

IN MEMORIAM
Miss Viola Powell

The Women's Institutes of Ontario will feel a sense of personal loss in the death of Miss M. Viola Powell, on January 9th, 1950, at Whitby.

Miss Powell, a descendant of the United Empire Loyalists was born in Whitby, where she attended Collegiate and Ontario Ladies' College, and later had special training in recognized schools of art, music, voice-culture and home economics.

In 1908 Miss Powell joined the lecture staff of Ontario Women's Institutes. During the war years 1914-18 she was active in a campaign for the conservation of fruit and vegetables by canning, with headquarters in London. In 1927 she conducted the first short course in Needlecraft for girls and was appointed assistant superintendent of Women's Institutes in 1931. She will long be remembered for her fine contribution through Officer's Rallies, Conventions, District Annuals, Loan Library and Home and Country.

From the time of its inception, Miss Powell was enthusiastic in support of the provincial federation, and served as secretary-treasurer for F.W.I.O. from 1930-1933 and made a notable contribution as Dominion Convener of Canadian Industries from 1931-35. In 1911 Miss Powell was invited to New Brunswick to present an outline of Women's Institute work to the Government, and in September of that year conducted a tour in that province which resulted in sixty Institutes being organized. The following year she prepared their first hand-book.

In addition to her Institute work Miss Powell was in great demand as judge in the Women's Division of Fall Fairs. She was also judge and lecturer for Horticultural Societies.

In 1941 Miss Powell published a book "Forty Years Agrowing", a valuable history of Ontario Women's Institutes, from which we quote her summary of the spirit of our motto: For Home and Country.

"To be cheerful, to be neighborly, to love little children, and cherish their right to be well-born, well-fed, and well-bred; to make our houses, homes whose influence for life's best shall radiate throughout our community; to be cordial to strangers, generous to our friends, and helpful to every human life we touch—in short to love our neighbor a little better than ourselves: To be ready to pass along what we have learned, whether of homemaking or homekeeping, and quietly to teach those about us by word and action that fine spirit of co-operation which springs from unselfish enthusiasm in our common ideal—right living".

The Women's Institutes of Ontario gratefully remember the inspiration, and practical help which Miss Powell gave so generously, and her associates on the staff cherish the memory of one who was a sincere friend. E.M.C.

Women's Institutes wishing material for a talk on "Foundation Planting" will be interested in the offer which has been received. The H. C. Downham Nursery Co., Ltd., have available 35 mm. coloured slides dealing with foundation planting of roses, trees, flowers and fruit. This is a very beautiful collection and is educational in nature.

These slides may be shown in the average home or in a hall. The slides, projector, screen and projectionist are provided. If you wish to avail yourselves of this opportunity you may write direct to the above Nursery Company at either Bowmanville or Strathroy, Ontario.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE BRANCH AND HOME ECONOMICS SERVICE STAFF TAKEN AT STAFF CONFERENCE, DECEMBER, 1949



Front Row (left to right): Edith M. Collins, Clothing; Eleanor Kidd, Supervisor of Clothing; Anne Lawson, Supervisor of Nutrition; Anna P. Lewis, Director; R. S. Duncan, Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture; Florence P. Eadie, Supervisor of Junior Extension; Helen M. Kercher, Supervisor to assist with Home Economics Extension; Kathleen M. Taggart, Supervisor of Home Furnishings; Edith Hopkins, Home Crafts.
Centre Row (left to right): Roy H. Pogue, Mimeographing and Mailing; Nora A. Creyke, Clothing; Audrey Spencer, Home Crafts; Irene H. McBride, Psychology; Ethel J. Cowan, Loan Library; Lilly Petty, Northern Ontario; Grace E. Hamilton, Health; Mrs. Zetta Hayes, Administrative Leadership; Lulu A. Row, Clothing; Margaret J. Myer, Nutrition; Barbara V. Broadfoot, Nutrition; R. Elaine Found, Nutrition; Helen B. Gardner, Health; Dora W. Burke, Clothing; Mary G. Thompson, Loan Library; Sidney Harvey, Mimeographing and Mailing.
Back Row (left to right): Flora M. Durnin (Dufferin, Grey, Wellington Counties); Iona M. Winterburn, Secretary to the Director; Edna L. Peters, Stenographer; Jean M. Waghorne, Stenographer; Ruth I. Shaver (Ontario, Simcoe Counties); Anne P. Karnalegum (Kenora, Rainy River, Thunder Bay); Neva Y. George (Lambton, Middlesex, Oxford); Lucille Barber (York, Halton, Peel); Jean I. Noble (Durham, Northumberland, Peterborough, Victoria); Doreen Kelly (Essex, Kent, Elgin); C. Elizabeth Lucas (Haldimand, Norfolk, Lincoln, Welland); Agnes I. Maus (Dundas, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, Stormont); Catharine J. Gillespie (Brant, Waterloo, Wentworth); Ina R. Lindsay (Grenville, Lanark, Leeds, Renfrew); Jean M. Scott (Bruce, Huron, Perth); Elsie M. Irvine (Frontenac, Hastings, Lennox Addington, Prince Edward).



