



Directors of the F.W.I.O. Provincial Board retiring after three years of service. Back from left—Mrs. Arthur Teasdale, Mrs. Wilbur Lawrence, Mrs. Lowell Eller, Mrs. Roy Westlake, Mrs. Clarence Smith. Front from left—Mrs. Hugh McMillan, Mrs. Lauchie McCannell, Mrs. Austin Zoeller, President; Mrs. Irvine Ford, Mrs. Earle Gibb.

## *The Spring Meeting of the Provincial Board*

By Mrs. C. Diamond

In her opening remarks to the members of the Provincial Board of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, the president gave a special welcome to Mrs. William Miller, newly elected Secretary Treasurer, to Miss Susan Eller, newly elected Junior Board Director, and to Mrs. David Hamilton in honour of her recent marriage. Mrs. Zoeller noted that Miss Eller and her mother Mrs. Lowell Eller were the first mother and daughter team to sit on the Provincial Board. All Board Directors were in attendance except Mrs. McNeely who has suffered a leg injury. Miss Marion Ruttan, Junior Board Director joined the group on Wednesday.

Among the activities of the President Mrs. Zoeller listed, speaking at the Farm Safety Council Banquet where she reported the activities of the Women's Institutes in promoting safety; the Awards Banquet at the University of Guelph; Committee meetings — finance, investment, Ontario Women's Institute Story,

Constitution, Officers' Conference; Ontario Food Council, Junior Women's Institute Annual Meeting at Welland.

Although twenty-two invitations were received to visit Branch and District anniversaries and other activities, Mrs. Zoeller said that she found it necessary to limit her visits to anniversaries to those celebrating sixty years and over. She did attend as guest speaker, the Seventy Third Anniversary of the Stoney Creek Branch and the Seventieth Anniversary of the Union Branch. She officially opened the North Wentworth District Art and Hobby Show, the East Elgin District Winter picnic and the banquet of the Annual Junior Farmer Conference.

To train our Women's Institute members to become capable leaders, the eighteen group leaders for the 1970 Officers' Conference were brought to the Toronto office. With the guidance of the Discussion Group Chairman the leaders formulated plans for the discussions at the Conference.