

in Canada's flag" was also sustained and the members are asked to study and use the "Flag Etiquette" given on the back of the Winter issue 1954 of Home and Country.

Secretary's Report

Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard, in her first Secretary-Treasurer's Report, expressed appreciation of the many kindly letters she had received after her appointment as Secretary-Treasurer of F.W.I.O. and wished to assure the members that she was at their service at all times throughout the year. Since November Mrs. Maynard has sent out 741 letters, 295 parcels of supplies, as well as 2,800 Presidents' letters. 133 Life Membership certificates were issued.

Miscellaneous Reports

Mrs. Charles Agnew gave a progress report of the committee for United Nations and Program Planning.

Mrs. MacPhatter gave the report of the proposed Rural Life Museum, having visited one of the proposed sites.

Mrs. A. Gillett presented the Proposed (Estimated) Budget for 1954-55.

Mrs. J. H. McCulloch gave the report on the proposed Provincial Life Member's Badge.

Mrs. George Ridley gave the report of the F.W.I.C., stressing the need for preparation for Civil Defence. The F.W.I.C. is entering a brief for the Henry Marshall Tory Award of the Canadian Association for Adult Education. Mrs. Philip Douglas, Whaletown, B.C., is the convener.

Mrs. R. G. Purcell was appointed Provincial Civil Defence F.W.I.O. representative, to maintain liaison with the Provincial Civil Defence Co-Ordinator.

Mrs. Summers, Mrs. Fatcher, Mrs. Ridley and Mrs. Houck were recommended to be

added to the F.W.I.O. committee to prepare a brief re the F.W.I.C. National Convention.

Awards and Holidays

Announcement was made by the President that the two Rose Bowls awarded annually to the two high Homemaking Club Teams on Provincial Junior Day, were won by Wentworth County's Food Team: Misses Florence Hood and Alma Dickson of Galt; and Huron County's Clothing Team: Misses Elizabeth Taylor and Kathryn Hunter, both of Exeter.

The week commencing July 12th will be the time for the Holiday Week for Women's Institute members at O.A.C. Guelph. The dead line for registration will be June 28th.

August 17th, 18th and 19th will be the Holiday time at Kemptville Agricultural School.

On Tuesday afternoon the retiring Board Directors presented a program and served a delightful afternoon tea. Mrs. MacPhatter and Mrs. MacNaughton spoke of the splendid contribution the retiring members had made to the deliberations of the Board and how pleasant it would always be to have known and worked with them. On Wednesday a surprise and new innovation followed when the remaining Board members presented the retiring members with a short program and novel corsages.

On Thursday evening the Ontario Department of Agriculture entertained the prominent guests who were attending the F.W.I.O. Conference, Miss Lewis, Mrs. MacPhatter and the members of the Board. Among those present were Dr. McLachlan, Mrs. McLachlan, Mr. C. D. Graham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture; Mrs. J. W. Adams, F.W.I.C. President, Ethelton, Sask. Miss M. K. Ferguson, Edinburgh, Scotland; members of the press, a Mrs. Hugh Summers and others.

Giving the Handicapped Child a Chance

By Mrs. Douglas Hart

SINCE the Federated Board of the F.W.I.O. recommended the adoption of a resolution regarding Auxiliary Training, the term is coming to mean more and more to Women's Institute members.

To some this program is known as Remedial Training or Opportunity Class work, but, call it what you will, the work done through the Department of Education under Dr. C. E. Stothers, Inspector of Auxiliary Training, is considerable. Many Ontario school children who are handicapped, either mentally or physically, are taught by men and women especially trained for this work.

For those of us who live in rural areas the picture has a peculiar interest because among 15,000 handicapped children helped by the

Department of Education there are practically no country children. Can this mean that the rural child is so blessed as to need no help in this field? On the contrary, one Township Area surveyed by Dr. Stothers and his assistants included among its 500 children in 13 rural schools over thirty in need of special assistance. The truth of the situation is that Rural School Boards are not asking the Department for the special services available. As the Auxiliary Classes Act now reads, provision of special help for the handicapped child is not mandatory; thus Boards are not compelled to utilize this service; and many of them are unaware that it exists.

The word "handicapped" covers a multitude of debilities, and assistance includes re-