

F.W.I.O. Board Meeting

AT THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, held at the Ontario Agricultural College in November, one of the interesting ideas introduced by the President, Mrs. L. G. Lymburner was that the Institutes of the province might consider having a sort of exchange visit and bus tour, women of Southern Ontario arranging a bus trip to the farthest possible part of Northern Ontario, and women of the North making a bus tour of the Southern part of the province. These excursions would include, along with the usual sight seeing, some Institute events and hospitality in homes and would be an experience of both education and sociability.

Mrs. Lymburner announced that if there are enough women to fill two pullman cars going from Ontario to the F.W.I.C. convention to be held in Vancouver the week beginning June 19, a railway company will provide two special cars for them with a "coffee shop" car between. The women will travel together to Vancouver with fares at the reduced convention rate. After the convention they will not return in a special car but may each arrange for their own travelling dates (within a certain limit) and for stopovers if they wish.

Awards and Scholarships

The President reported her presentation of the Ontario Institutes' gift of \$1,000 to the A.C.W.W. Lady Aberdeen Scholarship fund when she was in London last summer — a scholarship to aid in providing a home economist especially trained to work with local leaders in underdeveloped countries to improve home and community living. She also announced the winners of provincial F.W.I.O. awards and scholarships.

The F.W.I.O. Adelaide Hoodless Entrance to Macdonald Institute Awards — there are five awards given annually to a student from the North, the East, the West and the Central sections and one "At Large" — this year went to Lorraine M. Wright of Matheson; Mildred A. Morton, R.R. No. 2, Harold; Ann. E. Langton, St. Thomas; Helen E. Morrison, R.R. No. 2, Beaverton; and Catherine Lounsbury, R.R. No. 2, Beamsville.

The Dorothy Fitcher Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship which rotates to different parts of the province from year to year, and is given to assist a girl in education for any vocation she desires, went to the Eastern and Northern sections this year. The winners were, from the East, Ruth Bushfield of Lyn who has just entered Macdonald Institute for the degree course in Home Economics, and from the North, Helen Tomlinson of Bar River who has just begun the two year course at Teachers' College.

The President expressed her approval of the part the Women's Institutes are taking in the education of youth through scholarships given in the name of the Institute both at provincial and county level. She suggested that too often

the Institute contributes so much to other organizations that it has little left for its own work and she asked the Board Members to assure their branches that when appeals for funds come to them, the organizations making the appeal did not get their addresses from the F.W.I.O. office. (We would add that addresses are not given from the Departmental office either. Ed.)

Mrs. Elton Armstrong was appointed to the Scholarship Committee to replace the retiring member. It was voted that the Sub-Executive — the President, Past President, Secretary-Treasurer and the Director of Home Economics Service, be the Scholarship Trust Fund Committee.

Other Provincial Givings

The Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Gerald Holder's statement of provincial Receipts and Disbursements gave some interesting facts about how we "spend" our money.

This year the Institutes of Ontario contributed to World Refugee Year, a F.W.I.O. project, the sum of \$7,331.57.

The contribution to the U.N.E.S.C.O. Project, "Coupon 400", for Adult Education in Jamaica in the British West Indies Federation, now in its final stage of progress toward self-government in the Commonwealth amounted to \$2,184.68.

To the A.C.W.W. Fund — most of which is raised through "Pennies for Friendship" collections, \$549.22.

To the Hoodless Home, \$3,024.89.

The F.W.I.C. Foundation Fund, to establish our national office at Ottawa is so low that we hesitate to publish it. Mrs. Haggerty, First Vice-president of F.W.I.C., made a strong appeal for the support of this fund and in view of the Ontario Institute women's regard for Mrs. Haggerty we have no doubt the needed contribution will be made well in advance of the national convention in June.

Membership

Mrs. Holder gave the Ontario Women's Institute membership as 38,774, an increase of 215 over last year, with 1,457 branches. 9 branches had disbanded during the year but 8 new branches had been organized. Mrs. Wm. Wallace, speaking for the membership committee, recommended that an effort be made to interest the young women with children in the new housing subdivisions. "These young women get together for their 'coffee clatches'," Mrs. Wallace said, "Why not let them be learning something too? We must tell people that in the Women's Institute they can study, free of charge, nutrition, sewing, psychology, handicrafts and in the 4H Homemaking Clubs they can study both homemaking and charm."

Mrs. Lymburner remarked that while we are looking for new members in the Yukon we may not be aware of opportunities right around us. In some places it may be well to start with a 4H Homemaking Club, not only because club girls make good future Institute members but because their mothers may become interested in