

"In 1960, F.W.I.C. sent an organizer, Mrs. Wm. Hough to the North West Territories. Four Institutes were organized. This past summer we were able to send Mrs. Hough back to try to develop more branches and we now have eight. Then, with the advice of experienced people who know this part of Canada, we decided to apply to UNESCO for a Gift Coupon plan to raise funds for further work. UNESCO gave us the Number 367 for our Gift Coupon.

"This is a three-year project. The funds will be used to organize Institutes among the Eskimo, Indian and Metis women in the North West Territories and to help in other Northern areas where there is need, chiefly by promoting crafts and better homemaking and providing short term training for local women as nurse's aides. It will also give travelling assistance to enable women to go to Institute conventions or possibly sometimes to a special training course.

"The Department of Northern Affairs and the Indian Eskimo Association of Canada will co-operate with us," Mrs. Haggerty said. "And while the project is national, it will be presented to the provinces for contributions as soon as possible. Then individual Institutes wishing to contribute will forward their donations to their provincial office."

Mrs. Lymburner suggested that the welfare of the women of our own Canadian North should be one of our first responsibilities.

### **No C.N.E. on Sunday, Wanted**

The Board considered a question from the Canadian National Exhibition authorities asking if the Women's Institutes would approve of (1) holding the grandstand performance on Sunday, (2) keeping the entire exhibition open on Sunday. Neither suggestion met with approval. But it was decided to have a Women's Institute booth at the C.N.E. this year.

### **The Challenge of Our Own Program**

In her report as President, Mrs. Lymburner repeated a challenge that she has tried to keep before Institute women all through her term of office. She said:

"Looking back over the three years I have served as your president, I find that the work has multiplied tremendously. We are more and more being recognized by many other groups and you would be amazed at the number of times we have been approached by other organizations and groups wishing our co-operation or support. But I do not think that is what we should be doing. We have an excellent program of our own if we will but give it support. We should constantly keep this program before the public so that people may be aware of the objectives of F.W.I.O. If we

truly believe in the efficacy of our program and seriously support it, we shall be so busy that there will be neither time nor money for the support of other people's work.

"Ours is an important piece of work; ours is the only women's organization having such tremendous challenges and opportunities through its existing affiliations. We do not have to go out hunting for things with which to busy ourselves — we have a ready-made piece of work to do through the dissemination of information; in the development of greater interest in and the problems of women in other countries who are carrying on the same work we are doing — all of it calculated to raise the standard of living and thus to make better, happier citizens."

### **The Secretary's Report**

Mrs. Gerald Holder, F.W.I.O. Secretary-Treasurer, reported that there are now in the province:

1,414 Women's Institutes with a membership of 36,993 and 30 Junior Institutes with a membership of 605; a total of 1,444 Institutes with a membership of 37,598.

The number of branches organized during the year was 12; the number disbanded, 18.

In the Sponsor-a-Child project, 385 applications had come from branches, districts and areas. At the close of the Institute year, Sept. 30, 1962, 298 children had been allotted to their sponsors.

The following contributions received for special funds were reported for the year Oct. 1, 1961 to Sept. 30, 1962:

Adelaide Hoodless Home — 753 branches contributed \$2,068.80.

F.W.I.C. Foundation Fund — 662 branches contributed \$797.20.

Pennies for Friendship — 566 branches, districts and areas contributed \$4,048.85.

International Scholarship — 519 branches contributed \$16,472.07. (\$1,000.00 was paid to the Bursar at Federated Colleges for the scholarship for Miss Pearl Isaacksz.)

North West Territories Fund—316 branches contributed \$1,479.62.

### **Home Economics Service**

Miss Helen McKercher, Director of Home Economics Service, Ontario Department of Agriculture, said she was proud of the Ontario delegation at the A.C.W.W. conference but still more proud of the Ontario Institutes' gift of \$4,000 for the Pennies for Friendship fund. "A.C.W.W. does not have much money," she said. "If it had more it could be represented on more U.N. committees. We should encourage people to take individual membership in A.C.W.W., pay their fee and receive the Countrywoman magazine. We have member-