

As representatives to the F.W.I.C. Board, Mrs. Trivers was appointed senior board member and Mrs. John McLean and Mrs. Lymburner junior board members.

### Special Events

During the sessions Mrs. Haggerty paid a warm and witty tribute to Mrs. Lymburner's outstanding work and leadership as provincial president and the Board presented her with a silver tea service.

On another day Miss Dorothy Montgomery who has just retired as office secretary was invited in to tea and the Board made her a present of a sunburst brooch set with pearls.

The social occasion of the week was a dinner when the Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. W. A. Stewart, entertained the Board members and guests from the Department. Francis De Carrol, Personnel Director of the Department and a popular soloist provided special music. At this gathering the Minister complimented the Women's Institutes and their counterparts in their international organization for what they are doing to raise the standard of living for people all over the world. And he expressed his appreciation of the work being done at home, in education, in scholarships, in the promotion of safety on the farm, in keeping records of rural community history. Mrs. Haggerty referred to the Women's Institutes program carried out through the Associated Country Women of the World as one of the soundest programs leading to world peace. Mrs. Lymburner thanked the Department for all its help to the Women's Institutes, especially for Miss McKercher; and she introduced the new President Mrs. Trivers. Mrs. Trivers, an experienced and devoted Institute woman with special gifts of her own was warmly welcomed to her new office.

## Miss Florence Eadie Retires

**A**FTER THIRTY-SIX years of home economics extension work with the Ontario Department of Agriculture, Miss Florence P. Eadie retired in December.

In 1926, after teaching a rural school for a few years, then taking her Household Science degree at Toronto University, Miss Eadie joined the field staff of the Women's Institute Branch. In a few years she was brought into head office to take charge of girls' work and in 1935 was appointed Supervisor of Junior Extension in the Home Economics Service of the Department. It was in this field that she made her great contribution to the young



Photo courtesy Toronto Globe and Mail  
Miss Florence P. Eadie

women and the homes of rural Ontario. Her sound sense of values, her first-hand knowledge of farm life, her forthrightness, enthusiasm and ready wit, made her an effective rural extension worker.

Girls' 4-H Homemaking Clubs were introduced in Miss Eadie's first year as supervisor. At the end of the year there were 100 clubs with a membership of 1,000; there are now 1,686 clubs with a membership of 11,000.

But Miss Eadie was never primarily concerned with numbers. Her standards were high and she gave short shrift to any project with a trivial purpose. Her test of any club activity was "What does it do for the girls personally?" Her reason for Homemaking Clubs is quoted in their manual: "Rural girls have a part to play — daily tasks to perform to meet personal, family and national needs. Homemaking Club training and experience will help prepare them to play their part and will assist them with their personal growth."

As a special event for club girls, Miss Eadie introduced an annual three-day conference to be held at the Ontario Agricultural College every summer. The program had a freshness each year but one purpose was the same: to broaden the girl's horizons especially with relation to her education. This, too, was a special concern of Miss Eadie's. Many a mother has thanked her for trying, always, to plan the club