

ganization, the Associated Country Women of the World, Mrs. Rand said:

"We must organize our resources to fight the enemies of peace. We must organize on the principle of interdependence. We as members of F.W.I.C., 90,000 homemakers of Canada must organize our thinking and our lives beginning with the problems of everyday and working up the ladder.

"Behind everything we do there should be a purpose — an ever-increasing one — to excel in those things for which we seem best suited and into which we can put the most of ourselves. Otherwise we are apt just to exist and to be but lookers-on giving no hand in the betterment of the world about us. There is a necessary limit to our achievement but none to our attempt."

Entertainment

The conference was not lacking in entertainment. As usual at these conferences everyone enjoyed the community singing led by Padre Young and Mrs. Ralph Kidd, and the organ recital by Mr. Kidd. The soloists, Mrs. R. S. McKercher, Mrs. Kathleen Graham and Mr. F. G. B. De Carrol added greatly to the programme. A happy idea this year was to have Waterloo county Junior Farmers provide the Wednesday night entertainment — a one act play "Storm in a Loving Cup" by the Woolwich Township Juniors and a quartette from the county Junior Farmer's Choir led by David Barrie. The Goshen Women's Institute Orchestra had the warm reception it gets wherever it goes. Perhaps it may be the inspiration for the start of other Institute orchestras.

NANCY ADAMS HONOURED

On May 9 Mrs. Nancy Adams, immediate Past President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Law from the University of Saskatchewan. Mrs. Adams considers this an "honour to the rural women of Canada." But Mrs. Keith Rand, President F.W.I.C. expressed the general feeling of Canadian Women's Institute members when she said: "The conferring of this degree is more than an honour to the rural women of Canada. It is an honour to an individual who has made an invaluable contribution, not only to rural life in Saskatchewan but all across our Dominion."

Congratulations were wired to Mrs. Adams from the Ontario Officers' Conference.

AN INSTITUTE HISTORY

F.W.I.O. still has some copies of the book "Fifty Years of Achievement," a history of the Ontario Women's Institutes published in 1948 in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Women's Institute movement.

It is doubtful if a better history of the first half century of the Ontario Institutes will ever be written. The authors, the late Mrs. Annie

E. Walker of Stoney Creek, Miss Edith Collins and McIntyre Hood spared no effort in their search for material, and the book is as interesting as it is accurate. There are pictures and records of Institute personalities whose contribution to the movement will be as significant fifty years from now as it is today. There is a foreword by the first Institute lecturer and organizer, Laura Rose Stephen. There is the story of how the movement spread to the other provinces of Canada and later to England, Scotland and Wales and on into an international body, the Associated Country Women of the World.

Perhaps when the Women's Institutes celebrate their hundredth anniversary, another history will be written but it will not be a record by women who lived almost within sound of the first gavel, who knew intimately the founder and the charter members of the first Women's Institute at Stoney Creek. In fact there won't be another book like "Fifty Years of Achievement." It would seem a provident idea for any branch to get a copy and to keep it along with the Tweedsmuir History to use for reference. Or, we can imagine some clever woman making a study of the book and coming up with an amazing paper of "Do You Know's?" taken from its pages.

Copies of "Fifty Years of Achievement" can be purchased from Mrs. Gordon Maynard, F.W.I.O. Secretary-Treasurer, 20 Spadina Road, Toronto 4. The price is fifty cents.

INVITATION TO A MUSEUM

Miss Ruth Home, Technical Adviser on the Jordan Historical Museum makes the following suggestion for a Women's Institute bus trip or other excursion this summer:

The JORDAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF THE TWENTY opened for the season of 1958 on May 10.

The Directors and members would like to issue a cordial invitation to the members of the Women's Institutes to visit our Museum.

To those who have never been we should like to say that we know you will enjoy a visit; to our old friends, that we have arranged for a special display of glass — old and new.

There are picnic tables and facilities for making tea.

Arrangements may be made by writing the Custodian, Jordan Historical Museum of the Twenty, Jordan, Ontario; or by telephoning Vineland 119.

The Museum is reached by the Queen Elizabeth Way, or Highway #8. It is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, but special arrangements can be made. The Museum is free.

Do come. We are proud of our Museum and would like to show it to you.