. Ida Brain, a voluntary W.I. organizer from Hertfordshire. Plans are being made for their sister members to visit Branch and District meetings throughout the Province.

### Co-operative Program

Eighty-three districts were served through district Home Economics pro-



### PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE

Mrs. J. R. Futcher of St. Thomas, President of the F.W.I.O. presents a cheque for \$19,000 from the Adelaide Hoodless Memorial Fund to Mr. W. R. Cheek, President, Ontario Agricultural College, for the establishment of scholarships for rural girls attending Macdonald Institute.

jects while 43 districts held rallies during 1947-48. Miss Lewis called to the attention of the members that some districts had fallen down in their arrangements for these courses, hence attendance was lagging. As a result of this the Department had decided to offer only one district service this coming year, either a home economics project or a rally. All Institutes are urged to give the district project precedence over local meetings, publicize well in advance of the course and, where possible, take registration ahead of time in order to be sure of good attendance. With the exception of the Local Leader Training School there is no limit to the attendance at district projects this year. All women in the community are welcome to take advantage of the services offered.

Short courses were sponsored by 300 Branch Institutes, the greatest number of requests being for courses in Frozen Foods, Oven Meals, Modern Dressmaking and Psychology for the Homemaker.

Miss Lewis pointed out that many changes had been made in the Co-operative Program in order to better meet the needs of the busy homemaker.

Special courses such as "How Your Elementary School Child Develops", "Clothes for Young Children" and "The School Lunch" are offered for the young mothers in the community. Older members are urged to encourage and help the young mothers so that it is possible for them to attend. "Remember", said Miss Lewis, "these courses are sponsored by the Branch Institute but they are open to all women of the community". The length of course and enrolment varies per course, hence the necessity for following the Co-operative Program specifications very closely in planning the Institute short course.

### Loan Library

The Women's Institute Branch maintains a Loan Library to assist Women's Institute members in the preparation of papers, talks and programs. The material in the library

is classified according to the standing committees and any member is welcome to have material on loan for a period of two weeks. During 1947-48, 1,304 Branches made use of this service and 7,652 individual folders of material were sent out.

Of the English books sent as a gift to Ontario Institutes by the Women's Institutes of Great Britain, 197 have been circulated. Fifty new pen friend contacts have been completed.

Miss Lewis commended the sending of overseas boxes, the adopting of British Institutes and the contacting of pen friends in various countries. (Names and addresses can be obtained through the Women's Institute Branch). "After all, it is true", said Miss Lewis, "if we understand people better we shall understand nations better—and through our organization we have marvellous opportunities for closer contact and a deeper, richer, understanding of Country Women everywhere. Let us cherish these contacts and grow in understanding".

### Amsterdam Conference

Reports of the Amsterdam Conference were given by Mrs. Hugh Summers, Past Provincial President; Miss Anna Lewis, Director; and Mrs. Wm. McClure, Board Director.

The F.W.I.O. decided to pay the application fee of \$25.00 to the Associated Country Women of the World for one European country unable to pay the fee.

Rev. J. B. Mills, Executive Secretary of the Ontario Trustees and Ratepayers Association, spoke briefly requesting the support of the Board in the work of his organization.

Miss Lewis was re-appointed as representative on the committee in charge of the Radio Program "Kindergarten of the Air".

A resolution was passed requesting that, because of the alarming increase in undulant fever in humans due to Bangs' Disease in herds, a province-wide policy of calfhood vaccination be adopted.

(Mrs. W. D. Warner, Publicity Convener, F.W.I.O.)