

"Leaders should develop the ability to listen; it will solve many problems," Mrs. Small said. **Six Reasons for Listening:**

1. People gravitate toward the person who shows their respect by listening.

3. Understanding problems can avoid grievances.

2. By listening we come to a better understanding of the problems of others.

4. Careful listening will often elicit new ideas.

5. When you listen you increase the self-respect of the other person.

6. Courteous listening often helps to change an adverse opinion.

The Discussion Groups

Leaders of the discussion groups were: Presidents—Mrs. L. R. Trivers, Thessalon; Historical Research and Current Events—Mrs. Wilson Johnson, Woodford; and Mrs. Gordon Bothwell, Owen Sound; District Directors—Mrs. Fred Mayer. Other leaders were: Mrs. Wm. Wallace, Mrs. W. W. Campbell, Mrs. Dean Allen, Mrs. Wm. Arnold, Mrs. W. A. Goodfellow, Mrs. Douglas Hart, Mrs. C. J. Agnew, Mrs. Elgin Smith, Mrs. R. H. McNeil, and Mrs. H. Strang.

When she was introduced to her discussion group, Mrs. Meyer pointed out that the District Director is the liaison officer between her Branch and her District. She has the duty of keeping her Branch informed of District programs and plans, and she is the voice of her Branch on the District Executive.

Mrs. Trivers asked the delegates to think of as many words as possible applicable to presidents, beginning with the capital letter P. Six such words are personality, purpose, preparation, planning proper procedure, planning.

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Bothwell led a panel discussion reviewing the points brought out when their groups met. They emphasized that the duties of Curators and Historical Research Conveners are quite different and yet these officers must work together. The Convener of Historical Research searches out material and prepared programs for meetings but should make this material available to the Curator, who has full charge of the Tweedsmuir Village History.

The Seventieth Anniversary Banquet

Among the head table guests at the seventieth anniversary banquet were three past presidents of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada: Mrs. J. R. Futcher of St. Thomas; Mrs. L. G. Lymburner, Port Colborne; Mrs. L. R. Trivers, Thessalon. Present also were two past secretaries: Mrs. John McCullagh of Brampton, Mrs. Gerald Holder, Mono Road. Each of the retired officers brought greetings and reminisced about happenings during their terms of office.



Mrs. Everett Small, president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, presenting Dr. Ethel Chapman with a gift, a token of appreciation for Dr. Chapman's work as Editor of Home and Country and with the Women's Institutes of Ontario. Photo — courtesy Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

In proposing a toast to the Women's Institutes, Dr. Ethel Chapman commended the Women's Institutes for being so vigorous, so clear-minded, and for having a mature outlook on this seventieth birthday. Dr. Chapman paid tribute to the organization for what it has done for the individual woman, for the home and family, for the community and for the way this women's organization has reached out beyond our Canadian borders to help in less developed areas of the world.

The Honourable William A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture and Food in the Ontario government, congratulated the Women's Institute on their great achievements of the past. He warned the organization not to bask in the glory of the marvellous history of the past but to be constantly planning for great achievements in the future. He made special mention of the work being done by the Women's Institutes in sponsoring 4-H Homemaking Clubs, saying that he had firsthand information about this since he had four daughters who were involved in club work.

Mrs. Gerald Holder, Conference Secretary, read greetings from the Honourable John Robarts, Premier of Ontario; Mrs. James Haggerty, Napanee; and Mrs. R. G. Purcell, Fort William, former Provincial Presidents; and Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, a former Provincial Secretary for F.W.I.O.

Chairmen of the discussion groups held plenary sessions with the leaders and their groups to pool findings and summarize ideas brought out in each group.

At the closing session, Mr. Syl Apps, a former National League hockey player and chairman of the Ontario Legislative Select