

F.W.I.O. Board Annual Meeting

From a Report by Ina Hodgins

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Provincial Board of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario was held in Toronto in November. In her opening address the President, Mrs. R. G. Purcell, quoted from a recent magazine article to the effect that no modern nation is greater than its women, and that the qualities needed in leaders are "charm combined with tact, sincerity, enthusiasm, selflessness, patience, intelligence, courage and humility," that sanity and common sense are essential to good human relations, that the basic fundamental in good leadership is the Golden Rule "to solve the problems that are bound to arise when human beings try to arrive at the same solution in different ways," and that charm, poise and a sense of humor help us to meet unusual situations as they develop. The President said that leaders in Women's Institute work should try to develop these qualities if they are to make their influence felt and to draw the best out of Institute members. Mrs. Purcell also reminded the Board Members that this is a most important year in Institute history; Canada will be hostess to the Associated Country Women of the World and we must realize our responsibilities to show the place women take in home and country and the world.

General Announcements

From this Board meeting we have the following announcements of general interest:

The 1953 Spring Conference to be held at Guelph will be for conveners of Home Economics and Health and conveners of Resolutions.

The provincial awards in the Salada Tea Quilt Competition went to (1) South Tarentorus branch in Algoma Centre, a prize of \$100; (2) Villa Nova Branch in Norfolk North, a prize of \$50; (3) Aylmer Branch in Elgin East, a prize of \$25. In making these awards, Mr. R. K. Bythell of the Salada Tea Company said they had expected something pretty good from the Institutes but had never expected so many beautiful quilts. The Company would like to continue the project this year with another handicraft.

The Dorothy Fitcher Ontario Women's Institute Award in 1952 was given to Marion McDougald of St. Mary's who is training for a nurse.

The Ontario Women's Institute Awards for girls entering the four-year degree course at Macdonald Institute were: Northern Region—Margaret J. Liddle, Powassan; Eastern Region—Lorraine Barnum, Campbellford; Central—

Eleanor L. Knott, Meaford; Western—Helen E. Canby, Wainfleet; at large — Barbara A. Mordick, Guelph. It was interesting to learn that Miss Agnes Turnbull, winner of the first F.W.I.O. award, is now on the Extension Service Staff of the Women's Institute Branch.

Elgin Women's Institutes are the first to set up a county "scholarship" which will be known as Elgin County Centennial Women's Institutes Award.

Mrs. Purcell presented the F.W.I.O. rose bowls (and sterling silver spoons to the girls individually) to the two highest scoring county Homemaking Club teams in the Provincial Day at Guelph. The teams were: In Clothing—Mansfield Club of Dufferin County, Rogean Lennox and Irene Mitchell. In Food—Scugog Club of Ontario County, Kaye Prentice and Jean Samells.

Briefs From Reports

Secretary Treasurer's Report: Mrs. John McCulloch, Secretary Treasurer for F.W.I.O. reported that her work is steadily increasing. During the year she sent out an average of over ten letters each mailing day, or 656 more letters than in the previous year. 785 requests for F.W.I.O. supplies were filled, a total of 4,377 pieces. During the year she received 1,000 individual amounts of money for F.W.I.O. and made 29 trips to the Bank to deposit this money. The financial statement for the year showed Receipts \$28,218.24; Disbursements \$11,833.64.

Women's Institutes Branch and Home Economics Service: Miss Anna P. Lewis, Director, reported that there are now 1,491 Institutes in the Province with a membership of 45,849. Since the Board Meeting last May, these new Institutes have been organized: Underwood in East Bruce, Laurel in South Dufferin, Eden in East Elgin, Good Luck in Essex North, Ballinafad in Halton, Friendly Corner in North Norfolk, Glen Gowrie in South Perth, Smoke River in North Renfrew, South Verulan in East Victoria, Elmdale in North Waterloo, Mountsburg in North Wentworth, Fairglen in East York, Wharncliffe in East Algoma, North Neebing in Thunder Bay. Four Institutes, two senior and two junior, disbanded during this period.

Extension Services arranged for the current year will include 626 courses, in Food and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles, Health Education, Home Crafts, Home Furnishings, Citizenship and Cultural Activities, Psychology for the Homemaker and Women's Institute