

# F.W.I.O. Board Meeting

OPENING THE SPRING MEETING of the F.W.I.O. Board, the provincial president, Mrs. L. G. Lymburner, told the members that they would be asked to take more responsibility; and that as the organization progressed it became more and more important to elect capable people to important offices. For example, provincial conveners of standing committees sometimes think of their work as being secretaries for reports as they come in from conveners at lower levels, while they should be responsible for preparing an outline of work for all conveners. Mrs. Lymburner had on display a study kit on Citizenship prepared by the provincial convener of Education and Citizenship, Mrs. D. H. Hart, and providing material for a workshop on citizenship. The collection included booklets on the citizen as an individual, a family member and a citizen of the community, the nation and the world; a discussion guide, brochures, "Canada in the Making", "The Indian" and "The Eskimo" and other books and clippings. Conveners were advised to send to the Citizenship and Immigration Department, Ottawa, for a subscription to the magazine "Citizen" and to set about organizing a workshop as soon as possible. This sort of provincial convener leadership, the president hopes, will be taken up in other standing committees.

The president's report of her own program for the year showed an increase in the time required in the office, considerable radio and TV work including a coast to coast broadcast on the Institutes' radio and TV survey, speaking engagements, one of these being at the Ontario Safety Conference, meetings with other groups such as the committee planning the rural educational conference at the O.A.C. in June, answering correspondence from her home as well as from the office. She expressed appreciation of Miss Montgomery's abilities and hard work and of Mrs. Holder's efficiency with the financial part of F.W.I.O.'s business.

Mrs. Lymburner paid a tribute to the late provincial Public Relations Officer, Mrs. P. Y. McCandless who died in April; who has been outstandingly "capable and willing, always ready for the job." Mrs. E. V. Thompson, for several years Holiday and Conference Secretary, has been appointed Public Relations Officer. It was announced that there will be no Women's Institute Holiday at either Guelph or Kemptville this year.

Mrs. Lymburner also announced the results of the Tweedsmuir competitions. These are published in detail under the heading "Tweedsmuir Competition Awards" in this issue.

## Contributions Reported

Mrs. Gerald Holder, F.W.I.O. Secretary Treasurer, reported the following contributions for the year to Institute projects:

The complete donation to World Refugee Year was \$7,331.22.

1,250 branches contributed \$3,600 to the Adelaide Hoodless Home Project. 560 branches contributed \$4,000 to the U.N.E.S.C.O. "Project 400" for adult education in Jamaica. \$1,000 was contributed to the F.W.I.C. Foundation Fund from 684 branches. 122 branches have sent in \$372.62 for the Pennies for Friendship fund to finance A.C.W.W. This is a cause requiring continuous support and it was reported that some Institutes have a glass jar with a slit in the lid on hand for contributions at every meeting; others make their contributions once a year at the International Meeting. The original idea was to have contributions made in the country's smallest coin so that every woman could have a part in it. Someone suggested that a lot of pennies would be a nuisance especially if contributions were sent to the district secretary; but Mrs. Phillips, a Northern Board Member said: "We're going to bring our pennies from the branches to the district annual in containers and empty them into a large container and it's going to make a hang of a lot of noise"—just a way of attracting attention to the cause.

Mrs. Haggerty, Past President explained that the F.W.I.C. Foundation Fund provides the money to run the national office; that this expense will increase as time goes on so the fund should not be closed. And Mrs. Lymburner commented that because of Ontario's larger membership Ontario contributes more than other provinces; but as Ontario Institute members we must remember that we are in a privileged position with the Ontario Department of Agriculture providing the F.W.I.O. office, financing the Women's Institute paper Home and Country and conferring many other benefits.

Mrs. Holder reported that there were 1,417 Women's and 46 Junior Institutes in the province last year making a total of 1,463 Institutes with 38,711 members. 10 new Institutes were organized—1 junior and 9 senior branches. 15 Institutes disbanded—11 seniors and 4 juniors.

## The New Hand Book

The Board discussed the distribution of the new Hand Book and decided that ten copies should be sent to each Branch Secretary for the use of the officers and conveners, these books to be considered the property of the branch. Any other member desiring a copy should make her request through the Branch Secretary to Home Economics Service, Extension Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture. The names and addresses of those obtaining copies should be listed in the Minute Book. Books will be mailed to the branches after the district annual meetings. There was a vote of appreciation to Miss McKercher and the Department of Agriculture for their help in the publication of the Hand Book and Miss McKercher complimented Mrs. Lymburner for chairing the Hand Book committee before she