



**WI CONVENTION**—Seen in the Chateau Laurier at the recent Women's Institute convention, posing with elaborate hooked rugs, are, left to right: (front row) Mrs. Joe Shane, Plantagenet; Mrs. A. Cardiff, Renfrew; (back

row) Mrs. Ray Brown, Plantagenet; Mrs. Linden Clark, Martintown, chairman of the morning session; Mrs. G. McPhatter; provincial president, and Mrs. Walter Galbraith, Renfrew.

## National Office for WI Announced at Convention

Announcement of the proposed establishment of a Women's Institute national office with a small number of salaried employees, was made during last evening's session of the Eastern Ontario Women's Institutes convention being held yesterday and today in the Chateau Laurier.

This proposition, presented by Mrs. J. W. Adams of Ethelton, Sask., national president of the Federated Women's Institute of Canada, was accompanied by a suggestion of a yearly contribution of one dollar from WI members towards the establishment of a foundation fund for this national office.

Owing to the seasonal demands of farm living—part of the life of almost all WI members—it was sometimes necessary for members to postpone WI work in order to carry out their work in their homes and on their farms, Mrs. Adams said.

The establishment of a national office will ensure some

continuity in organization, she continued. "We must have continuity in order to grow—and unless we grow, we die."

She also announced that the dates of the first FWIC national convention to be held in the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, were decided yesterday. The convention will take place October 28-31, 1957.

Mrs. Adams stated an increase in WI membership fees is being contemplated.

Miss J. Dillon of Morrisburg presided at the evening session. A report on the District Annuals was given by Mrs. R. Graham of South Mountain, board director of Subdivision I. Mrs. A. L. Gibson of Kemptville reported on the successful WI holiday in Kemptville.

Greetings were presented by representatives of the Gatineau County and Aylmer East Women's Institutes.

The guest speaker, Mr. H. L. Trueman, director of administrative services, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, showed slides and gave an ad-

dress on his recent visit to India, Pakistan and Ceylon, and spoke of the developmental work being carried out in those countries through the Colombo Plan and the United Nations' FAO.

He spoke of the "terrific problem" of food and agriculture in these lands. Slides were shown to illustrate some of the primitive methods of road and house building, soil tilling and cooking methods still in use "on the other side of the world", and also some of the improvements in teacher training and nutrition introduced by educators from the Western world.

The convention is continuing with morning, afternoon and evening sessions today.

## WOMEN THREAD USERS URGE BETTER PRODUCT

The home-makers of Eastern Ontario are tired of broken and frayed threads and the Cobden branch of the Women's Institute is demanding a better quality product from the manufacturers.

Describing cotton thread as one of the greatest requirements of the home, the ladies have asked for and expect to receive the backing of all Eastern Ontario in an effort to lower the price and raise the quality. The demand was placed in the form of a resolution before the 40th annual convention of the Eastern Ontario WI.

"We, the users of the thread, are dissatisfied . . ." the resolution reads. "It also is used in the manufacture of a most