

ence. While there they will take a three-day tour through the hills and Kandy.

Their return trip will take them to Bombay, Karachi and on to Istanbul, Athens and Rome where they will spend several days. Then to Geneva, Frankfurt, Dusseldorf and Paris; then to England for eight days where the group will separate for different trips through the British Isles. They will fly to New York and Malton on August 25th.

1957 SECRETARIES' CONFERENCE

Mrs. E. V. Thompson

Mrs. E. V. Thompson, Conference and Holiday Secretary, reported that 796 applications had been received for the conference of secretaries, with very few cancellations. She reported that with the facilities and co-operation of the O.A.C. and the residents of Guelph, everyone got a bed. Four hundred were billeted at the College and the balance at the homes of citizens in Guelph.

GUELPH AND KEMPTVILLE HOLIDAY DATES

The Women's Institute Holiday at Guelph will be held on July 15 to 19 and at Kemptville, August 7-8-9. Interesting programmes have been arranged with a bus trip to Stratford to see Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, for the Guelph holidayers. Both holiday groups will participate in art and music and the making of stuffed dolls, toys and animals by Mrs. E. V. Thompson.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mrs. Haggerty reported to the Board that the business of the F.W.I.O. has increased by leaps and bounds and at the same time costs have expanded too. In this regard Board members will present to the district annual meetings the necessity for greater financial assistance. Branches will be given an opportunity to indicate their preference for such financing.

Requests have been received for the use of the Women's Institute crest to be used on gifts of cups and saucers or like gifts. This request has been granted but the article they are to be used on cannot be sold commercially. Crests may be obtained from the F.W.I.O. Secretary-Treasurer.

Mrs. James Haggerty was named delegate to the Provincial Leadership Forum, also to the First Ontario Conference on Aging.

Mrs. Ernest Irwin, Convener of Home Economics and Health, presented her report which included a report on her attendance at the Canadian Cancer Society meeting. She also presented a brief from the Canadian Consumers' Association regarding the banning of trading stamps in Ontario. As this brief had already been presented to the proper authorities no action was taken.

The Ontario Ploughing Match will be held this fall at Simcoe. The F.W.I.O. tent will be featured there.

Five o'clock teaspoons may be purchased for gifts. The price will be \$2.50 each. They are sterling silver with the crest of the Women's Institute engraved on the handle. These spoons will be available by the fall from Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard.

Mrs. R. C. Walker, Convener of Historical Research and Current Events, presented for viewing the second volume of the F.W.I.O. Tweedsmuir History. This has just been started and it has the appearance of a very outstanding book.

A tentative programme has been set up by the F.W.I.O. for their booth at the Royal Winter Fair. It is hoped that continuous demonstrations by Institute women will be on the programme each day and evening.

A tentative programme for the F.W.I.C. National Convention to be held in Ottawa in October was outlined by Mrs. MacPhatter. Ninety delegates will go from Ontario. This will include board members, the Secretary-Treasurer, and fifty-nine members from districts in Ontario. Mrs. Maynard reported she had received more than the required number of reservations from the districts. Each province was asked to set up an exhibit, and Ontario will exhibit the three winning entries of layettes in this year's Women's Institute project.

The matter of the purchase of the Adelaide Hoodless birthplace was left in abeyance. A report to this effect was received from the committee who viewed the house and property.

Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter gave an interesting report of the Federation of Agriculture. As a new member of the Board of Governors of the Federation, Mrs. MacPhatter said it was interesting and informative. Her experience on the Board had been an inspiration to her, she said.

A motion was made and passed at this session in regard to the office of President, and is as follows: In case of an emergency through the inability of the President to attend to her duties, the immediate Past President should assume the duties of the President's office.

Mrs. James Haggerty, Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard and Miss Helen McKercher were named to a committee to set up rules for audit.

In giving the report of Resolutions submitted at the annual meeting of the Board, Mrs. McPhatter stated that replies were received in connection with all resolutions. In most cases those concerned had shown interest and in many cases had commended the interest Women's Institute members are taking in the welfare of others.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. L. G. Lymburner presented a resolution of appreciation of the courteous manner, graciousness and thoughtfulness with which Mrs. James Haggerty, had conducted her first meeting as President of the Board.

The report on the Conservation Council was given by Mrs. Stewart McDonald and she stressed the hope that the "Litter-Bug" cam-