

A section of the head table at the Ontario Government's dinner in honor of the F.W.I.O. Board. From left to right: Mrs. Purcell, Dr. Graham. (Mrs. Goodfellow was sitting at Dr. Graham's right but she seems to be hidden by the waiter); next, Mrs. MacPhatter, Hon. W. A. Goodfellow, Mrs. Haggerty and Mrs. Graham. Mr. Garner and Miss McKercher were next in line, but not in the picture.



National Film Board investigate the possibility of producing such films.

That manufacturers be asked to guarantee upholstering materials used in higher priced chesterfield suites against wearing and fading for one year.

That the Department of Public Welfare increase the amount of the Mothers' Allowance, as the amount the Mother now receives is not sufficient to meet the increased cost of living or the much higher standard of education.

F.W.I.O. TENT AT THE ONTARIO PLOUGHING MATCH

Mrs. Robert Birrell gave the report of the tent at the Ontario Ploughing Match. She said the cookies and tea supplied at the tent were greatly appreciated by the young mothers, and also the facilities for them to take care of their children. Over 200 registered at the booth from all over Ontario, including visitors from Manitoba and Bermuda.

ONTARIO RURAL LEADERSHIP FORUMS

Delegates to the first provincial rural leadership training forum to be held from February 17th to 23rd at the Prudhommes Garden Centre, Vineland, Ontario, were appointed as follows: Mrs. Harry Coulter, Foxboro; Mrs. Stanley Mollard, R.R. 3, Parkhill; Mrs. J. J. McKay, R.R. 2, Embro; Mrs. Ira Mitchener, R.R. 3, Welland; and Mrs. R. L. Ditmars, Kakabeka Falls. Alternates: Mrs. Donald McCash, R.R. 3, Ripley, and Mrs. Ted Bardell, Eden Mills.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE SPOONS FOR SALE

A large supply of sterling silver five o'clock teaspoons will be purchased by the Board. The crest of the Women's Institute will be engraved on the handle. These will soon be available for purchase as souvenirs, prizes or trophies. The price will be announced later.

DELEGATES TO THE F.W.I.C. ANNUAL MEETING

Ninety voting delegates will be appointed to attend the first annual meeting of the F.W.I.C. which will be held in Ottawa in October, 28th to 31st, 1957. Thirty-one of these will include the members of the F.W.I.O. Board, including

two Junior Institute members, the president and secretary of the F.W.I.O. Each district will be allowed to appoint one member, except where the district is represented by a delegate from the Board. All names must be sent to the secretary by March 28, 1957. The name from the first 59 districts received will be accepted at the spring session of the F.W.I.O. Board.

ONTARIO WELFARE COUNCIL

Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard

One of the problems dealt with at the annual meeting was how the Visiting Homemakers Services might be extended to reach out to our rural women. It is possible that the Women's Institute members may be able to assist in this project when it is established. In developing a homemakers service, it was agreed that the service should be acceptable to all types of homes, since the demand is so wide. The need for subsidy in order to make the service available to all, whether on full pay, part pay or free basis, was discussed and the example given was of Britain where such a subsidy is granted by the Government to communities establishing a service.

The Rehabilitation of the Handicapped was studied and it was most encouraging to learn that more and more business firms are employing these citizens and find them very satisfactory. The needs of the mentally defective persons were studied and, where possible, these needs have been met. There is still much to do along this line.

ONTARIO FOLK SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mrs. Maynard mentioned that in the January news letter of the Ontario Folk School Council under the heading of "Pioneers in Adult Education" was an article honouring the founder of our organization, Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless. Mrs. Maynard also reported the Ontario Folk School Council will establish a provincial forum.

HAND BOOK COMMITTEE

Mrs. L. G. Lymburner, convener of the committee for compiling the new Hand Book, reported some progress is being made. The committee would welcome any suggestions of changes for consideration.