

## Home Economics and Health

Mrs. Bert Brownlee, convener, expressed interest in the many ways a centennial flavour was worked into the theme of Home Economics and Health programs. Roll calls and mottoes recalled changes over the years. Extension courses were popular with quilt making running a close second to "Hats for You". Topics discussed included comparisons of last hundred years, water pollution, Vanier Institute, development in medicines and vaccines, mental health, and many more. Continued interest and support is given to 4-H Homemaking Clubs. Demonstrations, usually by local talent, included spinning and winding of wool, dyeing with vegetable colouring, finishing driftwood, etc. in 1967 style. Many cook books were completed in centennial year. Concluding her report, Mrs. Brownlee urged that conveners (and members, we'd like to add) keep in mind the aims and ideals of our founder for continued learning in homemaking practices.

In her outline for Home Economics and Health, Mrs. Brownlee suggested consideration of recommendations approved at the National Convention—study of equality of women be continued, first-aid taught in all schools; the Vanier Institute; aims and problems of the World Health Organization; water pollution and drugs be given more study.

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My heart is warm with the friends I make  
And better friends I'll not be knowing.  
Yet there isn't a train I wouldn't take  
No matter where it's going.

Edna St. Vincent Millay

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## Citizenship and Education

Mrs. C. E. Yeates, completing her third year as Citizenship and Education convener, reported sending four circulars and conducting two workshops this year. Roll calls requested opinions on whether Canada should open her doors to all nationalities for immigration; what is good citizenship; ways to improve our education when too old for school; what makes a nation strong; etc. Mottoes included: Watch your footsteps, someone may follow them. Education is a load easy to carry and necessary to earn a living. Your heritage of freedom, like a jewel, is yours to guard. Women's franchise was dearly bought; do we use it as we ought?

Papers and addresses were given by visitors from other lands and to other lands; on our Canadian provinces; informative talks dealt with local situations. Through films, bus trips, etc. members learned of other sections of our own land and countries afar. Projects included displays, scrapbooks and entertainment of foreign students.

## Canadian Cancer Society

Mrs. Brownlee gave a report of the Canadian Cancer Society, stating that more money was provided for their programs, more work accomplished, and membership in the Society reached an all-time high. Money is generously distributed in three areas of assistance—research, public education and welfare help to patients. In 1966 the Society allotted nearly 2½ million dollars to National Cancer Institute, which in turn made grants to 16 Canadian universities and 7 hospitals for research. An even more important part was its world expansion of knowledge of cancer and its control. Areas of research continued and progress reported in British Columbia particularly. Pamphlets, films, news media, lectures, national poster and essay contests assisted greatly in the education program. Home care, nursing, transportation service, rehabilitation and occupational therapy contributed to welfare and comfort of patients. There are approximately 115,000 dedicated volunteer workers in all the provinces of Canada. Over five million dressings were made available in the year.

## Second Ontario Agriculture Conference

Mrs. C. Diamond reported on the Second Ontario Agricultural Conference at Kenora at which Mrs. Small and she represented F.W.I.O. Hon. W. A. Stewart called the conference to hear the report of a special committee on farm income and the interim report by word and graph of consultants Hedlin, Menzies and Associates who were employed to make a detailed examination of our food industry. They conceded that the health and prosperity of agriculture and the food industry needed long term solutions and a planned adjustment program that will assure an equitable sharing of benefits and opportunities of our economic growth. Discussion groups were unanimous that efficiency must be of great concern to farmers and to all outlets of the food industry; that planning is necessary to improve the relative income position of the farmer while protecting the interests of consumers and competitive position of our nation in the world market. It was generally felt that one farm organization, well financed, should be structured to provide adequate representation to regional and commodity interests. Three hundred delegates from 92 organizations passed resolutions to have the consultants continue their study; to keep delegates informed of progress; and to establish a data bank.

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After all there is one race — humanity.

George Moore

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