

public education, particularly that of the younger generations in the conservation of natural resources.

(6) To co-operate with other organizations and governmental agencies having the conservation, restoration and development of our natural resources as their objectives.

Representatives to Other Organizations

Announcement was made that Miss Doris Risebrough, Uxbridge, had been appointed the new Junior representative on the Board of F.W.I.O. Mrs. J. C. Thompson and Mrs. George Ridley were appointed F.W.I.O. representatives on the newly organized Conservation Council of Ontario; Mrs. Charles Agnew, representative on the Provincial Film Library; Mrs. J. H. McCulloch, F.W.I.O. representative to the Ontario Temperance Association; Mrs. George Ridley, F.W.I.O. representative on Board of Directors of F.W.I.C.

Miss Lewis drew to the attention of the members that a filmstrip "Pioneer Life in Upper Canada" may be borrowed from the Women's Institute Branch Loan Library, which can be shown on an S.V.E. projector.

District Annuals—By Dorothy Futcher

TO US rural residents the loveliest season of the year is here — or to some of us in the North, just around the corner. After months of quiet and inactivity, life is stirring all about us. To the Institute member spring means more than seed catalogues and house-cleaning — it means District Annual time.

And District Annual time to a progressive, Branch Institute means several things.

It means the completion of another year of Institute effort and a comparison of that effort with other Branches in the District.

It means the time for programme planning for a new year's activity and making decisions as to projects and courses of study.

It means hearing the report of the Provincial Board member — containing decisions made by this Parliament of Women's Institutes and guidance as to future action.

It means a study of Extension Services for the Homemaker provided through the Women's Institutes Branch to help us become better homemakers and better citizens.

And it means a friendly, happy day, seeing old friends and making new ones.

It is a day for stock-taking. May you all find last year's effort worthwhile and may you all look forward with enthusiasm to another year's work.

And now a few suggestions to help make your District Annual successful:

1. Try to keep your programme running as per schedule — open on time, close on time.

2. Plan important parts of your programme when most members will be present, i.e. the middle of the day. There are some who can't arrive early and some who have to leave early.

Three hundred dollars was voted to the Royal Winter Fair Association, because of expenses incurred last fall.

Plans for A.C.W.W.

The Conference of the A.C.W.W. in Ontario in 1953 was uppermost in the minds of all Board Members as it will be a historic and memorable event in the lives of Institute members. Ways and means of financing the conference were well discussed, many methods being mentioned. The following motion was passed, "In order to finance Ontario's share of the A.C.W.W. Conference in Canada in 1953, we request a minimum of 35 cents per member from our Ontario Women's Institute membership, and that we procure 46,500 Hostess pins, maple leaf design, to be given to each member to wear as a means of publicizing the Conference." It is expected Canada Day will be held in the Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto. Mrs. J. H. McCulloch was appointed F.W.I.O. Liaison officer to the F.W.I.C.

Mrs. J. R. Futcher, Mrs. H. Hopper, Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter, Mrs. K. Emberley and Mrs. S. E. McCracken were appointed a committee to arrange provincial tours.

3. Be sure discussion is heard by all present. Call speaker to the front if necessary. You can't expect good attention and interest if members are unable to hear.

4. Ask questions, if any matter is brought up which you don't fully understand. Your District officers, your Board member or the Department speaker will know the answer. If they don't they will find out.

5. Remember the seats get pretty hard if one sits too long. Plan for community singing and bits of fun that will be a welcome change from reports.

6. Make time on your programme for our Juniors — see that they have an opportunity to report their work and present their activities. Their representatives now sit on our Provincial Board. We work together, Juniors and Seniors, in close harmony, for the good of our communities.

7. Don't crowd your day with outside speakers, unless it is a very special speaker with a very special message. District Annual day is Institute day — set aside for reports and discussions of our own work.

8. Voting delegates are important people on District Annual day. They have the responsibility of taking back to their branches an accurate and full account of the day's proceedings. When they vote, they represent their whole Branch and often make decisions on important questions. If you are a voting delegate accept your responsibility.

I hope you will find at the end of District Annual day, satisfaction for your past effort and inspiration for greater service in the coming year.