

work carried on, to provide leadership and guidance, and suggest topics for study. Too often conveners just keep the report on file and fail to communicate with their conveners at other levels or the membership. Some branches give folders to the conveners with duties outlined and pertinent information on the conveyership to be passed on to succeeding conveners.

Mrs. Morris Martin, Historical Research and Current Events Convener, urged more information be given in reports rather than a program reported by name only, cultivation of greater interest in all things of historical value, greater realization of the life of early settlers, and value of their old utilitarian articles.

She displayed and recommended for information and study many books such as "Pioneer Days in Upper Canada", "Books of Roads", by E. C. Guillet; "The Diary of Mrs. Simcoe", "The Backwoods of Canada" and "Canadian Settler's Guides for the 50's", by Mrs. Catherine Parr Traill; and "Pioneers of Old Ontario" by W. L. Smith. Many of these books are now available at Coles in paperback editions.

Minister's Banquet

Miss Helen McKercher, Director Home Economics Branch was hostess for the banquet given to the Provincial Board of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario by the Hon. Wm. A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture and Food.

Mr. Stewart commended Women's Institute members for the leadership they provide and their accomplishments which are sometimes taken for granted. When discussing current problems of "Pollution" Mr. Stewart expressed his concern saying "who is it that uses cans, non-returnable bottles etc?" — "Who is it that is crying for pollution control?" — "Why do we have to have a law for pollution?" "I'd like the urban housewives of Ontario to know you are convinced of need to clean up pollution in this province — all those things that are a menace especially to our streams which really provide sinews for the future." He urged Women's Institutes to use news media to greater advantage and present their positions on such subjects as pollution, post education, drugs, etc. which are among the things affecting us today.

Mrs. Austin Zoeller expressed appreciation of the Board to Mr. Stewart for his sincere cooperation and courtesies. She challenged those present to take an in-depth look and know the reasons for things we say we believe as we try to further the causes for environmental control. "We are reaching out into urban areas and together we should work for this aim and goal."

Notes of Note

The Semi Annual Board Meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario will be held at the University of Guelph April 20-23, 1971.

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One new Branch Women's Institute was reported in Thunder Bay District, one in Welland, one in East Northumberland and three in Algoma East.

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Promotion of seals, crests and patterns has been well looked after by Board Directors and members have been interested to know these supplies are available at F.W.I.O. office, 1230 Bay St., Toronto. A motion was passed at the Annual Board Meeting to drop free promotion and these supplies will be back for sale as listed. Each Board Director was given supplies to complete a personal set to be passed on to the succeeding Board Director in her sub-division.

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Mrs. R. C. Walker, Provincial Curator, suggested that all provincial conveners' reports should be read sometime at Branch meetings.

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Certificates to be presented to scholarship winners along with the monetary award are now being designed.

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Using visual aids, Mrs. A. Zoeller explained the set-up of Women's Institute Scholarships, their origin, their investment, and dispersal according to rules established by the scholarship committee.

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Recommendations submitted by the Constitution Committee for changes in the Women's Institute Hand Book were voted on and returned to Constitution for their further consideration.

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There is never a time to say our last word — the last word of our love, of our desire, faith, remorse, submission, revolt.

Joseph Conrad

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A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.

Henry Brooks Adams

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