

ber is a member of A.C.W.W., but anyone who wishes to become a contributing member, receive "The Countrywoman" magazine, and have a seat at the conference, must sign an application, have a sponsor who is a contributing member sign it and then mail along with \$3 to Mrs Keith Rand, Port William, N.S.

A suggestion was adopted to have a collection for Pennies for Friendship taken at the session following the Officers' Conference when the ladies assembled to hear Mrs. J. Philip Matheson speak. This totalled \$187.22 — a worthy contribution to help A.C.W.W. carry on its work.

It was suggested that F.W.I.O. members notify the London office if they desire to extend an invitation to entertain members of A.C.W.W. who may be visiting Canada during Expo 67.

Conservation Council of Ontario

Mrs. Small reported attending the Conservation Council of Ontario which was established in 1952 as an educational, non-profit, non-political, public service body, which is today composed of 17 organizations. The Council, interested in the protection and wise use of our water resources, asks that authorities place more emphasis on sound conservation principles in agriculture, fish, wild life and water management.

Interests in Education

The Rural Learning Association, a new rural, educational organization formed one year ago by the merger of Farm Folk School Council, Rural Leadership Forum and Farm Radio Forum, is composed of town and farm people interested and in support of rural and adult education. Seventy-five people were chosen to attend a provincial leadership course for those who had attended previously. Two folk schools were set up for Indians at Nipigon and Thunder Bay but finances make it difficult to have more Indians taking part. Mrs. Small, by virtue of her office as president, is a member of the Advisory Board, and Mrs. Maurice Irwin was appointed delegate from F.W.I.O.

The Ontario Welfare Council includes the majority of social agencies such as Children's Aid, Service Clubs, Community Chest, etc. Support is received from various agencies but largest is from Community Chest. Miss Ethel Chapman attended the National Conference on Aging. This is reported in this issue of Home and Country.

At the Canadian Association for Adult Edu-

cation meeting, the constitution for the Ontario Association for Continuing Education was adopted to provide means whereby all educators in the province will be in constant contact.

"Everyone is aware of the building program at the Ontario Agricultural College and Macdonald Institute, both of which have meant a great deal to members of the Women's Institute," said Mrs. Small. A proposal for assistance from F.W.I.O. was considered and a committee headed by Mrs. Leonard Trivers, past president, with power to add, was appointed to investigate the possibility of the Women's Institute setting up a project to help with the expansion program of Macdonald Institute on its present site.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

In the interim report of Mrs. John Charlton, F.W.I.O. secretary-treasurer, the number of senior Branches stands at 1,395 and junior 21. Fifty-four life memberships were awarded in the past year to bring the total number of life memberships to 2,412.

Since placing the Hunter Hoodless Homestead, the F.W.I.C. Foundation and UNESCO funds on the fee sheets, there has been a great improvement in the response to their support. 119 contributions to the Homestead amount to \$2,792.62; 118 to F.W.I.C. Foundation fund for balance of \$1,165.54; 118 contributions to UNESCO Coupon Plan No. 247 amounting to \$2,665.42; and 50 contributions to Pennies for Friendship totalling \$932.22. The Pennies for Friendship fund will be increased after contributions at District Annals are totalled.

Investment Fund: Money in all funds was reviewed for the purpose of investing where necessary. \$2,000 from the International Scholarship fund was invested in Hydro Electric Power Commission bonds at 6% to bring the investment fund up to \$50,000. One thousand dollars of the cash balance on hand in the International Scholarship fund was voted to be transferred to the General Account as the first repayment on the amount borrowed to complete the International Scholarship goal.

Scholarship Fund: As indicated in the investment committee report, all of the \$50,000 was not available for investment last year. Accordingly, interest amounting to \$720 was used to send three young women from Thailand, Philippines and India to a short-term Food Technology course at Mysore, India. (Pictures of the three participants are appearing in this issue.)