

I should like her to learn at least one language other than English thoroughly and have a reading knowledge of another. I should like her to spend one summer hostelling around Ontario and some other parts of Canada, preferably with a group of girls of different backgrounds and different faiths. I should like her to have camping experience, to learn self-reliance and a love of the out-of-doors that will be a point of contact with many European young people.

If she is good enough in her studies, I hope she will want to go to college, even though she has to work a year or so first to earn money for it. I should like her to have a good grounding in the arts as well as in her specialty. In college I will encourage her to have one or two outside activities which will bring her into contact with a variety of people — the Student Christian Movement, the drama club, sports. Somehow or other I hope she can spend one summer touring Europe, far from the haunts of the camera-laden tourist.

She might spend a month in a service project of some sort, perhaps a work camp where half a dozen nations are represented, and where she stays in one spot long enough to feel her way into it, and where she lives with the same people long enough to learn their language and think their thoughts.

If she becomes a nurse, or stenographer, or teacher, I will encourage her to spend a year or so moving around, taking jobs in different countries on an exchange basis, learning about other countries and other people. When she comes home I hope she talks about what she has learned, because she will be a woman, and a woman's greatest contribution in any field is in the area of human understanding and human tolerance.

While she is travelling around, I hope she writes many, many letters home.

And when she has children of her own, I hope she reads this.

Our National President

Editor's Note: Knowing that Ontario Women's Institute members would be very much interested in their new National President, we asked Mrs. Roylance to tell us something about herself and her hopes and plans for the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada. This is her reply.

I am the elder daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLaren; we were a family of five. My parents came from Owen Sound, Ontario. Both were raised on farms and although my father was a blacksmith by trade, he took up a section of land in this part of British Columbia after pioneering on the prairie. We were all born on the Deadwood Ranch and raised there. I married a farmer and we ran a dairy farm for a number of years. We have two children, a son and a daughter, now both married; and we have three grandchildren. Our daughter, a Registered Nurse, married an orchardist in the Okanagan Valley.

We sold our dairy when the children were of school age and moved into Greenwood where my husband became Maintenance Foreman for the Department of Highways. He was superannuated last year.

Some years ago I commenced work in the local post-office and when the postmaster was superannuated last year I was promoted to the position of post-master and also supervisory post-master of the other seven offices in this district. By coincidence my father was the second post-master in the Kettle River area in the very early days and for years my mother was post-mistress of the little town of Deadwood, now non-existent as a town.

I have been an Institute member for about thirty years and have gone through the chairs from local to district and provincial and since 1955 I have been on the Board of F.W.I.C. I am, I feel, honoured to have the opportunity of serving F.W.I.C. as president and I take this responsibility with every sincerity.

I know I speak for the Board when I say we



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realize we are at a place where we have crossed the first level after a long climb, and are now ready for real national growth. We have had our national office now almost a year and it is serving us wonderfully well. We found the First National Convention a marvellous experience for our membership, increasing an awareness of Canada as a whole. Now that the second national convention is set for 1961, in B. C. our program will become of necessity, as well as desire, a national program, adaptable to all ten provinces.

We have had wonderful leadership in past-presidents and their Boards. They have succeeded in bringing our organization to the prominence and sound functioning we enjoy to-day. It is our challenge to hold all this, and we hope, to add to it and strengthen it.

Mrs. E. J. Roylance,
President, F.W.I.C.