

Royal Winter Fair Booth: Mrs. J. R. Fatcher reported that handicrafts were featured at the F.W.I.O. booth at the Royal Winter Fair, with demonstrations in Leather work by Mrs. C. J. Agnew and Mrs. A. Snider; in Aluminum Trays by Mrs. A. E. Dodson and Mrs. F. Hicks; Weaving by Mrs. H. E. Batkin; Hooked Rugs by Mrs. O. Burgess; Ceramics by Mrs. H. Gallaher. Background exhibits were three Salada Tea Competition quilts and a large map of Ontario with the location of Branch Institutes marked and illuminated.

The following additional reports were presented: Ontario Historical Society by Mrs. S. Aikins; Ontario Children's Film Library by Mrs. Agnew; Home Economics Section of O.E.A. by Miss Lewis; Ontario Federation of Agriculture by Mrs. G. Ridley; Women's Institute Holiday at Guelph by Mrs. Guild; Holiday at Kemptville by Mrs. Purcell; Ontario Scholarship Committee by Mrs. Emberley.

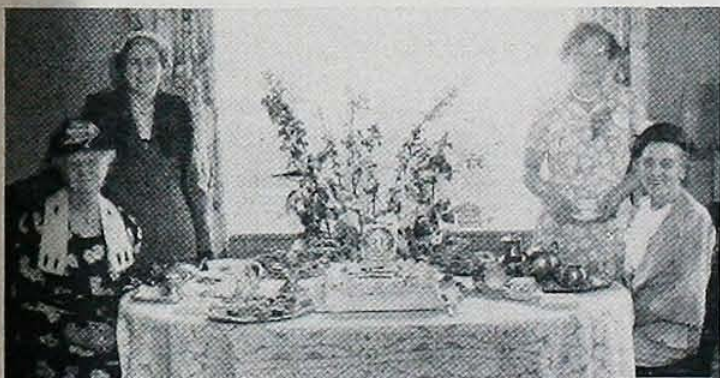
Names of Board Members and Conveners of Standing Committees for 1952-53 are given on the contents page.

A Message From The Minister

As host at a dinner given by the Ontario Government to the F.W.I.O. Board members and the staff of the Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service, Colonel, the Honorable T. L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture said that he felt he could not do enough to show his gratitude for all the good the Women's Institutes have accomplished through the years. "It is not a country's physical aspects but the people themselves that make a country great," the Minister said. "You are instilling into the hearts and minds of the oncoming generation, a love of God and of Country. Your real reward is in the knowledge that you have made your neighbor a little happier and have raised the standard of living by your work."

Resolutions

The board had seventy resolutions to deal with. Two of these had to be returned to the



At the thirty-first Anniversary Tea of the Hawthorne Women's Institute in East Carleton, Mrs. Laura Rose Stephen, the first Institute lecturer, and designer of the Institute crest, sits at the extreme left. Next is Mrs. Jas. Miller, President of the Hawthorne Institute; then Mrs. Roy Dempsey, District President; and Mrs. George Hall, Hostess at the meeting.



When Elgin County was preparing for its Centennial celebration the Women's Institutes made quilts which they sold to raise funds for their awards to Home-making Club girls. Central Yarmouth made this "Pride of Elgin" quilt, portraying one hundred years of progress in the county. The quilt was designed by Mrs. Angus McKenzie and Mrs. M. Field. It is shown here after it was presented to Lady Elgin who is an active member of the Scottish Institutes. Lord and Lady Elgin are central figures in the picture.

local organization for further information; two were found to deal with purely local issues; seven were tabled to be brought up again at the Spring board meeting; ten were not sustained. The following resolutions were sustained:

That the Department of Education return to the system of issuing certificates to pupils graduating from Grade VIII.

That the Department of Education be requested to set standard Entrance Examination papers to be tried by Grade VIII pupils whose average for the year's work is below 66%. (This is the system used in recent years.)

That the Provincial Government be requested to prepare a book on the wild flowers of Ontario, with colored plates and instructions on the preservation of these flowers.

That manufacturers be asked to put better wool in Canadian wheeling yarn.

That, because of the prevalence of sow thistle in Timiskaming, which is unorganized territory, the Ontario Department of Agriculture be asked, through their weed inspectors, to help the farmers correct this situation by seeing that the present weed control act is enforced.

That (because the increased use of tobacco and intoxicants by adolescents has become a matter of grave concern) the Provincial Government be asked to do something to remedy this condition. The Board recommends that the present laws that make it a crime to give or sell intoxicants or tobacco to minors be strictly enforced.

That the Provincial Government and Department of Highways be requested to again consider the matter of building a bridge over the Abitibi River seven miles east of Cochrane.

That (because there are so many synthetic fabrics on the market to-day, each requiring