

Cultural Interests: Books and Reading.

Women's Institute Procedures: Branch and District Workshops and Aids to Effective Speaking.

The Director reported that in the Institute year just ended 70 Leaders' Training Schools were held with 720 leaders attending and 5,525 women participating in the projects. 405 Short Courses were given with a total attendance of 6,194.

Miss McKercher expressed her appreciation of what the Women's Institutes are doing for the girls' 4-H Homemaking Club program, both in finding leaders and in giving the girls their support and encouragement. There are nineteen different projects or "club units" open to the girls now in Food and Nutrition, Clothing, Home Furnishing, Hospitality, Gardening, Citizenship and Health. The County and District Home Economists of the province held 178 Leaders' Training Schools during the year; and there were 1,818 clubs with a membership of 16,194 girls.

On the relationship between the Women's Institutes and the Ontario Department of Agriculture, Miss McKercher explained that the Department provides an office and equipment for F.W.I.O. and the office secretary is a member of the Home Economics Service staff. Home Economics Service is also responsible for the F.W.I.O. office mimeographing and mailing. There are also certain grants from the Department of Agriculture to assist with Institute work. Upon receipt of reports from Women's Institute Districts and Areas, the Department makes a grant to assist with District and Convention work. The total of this year's grants was \$6,488.00.

Resolutions

Following are some of the resolutions passed at the meeting:

That, whereas there is no standard rule for the location of traffic lights in the province of Ontario, some being on corners, some overhead in the middle of the street, a request be forwarded to the Department of Highways asking that the location of traffic lights be standardized across the province.

That since historical relics are being removed or looted from Ontario and there are no government restrictions prohibiting the export of such relics, the Federated Women's Institutes urgently request that the Department of Travel and Publicity set aside historical sites such as the Griffin wreck in the Mississauga Strait until they have been examined by archaeologists.

That because it is necessary to have proof of citizenship to enter another country and proof of age when we start to school or apply for the Old Age Pension, the Ontario Government be requested to issue a birth certificate to parents when the birth of a child is registered.

A resolution was passed requesting the Dominion Government to amend the Canada Election Act to make provision for a continuing voters' list with registration carried out by trained appointees — this because of the many complaints concerning the enumeration of voters' lists and the improper enrolment of voters.

Another resolution requested the Ontario Government to make it a law that charcoal packaged for consumers' use be clearly labelled re the danger of burning charcoal within the confines of a building or tent where there is improper ventilation.



Officials discuss a communication. Left to right: Mrs. Gerald Holder, Secretary - Treasurer F.W.I.O.; Mrs. L. G. Lybarger, Past President; Mrs. Leonard Trivers, President; Mrs. Austin Zoeller, Public Relations Officer.