

The Minister Speaks

Members of the Board were the guests of the Ontario Government at a dinner held during the board meeting. The Hon. W. A. Goodfellow, Minister of Agriculture, was host.

Speaking at the dinner, Mr. Goodfellow said it was an event he always looked forward to. "We like to do things for the women. It is an investment," he said. "We depend on the Women's Institutes to give us sound advice." He spoke of the Farm Safety Survey and asked for the co-operation of all Women's Institute members.

The Minister spoke of the new home for the aged in Milton. As he passed it on his way to Guelph from Toronto, he said, it gave him a great deal of satisfaction to know these homes for aged people are being built for their comfort. It has been an obsession with him, he said, to see that these aged people are now being taken care of this way.

"Farmers this year have harvested one of their biggest crops," he said, "but I hope this will not create surpluses. When I think of the millions of people in the world going to bed hungry I would like to see a better way of distributing these surpluses. If a few million dollars could be diverted from defense and spent to distribute food to those hungry people, it would greatly help."

Mr. Goodfellow paid tribute to Mrs. Haggerty for her leadership, saying he knew of no organization more worthy of support than the Women's Institute.

Mrs. Haggerty thanked the Ontario Government and the Minister for their support and expressed appreciation to the O.A.C. for the many things they had done for the organization. She expressed appreciation for the privilege of working with Miss McKercher.

Mr. Goodfellow also paid tribute to Miss McKercher.

Reverend W. A. Young, O.A.C., led in community singing. Mrs. R. Kidd was at the piano. Mr. Kelly of Guelph was the soloist.

An interesting incident occurred during one of the sessions. Mrs. Putnam, now over 80, widow

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A BUSY PERSON'S PRAYER

Slow me down—Lord! Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind. Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time. Give me, amidst the confusion of my day, the calmness of the everlasting hills. Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the singing streams that live in my memory. Help me to know the magical, restoring power of sleep. Teach me the art of taking minute vacations—of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to read a few lines from a good book. Remind me each day of the fable of the hare and the tortoise that I may know that the race is not always to the swift: that there is more to life than increasing its speed. Let me look upward into the branches of the towering oak and know that it grew great and strong because it grew slowly and well. Slow me down—Lord—and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny.

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PEACE PLAN

While statesmen strive so hard for peace
In councils of today,
That wars and strife on earth will cease
I've found a better way.

I just go down the old back lane
My collie by my side,
Where misty sheen is on the grain—
From dew that's not yet dried.

I just lean on the pasture gate
While collie brings the herd—
A Bobolink sings to his mate—
A gentle breeze has stirred.

The cattle slowly leave behind
Wet footprints on the sod—
I think how puny is mankind
How wonderful is God!

If every troubled soul today
Could have an old back lane,
His cares, like dew, would fade away
And he'd find peace again.

C. Ingram.

"Peace Plan" and "A Busy Person's Prayer" were quoted by Mrs. Elton Armstrong at the Central Ontario Convention.

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of the late George A. Putnam, who became Superintendent of Women's Institutes in 1904, had read in the newspaper that the F.W.I.O. was meeting in Guelph, so she took a bus to the College to call on the Board. Everyone was delighted to meet her and Mrs. Haggerty had the pleasure of inviting her to be her guest at lunch.

Miscellaneous Appointments

The following appointments were made: F.W.I.O. Scholarship Committee, Mrs. Norman Cameron; Canadian Association of Consumers and Canadian Cancer Society, Mrs. E. Irwin; Ontario Historical Society, Mrs. Bernard Brooks; Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Mrs. J. P. Corson; Ontario Rural Leadership Forum, Mrs. Lewis Keefer; Royal Winter Fair Board, Mrs. Chas. Agnew; Mrs. Orland Richards, Conservation Council of Ontario; Radio and TV Evaluation Council, Mrs. C. Gillespie; Ontario Welfare Society, Mrs. A. Farran; Ontario Education Trustees and Ratepayers' Association, Mrs. James Haggerty; Ontario Welfare Society, Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard; Canadian Association for Adult Education, Mrs. R. N. Ross; Canadian Estimates of Selected Entertainment Films, Miss Ethel Chapman. Miss Ruth Moyle was appointed to the committee in connection with the F.W.I.O. competition.

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"The last word is the most dangerous of infernal machines and the husband and wife should no more fight to get it than they would struggle for the possession of a lighted bombshell."—Douglas Jerrold.

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