

Mrs. Trivers, at left, presents the FWIO Scholarship to Macdonald Institute students; Miss D. E. Hammill, Miss P. M. Hunt, Miss L. A. Pardy, Miss J. M. Tanner, Miss B. A. Weese.



to enjoy a vacation. Mrs. Trivers expressed the hope that by 1967 the Homestead will be complete and landscaped. Members are reminded that donations to the Homestead are still acceptable.

The Secretary's Report

Mrs. Gerald Holder, Secretary-Treasurer for F.W.I.O. reported a total of 1,413 senior branches and 25 junior branches with a senior membership of 36,481 and 531 juniors. Life members number 2,627. Sale of supplies from the office amounted to \$6,007.12. A new shipment of tea towels has been ordered and the price now will be \$1.00.

Mrs. Holder pointed out that if the Ontario Department of Agriculture should discontinue its support, the balances shown on financial statements would be short-lived. We are the only province enjoying such financial support.

The Tweedsmuir competitions closed at F.W.I.O. level on December 1st. At the time of reporting there were ten oil paintings and fourteen samplers.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Holder reported that the International Scholarship Fund shows a figure of \$25,423.91 subscribed, with \$20,000 invested in the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

Contributions to UNESCO Coupon No. 367 for the Northwest Territories amounts to \$2,694.94 from 358 branches.

The annual statement of the Hoodless Homestead fund shows receipts of \$1,651.70. With the addition of bank interest, \$1,700.00 was paid to F.W.I.C. \$3,400.00 was paid to A.C.W.W. from Pennies for Friendship. To the F.W.I.C. Foundation Fund, F.W.I.O. paid \$700.00. Mrs. Lymburner announced that early in November Mrs. Godfrey Drage passed away. Mrs. Drage is the individual to whom we owe the idea of Pennies for Friendship, so to the Memory of Mrs. Drage \$300.00 was voted as a contribution from F.W.I.O.

Reporting on Scholarships, Mrs. Holder said that 20 scholarships were paid amounting to \$1,905.00. Two scholarships were completed

by Simcoe County and Leeds District. During the annual Board meeting two more cheques amounting to \$2,000.00 were received from Mrs. Bert Brownlee on behalf of Cochrane-Temiskaming District, and Mrs. Grant McLaren on behalf of Prince Edward District.

The Royal Winter Fair Report prepared by Mrs. Hicks was read by Mrs. Holder. Mrs. Hicks was elected to the directorate on the Floraculture Committee.

Mrs. Elton Armstrong and Mrs. Holder attended a meeting of the Patriotic Association to discuss action to be taken collectively to have the Canadian Government accept the Red Ensign as the official Canadian flag. The Royal Canadian Legion had an appointment with the Prime Minister. Organizations in favor, including F.W.I.O., have added their name to this petition. F.W.I.O. wrote a letter to Prime Minister Lester Pearson reaffirming our policy with respect to retention of the Canadian Red Ensign; the official answer received was that the Prime Minister had noted our recommendations.

Resolutions

Mrs. Lymburner, Convener of the Committee on Resolutions spoke on resolutions passed at the May meeting. Then she made this statement for area conveners: "If a resolution is lost at area it should not be forwarded to the provincial resolutions convener." Mrs. Lymburner stressed the point that in submitting resolutions it is not the number that is important but the quality. Much thought and research should go into the compilation of a resolution and added material should accompany it, to sustain the items listed in the resolution.

An emergency resolution was passed at this meeting stating that whereas there is an alarming shortage of persons qualified to teach Home Economics and persons to work in hospitals and institutions as dietitians and food supervisors; and whereas no consideration has been given to the expansion of facilities at the Federated Colleges for Macdonald Institute in