

tions were represented by one member from each. It was brought to the meeting that the Department of Agriculture is willing to continue to co-operate with other sponsoring organizations in carrying on the program of Leadership Programs for another year. At date of meeting six counties had requested Leadership Forums with tentative plans also from four others. Eight leaders were available to send out.

Rural Leadership Forums are being offered to officers and members of all farm organizations in Ontario on a district or county basis. Any community may request a school if any two farm organizations apply.

The program is designed to assist officers and members in performing duties of their organization and may include such things as Member Participation, Parliamentary Procedure, Program Planning, Discussion Techniques, Effective Speaking, Conduct of Meetings, Recreation, Newspaper Reporting, Publicity, Duties of Officers and Uses of Resources.

Sponsored by responsible farm organizations with well trained leaders provided, it should, with the co-operation of the rural people who value better education and knowledge, bring immeasurable results.

Ontario Federation of Agriculture

Mrs. R. C. Paisley said that over one hundred women from all counties in Ontario attended the Ontario Federation of Agriculture Annual Meeting in Toronto. The reports of the Zone Chairwomen were most enlightening, containing an amazing amount of information.

At this meeting Mrs. McIntosh, Provincial Treasurer of the Canadian Association of Consumers, in an address said that the main objective of the C.A.C. is to strive for proper representation of products the consumer buys so that the buyer will get value for what he or she pays for. In his address Mr. J. Brown of Bruce County said there was a need for more educational work to be done to familiarize rural and urban people with the importance of the Federation of Agriculture. The need of a larger number of farm forums would make all of us aware of each other's problems. A panel discussion on Co-ordination was very good. The General Sessions featured a look at the past, a glimpse of the possible future and serious study of current problems.

Provincial Tweedsmuir History Book Committee

Mrs. R. C. Walker said the committee of F.W.I.O. wished to present to the Board of F.W.I.O. the following recommendation to be forwarded to the Board of F.W.I.C. for immediate action:

"We recommend that a replica of the Tweedsmuir Cup be presented at the expiration of the holder's time to replace the true cup."

An Institute is not likely to win this honour more than once and a replica to keep would be very much prized by the Branch. The F.W.I.O. Board endorsed this recommendation.

Miscellaneous Reports

Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter gave the report of Penal Reform for Women Joint Committee and of the Rural Life Museum.

Mrs. J. H. McCulloch gave the report of the proposed F.W.I.O. Booth at the 1955 Royal Winter Fair.

Mrs. G. G. Maynard read Mrs. Chas. Agnew's report of the Royal Winter Fair. Mrs. Maynard and Mrs. Agnew were reappointed Directors together with ninety men.

Mrs. K. Edwards reported plans well under way for the F.W.I.O. Tent at the Ploughing Match at Leamington on October 11 to 14.

Mrs. K. Edwards presented the proposed (estimated) Budget for 1955-56.

Mrs. George Ridley gave the report of the F.W.I.C. announcing the appointment of the Judges for the Tweedsmuir Competition, Dr. W. R. Bird, Dr. Bruce Ferguson, Dr. D. Hatfield for the Histories and Miss Hazel McMillan, Mr. J. Winters, Mrs. W. Perry and Dr. D. MacKay for the Paintings.

Mrs. Loren Guild stated that 472 Branch Presidents had signified their intention of being present at the Presidents' Conference. Plans for the holiday at Guelph and Kemptville are well arranged. The dates of the holiday at Guelph are July 18 to 22 and at Kemptville August 16, 17 and 18.

Mrs. A. L. Gibson reported on the O.E.A. Trustees and Ratepayers Association.

Mrs. R. D. Hendry reported for the Scholarship Committee who recommended (1) "That no girl shall be eligible to receive more than one Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship for Homemaking Girls". (2) "The choice of the County Scholarship Committee shall be in the hands of the Provincial Scholarship Committee by April 15 of each year in order to be ratified at the Spring Board Meeting." Both were accepted.

Mrs. Hendry announced that the Grey County Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship was awarded to Miss Hazel Boyes, R.R. 2, Meaford and the York County Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship won by Miss Marion Eves, Queensville.

Mrs. J. Haggerty gave a comprehensive report of the committee setup to compile F.W.I.O. policies.

Resolutions

Mrs. R. G. Purcell gave the report of action on the resolutions passed at the Annual Meeting and read many letters she had received from different Departments of the Government, the Canadian Association of Consumers, the companies and organizations to which she had sent the resolutions. Mrs. Purcell was commended for her diligence and perseverance with regard to these resolutions. At the An-