

felt, is misleading. Women like to listen to radio in the daytime, TV in the evening. News coverage was satisfactory. Market reports and weather forecasts were appreciated by farmers. The general opinion was that agricultural topics were well covered. Several reports asked for more handicraft programs on TV, also more Women's Institute programs. (Perhaps P.R.O.'s could do something about this. Some Districts have regular programs on local stations.) Children's programs were generally satisfactory. Religious programs are enjoyed, particularly by shut-ins.

Senior Citizens

Only 156 reports were received, said Mrs. Thompson, but from this small number of branches reporting it is evident that a great deal of work is done in connection with our Senior Citizens. Much interest is shown in the residents of County and Senior Citizens' Homes. Visits are paid, entertainment provided and treats of various kinds given. Help is given with the teaching of crafts and materials are supplied. Some communities sponsor regular parties for Senior Citizens. Although such a small number of branches sent in reports, it is shown in Annual Reports that practically every branch takes an interest in Senior Citizens.

Royal Winter Fair Exhibit

The Women's Institute Booth at the Royal Winter Fair was reported by Mrs. Thompson. The theme was the 65th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute. The display featured a replica of the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead and a setting of a "parlour" of the late 1800's. Mr. Earl Fahl and Mr. Paul Buchanan of the Exhibits Department of the O.A.C. constructed and set up the replica of the Hoodless Home and suitably decorated the sides of the exhibit space with wainscoting and wall paper. Antiques furnished the "parlour" and the members in the booth were dressed in costumes of the period. One of these members, Mrs. H. A. Dickenson reported that 1,400 persons registered at the F.W.I.O. exhibit, many of them from other countries.

In a report read by Mrs. Holder, Mrs. William Wallace reported attendance at the meetings of the Royal Winter Fair Board.

Work With Other Organizations

Mrs. Elton Armstrong gave a splendid report of the work of the Elizabeth Fry Society, devoted to helping female inmates of prisons and assisting in their rehabilitation. Improved housing of women held before trial is a major concern of the Society. In recognition of their great work with regard to women in need of assistance, \$1,000 in addition to the regular government grant was granted the Society.

Mrs. Armstrong made a strong plea that we give consideration and assistance to prostitutes, many of whom have been victims of drug addiction and alcohol. Many of the girls are emotionally unstable and the Society tries to provide assistance in helping them become established after leaving prison. Reviewing the many ways in which "the woman pays", Mrs. Armstrong commended very highly an article by Phyllis Haslam, "The Damaged Girl in a Distorted Society". A message from The Honourable Davie Fulton, Minister of Justice, was read regarding Reform Institutions.

Mrs. Norman Smith reported as F.W.I.O. representative to the Canadian Cancer Society; Mrs. Greer Hislop to the Canadian Association for Adult Education; Mrs. Elton Armstrong, the Ontario Society on Aging; Mrs. H. G. Digweed, the Ontario Folk School Council; Mrs. Lymburner, the Ontario Trustees and Ratepayers' Association and the Ontario Welfare Council. Mrs. Lymburner will represent F.W.I.O. at the coming Canadian Conference on Education.

In reporting her attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Mrs. Gordon Bothwell said that the Women's Division of the O.F.A. were most appreciative of the interest shown by the Women's Institute in this organization. They asked that when conveners at all levels are elected they be women who are interested in the work of the Federation of Agriculture and will give publicity to the affairs of the organization. A request from the Women's Committee asking that the F.W.I.O. Board consider and give support to the question of Succession Duties as they affect widows, was discussed and approved. The proposal will be included and presented to the Board at the May Meeting.

Farm Radio Forum Broadcast

Mrs. Bothwell gave a progress report on the special Women's Institute and Farm Radio Forum Broadcast scheduled for February 5. The topic is to be "Technical and Vocational Training". A report of her attendance at the Farm Radio Forum Conference at Banff was given by Mrs. Lymburner, who urged members to stimulate interest in the special broadcast on February 5.

Ontario Rural Leadership Forum

Mrs. Lymburner urged that F.W.I.O. support the Ontario Rural Leadership Forum. In program planning for leadership, F.W.I.O. could be of help to the Rural Leadership Group. It was decided to pay the affiliation fee; Mrs. Lymburner and Mrs. M. Hicks to be the delegates at the Sixth Annual Forum which will be held at the Sheraton-Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, February 4 to 10, 1962.