

# F.W.I.O. Board's Spring Meeting

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The Spring Board Meeting of the F.W.I.O. held at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, is always a splendid inspiration. This year the trees and flowers were just thinking of awakening as Board Members arrived on Sunday, May 3rd. But Mr. John Eccles, Director of Public Relations, O.A.C. remarked, "The advent of the F.W.I.O. Board Members to O.A.C. for their spring meeting is always the beginning of summer on the Campus", and true to his words the weather became beautifully warm and sunny and the Campus burst out in all its glory into leaf and flower, and by the time the Conference delegates arrived the Campus became one of the show places of Ontario.

Monday morning saw the Board Members down to serious business. The agenda was a lengthy one as the Handbook Committee had prepared by-laws for the new Handbook which has to be presented and passed by the Board. This meant an extra day of meeting which took place on Saturday the day following the close of the Officers' Conference.

## The President's Report

Mrs. James Haggerty, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario welcomed the members of the Board and Mrs. Douglas Hart, the new Standing Committee Convenor of Citizenship and Education was given a warm welcome.

In outlining her duties since the annual meeting last November, Mrs. Haggerty said she had had a full schedule of activities, and to date had been even busier than in former years. Besides attending committee meetings, including the Handbook Committee, Mrs. Haggerty was the guest speaker at the Women's Institute County Rally in Brantford. She attended two Summary Days of Training Schools in Owen Sound, addressed the "Girls' Session" of the Junior Farmers' Conference Executive. She attended the Farm Safety Conference held in Guelph and was a member of one of the panels.

Because of the stand Women's Institute members have taken regarding liquor advertising, through resolutions sent to the Board, Mrs. Haggerty was asked to present a brief to the Canadian Association of Provincial Liquor Commissioners at their invitation, and she personally presented it to the president. This received favourable comment from the Commissioners. Mrs. Haggerty thanked the members, Miss Chapman and the Department of Agriculture solicitor for the help and sound advice received in the preparation of the brief.

Many anniversaries, special programs and other events have been attended by the president, all of which she enjoyed. She expressed appreciation for the help she had received from key personnel and the co-operation of all members. Her mail, though still very heavy gives her personal contact with Branch members and offers something new every day, she said.

## F.W.I.C. Report

As a member of the sub-executive of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada Mrs. Haggerty has attended one meeting, represented Mrs. Rand at two Conferences, and attended several committee meetings, one of which was the committee to arrange for the Commemorative Stamp honoring the A.C.W.W. which was released from Stoney Creek Post Office on May 13th.

Representing Mrs. MacPhatter at the annual meeting of the Health League of Canada she was pleased to report that from the F.W.I.O. Study Project of the Maternal Care and Infant Mortality Committee, she was able to give them some information that was not known to the National organization.

Mrs. Haggerty reported the F.W.I.C. Foundation Fund which is used to carry the expenses of operation of the National Office in Ottawa is open for contributions for years to come. To date, Ontario has not contributed to this fund. This is a voluntary fund and the F.W.I.O. approves donations to this project, all donations to be sent to the National Secretary.

The Provincial Boards across Canada have been asked to forward Women's Institute literature to the F.W.I.C. Biennial meeting in Charlottetown, P.E.I., and F.W.I.O. will contribute Women's Institute Brochures, "Home and Country" and 25 copies of the book "50 years of Achievement".

The F.W.I.O. Board unanimously decided to purchase a bench at the cost of \$25 to be placed in the Women's Institute nook in the Peace Garden. The Coat-of-Arms of Ontario will be placed on the bench.

## Report of Resolutions

Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter, Convenor of Resolutions said that the work of submitting resolutions to the right sources entails a great deal of time and consideration. All resolutions passed at the annual meeting last November had to be forwarded to many sources for approval, said Mrs. MacPhatter, and each one had to be presented separately. Some of the answers received were constructive and others stated that careful consideration was being given the subject.

Mrs. MacPhatter suggested that a committee be set up to consider and edit resolutions before they are submitted to the Board. The committee appointed will include the past president, a first year board member, a second year member and a third year member.

Mrs. MacPhatter presented an emergency resolution and some discussion was held regarding the preservation of the Adelaide Hoodless home at St. George. This resolution was not sustained, but a committee was appointed to look into the matter to include Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard, Mrs. James Haggerty, Miss Helen McKercher, Mrs. Ewart