

F.W.I.O. Spring Board Meeting

By Mrs. C. Diamond, P.R.O.

THE SPRING BOARD MEETING of F.W.I.O. was held in the Common Room of Macdonald College, University of Guelph, April 25-28, 1967. Thirty-two board members, each representing a sub-division in the Province, were officially welcomed by Mrs. Everett Small, President, who expressed her sincere appreciation for the co-operation, courtesies and kindnesses bestowed on her as she represented F.W.I.O. at many levels. Miss Barbara Watkins, Clinton, Junior Board Director Elect, and Miss Joy Hayward, Alternate Elect, arrived later to represent Mrs. T. A. Farrell and Miss Charlotte Davis, who were unable to be present.

Following acceptance of the Minutes, Mrs. Small outlined follow-up items of interest from same. Reference was made re brief to provincial Parliament on trading stamps, which was reported later. The proposed display of badges at Expo was not feasible. As requested, F.W.I.O. sent the branch member's badge for display in national office.

Mrs. Small expressed F.W.I.O.'s pleasure on the announcement that the Canadian Agrolgists Association had honored Dr. Ethel Chapman for her continuing contribution over the years. Dr. Chapman was one of five, and the only woman so honored, and a letter of congratulations was sent to her from F.W.I.O.

The President Speaks

In her presidential report, Mrs. Small said, "Representing you is a combination of work and pleasure," as she gave a resume of meetings attended including all F.W.I.O. committee meetings, Ontario Conservation Council, Women's Advisory Committee for Expo, Ontario Food Council, Ontario Welfare Council, Macdonald Institute, Junior Farmers' Conference, and the seventieth anniversary on February 15th of the founding of the Women's Institute at Stoney Creek. Mrs. Small reminded her Board that branch members are of first importance and we must sharpen our individual perception of what is important in our organization. The Women's Institute centennial project is to increase membership in Ontario and she was confident this could be done if every branch member puts forth the effort engendered in her responsibility.

Mrs. Small announced that Miss Muriel Bostwick, last granddaughter of Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, died last year. She bequeathed one-third of the residue of her estate to the present Adelaide Hoodless Scholarship Fund at Macdonald Institute. Miss Bostwick also left a

portrait of Mrs. Hoodless and an ornament to the Hoodless Homestead which is maintained by F.W.I.C.

Mrs. Small reports the following meetings which she had attended as F.W.I.O. representative:

F.W.I.C.

Mrs. Small told of the completion of UNESCO Gift Coupon No. 367. When closed on January 1st, the objective of \$20,000 had been exceeded by more than \$2,000, and of the entire amount more than \$12,000 was contributed by the Women's Institutes of Ontario.

Detailed reports of various provincial committees for the national convention were given by Mrs. A. Zoeller, Mrs. Stanley Bride, Mrs. R. W. Yungblut, and Mrs. Wm. Gates. The post conference tour to Expo on June 17th was not entirely filled but all indications point to an overflow crowd on the opening day when Mrs. Aroti Dutt, President of A.C.W.W. will be the guest speaker. Following Mrs. Dutt's address at this opening day on June 12th a collection will be taken for "Pennies for Friendship" and a presentation of the same from all the provinces will be made to Mrs. Dutt. Each district is supplying two or more gifts for the handicraft booth to help defray costs of the national convention. The nominating committee presented a list of nominees for F.W.I.C.

Four girls from the Northwest Territories and their leader Mrs. Binder, were brought last year to the National 4-H Council, and this year F.W.I.C. is asking for a centennial grant large enough to bring six girls. The first convention for Northern Canada Institutes was held last year. It was most successful and delegates voted unanimously in favor of having another convention.

A.C.W.W.

Mrs. Small reminded the Provincial Board of the new office at 17 Old Court Place, 40 Kensington High Street, London, England, where the A.C.W.W. is now comfortably settled. Mrs. Neil Schroeder of New Zealand, a former area vice-president of A.C.W.W. is the new editor of "The Countrywoman," replacing Mrs. Graham White, deceased.

Mrs. Small is to attend A.C.W.W. council meeting in London, England, May 22-24. A brief outline of the next triennial conference of A.C.W.W. to be held at Lansing, Michigan, September 3-14, 1968, was given. United States and Canada are setting up a joint handi-