

The President's Corner

Mrs. Everett Small,
President, F.W.I.O.



"This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ear,
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas.
His hand the wonders wrought.

AS I LISTENED to more than six hundred young people sing this hymn at The Junior Farmers' Conference, I felt this is indeed a wonderful world in which we live. This is the time of the year when nature is bringing about a changing world. The grass is green, tulips and daffodils are in bloom and the trees have burst forth with leaves declaring spring is here. What a panorama before our eyes!

The topic presented to these young people was "The Community, Your Family and You". Hearing these words brought to my mind the motto of the Women's Institute, "For Home and Country". I wish that each of you could have heard the message presented to this group of young people that Sunday morning. It was a challenge to each one to carry their fair share of responsibility in the home and in the community. From this group of young people will come the leaders of Ontario in all walks of life. Let us as members of the Women's Institute do our best in whatever position we hold so that we can pass a glowing torch on to our successors.

Since my last letter to you I have had many experiences and I have learned of the high regard in which our organization, the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, is held. Let us continue to hold our Association at a high level. We do indeed have a great opportunity to contribute to our community, our family and to assist ourselves. Educational opportunities are available to all of us through training schools, short courses, forums, adult education and rural learning. Those who have attended these courses report they have gained in knowledge and understanding. Let us encourage others to avail themselves of this opportunity.

Those attending the Officers' Conference held in Guelph, May fourth and fifth, reported a wonderful experience in gaining information on the various topics and in meeting with Institute members throughout Ontario. We were very pleased to have our national president, Mrs. J. Philip Matheson of Oyster Bed Bridge, P.E.I. pay her official visit to Ontario at this time. The message she gave the two thousand members on the afternoon of May fifth left a lasting impression on all of us. We feel an even closer relationship with the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada through our association with her.

The 1967 national convention is being held in Guelph, June the twelfth to the sixteenth. This event should bring members from all parts of Canada to Ontario. We will have the opportunity of extending our hospitality to them. As we work to "Make Canada Lovelier" for our centennial year we will be making it more attractive to our visitors.

These past weeks I have attended a number of District Annuals. This has been a wonderful experience. Everywhere I have found the hand of friendship extended and the members working together for home and country.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario extend congratulations to Simcoe County as they move forward with a new District and a new Board Director. May all branches, districts and areas grow as we move toward Canada's centennial year and our own seventieth anniversary.

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Wanted: An Organizer for Newfoundland

THIS MESSAGE from Miss Ellie G. Parsons, Secretary Jubilee Guilds of Newfoundland, P.O. Box 4056, St. John's, Newfoundland, came to our F.W.I.O. President, Mrs. Small:

"The Board of Managers of the Jubilee Guilds has decided to engage the services of an Organizer for Newfoundland. As winter time travel is not too pleasant here the Board was thinking of employing an organizer for three months in the fall — say from September to November and for three months in the spring from April to the end of June. You may know of someone personally in the Institute who might be interested or you could possibly run a notice in your provincial bulletin. Those who might be interested could write direct to this office and maybe let us have an idea how much salary they would expect for this arrangement.

"We would be very glad if you could help us in any way in trying to put us in touch with someone who would be willing to accept this position."