

F. W. I. O. Spring Board Meeting

By Ethel McCandless

AN INCREASE in membership and two dreams realized makes the year 1957-8 a momentous one in the annals of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

Provincial President's Address

Mrs. James Haggerty, Provincial President, F.W.I.O. welcomed the Board of Directors to the Spring Board Meeting held at the Ontario Agricultural College May 5, 6 and 7, and had a special greeting for new members of the Board attending for the first time. She paid tribute to Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard, Provincial Treasurer for her untiring effort in organizing the new provincial office, and to Miss Helen McKercher, Director, Home Economics Extension Services, Ontario Department of Agriculture who was responsible for so many services and courtesies in helping to get the office established.

Mrs. Haggerty reported she had received letters of appreciation from all five girls receiving Provincial Scholarships. She reported attending many committee meetings, including the Advisory Committee of Macdonald Institute, the Continuing Committee of the Conference on Aging, and there found a group of women under the direction of the Ontario Red Cross Society who had set up a course on "Friendly Visiting." This group would like the co-operation of the W.I. said Mrs. Haggerty. In connection with the resolution presented and passed at the Annual Meeting of the Board last fall on Maternal Care and Infant Mortality, Mrs. Haggerty reported she had met with a representative of the Department of Health and the Medical Association. It has been a busy six months with all sorts of experiences, she said. Many invitations were received to attend anniversaries, banquets and other organizations because of our link with them, and mail to no end. Not a day passes without letters about some unusual situation. The new revision in the Hand Book has created many questions, and Life Memberships still present a problem. Mrs. Haggerty also spoke of the very fine office and expressed gratitude to the Ontario Department of Agriculture for it. She invited any member who is in Toronto during business hours to visit it. The address is 20 Spadina Road.

"There is never a dull moment," said Mrs. Haggerty, "but I find that W.I. members are really fine people, ready to accept responsibility once a clear picture is presented. The Board members have co-operated with me in every way and with their loyalty and help it has been a pleasure to carry on."

Report of Secretary-Treasurer

by Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard

"The year 1957-8 has indeed been a momentous one in the annals of Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario history," said the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard, "as we realized two of our dreams: the first was the National Convention held in Ottawa in October last, which was a tremendous success. Our next was the establishment of our F.W.I.O. office in Toronto. Our membership as a whole has shown a great interest in our office and we have had a number of visitors. We hope many of you will have an opportunity to see for yourselves the pleasant quarters in which most of the business of the F.W.I.O. is transacted.

"This year a gratifying increase in membership is shown, the increase being 1,334 members. We now have a membership of 40,508 paid up members. Eleven new branches were organized and 17 branches disbanded. There are now 2,703 transferable life members and 420 non-transferable life members. Mrs. Maynard reported 974 Tweedsmuir Histories in the Province, but there is reason to believe there are many more not reported.

"The appeal to W.I. members to contribute to a fund for the rehabilitation of victims of the flood disaster in Ceylon has met with decided success. To date \$4,047.87 has been received. The amount received for the F.W.I.O. project to date is \$3,133.58. This latter project is open until September 30th."

Home Economics Service

Miss Helen McKercher

Over 7,000 women, actually 7,227, took part in the new Local Leaders' Training Schools inaugurated this fall, reported Miss Helen McKercher, Director of Home Economics Extension Service, Department of Agriculture. These courses, The Third Meal, Sew to Save Dollars and Make Sense, New Lamps for Old, Rug Making, and Hints for the Home Nurse have been very successful, said Miss McKercher. Seventy-seven Training Schools with 680 groups represented took advantage of the courses. The greatest satisfaction has been what the women themselves have contributed to the Extension Service. Programmes have been interested and varied with originality in the ideas of the women themselves.

It is hoped that other Local Leader Training courses will be offered from time to time. Miss McKercher said the Department was particularly pleased with the way the members knew and followed Canada's Food Rules. Branches will not receive the same course they received last year. These courses will