

A Constitution Committee to review the Hand Book was appointed. Members in addition to Hon. Pres., Miss Helen McKercher, Past President, Mrs. Everett Small, President, Mrs. Austin S. Zoeller, are Mrs. Leonard Trivers, Mrs. R. G. Purcell, Mrs. Clarence Diamond, Mrs. Roy Westlake, and Mrs. H. Noblitt.

The F.W.I.O. President and the Convener of Home Economics and Health were delegated to attend the Ontario Farm Safety Annual Meeting.

Board Directors approved a motion that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario would not affiliate with any outside organizations.

A new Junior Women's Institute in Welland County with a membership of 13 girls was reported by Mrs. Lowell Eller.

Mrs. John A. Charlton reviewed details of life membership cards, a continued effort to realize an accurate list of life members in the province.

Folders containing names of Branch Presidents and Secretaries in their respective sub-divisions were given to each Board Director to assist in communicating information to them.

The President and Secretary of F.W.I.O. have obtained judges for F.W.I.C. competitions as follows: Essay Competition judged at Provincial level only, Dr. Ethel Chapman; Handicrafts, Miss Eleanor Flint, Home Economics Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, Toronto; and Mr. Don Kerr, Photographic Service, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, University of Guelph, will judge the slides.

Mrs. H. Noblitt presented to the Board a proposal endorsed by the Ottawa Area Women's Institute Convention to purchase a building in Ottawa as a National House to provide office space for F.W.I.C., annual board meetings, etc. and display rooms for exhibits from countries of A.C.W.W. This was discussed and no further action taken.

Slides and handicrafts winning prizes at Area Conventions are to be forwarded to F.W.I.O. office February 1st. Handicraft entries not going on to F.W.I.C. will be returned by F.W.I.O. The essay contest is being judged at Provincial level — so no judging was done at Area Conventions.

A study file from the Orange Free State and Republic of South Africa and a comprehensive scrapbook from African Agricultural Union were sent to Mrs. Roy Westlake, co-hostess of 1968 A.C.W.W. Pre-conference Ontario Tour. The Board will send a letter of appreciation for this valuable information for program material on Africa which is available on re-

quest from Mrs. Westlake, Board Director for sub-division No. 9.

Mrs. J. A. Fairman, convener of Home Economics and Health was unable to attend the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Cancer Society and no information was forthcoming.

Entries in A.C.W.W. competitions are to be sent to F.W.I.O. office by November 15, 1970.

In President's memo Mrs. Zoeller states — "It is important to keep in mind that rural Ontario residents are decreasing. 5% are actively engaged in Agriculture while another 4% own or operate a farm while working away from home part time. Consequently if figures were available, percentagewise Women's Institutes are still a leading organization in our society.

MINISTER'S BANQUET TO F.W.I.O.

Miss Helen McKercher, Director of Home Economics Branch was Banquet hostess for the dinner tendered to the Board Directors of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario by the Honorable Wm. A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture and Food.

Mr. Stewart paid tribute to the leadership the Women's Institutes have provided in Ontario to "add that something upon which you cannot put the dollar sign." He expressed his wholehearted support for the submission made to the Board of Governors of the University of Guelph before launching the Women's Institute 75th Anniversary project to raise \$50,000 for increased facilities and expansion at Macdonald Institute. "The day is gone when we can afford to be farm people bereft of higher education," he said. "We have to take advantage and pay more attention to the business aspects of farming too and the message you can bring is a message of opportunity in careers in Agriculture and Home Economics."

Mr. Stewart continued his remarks pointing out changes, advantages and problems facing agriculture and the need for wholehearted support of promotional programs or whatever is found necessary to solve rural life problems. "I share the hope that your remarkable leadership will continue. It's the one intangible which makes rural living so important," concluded the Hon. Wm. A. Stewart.

Mrs. Austin S. Zoeller, president of F.W.I.O. expressed appreciation to Mr. Stewart and Miss McKercher for their untiring efforts on behalf of the Women's Institute and presented a copy of Dr. Chapman's book, "Humanities in Homespun" to the minister.

Mr. Brad Schneller, Director of Information, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food was in charge of the showing of the film, "The Chemicals of Plenty" to conclude the pleasant evening.