

Of great interest was the beautiful display of handiwork consisting of hand-embroidered wearing apparel, aprons, cushion, bag and hat done in variations of feather stitching in pastel colours. The display is the gift of the Dorset County Federated W.I. of England. This display was sent to the F.W.C.I. to be exhibited at all provincial conventions.

Social Events

Twelve board members of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario who completed their term of office at the Spring Board Meeting held a graduation ceremony during the recess of an afternoon business session. Mrs. L. Gibson, attired in the proverbial cap and gown, gave the valedictory. Mrs. James Haggerty, similarly attired, read an original poem. The graduates, attired in white gowns, received their graduation diplomas from Mrs. R. D. Hendry. Those graduating were Mrs. L. Gibson, Mrs. James Haggerty, Mrs. W. H. Burns, Mrs. Wm. Sherman, Mrs. R. D. Hendry, Mrs. W. A. Davidson, Mrs. Gordon Ofield, Mrs. E. E. Taws, Mrs. J. H. McDonald, Mrs. Brock Suddaby, Mrs. D. J. Goddard and Miss Josephine Bird.

An interesting social event was the tea given by Mrs. W. T. Ewen at her home in Guelph to the Board members. The members were happy to again meet Mrs. Ewen, the former Anna P. Lewis, formerly director of the Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Pouring tea was Mrs. R. D. Hendry and the hostess was assisted by her mother and Mrs. L. Tolton.

Report on Auxiliary Classes

Mrs. W. A. Davidson

As we delve further into the study of Auxiliary training, we realize more fully the value of this form of education. But we must also realize that good public relations must be established all along the line.

Most important to a child and also to the parents is to keep him in his own environment and with his playmates. Because of this factor

the idea of itinerant teachers was preferred to transporting the child to a centre. In this way we help the child without making him different. We are all now aware of the work being done in South Wellington where an itinerant teacher visits several schools. An itinerant teacher would not need too large an area. Inspectors now are looking into cases cited by the teacher and in many cases are advising Opportunity Units or special help.

Classes involve a specially qualified teacher and a group of children; a unit involves only one pupil who remains with the class. The most widely used unit in Ontario is the sight-saving unit. On a doctor's recommendation the teacher receives advisements prepared by the Auxiliary Education Branch and the pupil is loaned large type books. Orthopedic Units are established where a crippled child is unable to get to school. This unit provides the necessary transportation for a period of at least three months. A home instruction teacher will visit the child. Then there is the Opportunity Unit. One Opportunity Unit per school may be established. The teacher receives assistance and supplies to help meet the needs of the pupil. This unit is used only on the advice of the inspector. The most recent development is the introduction of the itinerant teacher.

There is in our rural schools the problem of crowded rooms and lack of time. Auxiliary training should, over a period of time, eliminate repeaters and help the situation both academically and financially. The Schools for Retarded Children are set up by the Association for an IQ of under 50, but there are still many of these children in rural schools.

An IQ of 50 to 80 is the bracket where most of the retardation is found and where Opportunity Units are suggested. In many cases these are useful but sometimes not too successful. There is really no set dividing line according to IQ. Many factors are considered before a child is placed in an auxiliary class, and the final decision will be based on what is best for the child.

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Board members active in the Officers' Conference. Left to right: Front row: Mrs. Maynard, Mrs. MacPhatter, Miss McKercher, Mrs. Thompson, Conference Secretary. Back row: Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Haggerty, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Purcell.

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