

Our President's Message To The Queen

Institute members will be happy to know that at the time of the King's death, our provincial president sent a message of sympathy from the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth. Following is Mrs. Purcell's letter:

Her Majesty
The Queen,
Buckingham Palace,
London S.W.1.

To
The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty,
Buckingham Palace,
London S.W.1.

Most Gracious Sovereign:

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario deeply mourn the loss of our beloved King, and desire respectfully to extend to Your Majesty, to the Queen Mother, to Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret and to the Dowager Queen Mother our loving sympathy.

We remember with affection and admiration the great qualities of heart and mind of the late King, your father, his courage, his steadfastness of purpose and especially his consideration for the human rights of all.

We remember also your recent trip to our country, where the ties which knit our two countries together were welded firmer by your courtesy, your kindness and your willingness to give of yourself so freely in the performance of your duties. We pray that you will have the strength to meet the sorrow of today, and wish you to know of the warmth of our loyalty to a Queen who now dedicates her young life to the task which lies ahead.

May God bless you and keep you in His loving care.

I have the honour to remain, Madam, Your Majesty's most faithful and obedient servant,

Mrs. R. G. Purcell,
Provincial President,
Federated Women's
Institutes of Ontario.

Mrs. Purcell received a reply from Buckingham Palace thanking her for her message of sympathy.

A Link With Jamaica

The Central Ontario Women's Institute members will remember meeting Mrs. Leila J. Tomlinson of the Jamaica Social Welfare Commission when she visited Ontario two years ago. Last fall when a storm destroyed a great many homes in Jamaica, Institutes in the Central Area were circularized to see if they would care to help in the rehabilitation work, and the generous response in gifts of money, blankets and clothing may be paving the way for adding another organization to the Associated Country Women of the World. In

writing to thank Miss Lewis for what the Institutes had done, Mrs. Tomlinson said:

"I was delighted to get the literature on Ontario and the news that there will be a conference of the Associated Country Women of the World, held in Ontario next year. I feel that our women's work in the Commission should be linked with that of the Country Women of the World, and I am asking you to send particulars right away as to how we may get affiliated with the organization."

The Tweedsmuir Cup Competitions

While every Women's Institute in Ontario has received detailed information about the Tweedsmuir Competitions arranged by the Federated Women's Institute of Canada, for general information we repeat that Tweedsmuir Competitions are held biennially for three cups by Lady Tweedsmuir for the best history of a community, a cultural project, and a handicraft.

The history project is, as usual, a Tweedsmuir History Book — and these books are well known to Ontario Women's Institute members. This project is to be done by a group of women appointed by the local Women's Institute. Books must be completed by January 15, 1953.

The cultural project this time is an essay on "The Rural Home". These essays were sent to the Institutes Branch prior to June 15, and the judging of all Canadian essays will be completed in time to let the best three essays be sent on to the international competition of the Associated Country Women of the World. The essay, of course, is written by an individual.

The handicraft assigned is an applique quilt of original design to be made by a group of Women's Institute members. Quilts entered in the Ontario Quilt Competition are eligible for this national contest. All quilts must be entered by January 15, 1953.

Full particulars on these competitions can be had by writing the Ontario Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service, 1207 Bay Street, Toronto.

York's Pioneer Picnic

Last year the York County Women's Institutes and the York Pioneer and Historical Society held a picnic at Sharon Temple, widely known for its museum of pioneer relics. The day was so full of interest that the second annual picnic will be held this year on June 14th. Dr. G. E. Reaman will be guest speaker and his topic will be "The Trail of the Black Walnut". This is a basket picnic and Institute members from anywhere in Ontario or beyond are invited.