

OUR COVER

PROVINCIAL BOARD FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF ONTARIO 1952-1953

FRONT ROW (Left to Right); Mrs. P. McPhedran, R.R.3, Petrolia; Mrs. Roy Graham, South Mountain; Mrs. H. Williams, Garson; Miss Mildred Parkinson, R.R.2, Hillsburgh; Miss Marion Conklin, R.R.7, Belleville; Mrs. Keith Edwards, R.R.6, Chatham; Mrs. Norman Keating, Wingham;

SECOND ROW: Mrs. J. H. McCulloch, R.R.2, Brampton (Secretary-Treasurer); Mr. C. D. Graham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture; Mrs. R. G. Purcell, 345 East Mary St., Fort William (President); Colonel the Honourable T. L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture; Mrs. J. R. Futcher, St. Thomas (Past President and Convener of Resolutions); Miss Anna P. Lewis, Director, Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service; Mrs. Kenneth Emberley, Stoney Creek;

THIRD ROW: Mrs. D. S. McNaughton, R.R.1, Bluevale; Mrs. R. S. Staples, R.R.1, Cavan; Mrs. C. F. Cearns, Scotia; Mrs. H. E. Fraser, Glencairn; Mrs.

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BACK ROW: Mrs. S. Aikins, R.R.2, Creemore (Convener of Historical Research); Mrs. J. Cooper, 209 North Marks St., Fort William (Convener of Citizenship and Education); Miss Harriet Croves, Kakabeka Falls.; Mrs. S. E. McCracken, Kirkland Lake; Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter, R.R.1, Owen Sound; Mrs. H. P. Hopper, R.R.1, Westboro; Mrs. Loren Guild, Rockwood; Mrs. Arnold Darroch, Clifford; Mrs. E. W. Boyce, R.R.2, Harrowsmith; Mrs. E. H. Dimond, R.R.3, Simcoe; Miss Ina Hodgins, Carp (Convener of Community Activities and Public Relations); Mrs. J. C. Thompson, Beamsville (Convener of Agriculture and Canadian Industries); Mrs. S. Wilson, R.R.1, Mano Road.

to roadsides, parks and cemeteries. And the titles of papers, addresses and discussions show that Institute women are keenly aware of the advance of science in helping the farmers in their profession. More educational films are being used.

Historical Research and Current Events: The convener, Mrs. Sanford Aikins said that 733 Tweedsmuir History Books had been reported and a great deal of work on local history had been enjoyed in the branches. Increased interest was shown in current events both local and international and many branches are filing these for future use. Mrs. Aikins said "One by one, the older folk with knowledge of valuable local history are passing on; ancient landmarks are disappearing; historical sites are being forgotten. 'There is no time but now.' Let us all be busy recording our pioneer history and preserving for posterity these ancient landmarks."

Community Activities and Public Relations: The convener, Miss Ina Hodgins said that the reports had been most inspiring, covering every line of activity, which might be mentioned. Cheer at home and abroad had the usual part in all reports, as they have a permanent part in all Women's Institute Activities. "If it were possible," Miss Hodgins said, "to place a money value on the service of kindness and friendliness, we would find that the figures would be stupendous. Branches seem more publicity conscious; the press reporting is improving and many press reports describe fine community activities. Favorable comments have been made on the 'new look' and 'new form' of Home and Country by many Branches."

The Junior Farmers' Association: Miss Marion Conklin reported 308 affiliated Junior Farmer Clubs in Ontario. Exchange visits

were the high light of the year. Four young people from Scotland, six from England and Wales toured Ontario and stayed in farm homes. Four Ontario young people spent six weeks in England and Wales, living on farms there. Two Ontario young people attended a one-week conference of the Farmers' Union of Alberta. Delegates were sent to the Rural Youth Conference in West Virginia. Four Juniors attended a three-day conference in New Hampshire, and a boy and a girl from each county in the district attended the Leadership Training Camp at Lake Couchiching.

Junior Institute Activities were reported by Miss Mildred Parkinson: There are 81 Junior Institutes in Ontario, two more than last year. One of their activities is to support a little French girl and an Italian child. There were 737 Homemaking Clubs in Food and Clothing and 324 Garden Clubs with a membership of 7,551 girls. Many of these clubs have roll Calls, discussions, papers and demonstrations at their meetings, tying in with the theme of their club.

Conservation Council of Ontario: Mrs. J. C. Thompson explained that this council was set up to promote the welfare of all our people by encouraging the conservation, restoration and best use of our natural resources of soil and water and the life that they sustain. Eleven member organizations are affiliated and six standing committees are acting-committees on Soil and Water, Forestry, Pollution, Fish and Wild Life, Education and Public Relations, Finance. The board voted \$25.00 to the Conservation Council from the F.W.I.O.

Navy League, Ontario Division: Mrs. K. Emberley read a letter thanking the F.W.I.O. on behalf of the Navy League, Sea Cadets and Naval Veterans for a donation of \$915.75 in support of their auxiliary service.