

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

By Ethel McCandless

MRS. L. G. LYMBURNER, the newly elected president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, conducted the opening ceremonies of the Spring Board Meeting at the Ontario College, May 2-4, and paid tribute to the work carried on by the members of the Board during the year. She expressed her appreciation to all who had offered suggestions for the carrying on of the work and especially for their assurances of goodwill.

Mrs. Lyburner at this time paid tribute to the memory of Mrs. Hugh Summers, Fonthill, who passed away in April. Mrs. Summers was F.W.I.O. president from 1944-7. She held many offices in F.W.I.C. and was a past world vice-president of A.C.W.W.

In her report to the Board, Mrs. Lyburner spoke on the projects undertaken by members of F.W.I.O. The Adelaide Hoodless Home Fund, a national project, asked for the support of all members at the rate of ten cents per member. This fund has not yet reached its goal. "It should be a matter of pride that this home eventually is to become a centre for all Women's Institutes members regardless of whether they are in Ontario, across the Dominion or in other countries," said Mrs. Lyburner. "It can be a tangible tribute to those who have worked unceasingly in the past so that there is an organization of women ready to assist those in need," said Mrs. Lyburner. She asked that branches that have not yet subscribed to this fund send in their commitments right away. Almost \$7,000 had been voluntarily subscribed to World Refugee Year.

Mrs. Lyburner urged members to devote their energies, time and money to the development of the Women's Institute programme. The matter of declining membership in the organization is the cause of some concern. Many factors enter into this, said the president, and it is planned to organize a membership campaign.

Speaking of the investment of scholarship funds, Mrs. Lyburner said the amount was \$56,100 and that a Trust Fund Scholarship Finance Committee would be appointed to administer the investment of these funds.

From the results of the Farm Accident Survey made last year, the President said it has been found necessary to set up Safety Councils and the Women's Institute will be asked to take part in a Home Safety Programme.

The F.W.I.O. crest "For Home and Country" has been fully registered and a committee of Mrs. Lyburner, Mrs. G. Holder and Miss McKercher will look for a suitable design for an official Women's Institute cup and saucer.

Mrs. Lyburner expressed her appreciation to Mrs. James Haggerty, past president, for her help and guidance; to Miss McKercher and her staff,

and to Miss D. Montgomery, F.W.I.O. office secretary for their assistance.

Lady Aberdeen Home Economics Scholarship

The Board agreed to donate \$1,000 toward the A.C.W.W. Lady Aberdeen Home Economics Scholarship for leaders in underprivileged areas. In recognition of the work of the member societies of the Associated Country Women of the World in improving the nutrition standards in rural areas around the world, Dr. Sen, Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization, invited A.C.W.W. to take part in the preparation for the "Free The World From Hunger Campaign" sponsored by F.A.O. At the Conference in Edinburgh last year A.C.W.W. decided to establish a scholarship in the name of Lady Aberdeen, one of the founders of A.C.W.W. as their part in this campaign. Of the F.W.I.O. contribution of \$1,000, the sum of \$950 was made up from accrued interest in an invested Scholarship Fund established by the Women's Institutes at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the organization and named for Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless. Interest from this fund has not been used for six years and now amounts to over \$900. To make up the amount of \$1,000, fifty dollars was donated from the general fund. Mrs. Lyburner, who will be travelling in Europe this summer will have the pleasure of presenting this cheque to A.C.W.W. in London, England.

In addition to this special scholarship, the interest from an investment of \$37,100 is awarded annually. This amount includes the Dorothy Fitcher Scholarship, F.W.I.O. Scholarship and scholarships made available by the Women's Institutes in the following counties: Bruce, Elgin, Grey, Huron, Kent, Lambton, Middlesex, Northumberland, Oxford, Perth North, Simcoe, Thunder Bay District, Wellington South, York and Peel, and in the Kingston and Ottawa Areas. Mrs. Lyburner, Mrs. Gerald Holder, Mrs. G. Gordon Maynard and Miss McKercher were appointed a Trust Fund Scholarship Finance Committee in connection with the investment of these funds.

Review of Hand Book

On the second day of the session members reviewed and studied an advance copy of the Hand Book which has now been completed by the Hand Book Committee. Mrs. R. J. Penney, secretary of the committee presented the material and each paragraph was reviewed and studied. At the end of the day the final draft was accepted and a motion passed that the Hand Book Committee be disbanded as of the time the Hand Book is printed. No date has been set for its publication. A very hearty vote of thanks was given the committee for the hard work and splendid