

THE ANNUAL MEETING Nov. 25-28, 1969

The annual meeting of the directors of the provincial board of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario was held in the Elizabeth Room of the King Edward Hotel, Toronto. With President Mrs. Austin S. Zoeller presiding, the sessions opened on Tuesday morning of November 25. In her opening remarks, Mrs. Zoeller welcomed the members and stressed the importance of participation by each person and the need to ask questions if all proceedings were not understood, so each director would go home fully informed to work together with the members of her subdivision.

Eight new directors were welcomed and all directors received folders containing copies of reports and other material pertinent to the sessions.

THE PRESIDENT REPORTS

Mrs. Zoeller reviewed the highlights of her first year in office, mentioning the Annual A.C.W.W. Council Meeting, Officers' Conference, District Annuals attended, the 4-H Girls' Conference at Guelph University, the Junior Women's Institute Convention at which a new Constitution and By Laws were discussed and accepted, meetings of the F.W.I.C. Board and Adelaide Hoodless Homestead Committee, fourteen Area Conventions, many committee meetings including review of scholarship awards and applications, interviewing applications for the position of F.W.I.O. Secretary Treasurer, the Lee Homestead and the Finance Committee. She reported attending four celebrations of 60th Branch 60th Anniversaries and told of regretting having to decline several invitations because of distance or previous commitments, addressing two 4-H Leaders' Breakfasts and many other occasions when she represented the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

THE A.C.W.W. COUNCIL MEETING — LONDON ENGLAND SEPT. 10-12, 1969

Retiring after having served A.C.W.W. as general secretary for twenty years, Mrs. Stella Bell was feted and presented with gifts. The new appointee, Miss Elizabeth O'Kelly was introduced and welcomed.

It was announced that Mrs. Graham Spry, Deputy President, is to be overall convener of the General Education program for the 1971 Triennial Conference, August 10-19, 1971.

Deadline for applications will be March 1, 1971 and 1100 registered applicants will be accepted. Ontario will have five voting delegates and one voting Council member. Pre-conference tours will be conducted in Norway and post conference tours will be arranged for neighbouring countries. The General Education program will consist of the following forums.

- A — how we get to know each other.
- B — how we learn together.
- C — how we help each other and our communities.
- D — how we get things done through A.C.W.W.

At all sessions of the council meeting the thought was projected that people are still the most important resources and the vast job of A.C.W.W. is in some way to improve the lot of women and their families around the world. A study of "waste," rather than "hunger" was suggested as a project for consideration.

SEAT BELT SEMINAR

Mrs. Zoeller representing F.W.I.O. attended a Seminar on Seat Belts hosted by Ontario Minister of Transport, the Honourable Irwin Haskitt. A woman from the Canadian Council of Women was the only other women's organization representative seated at the head table.

Speakers at the Seminar placed emphasis on the importance of safety on the highway, stressing parental responsibility for training children to wear their seat belts. Stress was put on the following points:

- Car doors with a push button opening should always be locked.
- Lap belts should be tight over the pelvic bones and not high on the abdomen.
- Shoulder tapes when worn properly should allow a fist's width between the person and the belt.
- Seat belts should be buckled properly and for survival a seat belt on all passengers and the driver should be a habit.

The question: "Why not seat belts on school buses?" was raised during the question period.

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If your efforts are criticized you have done something worth talking about.

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