F.W.I.O. BOARD DINNER PARTY, NOVEMBER, 1949

Head Table Guests (left to right): Mrs. C. D. Graham; Mrs. J. H. McCulloch, F.W.I.O. secretary-treasurer, Brampton; C. D. Graham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture; Mrs. J. R. Futcher, F.W.I.O. President, R.R. 1, St. Thomas; Colonel the Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture; Mrs. Hugh Summers, Past President, F.W.I.O., R.R. 1, Fonthill; Miss Anna P. Lewis, Director; The Hon. W. A. Goodfellow, Minister of Welfare; Mrs. T. L. Kennedy; Mrs. W. A. Goodfellow; Mrs. Leslie Hughes.

THANK YOU FROM HOLLAND

Our members who have contributed towards "Canada Day" will be very interested in the following letter received from Miss M. Boekel of the Nederlandsche Bond Van Platteland-syrrouwen, Heeresingel 20, Groningen: Dear Miss Lewis:

"Really I do owe you a letter for a long time. It is hardly an excuse any more that I was so busy and nearly all the time on my way to somewhere.

"In the meantime I have received, besides the many materials you sent me, several parcels with journals, maps, pictures, song books, clippings and all sorts of useful things from Canadian Institutes. Most of it I sent on to Dutch branches studying Canada. We are all so grateful for the really marvellous help you render us. It makes this year's study so easy, pleasant and interesting.

"As you know, we made a series of printed leaflets dealing about the history of Canada, the Women's Institutes, farming in Canada and so on. Also, some leaflets with typical Canadian animals for drawing programmes and making table decorations, etc.; some songs with the music notes and a Dutch translation of the words; several Canadian recipes; a map of Canada and still more. All you sent was a great help to me who had to compose the series of leaflets.

"Now our branches can buy such a

series of leaflets, which they distribute amongst their members for study. And on the day of their Canadian meeting everybody does her share; some members have made the sweets and cakes after Canadian recipes, some sing the Canadian songs and teach them to the rest; some made the programmes; one tells about Canadian history after the informations of her leaflet; another about Indians or Eskimos, and so on. It is a very fine way to study a country. Last year we did it for the first time in this way and found it very instructive. The branches love it, too, for it is such a charming and easy way to bring every member into the programme.

"Already more than 200 series of leaflets were sold. This means (as we have an average membership in the branches of 50) that already 10,000 Dutch country women are occupied in the study about your country. Don't you think this is a nice result?

"Now as to your film "Let There Be Light", I only had yesterday my first opportunity to see it and enjoyed it very much. It is a thing to be very proud of for your organization, proud because it shows such excellent work the Canadian countrywomen are doing. The pageant must have been delightful.

"Last week it was decided who will be in the group of 5 delegates and 2 observers to the Conference in Copenhagen. I am lucky enough to be one

of the observers of the group and sincerely hope to be able really to go. Are you coming to Europe again too? And are you travelling over to Holland then? Then you must promise to warn me well in advance, for then we should like to give you hospitality and to show you round."

Women's Institutes Find Link in Common

Members of Women's Institutes who visit Britain from other lands know that they will receive help and advice from Mrs. Marjorie Freeman if they call on her at the National Federation of Women's Institutes head quarters in London.

Many of the visitors Mrs. Freeman sees are students. For a young Belgian girl studying adult education and welfare, for example sent to her by Britain's National Council of Social Service, she arranged visits to Women's Institutes in various countries. A graduate of Calcutta University who has chosen Women's Institute work as the subject of her thesis at the London Institute of Education, has been able to visit Women's Institutes in Surrey, Essex, Buckinghamshire and Cheshire, and a Spanish-speaking inhabitant of Puerto Rico received similar help.

A holiday house party of students is being arranged at Denman College early in the New Year.