

MRS. FUTCHER COMMENTS

We regret that the Spring and Summer issue of Home and Country is late.

You will be sorry to learn that Miss Lewis has been hospitalized since July 4th. However, we are happy to report she is feeling much better and after a good rest will be able to take up her arduous duties again.

These past few months have been particularly busy ones for Institute officers and members. They have seen the completion of the Anniversary Film; the Anniversary Booklet in the printers' hands; the revised Hand Book well on its way and District Annuals of 1948 almost over.

Branch Institutes, all over the Province, are now busy planning their yearly programs and activities. Give your programs careful thought—incorporate in them the best of the ideas you gleaned from reports at the Annuals. Make your programs worthwhile, attractive and up-to-date and increased membership will follow. Keep before you the goal of "Active Citizenship in All Spheres of Our Influence" and keener interest in your organization will result.

July and August are the months to make use of your Juniors in your program planning. The girls are out of school and will co-operate, I am sure, and give you a splendid program, either using ideas of their own or making use of the many things they learned at their Achievement Day.

I had the pleasure of spending a couple of days at Guelph this Spring with our Juniors, at the time of their Conference, and was delighted with their program and the efficient way the girls handled their own business. Splendid leaders, capable, sincere and energetic are being trained through our Junior Institutes. They have a clear idea where they are going. They know what they want to find in the agricultural life of the future and they mean to reach their goal. Have no fears for our rural young people. The Conference at Guelph convinced me they are practical and ambitious and, at the same time, lovable and understanding. They are our hope for a better agriculture, to-morrow.

After the Board meeting in April, I attended Farm and Home Week at Cornell University in Ithaca, for three days. Here we saw on exhibit what Home Bureau women (corresponds to our Women's Institutes) accomplish in their projects and, with them, attended various demonstrations put on by the Faculty of the University. Some of these were: Demonstrations in Light and Colour—how different kinds of artificial light change the tones of draperies and rugs; demonstrations in table setting and flower arrangements; demonstrations in weaving and modern kitchen equipment; and many others, all of them most interesting and worthy of note.

In the exhibits, furnished by Home Bureau members, we saw dresses and suits—all on forms to properly show them off, many lovely antiques in furniture refinished by the women and many examples of slip covers—finished as if experts had made them.

On our drive home we stopped at the first farm where we saw a field being prepared for spring grain and were invited into the home for a chat—the housewife proving to be a Home Bureau member. It was a Saturday afternoon and she was busy trying to get slip covers finished and on her chairs before the Sabbath. It was so much like ourselves that we all felt at home and had a lively and interesting talk.

At Cornell, too, I heard Mrs. Sayre, president, A.C.W.W., speak. She is a farm wife from the State of Iowa and a clever and talented woman. But, I am saving excerpts from her address to tell you at the Fall Conventions, feeling you will get more out of it if I speak rather than write them.

The Home Bureau women give scholarships to girls attending Cornell. We saw several of these pre-

sented. They name them after Home Bureau women they want to especially honour for services rendered and several were there to present them in person. These three days were an education for me.

I have had correspondence from Harriet Parsons, field secretary of the Canadian Association of Consumers in which she stated that "the rural women were simply marvellous in replying to the questionnaire on the Waste Survey". Thank you, Board Members, for that splendid response. To date this Association has issued three bulletins—all of them containing information of value to all consumers. The C.A.C. is sponsoring a "Save the Food" campaign for the summer months. On the farm we feel nothing is wasted—there are too many mouths ready to use any scraps, but I am sure there are ways we can be more saving if we honestly try. Food is a mighty weapon in our hand in the saving of Europe for Democracy. Individual saving seems almost trifling but, in the aggregate, it is stupendous.

The District Annuals, I was able to attend, convinced me that Institute members are loyal, wide-awake and really anxious to render worthwhile service. There is a great future ahead for our organization if we keep our goals high and our purpose firm. "A man's reach must exceed his grasp, or what's a Heaven for?"

(Mrs. J. R. Futcher, Provincial President).

NEW ZEALAND W.I. PAST PRESIDENT ENTERTAINED

Honouring Miss Amy Kane of Wellington, New Zealand, the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario held a luncheon in the King Edward Hotel on Wednesday, January 21st. Covers for fifty were laid and the Institute crest decorated place cards.

Receiving with the honoured guest were Mrs. J. R. Futcher, newly-elected Provincial President, and Miss Anna P. Lewis, Director.

In an interesting address on New Zealand, Miss Kane stated that the chief industry of her country is farming. The main exports are butter and lamb, the main imports textiles and machinery. England is the leading customer but some trade is made with Canada and the United States. Through the years, much wheat has been imported but during the years of war, in an endeavour to make the country self-supporting, farmers grew more wheat. New Zealand wheat is not as good in quality as that produced in Canada and Australia.

The climate is temperate and varied, the land fertile. Spring vegetables continue to grow on into the winter. Unlike Canada, the north is warm and the south, cold. There are earthquakes in New Zealand but big, devastating quakes are rare.

