

The F.W.I.O. Annual Meeting

Each branch is asked to continue to co-operate by reporting their Cultural Activities through their District Secretary to the Board Director, who makes a summation and sends only one report to the Secretary of Cultural Activities for the Provincial Board. This is necessary in order that we have a full report to send to the Convener at national level. Remember, no report is complete unless it has all the statistical information filled in also. Cultural Activities form a part of our adult education and the future lies in our participation.

UNITED NATIONS

Mrs. Gowan Young gave a summation of 1045 branch reports on programs or activities for United Nations in the past year.

91 Branches had a program on United Nations; 179 had an International Day program; 154 had exchanged program material; 125 gave support to UNICEF; 235 branches and some districts have foster children in various countries; 78 supported UNESCO projects and 47 study these projects.

Mrs. Stanley Bride, F.W.I.C. Convener for United Nations has suggested a program on Norway where the 1971 Triennial A.C.W.W. Conference will be held.

Mrs. Young stressed that the United Nations, in spite of its imperfections has demonstrated its capacity to respond to most of the basic needs of the International Community. It does not have miraculous power to move or level mountains of misunderstanding, suspicion and rivalry, but it can build passable roads of conciliation to the other side to try and remove bars in the way to world peace.

THE ELIZABETH FRY SOCIETY

Mrs. Edison Sine was unable to attend the Annual Meeting of the Elizabeth Fry Society. From a newsletter it was gleaned that a panel described the work of the committee and also various ways in which volunteers serve the Society. A request was made for saving of Dominion Store Tapes. Construction of new housing for the Society has been delayed due to strike.

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In the good old days, the man who saved money was a miser; nowadays he's a wonder.

ONTARIO FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

Mrs. Lowell C. Eller reported to the Board Directors re the Annual Convention of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture with its theme, "Road to the 70's — Drive or Be Driven." Speakers included Mr. Charles Munro, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, and Sister T. Moore of Illinois who challenged farmers to pay attention to consumers.

Tractors from Czechoslovakia were on display. Breakfast with six ministers of the Provincial cabinet resulted in lengthy question and answer periods. Gordon Hill, Varna, was elected president of O.F.A. for the coming year.

ONTARIO WELFARE COUNCIL

Mrs. J.A. Charlton reported re the Diamond Anniversary Conference and Annual Meeting of the Ontario Welfare Council which she attended in Toronto May, 1969. The theme, "Listening" was a 2-way exchange based on answers from registrants at former conferences. A TV taping was heard contrasting the opinion of two groups of people with emphasis on participation of those receiving and those giving services.

Workshops on Housing, the Indians, Poverty, and Youth were held and Mr. Carman Guild, Assistant Hart House Warden, gave a summary at the plenary session. Four circulated resolutions were presented.

Mrs. Charlton recommended "The Ontario Welfare Reporter" at a cost of \$1.00 which included one year membership into Welfare Council and can be obtained from the Ontario Welfare Council, 22 Davisville Ave., Toronto.

ONTARIO PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Three organizations, Ontario Committee for Education, Ontario School Trustees, and Municipal Councillor's Association, amalgamated in 1969 to form the Ontario Public School Trustees Association. Mrs. C. Beamer, F.W.I.O.'s Convener of Citizenship and Education was unable to attend meetings but copies of minutes were received. This association was responsible for the Ontario Committee for Education Week held in North Bay, September 29, 1969.

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A drop of ink makes a million think.

Lord Byron