

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

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the provincial board of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario has to deal with a great deal of business on which the decisions will eventually reach the Women's Institutes through communications from the provincial office. In this report we will attempt to cover only proceedings which we think will be of interest to all Women's Institute readers.

World Wide Interests

Women's Institutes have their own ways of working for peace and good international relationships. This was made clear with reference to a complaint by a "peace organization" that the Institutes do not support peace movements. After discussion the Board drew up this statement of policy:

"Reports on the world wide activities of the Associated Country Women of the World of which the Federated Women's Institutes are a constituent society were presented at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

"A statement of the policies of the organization came out of these reports showing that the international organization and its affiliates have, as their chief goal, the building of peaceful relations around the world.

"The objective of the organization is the raising of the standards of living in many parts of the world, not with charity but through educational programs providing self help. The close contacts formed by the organization through its affiliations provide wide opportunities to study conditions in other parts of the world and to work with women to solve some of their problems, sociological and economic.

"Delegates who attended the recent triennial conference held in Australia have stated that they are more than ever convinced that the organization in Canada which they represented has the greatest opportunity for creating peaceful relations and that the program of providing international scholarships, cannot help but build bridges of friendship and peace around the world."

Mrs. Haggerty suggested that if we help to provide relief from hunger we will go a long way in promoting world peace.

Mrs. Lymburner read a note expressing appreciation of Ontario's donation to "Pennies for Friendship" presented at the A.C.W.W. conference. This was a special anniversary gift of \$4,000. ("Pennies for Friendship" provide practically all the funds A.C.W.W. has to carry on its work around the world and the women

in many of the countries involved are too poor to contribute much.)

Plans for Mrs. Van Beekhoff's Visit

Anxious to plan so that the greatest possible number of women could meet the A.C.W.W. President, Mrs. Van Beekhoff when she is in Ontario next June, the Board made this arrangement: The dates for the Officers' Conference to be held at the Federated Colleges, Guelph, will be changed to June 18, 19 and 20, closing at noon on the 20th. The Institutes will be notified that Mrs. Van Beekhoff will be at the Colleges on the afternoon of the 20th and that the gathering will be open to all Institute members without any restriction. They may come in busloads if they wish and either bring their lunch or have a box lunch that they can pick up at the College. Mrs. Van Beekhoff will speak in the afternoon. If the program is to be given in-doors, the Physical Education Building will accommodate a crowd up to three thousand.

The Officers' Conference this year is for branch secretary-treasurers. If a branch has a secretary and a treasurer both are eligible to attend but the branch will be required to pay two pooling fees. The pooling fee is \$30 for each person attending the conference.

Summer School at Guelph

A Summer School is being introduced at the Federated Colleges for the week of July 7th, the subjects taught to be English and Needlework featuring Color and Design. One reason for choosing these subjects, it was explained by both Mrs. Lymburner and Miss McKercher is that the learning might be helpful to members entering the Tweedsmuir Competitions in writing or making a Sampler. Incidentally, one of the next A.C.W.W. competitions will be in song writing. Particulars about this will be sent to the Institutes as soon as all the details have been decided.

The College will provide the instruction at the school; it will be open to any woman whether she is an Institute member or not; and the cost for room and board at the College will be not more than \$5 a day or a maximum of \$20 for the whole five days. Anyone wishing further particulars should write to Dr. Harvey Caldwell, Director of Extension Education, Federated Colleges, Guelph, Ont.

Scholarships

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario now have an investment in scholarships.