

Retiring members of FWIO Board. From left to right: Miss Eileen Weeden, Mrs. George Burkitt, Mrs. R. McLellan, Mrs. George Wilson, Mrs. Sam Wilson, Mrs. Thos. Lemay, Mrs. Wm. Heron, Mrs. W. Goodfellow.  
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campaign would get into high gear as spring advances. Many Institute branches are launching their individual campaigns, and Norfolk is having a country-wide Poster Contest with final judging to be made at the county fair.

Members of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario were guests of the Ontario Department of Agriculture at a dinner held at the Ontario Agricultural College. The Hon. C. D. Graham welcomed the guests on behalf of the Department. Padre W. A. Young accompanied by Mrs. R. Kidd led in community singing. The guests and members of the Board

were introduced by Miss Helen McKercher, Director, Home Economics Service, Extension Branch. Mrs. James Haggerty thanked Mr. Graham and the Department for their kindness and help to the Women's Institutes.

Retiring members of the F.W.I.O. Board held a Court Whist party in the Common Room of Macdonald Hall.

Miss Eileen Weeden, the Junior Farmers' Association Board member was presented with a gift from Board members on the occasion of her approaching marriage. The presentation was made by Mrs. James Haggerty.

## Officers' Conference and Diamond Jubilee

**T**HIS YEAR the ninth annual Ontario Women's Institute Officers' Conference was also made the occasion for a celebration of the Institutes' sixtieth anniversary or Diamond Jubilee; but as most of the branches had held their own local celebrations on the actual anniversary date, February 19, most of the time at this provincial gathering was given to the business of the Conference.

When Mrs. James Haggerty, the Institutes' provincial president, asked how many of the delegates were attending an officers' conference for the first time, about ninety per cent of the women responded, so there is no question that these annual conferences are reaching a great number of Institute women, and giving them a contact with their agricultural college. As the F.W.I.O. board meeting had immediately preceded the conference most of the board members stayed for the conference, assisting in any way they could. Each of the three Regional Vice-Presidents, Mrs. W. Goodfellow, Mrs. George Wilson and Mrs. Thomas Lemay presided at one of the sessions.

### THE INSTITUTES AND THE COLLEGE

As the conference delegates arrived at the College they were taken on tours of the campus and Macdonald Institute, and at a meeting that evening they learned more about the relation of the College to the people of rural Ontario.

Rev. W. A. Young, College chaplain and Director of Publicity, outlined the courses in Agriculture, the four year degree course and the two-year diploma course. Mr. Young explained how the complexities of present-day farming make it necessary for the farmer to have specialized education. The diploma course is planned to meet the needs of the man who will go into practical farming and take his place in the life of his community. The graduates of the degree course may go into practical farming too, but they will be fitted for the professional field in such specialties as research, teaching, extension work. "If we haven't the right kind of young person coming up on our farms, there's no future for agriculture," said Padre Young. "For the