

Provincial Board Directors of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario attending annual meeting at the Prince Edward Sheraton Hotel, Toronto. Front — left to right — Mrs. Arthur Teasdale; Mrs. Clarence Diamond, public relations officer; Mrs. Norman Payne; Miss Helen McKercher, Director Home Economics Branch; Mrs. Everett Small, president; Honourable W. A. Stewart, minister Ontario department of Agriculture and Food; Mrs. Leonard Trivers, past president; Mrs. John Charlton, searetary treasurer; Mrs. C. M. Docking; Mrs. Don Hannah; Miss Barbara Walkins, junior director. Middle — left — Mrs. T. A. Farrell, junior director; Mrs. W. H. Clugston; Mrs. Earl Gibb; Mrs. Norman Westlake; Mrs. Irvine Ford; Mrs. J. A. Fairman; Mrs. F. G. Parish; Mrs. Hugh MacMillan; Mrs. Gowan Young; Mrs. Lauchie McCannell; Mrs. R. J. Calnan; Mrs. Lowell Eller; Mrs. L. W. Hughes. Back — left — Mrs. A. Bennett; Mrs. John Bell; Mrs. P. Radbourne; Mrs. Homer Judge; Mrs. Clarence Smith; Mrs. A. Bennett; Mrs. Austin Zoeller; Mrs. Rex Rollins; Mrs. Wilbur Lawrence; Mrs. C. E. Pink; Mrs. A. Bennett; Mrs. Russell McElwain; Mrs. Stanley Bride; Mrs. M. Nicholson; Mrs. N. Jamieson; Mrs. J. S. Holden.

## **Ontario Association for Continuing Education**

By an Order-in-Council, colleges of applied arts and technology or community colleges have been planned, believing that they can play a vital role in the task of developing human resources in the province in relation to the economic and social needs of the area.

This Association for Continuing Education has set up Adult Counselling Centres in conjunction with the Department of Education, to satisfy the increasing desire for additional education. Since we have centered an era of rapid changes, many job requirements for skilled labour are appearing; and opportunities for unskilled labour are disappearing rapidly. The counselling centre supplies information for night schools, correspondence courses, university extension programs, etc. A ten-lecture course of two hours each on "Family Money Management" has been developed. In most cases a small fee is charged for night courses.

## **Ontario Welfare Council**

In 1967 the Legislature changed the name of Department of Public Welfare to the Department of Social and Family Service under Hon. John Yaremko. This department was founded in 1930 and eleven ministers have served. During this period two new branches, a Family Service Branch and a Research Branch have been formed and the budget has been increased from two million to 207 million dollars.

The ten years' residence clause in some of the former Acts has been eliminated and assistance is based on a "needs" test rather than on a "means" test, with a fuller inquiry about present living costs of applicants. The Welfare Director may cut off or suspend allowance if the recipient is unwilling to accept suitable and available employment or is absent from Ontario.

Mrs. Small participated in a demonstration of "A Community in Action" in the section "Community Planning for Older Citizens." She was asked by the Welfare Council to serve on a committee relating to the protection and financial exploitation of elderly persons and, although sympathetic, had to decline. Associate membership is \$5, which includes voting privileges and a subscription to the Ontario Welfare Reporter. Miss Helen McKercher is a member of the Inner Departmental Select Committee on Aging and asked if members knew of the help available for Homes for Aged and if they were concerned about courses at community colleges for retired people or those about to retire.

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Each individual is unique. Each person has the right to think that he can do something that nobody else can do. He may have only one talent or perhaps less than five loaves and two fishes. But there is a time when he can say a word, cast a vote, utter a prayer, give a cup of cold water, and when if he doesn't nobody else can quite make up for his loss. He can stand up and be counted, and like everyone else he counts for one.

-Ernest Marshall Howse

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"You say the little efforts that I make
Will do no good: they never will prevail
To tip the hovering scale
Where justice hangs in balance.
I don't think
I ever thought they would.
But I am prejudiced beyond debate
In favor of my right to choose which side
Shall feel the stubborn ounces of my weight."
—Bonaro W. Overstreet.