

Mrs. John McCulloch, F.W.I.O. Secretary in 1949 and Secretary for the first Officers' Conference.



The Anniversary — The 1973 Conference is the twenty-fifth, and to mark the anniversary, Mrs. R. J. Futcher, president in the 1947-1950 period, who initiated the Conference, and Mrs. John McCullough, Secretary at that time, were invited to attend. Mrs. McCullough was present for the opening sessions and warmly welcomed.

Mrs. Futcher was unable to attend but a speech prepared by her was read by Mrs. Noblitt.

It was discovered that seven of the 1973 delegates had also attended the 1948 Conference. Among them was Mrs. Cridwyn Lee of Sudbury, a Provincial Board Director.

THE FIRST OFFICERS' CONFERENCE MAY 5 and 6, 1949

By Mrs. J. R. Futcher

It is difficult to believe that it is 25 years this May since Officers' Conference was instituted. I well remember that first morning and I assure you tears weren't far from the surface when I looked out over the crowd jammed into MacLaughlin Hall at the (then) Ontario Agricultural College, and with an overflow in the basement in the afternoon. It was a fine dedicated group of Women's Institute members, who had come from all over the province, eager to give of their experience and anxious to assimilate and absorb everything worthwhile