

gether on community projects. This is one of the most interesting groups I have ever worked with." (Perhaps more Institutes could be organized in the new subdivisions of towns and cities. Ed.)

With the Help of Study Kits

This note came from an Institute secretary who had taken a Millinery course and later borrowed the Millinery Kit from the Loan Library: "I was curious to see what your kit had to offer and I must say it is really good. I feel that since we took the course we must continue with the work."

The Felt Work Study Kit is turned to varied uses. For its September meeting Clarksburg Institute had the roll call "Bring an old hat to be remodelled." Using the Felt Work Kit, demonstrations were given on remodelling felt hats and making felt toy animals.

Challenges

IN AN address at the Ottawa Convention on the convention theme "Challenges make us grow" Mrs. Edna Dewar spoke of some of the challenges that come to us as individuals, then she dealt with challenges to the Institutes. Following is this part of her address:

"So much for personal accounting — what about our challenges toward this vast women's group of which we are a very necessary link? What effort do we exert to maintain happy relationships within our local branches? Do we measure up to a community emergency? Do we accept office cheerfully and also pass around the executive positions, or is our self-evaluation detrimental to the progress of our unit? Do we express appreciation for all worthwhile endeavours and accomplishments of our colleagues?

"To me the annual Fall Fairs throw forth one of the greatest forces to test the originality and talents of its members. Had Adelaide Hoodless not accepted her challenge to the mothers and rural women of her community we might not have this convention today. If succeeding women down through Sixty Years of Progress had not accepted their challenges of leadership we could not have extended our great chain of unselfish leadership around the world as the Associated Country Women of the World. This was accomplished by women who believed few things are impossible . . . who believed in their ideals . . . who refused to allow criticism, complaint or discouragements to swerve them from their original vision.

"We women of the Institutes might well accept a challenge similar to the one expressed by the International Governor of Rotary this Summer: 'The greatest challenge faced by humanity is the banishing of war and the securing of world peace,' reminding us that never in the world's history have so many people banded together for the outlawing of war in an effort to end national differences—

around a council chamber rather than on a battlefield.

"This poor old world is in a continual state of flux but the power of a friendly word, a kindly gesture and a meaningful handclasp remains like the brilliance of a jewel—all powerful through the ages.

"Women's Institute membership has accomplished many achievements. It has made women of little wisdom, wise beyond their years; some of little courage, brave beyond all fears; and women of little vision, alert to new careers. If you take stock, perhaps it has made 'a better you'.

"Our task in building this better world is aptly and uniquely expressed in a poem by Dorothy R. Jones entitled 'Just Build A Better You'."

"Your task to build a better world," God said.

I answered, "How?"

The world is such a large vast place

So complicated now.

And I so small and useless am,

There's nothing I can do."

But God in His wisdom said:

"Just build a better you."

Kingston Area Plans Scholarship

AT THE Kingston Area Convention this year the Branch delegates voted in favour of establishing a Scholarship for 4-H Homemaking Club girls within the Area. It will be known as the Annie G. Haggerty Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship, so named in honour of our Provincial President, a member of this Area.

"The cost of setting up the Scholarship is \$2,000.00," the Convener, Mrs. Penny reports. "Each Branch Institute within the Area is asked to contribute \$35.00 to the project. A Branch need not send the \$35.00 at once, but may spread its payments over a period of time. It is hoped, however, that the full amount can be collected by 1959, as it is the interest from the investment of the \$2,000.00 that provides the Scholarship annually, so the sooner the money is invested, the sooner the first Scholarship may be awarded. Another reason for acting promptly is the excellent rate of interest now available on investments."

Mrs. B. C. Ballentyne, Area Secretary-Treasurer, will act as the treasurer of the fund and all contributions should be sent to her. When the full amount has been collected, it will be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario for investment.

A committee was appointed to work out the problems which arise, such as advice as to the investment of the fund, a fair method of distribution of the Scholarship within the Area, qualifications of the recipients, and the use to which scholarships may be made in the furthering of the girl's education.