

A letter re the Triennial Conference of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada to be held in Winnipeg on August 24-28, has been circulated to the branches, as well as to the District and Area Secretaries.

In closing Mrs. Zoeller expressed appreciation to the Directors for their letters and cooperation during the year. She also expressed sincere thanks for the assistance and support that she receives from Miss McKercher, Mrs. Small, Mrs. Diamond, and Mrs. Armstrong.

The Secretary Treasurer's Report

The Secretary Treasurer presented a report of F.W.I.O. finances to the end of March 1970.

Mrs. Miller reported that lists had been sent out to nine subdivisions stating the names and addresses of eligible federation representatives and their alternates, who may stand for election for F.W.I.O. Board Directors at their respective Area Conventions this fall.

An interim treasurer's report showed that as of March 31, 1970, \$29,000 has been raised for the 75th Anniversary project of F.W.I.O., to be presented for the expansion and increased facilities at Macdonald Institute.

Commenting on the 75th Anniversary Project, Mrs. Zoeller urged the Board Directors to encourage Branch members to keep up their interest in this project. The president noted that Mrs. Hoodless was the person with the idea for Macdonald Institute and that raising the \$50,000 was the only F.W.I.O. project at the moment.

Investment Committee

Mrs. Wilbur Lawrence, chairman, reported that the Board Directors accepted the committee's recommendations that the Florence P. Eadie and Dorothy Fitcher Scholarships be increased to \$100 each — that the terms of reference for the entrance awards to the University of Guelph be reviewed by a committee composed of Miss Helen McKercher, Honorary President of F.W.I.O., Mrs. Zoeller, and the Dean of Macdonald Institute, Dr. Janet Wardlaw — that District, County, or Area Scholarships for 1970 be \$100 each.

Budget Committee

Mrs. Irvine Ford presented a proposed budget for F.W.I.O. for 1971 and recommended that the policy of making funds available to Board Directors and the President for the organization of new branches or any meetings to promote the welfare of the Women's Institute at the direction of the President.

Home Economics Branch

Miss Helen McKercher, Director of the Home Economics Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food expressed appreciation for the support given to the programs of the Branch by the Women's Institutes. She stressed the value of in-depth training schools and said that an encouraging factor is the number of noninstitute women who are attending the courses. The Director announced that a new short course, "Sewing With Knits" is being offered this year.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada

President Mrs. Austin S. Zoeller gave a report of the F.W.I.C. Committee meeting which was held in March. The president presented a progress report of the F.W.I.C. Competitions which indicated that entries of the wall hangings are being judged and will go on to the National Convention. Nonwinners at that level will be returned. In the slide competition there are ten entries. The set winning the National Competition will become the property of F.W.I.C. to be added to their loan collection of slides. Thirty entries in the essay competition are being judged. The winner will go on to the National Convention and will be returned after.

Ontario Nominees for National Executive offices and nominees proposed through F.W.I.C. for A.C.W.W. Executive were accepted by the Board of Directors.

There was discussion re program for the National Convention August 24-28, 1970 in Winnipeg. The F.W.I.C. Committee for Ontario was asked to decide on a contribution for the Fashion Show and a dialogue to tell of Ontario Women's Institute work past, present and future in the presentation "Meet The Provinces."

National Convention theme is "Communications Keynote For Progress."

Ontario will have ten voting delegates and one hundred and ninety visitors. A motion was passed that three of the voting delegates be members of the F.W.I.C. Committee, Mrs. Austin S. Zoeller (leader of the Ontario delegation), Mrs. Everett Small and Mrs. Wilbur Lawrence. Other voting delegates to be Mrs. Clarence Diamond, Mrs. William Miller, Mrs. Frank Tottle, Mrs. R. C. Moffat, Mrs. Earle Gibb, Mrs. Lowell Eller, Mrs. Irvine Ford, Mrs. Roy Westlake, Mrs. Hugh McMillan and Mrs. Lorne Daniel.