

ACWW. From then on each year the annual fee is automatically due.

Madame Aroti Dutt, area vice-president ACWW, from Calcutta, India, will be in Canada the week of May 16 as guest of the Ontario Department of Economics and Development Advisory Board. She will be the guest of FWIO and will visit the North Waterloo district annual. On May 21 she will attend a luncheon and have an opportunity to visit the homestead. Because of the rapid growth and expansion of the University of Guelph Mrs. Trivers and Miss McKercher (with power to add) were asked on behalf of FWIO to request a hearing from the Board of Governors regarding the preservation and expansion of Macdonald Institute at its present site and to inquire about future plans for Macdonald Institute and to report at the next board meeting.

Saltfleet WI asked permission, and it was granted by FWIO, to seek admission of Mr. Erland Lee co-founder of the WI, into the Hall of Fame.

The fall board meeting will be held at Guelph University December 7-10, 1965.

#### **Meetings of Board Directors With District Officers**

A great deal of planning and preparation goes into these meetings and each board director strives for a closer relationship with her districts. It was apparent that all board directors had worked closely with their own district but did not know the other districts in their subdivision as well. Many pointed out that this is a starting point, the liaison position in which the board director finds herself is much more acceptable because of this meeting.

The trend of proceedings for these meetings appeared to be toward prepared outlines and questionnaires. However many felt that a well conducted discussion period proved as effective. The thought uppermost in all minds and the sole reason for these meetings is to present problems and discuss them, and to present ideas and take advantage of the contacts.

Each subdivision is unique and from the reports no board director could use another division as a pattern. Our northern directors found distance a barrier and must hold their meeting at a time more convenient for the districts. As an example one meeting was held prior to a district directors' meeting.

#### **Resolutions**

Mrs. L. G. Lymburner, provincial convener of resolutions presented twenty-four resolutions passed in the various convention areas in the fall of 1964. Of these, two were withdrawn because the request made had already been taken care of; one was combined with

another resolution dealing with the same question; fifteen were lost when voted on in the meeting; and the following were sustained:

A resolution asking for the expansion of Macdonald Institute to provide accommodation for the growing number of prospective students who are now denied admission. The request was supported by a statement of the need of trained home economists in dietetics and other fields.

A resolution referring to the recent reprinting of Nellie McClung's book "Clearing In the West." Because of the book's value as a piece of Canadian history written in a style to interest children in public and high schools, the resolution asks the Department of Education to consider recommending it for supplementary reading in public and high schools.

This resolution is of special interest to curators of Tweedsmuir histories: "Whereas Tweedsmuir Histories have been authorized by the Ontario Department of Education as reference material; whereas Women's Institutes require specific dates and names for their histories and much of this information can be found only in Registry Offices; whereas there usually is a set charge for viewing such documents and often several documents are required before complete information is found and this often amounts to a goodly sum; be it resolved that the Provincial Inspector of Legal Offices be asked to allow this information, free, to an authorized curator of a Tweedsmuir History."

There was a resolution relating to the serious water shortage in many parts of the province. The resolution urged that Institute members "do everything possible, individually and collectively," to acquaint others with this problem; and that they institute all water conservation methods that are practical about their own premises as well as enlist the support of local councils and councils of adjacent municipalities in advising residents of such water-saving measures as will help alleviate the problem. Discussing the resolution it was suggested that a study program be set up, because of the seriousness of the situation. A letter about this will be sent to all Area Conveners.

The following resolution, passed at the Toronto convention after a heated discussion, was sustained at this Board Meeting: "Whereas the Criminal Code of Canada in effect prohibits abortion; and as a result great hardship and death is being caused daily to Canadians; be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Prime Minister, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Health, that the Criminal Code of Canada be amended to legalize abortion on grounds which would include criminal assaults and the health, both physical and mental, of the Mother, and when