

It is recommended that the F.W.I.O. strongly support the recommendation submitted by the University Woman's Club of Ottawa "that the Canadian penal system should be centralized under the control of the Government of Canada with Federal authorities taking charge of all prisons in Canada except a few needed for offenders against Provincial statutes and prisoners serving short sentences".

Mr. J. D. Parks of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Toronto addressed the Board and asked the co-operation of the F.W.I.O. members to help solve Canada's No. 1 Health Problem—Mental Illness. There are three objectives in the fight against mental illness. (1) To promote sound mental health among children (2) To dispel public ignorance about mental disorders (3) To inform the public about existing diagnostic and treatment services now available.

He stressed the advisability of early diagnosis and prompt scientific treatment. He said, the Institute members could help combat mental illness by spreading this information. The wealth of Canada is people. This organization hopes to double the mental health of Canada in the next few years.

On Wednesday afternoon the nine retiring Board directors were hostesses at a delightful afternoon tea.

Mrs. J. R. Geddes in appreciation spoke of the kindness of the retiring members to the new Board members and how much their keen brains and guidance contributed to the deliberations of the Board. Mrs. George Ridley also spoke of the privilege and pleasure it was to work with them and what a goodly thing it would always be to have known them.

On Thursday evening Dr. Reek entertained the prominent guests who were speaking at the Women's Institute Conference, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Futcher and the Board members to dinner. Among these present were Deputy Minister C. D. Graham, and Mrs. Graham; Mrs. Raymond Sayre, Ackworth, Iowa, International President A.C.W.W.; Mrs. Browne J. P., Kent, England; Mrs. Scott, N.F.W.I. Berkshire, England; Miss Marjorie Scott, F.A.O., Washington, U.S.A.; Mr. F. S. Thomas, M.P.P.; Dr. and Mrs. McNabb; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Tolton, Professor and Mrs. Bell, Mrs. W. R. Reek, Mrs. J. R. White, chairman of Guelph Area.

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CONVENERS' CONFERENCE

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on Wednesday evening. This created a spirit of informality and friendliness which continued to prevail throughout the sessions.

On Thursday evening an enjoyable reception and visiting hour in honor of Mrs. Sayre was held. Delightful refreshments again were served—a refreshing interlude.

Nor can one think of the Conference without recalling the glorious music so generously provided by Mr. and Mrs. Kidd and the community singing led by Rev. Young,—a pleasing addition to several sessions, making a welcome break in the round of business. The solos by Mr. John Rockwood, talented vocalist; the tour of Macdonald Institute; the appetizing meals served with such dispatch and the many courtesies of the O.A.C. staff all added to the pleasures of the Conference.

And so concludes another successful Conference. Who can properly evaluate the benefit accruing to the Institute from these annual get-togethers? A comment overheard in the corridors shows what it meant to at least one woman "I can't put into words what it has meant to me to have this opportunity to come here. I know I shall go home a better Institute member".

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State Secretary Bradley is shown at the unveiling of the portrait of Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, founder of the first Women's Institute in the world, at Stoney Creek, Ont., in 1897. Mrs. J. B. Peck of Montreal, daughter of Mrs. Hoodless, looks on as the portrait is unveiled by Mrs. Raymond Sayre of Ackworth, Iowa, world president of the Associated Country Women of the world.

Before a distinguished audience, including Prime Minister St. Laurent, the portrait was unveiled in Ottawa on May 8, 1950 and placed in the National Archives. It is the second portrait of a Canadian woman to be accorded this honour. It was painted by a Canadian Artist, Miss Marion Long of Toronto.

Addressing the gathering Mrs. J. R. Futcher referred to the inception of the organization which is now world wide. "Mrs. Hoodless used a tragedy in her young life as a challenge that other mothers might be spared her suffering and the forming of the first Women's Institute at Stoney Creek in 1897," she related.

"We honor her today," Mrs. Futcher continued, "for her unselfish effort in creating something good, something enduring to aid mankind. As her portrait is unveiled and later placed in the National Archives, it is our hope that the thousands who look upon it will gain strength and inspiration. Mrs. Hoodless' vision is now world wide, and it is very appropriate that our international president, Mrs. Raymond Sayre, will unveil the portrait."

Prime Minister St. Laurent also spoke at the meeting, pointing to Mrs. Hoodless as "a distinguished Canadian whom we are all proud to honor."

Pointing out that Canadian women are taking a greater interest in affairs of country, the prime minister said "their views not only are worthy of consideration but must have consideration."

"I am sure that if the women of all nations could impress their views on their governments as the women of Canada impress their views on the Canadian government, it would be a happier world."

The Ottawa convention area executive under the leadership of Mrs. Elwood Halpenny and Mrs. S. G. Wilson are to be highly commended for the excellent arrangements. Some 750 women viewed the ceremony and were served afternoon tea in the drawing room of Chateau Laurier.

