

ciation for Continuing Education" with an individual membership of \$7.50. The Association has named seven objectives aimed at providing special leadership for adult education in Ontario. Colleges of applied arts and technology have been started in Ontario this past year for full or part-time students.

Federated Women's Institutes of Canada

The F.W.I.C. convention to be held at the University of Guelph June 12-16 will be a highlight for our centennial year. The theme of the convention is "Opportunities—Responsibilities, From Sea to Sea to Sea." Pre-registration will be for 600 at \$20.00 for the entire convention and visitor's fee is \$5.00 per day. Opening day will feature guest speaker Mrs. Aroti Dutt, president of A.C.W.W., and accommodations are being made for 3000 ladies to attend that day, June 12th, at a cost of \$1.00 per person. Hon. J. J. Greene, federal Minister of Agriculture will be guest speaker on the evening of June 15th.

Plans are underway for tours of Niagara Falls, Stoney Creek and the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead, and local committees have been set up and are awaiting further details from F.W.I.C.

Each district is asked to supply handicrafts, prices from one to three dollars, for booth to help defray costs of convention. These may be sent to F.W.I.O. office or to Mrs. E. V. Thompson, R.R. 3, Guelph by April 1, 1967.

The first national convention in the Northwest Territories, arranged by Miss Florence P. Eadie, field worker, was held August 17-19. Eleven branches sent delegates and Mrs. J. P. Matheson, president of F.W.I.C. presided.

F.W.I.C. was happy to sponsor a delegation of four girls and a leader from the Northwest Territories to National 4-H Conference in Ottawa and Toronto, November 10-16th. The trip was possible through a youth travel program grant from the Centennial Commission.

A submission from "Status of Women Committee" is being prepared for study re Human Rights Year—1968, and has been presented to the federal government.

Ontario Welfare Council

The role of the Ontario Welfare Council is to learn through study and research the needs of people and how services to them can be improved. Much of the new legislation stems directly from the Canada Assistance Act which will provide for federal contributions toward improving and extending welfare services. Through Family Benefits Act, all allowances will be based on need. Nursing Homes Act is a bill providing for licensing, regulating and inspecting of all Nursing Homes in the province. The province now pays 80% towards cost of

municipality operating day nurseries through its Day Nurseries Act.

Rural Learning Association

By virtue of her office, Mrs. Small attended the annual meeting of the Rural Learning Association and Mrs. Maurice Irwin was delegated at the spring board meeting.

Rural Learning Association has promoted and encouraged participation in the Farm Leadership Bank of Montreal Scholarship Plan and has also encouraged a number of farm forums to continue as discussion groups with the purpose of developing their own educational program. Rural Learning Association has demonstrated that it can be a tremendous power and keen-edged tool in assisting rural Ontario in shaping its future. At its first annual meeting it has decided to become an incorporated company, without share capital, to eliminate the financial liability of its board of directors.

During the past year a marketing conference was held in March, a writer's workshop at Aurora in September, and provincial leadership training courses and zone workshops. Members are encouraged to join Rural Learning Association at a membership fee of \$20.00.

Secretary's Report

Mrs. John Charlton, secretary, reported that at September 30, 1966 there are 1397 Women's Institutes in Ontario, 13 of them being junior branches, with a total membership of 33,163. Total life memberships reported is 2436.

Current assets on September 30, 1966 showed a bank balance of \$25,157.07 and merchandise inventory of \$5,226.25. There was no change in the bond investments or scholarships which amounted to \$127,000.00.

Scholarships

In the current year, Women's Institutes in various counties and districts in Ontario have a F.W.I.O. scholarship fund of \$59,528.14, the interest of which provides an annual scholarship to a girl within that county or district. The scholarship committee met on the evening prior to the annual board meeting and recommended the approval of the following scholarships of \$100.00 each, being awarded as follows:

- Algoma—Miss Mary Maclean, Little Rapids West Northumberland — Miss Linda Cole, R.R. 2, Port Hope
- East Northumberland—Miss Kristine Crosby, R.R. 1, Trenton
- Prince Edward—Miss Anne Sprigings, R.R. 2, Bloomfield
- Bruce—Miss Nancy Trask, R.R. 1, Hepworth