

The Federation of Agriculture

Mrs. R. C. Paisley explained that the Federation of Agriculture is a Federation of the farm family—father, mother, son and daughter, as a unit, interested in Agricultural Economics with all its accruing benefits of health, education and better farm living. The problem of the farmer's responsibility to the world grows in importance each year. A policy for Agriculture was stressed as the great need of today. A panel discussion on "Wills and Succession Duties" proved very enlightening and beneficial. The need of blood donors was stressed in reports. Mrs. Paisley was pleased to see many F.W.I.O. members present at the Ontario Federation of Agriculture's annual meeting and many women at the meeting complimented her on the accomplishments of the F.W.I.O. and spoke of the magnificent pageant on Canada Day at the A.C.W.W. Conference.

Plowing Match and Royal Winter Fair

Mrs. R. D. Hendry reported that the plans for the F.W.I.O. tent at the International Ploughing Match, to be held at Breslau in Waterloo County October 12th to 15th, 1954, are well under way.

Mrs. Chas. Agnew gave the report of the Royal Agriculture Winter Fair. Mrs. Agnew is the F.W.I.O. representative on the Board of Directors and has been appointed to the Horticultural Committee. In 1954 the F.W.I.O. will again have a booth and this year Historical Research will be featured. The Committee members in charge of the booth are Mrs. Chas. Agnew, Miss Ina Hodgins; Mrs. P. McPhedran, Miss Anna P. Lewis and Mrs. John H. McCulloch, replacing Mrs. J. R. Futcher, who asked to be relieved of her duties.



At an evening session of the Officers' Conference, Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter on behalf of the F.W.I.O. Board, presented a cameo brooch to Miss Edith Collins, who recently retired from the Women's Institute Branch after 41 years' service. Mrs. E. E. Taws, centre, was chairman of the session.



F.W.I.O. regional vice-presidents. Left to right: Mrs. E. Irwin, R.R. 2, Campbellford; Mrs. Arthur Gillett, Tillsonburg; Mrs. Brock Suddaby, R.R. 2, Desbarats.

The Jamaican Scholarship

In the absence of Mrs. J. R. Futcher, Chairman, Miss Lewis gave the report. Arrangements have been completed and the F.W.I.O. will offer a Scholarship to a Jamaican young woman wishing to take the four-year degree course in Home Economics at Macdonald Institute, O.A.C., Guelph. The Scholarship is valued at \$950.00, \$500.00 will be given this student during the first year and \$150 each succeeding year for three years.

Provincial Tweedsmuir History

Mrs. S. Aikins reported that the Provincial Tweedsmuir History, a history of the first fifty years of the F.W.I.O., was nearing completion. It was decided to order prints of pictures of Mrs. E. D. Smith, the first President, and of Mr. Erland Lee, who co-operated with Mrs. Hoodless in planning the first Institute meeting. These can be procured at five cents each by the Branches for their Tweedsmuir Histories.

Resolutions

Mrs. R. G. Purcell, Resolutions convener, in a lengthy report, stated she had forwarded the fifty-one resolutions sustained at the November Board Meeting, and all had been acknowledged and action received on a few. The Board of Directors will report to the respective District Annual Meetings on the progress of resolutions sent in by their Districts. Several resolutions that were tabled at the November meeting were dealt with.

A resolution coming from the Hamilton Area to the 1953 Autumn Provincial Board Meeting was sustained after due consideration. "Be it resolved that the Provincial Board suggests that a Union Jack be purchased by each Branch and District which shall be displayed at all Branch and District Meetings."

The resolution No. 38 from Guelph area wherein the request is made that the Union Jack be retained and given a prominent place