

United Nations Report

Mrs. P. Radbourne reported 964 branches filled in the questionnaire given to them at District Annuals although not all items reported referred to the United Nations. With Expo 67 on our Canadian soil people from every country in the world have learned about Canada, and by visiting their national pavilions we have learned something of their way of life. United Nations structure and responsibilities have been studied more closely. Speakers from Canada have travelled to Russia, Africa and Asia, etc. to help solve world problems. Mrs. Aroti Dutt, Calcutta, and Mrs. A. G. Wurie of Sierra Leona were two who visited our province, while many guests from other lands, dressed in their costumes, spoke at meetings. Letter friends were reported from every country where an A.C.W.W. conference has been held. Forty branches had exchange programs. For International Day, U.N. programs were used. Ninety-eight branches sponsor a foster child jointly with their District and one District supports seven children. Information on Ontario Indians was compiled by Mrs. Radbourne and sent to National Convener to be used on a program in England.

The Minister of Agriculture's Banquet

Hon. Wm. A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture and Food for Ontario was host to a banquet in the Hunting Room of the hotel in honour of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. Paying tribute, Mr. Stewart said "No organization in Ontario over the first century of our history has made a greater contribution than the Women's Institutes. You have established a sound standard of values; you have brought the rural people together to help themselves and have communicated those standards of living which, although called outmoded, are still the standards by which we should judge. I am concerned about rural Ontario. We have to face the fact that things are happening, but what counts is, have we let them happen to me or have I adjusted? To me you are essential in the moulding of public opinion—there are thousands who have no idea of what is available to help themselves."

Miss McKercher was master of ceremonies and introduced Dr. Don Huntley, Director of Agricultural Research who reviewed the origin of our research program. "Started in France by a few dedicated people," said Dr. Huntley "its development was related to keeping sugar on the table. It had a slightly different origin in England—it was tied up with money, as a chemist learned how to make fertilizer and established an experimental station to learn how to use fertilizer. Next research developed in the U.S. and in 1870 Ontario sent people south to study this talked about but not really



To celebrate their 70th birthday the members of the Kemble Women's Institute re-enact the organization meeting of their branch which took place in August, 1897.

understood, program. Out of this came the Ontario Agricultural College and the beginning of experimental stations in every province in Canada."

Mrs. J. W. Kearney supplied pre-dinner music and accompanied sisters Mrs. Bruce Munro and Miss Margaret Graham in well rendered vocal selections.

Mrs. Small, F.W.I.O. President expressed the appreciation of the Board to Mr. Stewart, his department and Miss McKercher, not only for the banquet but the close cooperation and assistance received throughout the year from the Department of Agriculture and Food; also from home economists and agricultural representatives in the province. She challenged the members to take Mr. Stewart's thoughts back to their home communities, resolving to do what we can to help rural Ontario. "May the happy feeling of co-operation which we have enjoyed in this anniversary year continue on and on," Mrs. Small concluded.

Those who wished remained after the banquet to hear the tape recording of Dr. Wilder Penfield's address to the Macdonald Institute Alumnae on the Vanier Institute.

Macdonald Institute Report

Mrs. Trivers, Mrs. Small and Miss McKercher were reappointed a committee to explore the possibilities of a F.W.I.O. project at Macdonald Institute. The Board members supported a motion that F.W.I.O. establish a possible goal of \$50,000 towards expansion and development at Macdonald Institute as a project to be completed for our 75th anniversary.

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The wind was a torrent of darkness among the
gusty trees,
The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed upon
cloudy seas,
The road was a ribbon of moonlight over the
purple moor,
And the highway man came riding
— Riding — Riding —
The highwayman came riding, up to the old inn
door.

Alfred Noyes