

Plans are already under way for the 1954 Provincial Bonspiel competition.

### Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Mrs. John McCulloch, Secretary-Treasurer of F.W.I.O., reported a very busy year. During the year she received 4,751 letters and 23 parcels and sent out a total of 4,104 pieces of Institute mail. She also sent out 200 parcels containing 8,070 admission cards for Canada Day, issued 317 Branch Life Membership Certificates, 5 District Life Membership Certificates and had the "District" bar attached to 9 Life Membership Badges. During the year she received 1,652 individual amounts of money and made bank deposits of this money which totalled \$50,624.95. The Disbursements were \$48,310.14.

### Scholarship Report

The Dorothy Fatcher Ontario Women's Institute award in 1953 was given to Doreen Carson, Desboro in West Grey District. A second Provincial Women's Institute Scholarship, to be known as the "Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship" will be set up and awarded in 1954. Three new County Scholarships have been set up—the "York County Anna P. Lewis Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship"; the "Grey County Flora M. Durnin, Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship"; and the "Oxford County Women's Institute Scholarship." The Elgin County Centennial Women's Institute award in 1953 was given to Donna Rae Prong of R.R. 1, Aylmer.

### Royal Winter Fair Booth

Mrs. Charles Agnew gave the report of the Royal Winter Fair F.W.I.O. Booth, which featured Home Decorating. Demonstrations were given on Slip Covers by Mrs. F. Brown, Scarborough, and Miss Jeanne Armour of the Women's Institute Branch; Hooked Rugs by Mrs. Tred-

way and Mrs. Keillor of Highland Creek; Needlepainting by Mrs. Y. W. Peterson, Chip-pawa; Oil Painting by Mrs. Barker, Wood-bridge; Refinishing Furniture by Mrs. R. Neil of Thornhill. A number of rugs entered in the Salad Tea contest formed the background for the booth.

### Ontario Federation of Agriculture Report

Mrs. Paisley said that as a result of a resolution sent from F. W. I. O. to the annual meeting of the Federation of Agriculture, Mr. Milligan, President, and Mr. Milburn, Secretary-Manager, visited the city of Kitchener at a meeting arranged by Waterloo Historical Society for the purpose of showing interested people over a site which they considered ideal for a Pioneer Village. Buildings now in existence could be bought to preserve early pioneer history. The City has offered to donate the ground for the site of a Pioneer Village. The President and Secretary had not committed themselves in any way with respect to the proposed site but, were convinced that the location was as desirable as any other, and that it would be difficult to find a more enthusiastic group to sponsor a project of this kind. The location is close to highways, has a suitable natural setting and is the scene of an early Dutch settlement in Ontario. Since the resolution had been passed by the F.W.I.O. and the O.F.A. this fact had prompted the local member of the Provincial Legislature to bring the matter to the attention of the Ontario Government. It is hoped that the Government will support this project.

### Report of F.W.I.C. Biennial Meeting

Mrs. G. Ridley reported an increase of 2,955 in the membership of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, the total now being 86,189. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth has graciously consented to act as Patron of



The F.W.I.O. booth at the Royal Winter Fair this year featured home furnishing. On the walls are hooked rugs that won prizes at the various area conventions.