In her address to the delegates as provincial president, Mrs. Everett Small commented that the International Bill for Human Rights was put into action twenty years ago in 1948, and that was the year of the first conference for officers of the Women's Institutes. "The thinking of John Donne was perhaps the first move toward man's concern for man," Mrs. Small said.

"Canada is one of the few nations where, generally, all people have enough to eat. We may owe this fortunate position to our forefathers; but, other nations may be looking at us and asking, 'Who are they that they can be well fed in a starving world?'"

The president then reviewed some of the projects undertaken by the Women's Institutes — support of the organizations in the Northwest Territories, Pennies for Friendship, $50,000 raised for the International Scholarships for students at the Mysore Institute of Food and Technology, and other similar undertakings.

With Mrs. Irwin Maltby, pianist and director of the South Dufferin Women's Institute Centennial Choir, at the piano, Dr. W. A. Young led the delegates in community singing. Dr. Young, formerly Chaplain at the University of Guelph and now retired and living in Elora, Ontario, held the five hundred women with rapt interest when he addressed them on "Citizenship".

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Dr. Young opened his address with this quotation:

"I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing, therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

"Citizenship," Dr. Young said, "is the art of interdependent living. We are all interdependent; we cannot get away from each other, and the good citizen is one who develops skills so that others may depend on him.

"The so-called independent is a myth, an illusion and a menace. Young people who declare that they are independent are showing callousness. They are parasites, not bearing their responsibilities to society.

"The characteristic of a good citizen is that he has the courage to stand up and be counted. It takes courage to stand up against the youth power of today. It takes faith to have courage — faith in ourselves, in the future and in God.

Five of the six living charter members of the Ayr Branch of the Women's Institute attending the 60th anniversary of the Branch. Back row left to right — Miss Elizabeth Black, Mrs. Leslie McDonald, Mrs. Ernest Cochrane. Seated — Mrs. J. W. Currie, Mrs. J. M. Guthrie. Absent — Mrs. Mary Apps.

"A good citizen is a generous (not necessarily in terms of money) person. The generous person gives of his time, his skills, his heart in the service of his fellow man. Life is not measured by what we get out of it but by what we put into it. Nations were built by men who worked overtime without pay."

When concluding, Dr. Young warned the delegates that the future of our children and grandchildren lies in the hands of the citizens of today.

The Wednesday morning session concluded with the introduction of the discussion group leaders, each of whom addressed the assembly briefly and gave directions re the location where the various groups would meet for the afternoon sessions.

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THE ORIOLE

This morn the Spring still lingered, pale with
　　show'rs;
The keen-voiced robins called from tree to tree,
Piping away the elfin-footed Hours
That left the wakening land reluctantly,
As if they fain would stay
Where brown swift-bubbling brooks in warm
　　ravines
Dream-scented flowers and misty shining greens
Of birch and willow made it always May.

But at thy first flute-note, O bird, the noon
Changed to a sunnier seeming, and the rain
Drifting in mist above the dim lagoon,
Drew southward slowly o'er the shadowy plain,
And as thy throat of gold
Out poured its warmly throbbing melody,
I looked abroad, and straightway seemed to see
The full-blown Summer flame along the wold.

Marjorie Pickthall

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Goodness is something so simple: always to live for others, never to seek one's own advantage.

Dag Hamarskjold

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