



Winners of the Ontario Women's Institute Awards at the Semi-Annual Prize-Giving Banquet held on December 10 at the O.A.C. are shown above. From left to right are: M. Joan Ellerington, R.R. 3, Exeter; Margaret L. Mulhall, Baltimore; Sheila A. Ramsay, 55 Farah Avenue, New Liskeard; Shirley D. Patterson, R.R. 3, Lindsay; Nancy E. Sinclair, 40 Park Avenue, Newmarket.

The awards consist of five one-hundred dollar scholarships awarded annually to rural students from Ontario who are admitted to the First Year of the Degree Course in Home Economics at Macdonald Institute. The awards are made on the basis of academic standing, the work of Grade 13 also being taken into consideration.

F.W.I.C. Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Fatcher, Mrs. Houck and Mrs. Maynard have been made F.W.I.C. Life Members. 11 Coronation medals were awarded to F.W.I.C. members, two of these medals going to Mrs. A. E. Walker and Mrs. Hugh Summers, both of Ontario. The members of F.W.I.O. were asked to spend 5 minutes at each meeting on Federated News items. The members were advised to study the Canadian Immigration Policy in all its phases. The feasibility of holding a National Convention rather than a Biennial Board Meeting is being investigated. Miss Lewis was chosen to represent F.W.I.C. on the Board of Radio Council. Miss Lewis and Mrs. Maynard were appointed representatives from F.W.I.C. to the Children's Film Library.

Mrs. J. E. Houck, convener of the new committee created by the F.W.I.C., "The United Nations and International Exchange Programmes" Committee, addressed the meeting briefly. Mrs. Houck hopes to get information about the work and needs of women in other countries. Two things will be stressed this year: The sale of United Nations Christmas cards and the gift coupons plan of U.N.E.S.C.O., which allows any person or any organization to give money, whether it be a small sum or a large amount for a special project, in whatever country they wish—i.e. for a farm implement, cod liver oil, milk or anything which will help underdeveloped areas.

International Plowing Match

Again this year F.W.I.O. had a tent at the International Plowing Match at Cobourg, Mrs. E. Irwin reported 1,189 people registered and \$110.05 was received for the Scholarship Fund. Members from 50 Branches in 4 adjoining Districts served tea each afternoon. The theme for the F.W.I.O. exhibit was "F.W.I.O., a constituent society in A.C.W.W."; the theme for the Department exhibit was "Citizenship."

Awards and Announcements

The Provincial awards in the Salada Tea Rug Competition went to 1. Atikokan Branch in Rainy River East, a prize of \$100.00. 2. Cornwall Centre Branch in Stormont District, a prize of \$50.00. 3. Fordwich Branch in Huron East District, a prize of \$25.00.

The Company will continue the project in 1954 with another handicraft.

Announcement was made that the Spring Provincial Board Meeting will be held at the O.A.C., Guelph, on May 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1954. A Provincial Conference will be conducted for Branch Presidents on May 6th and 7th.

The F.W.I.O. holiday at O.A.C., Guelph, will be held on the week of July 5th.

The F.W.I.O. holiday at Kemptville Agricultural School will be held on August 17th, 18th and 19th.

The names of Board Members and Officers elected for the coming year are given on the Contents Page of this issue.