Lumber is scarce for the early settlers were ruthless in their destruction of the forests. Native trees are slow-growing and a rule has been made that for each tree cut down, a new one must be planted.

The population of New Zealand is almost altogether British. It is said of the New Zealander, he is more British than the British themselves.

The rural women of New Zealand have been brought in closer friendship with each other and with the women of other nations through the Women's Institute. As in Canada, the Institutes have the support and assistance of the Department of Agriculture.

During recent months, Miss Kane spent some time in England and in her talk reported, Canadian and New Zealand Institutes are doing a great work in their assistance of the Institutes of Great Britain. In England a better feeling is being shown toward German prisoners-of-war. This year, the war prisoners were invited to English homes for Christmas, with not one being left in prison camp. Friendship between former enemy nations is now a necessity.

Miss Kane was made an honorary

**MOYLE-TRANQUILITY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE VISITS TORONTO, 1948**

At 8 a.m. on March 18th, a very sunny and spring-like day, the new Canada Coach Lines bus drew up at the home of Mrs. C. Kitchen and 36 ladies boarded the bus for Toronto.

Upon our arrival, we were greeted by Mrs. H. C. Nixon on the front steps of the Parliament Building. Our guide, Mr. J. S. Day, a war veteran, took us to the floor of the Legislative Assembly where sessions are held. He explained the procedure of sessions, where certain members sit, the size of the room, number of lights in each chandelier, the wood carving and inscriptions on panels and pillars and their different meanings. The floor was covered with heavy-piled scarlet carpet from wall to wall. We also viewed the marble panelling and huge marble pillars in the halls and some pictures of former Parliament members and some very exquisite oil paintings.

The ladies were all honoured by signing the register in the lobby and a photographer from the "Star" took our picture on the front steps.

We then had lunch in the "Round Room" at Eaton's College St. We

visited the large auditorium there and the furniture displays and interior decorations for the modern home.

At 2.45 the ladies were back in the gallery of the Legislative Assembly, awaiting the arrival of the Speaker of the House and other members. The session opened with prayer by the Speaker and some bills were read. When we left the Assembly the ladies had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Nixon, Brant Liberal representative.

We had the pleasure of meeting Miss Anna P. Lewis, Director, Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service. We were shown to her office and there we saw some pictures Miss Lewis had taken in Holland. We also have the honour of being the first Institute "on tour" to visit her in her office.

After dinner at "Stoodleigh's Restaurant" we left Mrs. Nixon and proceeded home. A jolly sing-song on the way concluded a very happy and memorable day in the history of our Institute.

(Mrs. Norman Martin, Secretary Moyle-Tranquility Women's Institute.)

INCREASE IN BRANCH

At the April Board Meeting it was decided that a Competition for membership be held throughout the Province for the fiscal year 1948-49. Prizes will be awarded by the F.W.I.O. to the Institute in each Convention Area showing the greatest increase in Branch Institute membership with the highest percentage attendance during the fiscal year. The awards will be presented at the 1949 Area Conventions. Start now to increase your membership! You will think of novel ways for conducting this membership drive in your own Institute.

had decided to shower the three wives and mothers with practical and useful gifts of immediate value.

We said it was a thrilling feature. The real thrill came when the presentation was made in Dutch by a woman who had herself emigrated from Holland over twenty years before. Such a welcome! The gifts themselves were truly appreciated, one could see—but to the visitor the deeper appreciation lay in the realization that these new Canadians would be given support throughout the period of adjustment of their adopted country by these Canadian women. Such a gesture will contribute immeasurably, not only in the problems of establishing a home, but also towards bridging the difficulties of language and customs.

Cayuga, Haldimand: A debate, "Life Begins at Forty", created much interest with the affirmative side winning by two points.

member of the Ontario Institutes with Institute Pin. Greetings were extended from the Deputy Minister, Mrs. C. D. Graham. A vote of thanks was given by the Past Provincial President, Mrs. Hugh Summers.

While in Ontario Miss Kane was also entertained at a tea given in her honour by Miss Anna P. Lewis. Several Institute visits were arranged and radio interviews planned.

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

ANNAN OFFERS WARM WELCOME TO NEW CANADIANS

A visitor from the Women's Institute Branch was thrilled recently by a feature of a meeting held in the home of a member of the Annan Institute (Grey County). As each guest or member arrived she brought a gift and deposited it either outside or inside the kitchen. On the porch beyond the kitchen a great pile of foods of various kinds accumulated. It resembled a harvest home with bags of potatoes, baskets of carrots and beets, winter squash in their gay orange coats, home canned fruits and vegetables. Within the kitchen one saw piles of flannel blankets, cushions and other articles of household materials and wearing apparel. This was indeed enough to stir the curiosity of an observer.

Had some family in the community been burned out? No, guess again. Three Dutch families had settled in the community during 1947 and the Annan and a neighbouring Institute