



Left — Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Kloetstra, Board Directors representing the Junior Women's Institutes.

Later during the Sessions a motion was accepted that judging of the Handicraft and Citizenship Projects be done at Area levels at the 1972 Conventions, with winning entries to be sent to the 1200 Bay Street office of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario by November 30, 1972.

It was reported that due to ill health Mrs. Ruby Lockman had resigned as hostess at the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead and that Mr. and Mrs. Owen Loveless have been appointed host and hostess.

It was announced that the next convention of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada will be held in the week of June 10, 1973 at the Banff School of Fine Arts, Banff, Alberta.

The Home Economics Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food

Miss Helen McKercher, Director of the Branch expressed appreciation to the retiring President and Public Relations Officer for their efforts. Reviewing the format of the Home Economics Branch, Miss McKercher said that originally it was begun as the Women's Institute Branch to provide an educational program for rural women; now one of its most effective roles is assisting girls and women by providing services that promote the development of people.

Speaking of the popularity of certain courses, Miss McKercher explained the work of the Branch specialists is to bring courses up to date by revamping projects, such as the 4-H Homemaking Club Unit "Separates For

Summer." She said, "This will be a new unit with the name "Sportswear With Knits."

Miss McKercher reported almost one hundred more 4-H Homemaking Clubs this past year with approximately one thousand more completions, making a total of nearly 27,000 4-H Homemaking Project completions this last year.

It was suggested that because of the national survey being undertaken it might be advantageous to stress nutrition programming.

Miss McKercher announced the appointment of Miss Margaret Myer as Supervisor of County Home Economists to replace Miss Rosemary Clark. Miss Myer previously worked for seven years as a Food and Nutrition Specialist with the Home Economics Branch, and recently was Chief Consultant of Consumer Service, Department of Environment of Canada.

The necessity for Board Directors to fill in and return promptly the sheets giving detail of the District Annual Meetings in their Subdivisions was stressed by Miss McKercher. Details should include whether or not they request a special speaker from the Home Economics Branch. These sheets to be mailed by February 28 to Mrs. Harvey Noblitt, newly elected F.W.I.O. President.

Officers' Conference Report

Officers' Conference Secretary Mrs. Robert Weber reported attendance at the 1971 Conference as follows: 13 Area Presidents, 77 District Presidents, 235 Secretary Treasurers, 11 Public Relations Officers, and 204 Members-at-Large. Complete report of the 1971 Conference appeared in the 1971 Summer Issue of Home and Country.

Recommendations from the Officers' Conference Committee were accepted by the Board Directors:

(1) that a 24th Officers' Conference be held at the University of Guelph, registration May 2 and sessions May 3 and 4.

(2) that the pooling fee be \$35.

(3) that Mrs. E. V. Fulton, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada be invited to attend the 1972 Conference, this to be her official visit to Ontario.

(4) that the Discussion groups be as follows:
Branch level — president or district director or members at large.

District level — federation representative or alternate.

Area level — president or vice president.