

Sixty-fifth Anniversary

Plans for the sixty-fifth anniversary celebration were outlined by Mrs. Lymburner. So many women over the Province wished to attend the luncheon to be held on February 19 that it was difficult to find sufficient accommodation. At a meeting of the committee immediately after the Board Meeting, plans were made to hold the luncheon in the Queen Elizabeth Building at Exhibition Park, Toronto. A letter regarding these new arrangements has been sent to all branches. Mrs. Haven Smith, of Nebraska, International Vice-President of A.C.W.W. will be guest speaker. Invitations to attend the birthday celebration will be extended to past provincial presidents and to officials of the Department of Agriculture, whose contribution to the Women's Institute since its inception has been of such tremendous value. A feature of the program will be a pageant showing the growth of the Women's Institute in Canada since 1897. Mrs. Haggerty will portray Mrs. Hoodless, and local members depicting the provinces will be dressed in costumes of the period. Reservations will be accepted as they are received at the F.W.I.O. office, 20 Spadina Road, Toronto 4. Members are urged to arrive well ahead of the time of the luncheon, so that they may have an opportunity to meet the guests. Miss McKercher announced that the Department of Agriculture is happy to assist by providing the large birthday cake and also assuming Mrs. Haven Smith's expenses. It is expected that there will be radio and television coverage of this special celebration.

A.C.W.W. Conference

Mrs. Lymburner, Provincial President, was appointed F.W.I.O. delegate and Mrs. Elton Armstrong, alternate delegate to the A.C.W.W. Conference to be held in Australia in October 1962.

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AS THRO' THE LAND AT EVE WE WENT

By Alfred, Lord Tennyson

As thro' the land at eve we went,
And pluck'd the ripen'd ears,
We fell out, my wife and I,
O we fell out I know not why,
And kiss'd again with tears!
And blessings on the falling out
That all the more endears,
When we fall out with those we love
And kiss again with tears!
For when we came where lies the child
We lost in other years,
There above the little grave,
O there above the little grave,
We kiss'd again with tears.

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How beautiful, how wonderful,
If for a little bit
I'd nothing all day long to do
But sit and sit and sit!
No chores at all, no pots to wash,
And yet I wonder if
A week of such rare luxury
Would simply bore me stiff!

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Discussing plans for the conference, Mrs. Haggerty suggested that the practice of exchanging many gifts be discontinued in favour of each delegate taking one small gift, such as an apron.

As some convention dates would conflict with the dates of the A.C.W.W. Conference, it was decided that the President be given authority to adjust convention dates to suit her convenience with regard to her return from the conference. A later date may be planned for the Board Meeting, such date to be not later than January 20, 1963.

Women's Institute Bus Tours

The successful Autumn Bus Tour, from South to North, was reported by Mrs. E. V. Thompson. (A full report will be found elsewhere in this issue of Home and Country.) Much interest was shown by our Northern members in the proposed Spring Tour from North to South. The date for this tour was tentatively set for May 15 to 18. Invitations to visit have been extended by some Districts. Suggestions from Board Members will be welcomed so that another tour may be planned where members can meet and mix and visit places of interest.

Officers and Committees

Executive officers and Standing Committee conveners for 1961-62 are as follows: Honorary Presidents: Mrs. James Haggerty, Miss Helen M. McKercher. President, Mrs. L. G. Lymburner; Regional Vice-Presidents:—Mrs. George Young, Lanark; Mrs. N. A. Maundrell, Southampton; Mrs. L. Trivers, Thessalon. Regional Executive Directors — Mrs. Sherman Foster, Hillier R.R. No. 2; Mrs. E. S. Brown, Kitchener; Mrs. H. A. Dickenson, Mount Hope; Mrs. W. Elmore, Fort William. Secretary-Treasurer — Mrs. Gerald Holder, R.R. No. 1 Mono Road. Public Relations Officer—Mrs. E. V. Thompson, R.R. No. 3 Guelph. Agriculture and Canadian Industries —Mrs. George Burkitt, Frankford. Citizenship and Education—Mrs. J. Sherman, R.R. No. 1 Mono Road. Home Economics and Health—