

83 members who had completed twelve 4-H Homemaking Units.

### F. W. I. C. Report

Mrs. MacPhatter gave a comprehensive report of the recent F.W.I.C. sub executive meeting. She reported a women's organization in Belgium had been so impressed with the Canadian Women's Institute that they had asked the F.W.I.C. for their constitution. The Citizen's Forum asked the F.W.I.C. to consider the following subjects for future discussions: Women in Banking; Standardized Curriculum across Canada; How Far Can Conservation Go? and Should Canada Have Two Sets of Policy? Mrs. D. S. McNaughton was recommended by Mrs. MacPhatter to work with the F.W.I.C. on the Radio Evaluation Council, due to her splendid work on the Provincial Board.

### Conservation Council of Ontario

Mrs. Stewart McDonald presented the report of the Conservation Council, which was an extensive one in the work of conservation of water, pollution of streams, conservation of fish and wild life. Mrs. McDonald reported Mrs. MacPhatter had been invited to sit in on a discussion of a F.W.I.C. conservation project and the suggestion was the elimination of litter on the highways and byways. The F.W.I.C. have recognized this problem in the past. Resolutions have been sent to the government with little or no results. A nine-point program has been suggested for correction of litter on the highways and byways.

### Resolutions

Mrs. R. G. Purcell gave the report of action on the resolutions passed at the annual meeting and read many letters received from the departments of the government. In connection with a resolution regarding sewing thread, Mrs. Purcell received an interesting summary

on sewing thread from a manufacturer which explained the right uses for thread. A resolution which was tabled at the fall meeting was presented by Mrs. Purcell and was sustained and an emergency resolution also was received, read and sustained. These are as follows:

Whereas the southwestern area of Ontario has at the present time no hospital, school or institution for retarded children such as they have in Orillia or Smith Falls, and

Whereas both these hospital schools up to date have a long waiting list and are both overcrowded, the need for such a hospital school in southwest Ontario is a necessity and long overdue.

Therefore be it resolved that the Federal Women's Institutes of Ontario ask the Ontario Minister of Health to seriously consider the founding of such an institution, with separation and consideration for the physically and mentally handicapped for southwestern Ontario in the near future.

The resolution was sustained.

### Emergency Resolution

Whereas the Toronto-Barrie (400) highway intersections at concession lines 4, 6, 8, 10 Township of West Gwillimbury results in a proposed closing of these concession roads and

Whereas such closing would necessitate residents travelling greater distances in going to and from adjoining communities, industries, schools, churches, stores, banks, and

Whereas firefighting protection would be limited and urgent medical services curbed and

Whereas the valuable farms in this area will be drastically reduced in value and,

Whereas school buses, mail delivery, road grading and snow ploughing service now enjoyed will be curtailed entirely in some instances, or accomplished at much greater expense to the taxpayer,



Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter, President F.W.I.O., presents Ontario Women's Institute Awards for 1955 to five students in the first year of the Degree Course at Macdonald Institute. From left to right: Mrs. MacPhatter; Miss Arlene C. Johnston, 322 Argyle St., Port Arthur; Miss Barbara A. Canning, R.R. 2, Woodville; Miss Mardelle Wheeler, R.R. 2, Tweed; Miss Elaine M. Philp, R.R. 1, Chippawa; Miss Nancy C. Morris, R.R. 2, Burlington.

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