



Guests and executive members at the conference are happy about the whole thing. Left to right: Miss Florence Reynolds, F.A.O., Washington; Mrs. J. W. Adams, Ethelton, Sask., 1st vice-president F.W.I.O.; Mrs. J. H. McCulloch, secretary, F.W.I.O.; Mrs. R. G. Purcell, president, F.W.I.O.; Mrs. R. G. Marshall, Agincourt, Canadian representative to U.N.; Mrs. J. R. Futcher, past-president, F.W.I.O.; and Miss Anna P. Lewis, Director W.I. Branch and Home Economics Service.

stance the representative from Irak whose mother is a native and has never seen any man but her own husband — only one generation from the veil to discussing world affairs! She avers that Mrs. Roosevelt has done more for women's rights than any other woman in the world. "Mrs. Roosevelt never misses a meeting and gives herself wholeheartedly."

The work of the United Nations is a long-term operation, but it is making progress; Mrs. Marshall asserts it has passed the honeymoon stage and the bickering stage, and is now in the "reasoning" stage, and it is our best hope for working towards world peace and security. "We must strengthen our civilization and achieve victory in the spiritual manner, if we are ever to have peace; our great hope is our attitude," as Canadian Christian women."

The Hungry World

A most moving talk, illustrated with slides, was that of Miss Florence Reynolds from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Miss Reynolds, whose headquarters is in Washington, has served with F.A.O. since 1942 and recently returned from a trip around the world, seeing conditions in underdeveloped countries at first hand. Since funds for the work became available about a year and a half ago, F.A.O. has approved and initiated work on 170 technical assistance projects. One hundred and fifty-three are projects for improving farming, fishing, forestry, nutrition, economics and statistical services in the individual countries, and the remaining 17 are regional projects—training centres undertaken in Asia, Africa, the Near East and Latin America.

Speaking on "The Place of

"Programs With a Broader Vision" Urged at Conference

By Maud M. Kerr

THE officers of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, who were privileged to attend their annual conference held recently at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ontario, are likely to regard the time spent there as red-letter days. They were two days of stimulating discussions and informative talks — and the equally pleasing musical program prepared for their pleasure was, as always, a joy. The halls of the College resounded to a veritable tumult of talk, as old friends from all over the province called greetings to one another. But when over a thousand women congregate for meals, all talking together, the sound is really something!

Mrs. R. G. Purcell, President F.W.I.O., greeted the delegates at the opening and expressed gratitude for the privilege of being able to occupy O.A.C. for the officers' conference, which is now showing results in good leadership. Dr. A. J. McLachlan, president, welcomed the W.I. members to the College, and said the theme, "Programs With a Broader Vision," was especially important in these times of high cost of farm operations and restricted markets. He said that the College is very conscious of the farmer's problem and will do anything it can to help them reduce the cost of production.

Dr. Margaret McCready, Director of Macdonald Institute, in her greetings, thanked the Institutes for their influence in getting an addition made to Macdonald Institute and hoped for continued help along this line.

New Extension Services

Miss Anna P. Lewis, Director Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service, also extended greetings and introduced the new set-up in Extension Services for the Homemaker. This new service is more localized. District services are being discontinued, Miss Lewis said. "It was felt there should be more leeway, that it should not be necessary for all Institutes within the district to take the same course, but that one Institute could either sponsor a course alone and invite in the women from the local community, or two or more Institutes could cooperate in holding an Extension Service with one Institute in this group acting as the sponsor with the participating Institutes accepting their share in the planning and carrying out of the service.

