

Home Economics Branch Report

Miss Helen McKercher, Director Home Economics Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food expressed her pleasure at attending the 14 Area Conventions in the province with President Mrs. Zoeller. She congratulated Women's Institutes on the tremendous leadership they are giving and expressed the desire of the Home Economics Branch to help keep Women's Institute members informed and to encourage them to take part in learning that which is new.

"Due to decreased numbers of people in agriculture," said Miss McKercher, "it is more important than ever that we insure that the young people who do stay in this occupation have the very best training possible. We must fit them to meet the new conditions that new problems, new social obligations, new neighbours, etc. bring to our daily life."

Craft courses continue to flourish and "The Knack of Sewing With Knits" is very popular. Research work is being done in foods and nutrition on "A Dollar's Worth of Meat." Miss McKercher urged the co-operation of those who are asked to take part in a National Nutritional Survey. "We have malnutrition and from this survey we may have to come up with a new food guide," explained Miss McKercher.

There are 500 more 4-H Girls' Homemaking Club members this fall than there were last year with 2900 clubs now and approximately 29,000 completions.

International Scholarship

Mrs. William G. Miller reported on the International Scholarship which was raised for the 65th Anniversary, the interest from which has been assisting in training young girls in developing countries. Miss Nazmiye Salman of Yalova, Turkey has been taking a course in midwifery made possible by this financial assistance and will assist her own people on completion of her training. The Board Directors voted to allocate the balance of the Turkish award to another young woman in an effort to help spread knowledge still further; and that \$2,000 from interest on the International Scholarship be made available for training of a young girl in a developing country who shall be recommended by the Lady Aberdeen Scholarship Committee of A.C.W.W.

Women's Institute Story

Mrs. Milton Pardy, chairman of the Committee composing a new historical book on the Ontario Women's Institutes from their organization in 1897 to plans for 75th Anniversary, presented a progress report to the Board.

Most of the planned material has been written and edited once. The book will be printed by the T. H. Best Printing Company and discussions with their representative re paper, type, cover, cost, promotional ideas, etc. are progressing. It is hoped to have the book on sale early in 1972 and a flyer containing advance information will go out from the F.W.I.O. office in 1971.

Cost is not definitely established. The Board accepted the Committee's recommendations that Mrs. A. Zoeller act as liaison or agent to make financial arrangements with printer and necessary persons; and that Provincial Board assume responsibility for paying necessary expenditures approved by the President.

Election of Officers

The Annual Election of Officers was conducted on Wednesday by Mrs. Everett Small, Past President of F.W.I.O. Mrs. Small expressed sincere appreciation to Mrs. A. Zoeller for her excellent leadership. Miss Helen McKercher and Mrs. M. Pardy were appointed scrutineers. A list of elected and appointed officers and committees appears elsewhere in this issue.

Junior Institute Activities

Miss Susan Eller presented the report of Junior Women's Institute activities on behalf of the seven Junior Women's Institute Branches and their 126 members in Ontario. Program subjects included current topics — drugs and speculation, physical fitness, etc. Some branches exhibited at their local fairs, others attended short courses and learned furniture facts and sewing tips. Recreational outings included picnics, car rallies, drama festivals, hayrides and a special tire changing competition when they challenged the Junior Farmers.

Copies of the latest edition of "The Junior Enthusiast," newly named newsletter of the Junior Women's Institute were presented to all Board Directors.

Junior Women's Institutes Plans

Mrs. David Brown presented a resume of tentative plans for the Junior Women's Institutes for 1971 as proposed at their November executive meeting: (1) annual meeting in mid-April in Teeswater (2) weekend fall conference in Niagara area (3) initiation of a Provincial Junior Women's Institutes of Ontario project to increase club unity; and (4) publicizing of the Ontario Junior Women's Institutes by newsletter, attendance at 4-H Girls' Homemaking Achievement Days, etc.