

and By-laws. The recommendations for changes had been thoroughly explored before being accepted. The report went on to say it was hoped the final presentation would be made by the annual Provincial Board meeting in November next. It will require some time after this before the Handbook will be available. The By-laws will then come into effect.

Further to the report: Resulting from the new Constitution which was passed at the annual meeting, last November, good progress is being made. Sections were removed from the Guelph and Central Areas and a new area in Bruce and Grey counties was formed. Other changes are being made. We take pride in the fact that members have recognized these as forward moves, the report concluded, and in spite of having to reorganize their thinking and planning, even to making some sacrifices for the good of the whole, have accepted the recommendations of the Provincial Board and taken steps to implement them in the best possible manner.

Mrs. Gordon McPhatter conducted the discussion of the By-laws which took two days of the session to complete. Several recommendations were made and these will be reported back to the committee.

In connection with Life Membership, the Board decided that the By-law governing Life Membership would go into effect as of May 5th, 1959.

#### Citizenship And Education

Reporting on Citizenship and Education the committee convener, Mrs. Douglas Hart, stated that these embrace human loyalties and they are always expanding. With each passing year it becomes important that we know the content of the 32 articles in the Declaration of Human Rights, and the circumstances under which they were drafted.

Recent reports from the Citizenship and Education Committee said Mrs. Hart, show that some splendid work has been done among the new

Canadians. However, this is a project that is never ending, and one in which, in some communities, no real beginning has yet been made. A request has been made through the Canadian Citizenship Branch, that the Women's Institutes and Junior Farmers organizations join to set up a co-ordinating council in rural areas to encourage contact between settled Canadians and newcomers.

In the field of education there is much to report and much more to attempt. Interest in the plight of the handicapped learner has increased, but there remains a great scarcity of trained remedial teachers. The proposed mobile school to reach outlying areas cannot become a reality until those who need the service seek it.

#### Report Of The Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard, F.W.I.O. Secretary-Treasurer, gave an interim report for the six months of the year. She reported 38,549 members, 2 Provincial Life Members; 3,838 transferable Life Members, an increase of 135; and 329 non-transferable Life Members. The project for 1958 amounted to \$6,588.96.

1,355 letters, 383 parcels and 319 handbooks have been mailed. This does not include the many thousand mimeographed pieces of mail which goes out to all branches.

Mrs. Maynard reported 6 new branches and 4 disbanded.

The secretary again requested that the branches making donations to the Federation of Agriculture notify the District secretaries of the amount, the district secretary to report same to the F.W.I.O. secretary.

#### Miscellaneous Reports

A report was received from Mrs. R. C. Walker, Curator of the Provincial Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History, saying that items of historical interest are still being added to the F.W.I.O. Tweedsmuir History Book. Many reports are being received from members who are benefitting from the History Workshops which Mrs. Walker is conducting throughout the Province.

Mrs. J. P. Corson, reporting for the Federation of Agriculture, said that many proposals contained in the brief recently submitted to the Ontario government were being considered. An essay competition for grade 7-8 pupils in rural schools only, is a project this year of the Women's group, the subject being "Belonging to a Co-operative. What it means to me; to my family; to my Country and to my Community".

Mrs. P. Y. McCandless reported the Farm Safety Conference held at the O.A.C. last winter.

The report of the F.W.I.O. tent at the International Ploughing Match to be held in North Wentworth this year was given by Mrs. Walter Green.

Mrs. E. V. Thompson read the minutes of the Conference and Holiday committee meetings and later gave the report of the attendance at the Officers' Conference as about 450, the theme of the Conference to be "Adventures in Service". She reported a change in the date of the Kemptville Holiday which is now to be held August 18, 19 and 20.



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Mrs. James Haggerty, President F.W.I.O., right, and Mrs. Gordon Maynard, Secretary-Treasurer, at the door of the F.W.I.O. office, 20 Spadina Road, Toronto.