

Old-time furniture, iron, kettle, needlework and such odd pieces as candle-forms and wooden egg-cups were shown in the F.W.I.O. "historical research" booth at the Royal Winter Fair. The convener of the exhibit Mrs. Chas. Agnew is seated at the left; Mrs. Geo. Ridley, Ontario representative on F.W.I.O.C. Board at the right.



The general feeling was that news coverage from C.B.C. is excellent and adequate. Trans-Canada Matinee received mention more often than any other program. **Agriculture**—Talks by agricultural representatives and professors of agricultural schools rated excellent. Bob Keith's garden talks rate high. **Home Economics** — Talks on health, posture and clothes were mentioned as of special interest to women. **Sports** — Present coverage well recommended, especially by husbands and family. **Children's Programs** — The unanimous choice in reports was Kindergarten of the Air. A request for Bible stories rather than fairy tales for Sunday listening, also to dramatize fairy tales similar to Walt Disney's pictures and to simplify classics so they can be understood by children. Stories of crime, which include gun-play, stealing, lying and murder are disapproved and suggestion is made that if such plays must be continued they should be presented later at night when the children are in bed. Mothers are more than ever aware that children's programs either on radio or television need supervision.

**To sum up**—Institute women across Ontario prefer educational programs, classical or semi-classical music, plays that influence for better living. Good comedy for relaxation. Organ music. Good books in installment reading. Home and International news, all of which add to the enriching and happiness of the individual and the family. They dislike give-away programs, blatant music, singing commercials, songs with neither melody nor thought. They protest alcohol advertising and favor plays with less alcoholic drinking. Quality rather than quantity in advertising is recommended.

Many conveners said the discussions and survey had been interesting and they hoped to take it up again. All realized the influence of the radio in the past on our home and family and agreed that we must help mould the pattern for the best in radio and television for the future.

#### F.W.I.O. Booth at the Royal

Mrs. Chas. Agnew reported the Booth this year centred around Historical Research and was a good replica of a pioneer home. Mrs. Agnew wished to express appreciation and sincere thanks to Miss Lewis for contacting Mr. Earl Fahl (Exhibits Extension Service, Department of Public Relations O.A.C.). With

the efforts and co-operation of them both the booth was built. The two provincial first prize Tweedsmuir histories were displayed in the booth, which was furnished with furniture and articles of pioneer times.

As F.W.I.O. representative to the Royal Winter Fair as well as a member of the Fair Board, Mrs. Agnew with Mrs. Maynard made arrangements for the large tea given by the Royal Winter Fair Board.

#### Ontario Historical Society

Mrs. Sanford Aikins gave the report of the Ontario Historical Society. The 1954 annual meeting was held in Ottawa in June with 150 in attendance. A resolution was brought forward relating to a pioneer village museum and it was suggested that the pioneer village should be illustrative chiefly of rural life of that area of Ontario where it be located.

#### Navy League Report by Mrs. Arthur Gillet.

The major objective of the Navy League is the sponsoring of Sea Cadet Corps which are organized in 37 cities and towns in Ontario with an enrolment of 2,553 cadets. The report of the Auxiliary indicated extensive work being carried out by Auxiliary members in visiting veterans in hospitals, supplying them with comforts and cheer, sending supplies to Canadian Navy personnel serving in Korean waters.

Grateful appreciation was expressed to the F.W.I.O. for general and valuable assistance as well as financial help during the year. The F.W.I.O. contributed \$724.76 cash during the year.

#### Junior Institutes

Mrs. R. Alexander reported that there are Junior Institutes in 7 convention areas with memberships in each club varying up to 30. The program is a widely diversified one and the activities are many. Donations are given to many worthy causes. Joint meetings with the Junior Farmer clubs are held at the close of the Girls' meeting. Joint projects included sponsoring Public Speaking and Debating contests, Amateur entertainment, Juniors Farmers Camp, Square Dance competition, Field Days, Annual Church Service. A 4-H Club Conference of 3 days' duration was held at the O.A.C. Guelph, the first ever held, and it was a tremendous success. The theme was "You and Your World." Every district and country was represented by one to three delegates.