

A Word From the President

A new year is beginning, as I begin a new venture in my life. For, the position to which I have been elected is indeed a venture of importance to me. I feel keenly the responsibilities laid upon me by my appointment; and ask for the co-operation of every member of the Women's Institutes in Ontario, that my term in office may be a success.

I feel that our organization has become adult in its thinking, and in its activities. It now behooves us, the constituent members of this fine organization, to broaden our horizons and view the world at large with the intimacy we once applied to our own communities. This, I feel, is the only solution to world difficulties; and the world's women can lead the way to universal peace through our broader viewpoint.

Let us consider ourselves moulders of the fate of humanity. Such a shouldering of this colossal responsibility will bring to the world at large the benefits that our organization has already brought to our community life.

I wish you all the joys and satisfactions which come from participation in this worthy cause.

May 1954 bring us, as well, inward peace with these broadened horizons.

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in the Kenora, Rainy River and Thunder Bay area. The compiling of a Provincial Tweedsmuir History Book for the first fifty years of organization has been commenced. It includes History of the Women's Institutes in Ontario from 1897, pictures of the superintendents, provincial presidents and secretaries, Lord and Lady Tweedsmuir, Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless; concise articles on F.W.I.O. and A.C.W.W. and greetings from Queen Elizabeth and the first officers at Stoney Creek; and a report of the fiftieth anniversary.

Home Economics and Health

The Convener, Mrs. Milton Weber, reported that Women's Institute members take seriously their job as homemakers and are ready to take advantage of new and improved methods. Each year reports show evidence of more up-to-date equipment in homes, in hospitals, in schools and in advancement in public sanitary and health services. Most Institutes are taking advantage of the Extension Services, available through the Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service in "making our homes economically sound, mechanically convenient, morally wholesome, mentally stimulating, physically healthful, socially responsible, spiritually inspiring, and founded upon

mutual affection and respect." Much appreciation is expressed for the courses and demonstrations given by the personnel of the Women's Institute Branch, and follow-up demonstrations have been given at regular Institute meetings. Many guest speakers gave talks on Health subjects. Realizing that a nation is as strong as the health of its people it is natural that our women are anxious to learn how they can contribute to the health of their families and communities.

The Junior Farmers' Report

This report was given by Mrs. R. M. Alexander, Pinkerton. Leadership Training Schools, District and Provincial Camps were sponsored. \$2,053.03 was contributed to the Junior Farmers' European Flood Relief Fund. Four Juniors went on the Ontario Government trip to the British Isles; a delegation attended the Royal Youth Conference of the U. S. A. in Illinois; four members attended the New England Conference in Lennox, Mass. A representative went on a Co-operative bus trip to Indiana. A new venture planned for the choir concert in January is a quartette competition in three sections, a men's, a ladies' and a section for mixed voices quartettes.