

F.W.I.O. Standing Committee Conveners. Back row: Mrs. Bert Brownlee, Mrs. Ernest Douthwaite, Mrs. Cecil Pink. Front row: Mrs. R. C. Walker, Mrs. Percy Radbourne, Mrs. Wilson Johnson, Mrs. Charles Beamer and Mrs. Leonard Trivers.



A committee of Social Planning Councils was formed to create a central agency to coordinate the work. A brief was presented to the Ontario Government focussing on this need for co-ordination on a provincial basis and emphasizing need for extension of social planning into areas not now covered.

At the business session in the afternoon, Mrs. Philip J. Chadsey was elected president, the first woman in the 59-year history of the Council. Mrs. Chadsey maintains that there is a most important need for opinions of the lay mind to express themselves and speak out with reasoned and constructive intelligence about what is taking place in the community.

Home Economics Branch

Miss Helen McKercher, Director of Home Economics Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food congratulated the ladies on the success of their special project to increase membership.

Miss McKercher emphasized that speakers would not be sent out to District Annuals unless specifically requested. She encouraged board directors to suggest having local speakers and then promote "Women's Institute Procedure" Short Courses. She presented each board director with a folder containing names and addresses of secretaries of branches under their supervision, asked that a check be made and any errors reported to her in an effort to get an accurate mailing list. It was stressed to the directors that mailing lists are confidential and names are not to be given out without approval of the president of F.W.I.O.

Miss McKercher reported a tremendous increase in extension programs and said that again this fall nearly 1,500 more women and girls participated in courses. A new Advance Award Certificate for 4-H Homemaking Club members completing 18 units was displayed and Miss McKercher made the suggestion that F.W.I.O. should have similar scholarship

forms filled in so that when the secretary sends the cheque the certificate could go along.

In Miss McKercher's report was the information that senior and junior projects are continually being revised — "Supper Club" now is "The Third Meal"; "Clothes Closets Up-to-Date" is "A Place for Everything"; and "The Club Girl Stands On Guard" is "Focus On Fitness". Club members will receive credits for taking both the old and the new unit.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. John A. Charlton reported letters and fee receipts totalled 1,111 for the year ending September 30, 1968 with 1,373 letters sent out from the office; 405 spoons, 236 cups and saucers and 140 copies of Dr. Chapman's book were sold.

She reported attending all committee meetings including those revising the scholarship rules and the International Scholarship, Nominations for new president, the A.C.W.W. pre-conference tour. The Secretary reported conducting group discussions for district secretary-treasurers at the Officers' Conference in May.

Information was given that the F.W.I.C. Foundation Fund is closed and no further contributions will be received; Ontario Women's Institutes have contributed \$8,674.75 towards the 75th Anniversary Fund for development and expansion at Macdonald Institute; \$2,505.63 for Coupon #390 last year; \$3,293.53 for Northern Canada Fund; \$6,084.86 for Pennies for Friendship; and that contributions for the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead will be on a voluntary basis to be used for the upkeep of the home.

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"I want poor people as well as rich to understand that it will help each of them, in every province, to build a strong, wholesome family life."

Governor General Georges Vanier

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