The Canadian Association of Consumers

Many projects of great value to homemakers have been undertaken by the Canadian Association of Consumers during its first years of work as a two-way channel between consumers and government, trade and industry, to improve the standards of living and much has been achieved in better understanding of rural and urban consumer problems. Women's Institutes members have been among the leaders in these activities and all Institutes should know what is being done in this field, how they can help and how they can make their voices heard on any problem affecting them.

Some of the subjects dealt with during the past year were: labelling of textiles and clothing (shrinkage, colour-fastness, sizes, etc.); vitaminizing of apple juice; sizes of cans; radio interference; rubber footwear; X-Ray machines in shoe stores; fortifying of flour; fancy packaging; etc.

C.A.C. now publishes a newsletter monthly or every six weeks. The individual membership fee is fifty cents per year. This entitles the member to the newsletter and it is suggested that each Institute have at least one, or more individual members, so that the newsletter will reach that Institute regularly and that they may use the questionnaire included in it to send on their representations as to the consumer problem under consideration. Application should be made, with the fifty cents fee, to the Ontario Provincial President, C.A.C., Mrs. A. H. Seguin, 298 Richview Ave., Toronto, Ont.

Institutes Welcome

A warm welcome is extended to the following Junior and Senior Women's Institutes organized from December 1, 1949 to June 1, 1950.

DISTRICT	INSTITUTE
Brant North	Tranquility
Dufferin	Silk's Ruth Sayre
Durham East	Hope Township Jr.
Grey Centre	Proton Jr.
Grey South	Centreville
Haldimand West	Garnet
Halton	Brookville Jr.
Hastings East	Cannifton
	Chapman
Hastings North	Hungerford Jr.
Huron East	Howick, Jr.
Huron South	Seaforth Jr.
Kenora	Camp Robinson
	Ear Falls
Lambton Centre	Brooke Jr.
Nipissing	Calvin-Bonfield Jr.
	Chisholm Jr.
Ontario North	Temagami
Ontario South	Atherley
Oxford North	Port Perry Jr.
	East Nissouri
	(Kintore) Jr.
Perth Centre	Bornholm
Perth North	Listowel Jr.
	Wallace Goodwill
Perth South	Motherwell
Peterboro	Selwyn
Simcoe Centre	Silver Maple
Simcoe North	Hillsdale
Waterloo North	Woolwich Ever Faithful
Wellington South	Eden Crest

The following Institutes were re-organized:
 Huron West Londesboro
 Middlesex North Lucan
 Sudbury Westree

IN MEMORIAM

Miss Edith Hopkins

Rural Ontario has lost a friend, leader and counsellor in the passing of Miss Edith Hopkins in Lindsay on May 31st.

Miss Hopkins was a member of the Women's Institute staff since graduating from Macdonald Institute in 1916.

Her common sense, sincere interest in people and understanding of their needs made her contribution outstanding and vital to the homes and lives of rural families.

During the first Great War she worked at canning centres directing jam making for overseas and gave special demonstrations on war breads. From there on with vision, she gave leadership in various fields of service working with Juniors and Seniors, demonstrating and lecturing in foods, conducting coaching classes and acting as Home Economics Instructor in charge of one-month and three-month schools.

When some years ago there was a need for special direction in Home Crafts, Miss Hopkins was appointed to establish such a programme.

Versatile and industrious, she became an authority in the field of Home Crafts. With foresight, she kept her programme flexible and in line with needs, specially featuring utilization of wool in pre-war days, knitting in war years, and the making of gloves, quilts and rugs in recent years.

Prior to going north for rug classes in April, in spite of indifferent health, she insisted on seeing Queen Mary's carpet. She wanted to be able to tell the women something of the beauty and loveliness of that carpet.

For Edith Hopkins there was only one way to do a thing and that was the right way and an obligation was something that had to be met. Her courage, sense of responsibility and pure will power made her carry on her northern courses as scheduled. Within a few days after returning home on May 8, she entered the hospital.

Women throughout the province who were privileged to know her and who attended her classes respected her as a teacher, admired her as a leader and valued her as a friend and counsellor. She stood for integrity and high standards and behind her somewhat austere approach was a heart of gold.
 F.P.E.

Thank You—Unitarian Service Committee

Dear Institute Members:
 I am glad to have the privilege of expressing deeply-felt gratitude through "Home and Country" to Ontario Women's Institutes for your generous response to the February appeal of the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada. On behalf of the thousands of needy people in Europe whom you helped, I thank you for your gifts of money and new and used clothing.

Participation in the project of sewing layettes was so overwhelming that we did not have funds to supply enough flanellette for the eager needleworkers. Many of you became temporary foster-parents, adopting war-shocked children for three months in Unitarian Service Committee homes in Europe. A number of smaller contributions added together to buy blankets and concentrated foods and your thoughtful notes showed good will for our cause.

With my repeated thanks,
 Sincerely yours,
 Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova,
 Director for Canada.