

THE ELECTIONS

With Past President Mrs. Everett Small serving as election chairman and Miss Helen McKercher as scrutineer the annual election of officers was conducted on Wednesday November 26. Please see pages 2 and 11 for lists of officers for 1970.

The Board of Directors accepting the recommendation from the committee who interviewed applicants for the position of F.W.I.O. Secretary Treasurer, appointed Mrs. William G. Miller to that office.

Mrs. Zoeller expressed sincere appreciation of F.W.I.O. Executive and Board to the retiring Secretary Treasurer, Mrs. John Charlton, for her excellent work in that capacity for the past five years. Mrs. Everett Small made the presentation of three French crystal Lalique birds. Mrs. Charlton ably expressed her appreciation both for the gift and the expression with which it was presented. She spoke of her happy experiences over the five years as she worked with three provincial presidents, the Director and staff of Home Economics Branch and the Board Directors and concluded "I'm going to count all of you as my very special friends."

OFFICERS' CONFERENCE

Mrs. Gerald Holder presented a full report of the 21st Annual Officers' Conference held at Guelph in May when 598 delegates attended. There were 719 initial applications handled with 121 refunds made or a cancellation rate of 16.8%.

Evaluation sheets, prepared and analyzed by Dr. Mark Waldron, Macdonald College, Montreal stressed the success of the conference which had been set up for Branch Presidents, Branch Secretary Treasurers and Members At Large, and on district level for the District Public Relations Officers.

The Board accepted the proposed recommendations that F.W.I.O. sponsor an Officers' Conference in 1970 with the pooling fee to remain at \$30. The dates of the conference will be April 29 and 30. The branch delegates are to be chosen from (1) Branch Agriculture and Canadian Industries Conveners (2) Branch President and (3) Members-at-large. District officers eligible will be the District Federation Representatives or Alternates (Board Directors excluded). Mrs. George Clarke, National President, was to have paid her official visit at the time of the 1969 Conference but was fog-bound in Newfoundland and unable to attend. An invitation has been extended to Mrs. Clarke to attend this April's Conference.

Mrs. Zoeller expressed the appreciation of the Executive and Board for the excellent services rendered by Mrs. Gerald Holder during her term of office as Officers' Conference Secretary.

BOARD DIRECTORS' PROBLEMS

Sheets for District Annual reports were distributed and explained and also the cultural activities and United Nations reports. Some Board Directors asked that more space be given on these District Annual reports. Brochures and copies of amendments were distributed to the Board Directors. The President stressed that the Board Director should give her report at the morning session of the District Annual.

Members seemed to feel that meetings held with officers in sub-divisions to acquaint them with the work of the F.W.I.O. board have proven to be fruitful for discussion of Women's Institute ideas and problems.

When discussing Area Conventions and the part the Board Directors should play it was stressed that the convention is not a teaching experience but should be inspirational promotion. The Board Directors should have a part on the program — not selling gifts or registering — but should give good leadership for programming, act as hostesses and take some active part at the Convention.

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THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost

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