

senior leaders' training schools, speakers, etc. totalled \$38,357.15. Communities having Women's Institutes assisting them for educational projects benefited by \$37,763.14, while \$22,790.07 was spent on health projects, hospitals, etc. Contributions of \$48,394.04 were also made toward community beautification, recreation and many centennial projects. Our branches also gave \$20,225.81 as cash donations to other organizations, to bring the total of monies expended by Women's Institutes in Ontario on public relations projects "For Home and Country" \$195,495.30.

Home Economics Service

Miss Helen McKercher, Director of Home Economics Service, reported that there are now no vacancies on the staff of County and District Home Economists. Over 13,000 completions in 4-H Homemaking Club work are reported for the year and this includes 1000 more girls who have completed club projects than last year. The new 4-H foods project, "A World of Food in Canada," has been written to trace development of early food customs. This was briefly discussed.

Miss McKercher said short courses are being discontinued because her department felt they were reaching more people through local leader training schools. A new unit in the senior program will be on "Yeast Breads." Mrs. R. C. Walker, provincial curator, will still do workshops on Tweedsmuir histories.

The Director will appreciate comments or suggestions re speaker service at District Annuals which was a feature last year.

Displays set up at area conventions are good and time should be allotted for comments on them for local flavour adds interest.

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TIME ON MY QUIVERING HANDS

By Georgie Starbuck Galbraith

"Housewives should budget their time to obtain more leisure" . . . Psychologist

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I plotted my schedule by hours and by minutes,
 And soaring from bed well ahead of the linnets,
 I leapt to my chores, never wasting a second.
 Ignoring the paper and coffee that beckoned,
 I stuck to my program, which phoners had crippled
 So badly my energies had to be tripled
 To get back on schedule. I tore through my labors,
 And dodging those sirens, my sociable neighbors,
 I whipped through my errands . . . and dented
 a fender,
 But not the agenda. For lo, I'm the spender
 Of two hours of leisure . . . too bushed from that
 bustle
 To flicker a brain cell or flutter a muscle?

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Before you set your heart too much on anything,
 see how happy those are who already possess it.

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Early setting of dates for District Annuals would be appreciated.

Announcement was made of TV farm series on CBC January 10, 11 and 12; Agricultural Societies annual meeting in Toronto February 22 and 23; Stoney Creek Women's Institute's 70th birthday party on February 15, at which Mrs. J. P. Matheson, national president, will speak.

Officer's Conference Report

Mrs. Gerald Holder, Officers' Conference secretary-treasurer, reported on the 18th annual Officers' Conference held at the University of Guelph May 4 and 5 with 498 delegates attending out of 680 applications received. Once again it proved popular to hold the conference for a choice of four classes of officers rather than for one specific office.

Highlight of 1966 conference was the official visit of Mrs. J. Philip Matheson of Prince Edward Island, F.W.I.C. president, who addressed 2000 women at the conclusion of the conference and was presented with a \$2,500.00 cheque for UNESCO Gift Coupon No. 367 by Mrs. J. Charlton.

For the first time advance billeting was done and registration carried out in several residences instead of one central place. Porters to carry baggage and security officers to park cars relieved the burden of the delegates and helped them get settled more easily in their billets. 1967 Officers' Conference will be held at the University of Guelph May 3 and 4 for (1) branch Historical Research and Current Events conveners (2) branch district directors (3) branch presidents and also for district Historical Research and Current Events conveners.

Home Economics and Health

"Women's Institutes across the province are endeavouring to raise the standard of living and keep in tune with our changing times," reported Mrs. Bert Brownlee, provincial convener of Home Economics and Health. The art of handicrafts is by no means lost, for this convener reported many extension courses on leathercraft, creative cookery, choosing and using fabrics, and embroidery, which took second place in priority to "Hats for You".

Local talent was often used for demonstrations and topics as well as drawing on special professions for timely subjects such as Medicare. Volunteer service as 4-H Homemaking Club leaders is one of the greatest contributions Women's Institute members are making for our future homemakers. Others give of their time and talents, assisting at cancer stations, health clinics and hospitals.

Mrs. Brownlee recommended the use of an educational program kit on "Drugs" which has