

this council. The main achievement last year was the compilation of the water pollution report. This handbook is worthy of our attention in order that we may acquaint our members with the many complexities of the pollution problem and how damaging water pollution can be both to the well-being of people and to the economy. A report on the water resources of Ontario and their conservation is now nearing its final draft. This report will deal with water problems in general and will complement the pollution report.

The council is pressing for teacher training courses in conservation and it is understood this is receiving consideration by the Department of Education.

Mrs. Burkitt also reported on the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, of which she is the F.W.I.O. representative. She said that the Federation of Agriculture's interest on behalf of the farmer is very wide. It includes in its membership county federations, commodity organizations, co-operative business concerns, junior farmers and F.W.I.O. This work is carried on under committees set up with persons particularly fitted and well informed. Committees include properties assessment, rural developments and many others. One major project of the properties department was the publishing of a booklet "Damage" for the use of landowners whose properties might be affected by construction. These are available from the O.F.A. at a nominal charge upon request. Mrs. Burkitt was elected to the Board of Governors and although her term as F.W.I.O. representative expires she will complete her term on this Board.

### HOME ECONOMICS AND HEALTH

"A marked increase in home talent was reported, indicating development, progress and self reliance," said Miss Lilly Dempsey, convener of Home Economics and Health. "The preparation and presentation of papers and demonstrations has a most desirable effect

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#### SOME DAY

Beatrice Telfer

Some day, when I have time,  
I'll paint a picture rare;  
With beauty that is unsurpassed,  
The people all will stare.

Some day, when I have time,  
I'll write a lovely poem;  
Glorious romance of far off lands  
Or joy that's found at home.

Some day, when I have time,  
Perhaps I'll write a book;  
But not today, for now I have  
Three hearty meals to cook.

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upon the individual as well as the branch." The following program features were reported: Papers and Talks: "What's behind the label?", "Time and Energy Management", "A guide to buying wood furniture", "Why white bread made by bakeries is classified artificial." Roll Calls: "How to Stop a Salesman", "Misleading Advertising", "Gimmicks", "A Dress Style I Enjoyed Wearing and Why." Mottoes: "When in hot water, think of the kettle and sing", "Keep the family's yearnings within the family's earnings", "Economy is the household mint." Topics: Aging is of genuine concern and many branches included the topic at their meetings. "Plan carefully for old age", "Hospital insurance from a pensioner's point of view." Extension courses were appreciated. Many Institutes sponsor 4-H Homemaking Clubs. Discussions dealt with legalized abortion and the promotion of better legislation for Health.

Institutes reported visits to hospitals, canvassing for health organizations as well as giving donations to the cancer gift cupboard.

As Institute representative to the Canadian Association of Consumers, Miss Dempsey said that the booklet: "The Canadian Consumer" is a very helpful publication and many interesting facts are presented to help enlighten the buying public. The C.A.C. President stated, "We are not selling subscriptions to a magazine but are inviting responsible Canadians to participate as members in the work of an association committed to a program of education, representation and study of consumer problems at all levels." It has been announced by the federal Government that a new advisory council of consumers has been formed. Complaints received by C.A.C. will provide a portion of the material to be used for council study.

Miss Dempsey's report of the Canadian Cancer Society Ontario Division stated that the Society is striving to reduce the cancer mortality rate, to disseminate knowledge and establish and maintain research. 50,000 volunteer workers gave of their time and talent over the last year under the guidance of outstanding leaders. In research lies the key to the cancer problems. The Society supported research to the extent of 45.5% of all expenditures. All the challenge is not in the financial support but there has been a great upsurge in the educational program, the most noted one of the past year being the anti-smoking campaign.

### ONTARIO FOOD COUNCIL

Mrs. Bert Brownlee, Institute representative on the Consumer Section of the Ontario Food Council said that this group felt there was great need to educate the consumer in good buying habits and a recommendation was made