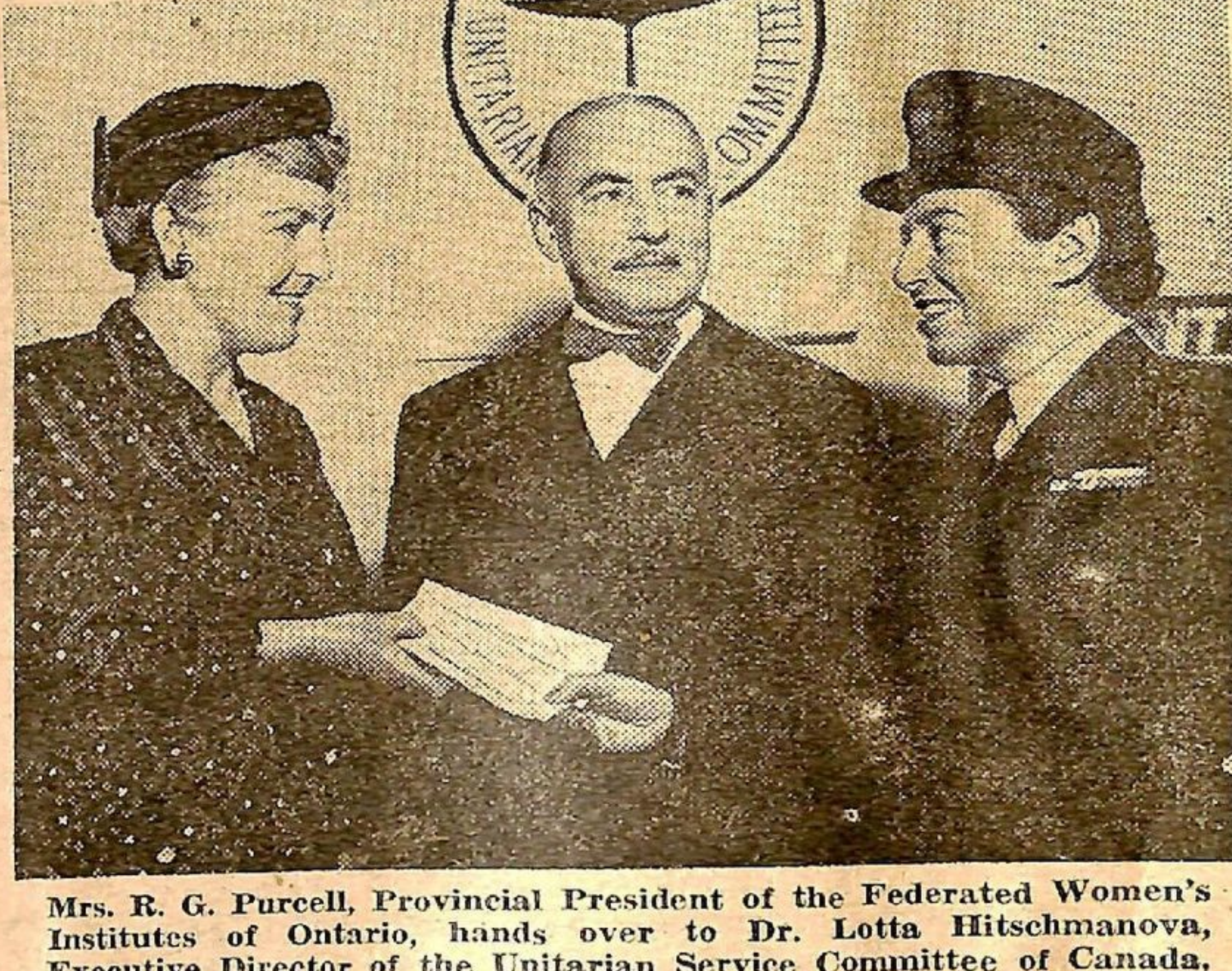
A round table discussion was held by the members of the W.I. Department, who afterwards presented an amusing skit and a realistic puppet show; the puppets were created and animated by Miss Grace Hamilton and Miss Irene McBride of the W.I. staff.

Community singing led by the friendly and irrepressible Rev. W. A. Young, College Chaplain, took the members off the hard seats for brief intervals of relaxation during the sessions. This community singing is always fun. Mr. and Mrs. R. Kidd, at the organ and piano,

also provided delightful moments before and between the sessions.

One of the highlights of the Conference was the talk "United Nations and You" by Mrs. R. J. Marshall, Canadian Representative to the Sixth Assembly of the United Nations in Paris. Mrs. Marshall explained the physical set-up of the U.N. at the beautiful Palais de Chaillot, Paris, where the sessions were held.

Mrs. Marshall described the committee rooms — the plenary sessions, and the simultaneous



Mrs. R. G. Purcell, Provincial President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, hands over to Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova, Executive Director of the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada, two cheques on behalf of her 1,478 Ontario Women's Institutes, at a recent small ceremony at U.S.C. national headquarters in Ottawa. One cheque for \$1,210.59, is to buy fuel for the tractor previously donated to the heroic widows of Mesovouno, a small village in Northern Greece, whose husbands were shot by the Nazis, and their homes burnt. The other cheque for \$1,000 is for the Unitarian Service Committee's "Bread for Greece Crusade." His Excellency, Mr. Nicolas Anissas, Ambassador of Greece to Canada, looks on.

translations which she found most fascinating, when, just by the flick of the dial on the table in front of each member, the languages of the representatives of every country present might be heard.

Mrs. Marshall spoke of the work of the Assembly carried out through the six Committees — Political; Economic; Social, Humanitarian and Cultural; Trustee; Budgetary and Advisory, and the Legal Committee. Commenting on the remarks that are often heard regarding the slowness of the U.N. to get things done, the speaker said, "Much that is not readily apparent has been accomplished — it is not all dramatic and spectacular, but steady day to day work among widely-diversified representatives." Citing as an example of the patience needed was the definition of "aggressor," which was discussed for two whole weeks.

Speaking of the women representatives at the Sixth General Assembly, she said that everyone was a colorful personality; as for in-

F.A.O. in the W.I. Program," Miss Reynolds said, "Two-thirds of the world's people are farmers; more people are engaged in farming than in all other industries of the world combined, and yet two-thirds of the world's population haven't enough to eat. One out of every two people have nothing to look forward to but hunger, starvation and disease." She quoted Lord Boyd Orr, who said, "Remember always — food is something to eat — in the economic system it is something to be raised and sold."

F.A.O. believes we can feed the people of the world — if — we take the knowledge out of the laboratory and put it into the hands of the man who tills the soil; if we can open up the minds of the illiterate in the countries where the agricultural potential is great, but where people are starving. "But," said Miss Reynolds, "F.A.O. cannot succeed unless the U.N. can keep the peace."

In continuing, Miss Reynolds (Turn to Page 43, Please)