

*signed widows in Kunsan, send to you our hearty warm thanks for your great help."*

*"Signed by many war and refugee widows for the whole group of widows who will benefit from your great help."*

### Miscellaneous Business

In the Salada Tea Rug competition for 1955 the rugs competing must be sent to the Women's Institute Branch, Toronto by August first.

The F.W.I.O. are entitled to send five voting delegates to the A.C.W.W. Conference in Ceylon in 1956 and it was decided to send five delegates.

The decision was made to hold a Conference in 1956 for Branch Secretaries.

Mrs. A. L. Gibson, Mrs. S. G. Wilson and Mrs. Roy Graham were appointed a committee to see if it were possible to accede to a request received from the National Federation of Women's Institutes in England to send samples of Maple Products for a display they are putting on at the Royal Show at Nottingham.

### Social Events

On Monday evening in the Common Room in Macdonald Hall a delightful party was held in honor of Mrs. Wm. Ewen, nee Miss Anna P. Lewis. Mrs. George Wilson and Mrs. Jas. Haggerty convened a variety program consisting of readings, solos, quartettes, contests, amusing skits, a demonstration of square dancing, an original fortune telling skit "The Crystal Ball Reveals" depicting the life of Miss Lewis and the Board members.

Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter in an address extended to Mrs. Ewen the good wishes of the Ontario Women's Institutes on the occasion of her marriage, and on behalf of the F.W.I.O.

Mrs. Gordon Maynard made the presentation of a service for eight in crystal in the cross and olive pattern, and Mrs. George Wilson pinned on a corsage.

Mrs. Ewen thanked the F.W.I.O. for their lovely gift, good wishes and friendliness and told how she valued the greetings, good wishes and gifts which had come to her from Institute friends in all parts of Ontario.

Believing a good cook will brew wedded bliss, the members of the Board, under the direction of Mrs. W. Burns, had prepared a recipe book of their favorite recipes which they presented, and also a "Bride's Book". Tea was served from a nicely appointed table, Mrs. MacPhatter and Mrs. Purcell pouring.

The evening closed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne in the Scottish form.

The retiring Board members, "The Graduating Class", as their farewell contribution, entertained with a humorous original skit in costume (and such costumes!) an original poem, following which they served tea, cakes and ice cream.

Mrs. MacPhatter tendered sincere thanks to the retiring Board members for the very fine contribution they had made to the F.W.I.O. during their term on the Board.

On Thursday evening the Ontario Department of Agriculture entertained at a dinner in honor of the Provincial Board, special guests and speakers at the Officers' Conference, Dr. MacLachlan, Dr. McCready and members of the O.A.C. staff who contributed to the success of the Conference in various ways. The Honourable F. S. Thomas, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, was present as host and Mr. C. D. Graham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture acted as master of ceremonies.

## F.W.I.C. Wins Award

The Canadian Association for Adult Education presented the Henry Marshall Tory Award for 1955 to the Women's Institutes of Canada and to Radio-College. The Award, named after Dr. H. M. Tory, the first President of Carleton College where the presentation was made, is given each year "for an outstanding contribution to Canadian Adult Education."

The citation for the Women's Institutes reads:

"The Women's Institutes have a history of outstanding work for more than fifty years. Their accomplishments were recognized long ago in the most notable way, they were copied abroad by farm women in Britain and many other countries.

"The educational program of the Institutes has never degenerated into busy-work or passing pious resolutions. Even after half a century the Institutes show, if anything, more

vigour than ever before. The program has had a character that has attracted women in every part of Canada, both on farms and in towns, thus effectively bringing farm women in touch with their town neighbours. In hundreds of communities there are community halls, or improved school facilities or some essential welfare services that have come about because of the devoted work of the local Institute. Information about public affairs and an interest in the arts have been brought to thousands of homes. Recently the Institutes have given a lead to other Canadian organizations by sharing with women in other lands through their generous support of the UNESCO Gift Coupon Plan.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada are to be commended for a unique contribution to the lives of thousands of Canadians, for the improvement of community life, and for service abroad."