

# Provincial Board's Annual Meeting

THE F.W.I.O. BOARD HAD a new place for its annual meeting in December—the conference room of the Co-operators' Insurance Association in Guelph. The use of this room and rooms in other C.I.A. Buildings at several points in Ontario, free of cost, is proving a very practical help to the rural organizations of the province.

The F.W.I.O. President, Mrs. Leonard Trivers, welcomed the fifteen new directors to the Board. (A complete list of the Board members is given on the Contents Page of this issue.) Completing her own term of office as provincial president at this meeting, Mrs. Trivers confessed to feelings compounded of "butterflies" at leaving her associates, dismay over tasks not completed, satisfaction in what has been accomplished and happiness at the prospect of being back with her family.

## The President Reports

One way of reviewing the activities of the president is through the record of her work representing the Women's Institutes of the province in such areas as education, agriculture, conservation, welfare, and in the national and international organizations.

### A.C.W.W.

The highlight of the year, Mrs. Trivers said, was the A.C.W.W. conference in Dublin followed by a visit of eighty-four Australian delegates who came to Ontario specifically to visit the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead. Mrs. Trivers and Miss McKercher were attending area conventions at this time and the president said: "We heartily appreciate the work of Mrs. Charlton, Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Zoeller and Mrs. Walker in arranging and carrying out the entertainment of these visitors." Of the A.C.W.W. conference, Mrs. Trivers spoke of the increasing interest in developing countries—fourteen new members have been admitted since the Melbourne conference. The A.C.W.W. president, Mrs. Van Beekhoff, completed her term of office and was succeeded by Mrs. Aroti Dutt of India.

A special committee was set up to work toward making A.C.W.W. more secure financially and each society was asked to promote a drive for Pennies for Friendship and for contributing members. (Anyone wishing to become a contributing member should write the F.W.I.O. office, 20 Spadina Road, Toronto for particulars.)

The tri-ennium project chosen was UNESCO Coupon Plan No. 390 for world literacy. Canada had proposed a plan for a Nutrition

Training School in Colombia S.A., and under the terms of Coupon 390 Canada's contributions can be earmarked for this. Canada will first complete its UNESCO project No. 367 for work in the North West Territories.

The Lady Aberdeen Scholarship Fund has been closed at a capital of nearly \$25,000 and the interest from this will be used for scholarships.

The next A.C.W.W. conference will be held in Michigan in 1968.

## RURAL LEARNING ASSOCIATION

When the Rural Learning Association of Ontario was formed as a result of the merger of Ontario Farm Radio Forum, Ontario Folk School Council and Ontario Rural Leadership Forum, Mrs. Trivers was elected to the Board of Directors. The purpose of the Rural Learning Association is to serve the needs of rural people in the field of adult education, and some of its projects for this year will be to continue the annual provincial leadership forum; to hold folk schools involving the Indian population in several areas; to organize a conference on marketing and a residential discussion program for young adults to consider their future in farming and in Canada. As a lead for local study groups, a series of Monday night radio programs, "Country Magazine" is provided by C.B.C. The F.W.I.O. Board voted to assist the Rural Learning Association by helping to extend its membership and publicize its program rather than by giving financial support.

## CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR ADULT EDUCATION

Mrs. Trivers reported that five of the Canadian provinces have formed provincial associations for adult education and all of the provinces have increased their activities. Almost all universities offer extension courses and in some cities Community Colleges are being established. The Federal Government is working in the field of adult education with experiments in Indian Affairs, A.R.D.A. and Manpower Training Legislation. The Canadian Association for Adult Education is sponsoring a Guidance and Counselling Association and will provide information for those who wish to enter university but have not completed matriculation. Mrs. Trivers recommended two of C.A.A.E.'s adult education programs on radio and television: "Cross Country Check-up" a C.B.C. radio program on Sunday evenings at 6.30; and on Monday at 10.00 p.m. the TV series "The Sixties".