

Women's Institutes Look Forward to 50th Anniversary

Pointing its objectives towards an adequate celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of Women's Institutes, the Board of Directors of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario has recently completed a three days' session at which an extended program, broader interests and more aggressive leadership featured discussions by 22 representatives from every section of Ontario. Held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, the Board meeting was presided over by Mrs. Hugh Summers of Fonthill, president of the F.W.I.O. and reached its climax in the passing of a series of 47 resolutions dealing with a wide variety of topics in which the women of rural Ontario are vitally interested.

In her presidential address, Mrs. Summers reviewed some of the achievements of the last year, mentioning especially the fact that one mobile center had been sent to Britain and another to Sweden to be used in welfare work in these countries. Mrs. Summers emphasized the need for all Institutes to take advantage of the co-operative program being provided and urged that a greater interest be taken in the rural schools and rural education. She particularly commended provision of hot lunches in rural schools as a Women's Institute project. Announcement was made that the first provincial convention of the Associated Countrywomen of the World is to be held in Amsterdam on September 1947 at which the Ontario Women's Institutes will be entitled to 5 delegates.

Miss Anna P. Lewis, Director of the Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service of the Department of Agriculture in her address to the Board members, announced the introduction of some new courses for 1947. There will be new courses in family living conducted by a qualified psychologist, a course in handicrafts and a co-operative program planned to help the young mother and also war brides from overseas. Last year she said Miss Lewis, 76 of the 99 districts in Ontario were served with courses and this year 80 districts are being served. Thirty-nine Institutes have been organized since last spring and the membership now stands at over 35,000. Short courses conducted through the Department were provided for 270 Institutes. Miss Lewis announced that to take care of the broader program, several important additions had been made to the staff of the Women's Institute Branch, which now consists of 38 home economists, field assistants and clerical workers.

Reporting as convener of the Committee on Agriculture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. H. Rutherford of Campbellford pointed to the fact that agriculture is going through a period of evolution as a result of scientific research. She recommended that the 1,000 branches of the Institute throughout Ontario make a study of the work of the Federation of Agriculture, attend county meetings, organize farm forums, study immigration in the light of labor and population, and also take an interest in the problems of soil conservation and reforestation.

Mrs. G. Maynard of Unionville, convener of historical research gave an interesting report on the historical booklets which are being compiled by many Institutes, recording the salient points in local community history. She asked all Institutes to have these ready for the 50th anniversary meeting, which is to take place at the O. A. C., Guelph next June. At this meeting there will be an exhibit of the best of these histories from each district.

An appeal to rural women to use their franchise to support worthy women for public offices, and to accept greater responsibility in civic affairs was made by Mrs. C. L. Murray, Port Arthur, in her report as convener for Citizenship. Mrs. Murray particularly stressed the necessity for rural women to take greater interest in educational matters, and to become well informed on matters of national and international importance. She made a plea for a helpful interest in the newcomers to Ontario and particularly in war brides from overseas.

Submitting a final report of the committee on emergency war work, Mrs. L. F. Chellan of Simcoe, reported an overall total of \$40,653 raised and expended for this purpose during the year from May 1, 1945 to April 30, 1946. She also reported on the winding up of the Central War Charities Fund, from which a balance of \$2,124.80 was divided among the veterans' hospitals to provide extra comforts for the patients.

Mrs. John McCulloch, secretary of the Board, reported that the Adelaide Hoodless Foundation Fund, being raised as a 50th anniversary effort in honor of the founder of the first Women's Institute at Stoney Creek, had now reached a total of \$10,500. It is the hope that during the jubilee year this fund will be increased to \$25,000 and it will be used to found scholarships for girls to attend Macdonald Institute at Guelph.

The long list of resolutions dealt with covered a broad field of subjects of importance to rural women. Strong support was given to a resolution concerning the extension of rural hydro-

with particular reference to the needs of South Kentville.

A resolution concerning the need for stronger measures to combat venereal disease urged the immediate enactment of legislation which would prevent marriage between persons mentally or physically unfit.

The Board adopted a resolution asking that no change be made in the name of Dominion Day. Resolutions from Thunder Bay and Algoma Districts, asking that the Department of Public Health establish public health nurses in these areas, were endorsed.

A resolution dealing with radio programs was adopted, asking for the establishment of a radio censorship board, and also that action be taken to curtail movies and radio programs portraying drinking, murders and scenes which excite the passions and tears of children.

A resolution from the Cochrane district, asking for the establishment in the Matheson or Montreith district, was endorsed by the Board. Endorsement was also given to a request that public health nursing service be established in that district.

In the interests of beautification of roadsides and rural areas, a resolution was passed asking that if he made a casual offense to dump refuse and garbage along the roadsides, and that the Provincial Highways Department take action to prevent such dumping along Provincial Highways.

Resolutions with regard to the liquor problem included recommendations to be taken to close all women's beverage rooms, and also a protest against the increase in the liquor ration.

Daylight Saving Time came in for some consideration and it was resolved that the Dominion Government be urged to continue the use of standard time as the only time system in Canada.

Other resolutions dealt with matters of organization of Women's Institutes and the courses to be sponsored by the Women's Institutes Branch.

The highlight of the convention was the banquet, presided to by the Board members by Col. the Hon. Thomas L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, presided over by Mrs. Anna P. Lewis, guest speaker was Mrs. A. E. Walker of Stoney Creek, W.I., who brought greetings from the parent Institute and urged that Institutes take a keener interest in the development of the International Peace Garden. M. McIntyre, Head brought greetings from the Minister of Agriculture, who was unable to attend.

Mrs. Hugh Summers of Fonthill was re-elected as president and Mrs. C. Holmes, Belleville, as honorary president. Other officers elected were secretary, Mrs. John McCulloch, Brampton, committee convener, home economics, Mrs. Wilmer Kewey, Wolfe Island, citizenship, Mrs. W. A. McCreigh, Deseronto, agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. H. Rutherford, Campbellford, historical research, Mrs. G. Maynard, Unionville, social welfare, Mrs. Ross Dodda, Chute; resolutions, Mrs. C. Holmes, Belleville; publicity, Mrs. J. White, Brooklin. Mrs. Summers was appointed W.I. representative to the Ontario Educational Association, the Royal Winter Fair, the Temperance Federation, the Society for Crippled Child-

ren, the Society for the Prevention of Cancer, the Federation of Agriculture, the Ratepayers' Division of Ontario, and as Press Convener for the Associated Countrywomen of the World. Mrs. G. Maynard was named representative to the Ontario Historical Association and Mrs. L. W. Chellan, of Simcoe to the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada.

Hawaiians Bemoan Lack of Blizzard

Sight-Seeers Visiting Canada See Their First Snowfall

REINA (CP) While most Regians basked through slush recently, hoping for a few days of Indian summer, one group was anxious to see a blizzard sweep down on their prairie city.

The snow lovers were in a party of 15 Hawaiians, 75 of them women, who stopped here recently on a 69-day sight-seeing trip through the United States and Canada. Most of them came in contact with snow for the first time en route here from Honolulu, Man.

All residents of Honolulu, they reported, not only a cross section of the business life of the island but also of its many nationalities.

Hawaiian, Polynesian, French, English, Japanese, Portuguese and Chinese blood was fused in the group.

Women of the party, all United States citizens, included stenographers, civil servants, music teachers, opticians and beauticians.

Chinese girls in the party had found Quebec the most interesting stop on their tour and "the gentlemen especially attractive."

Canada was restless after 10 hectic days in New York but the cigarette here were "too mild." Many were taking home woolens as mementoes of Canada, articles they would never use in tropical Hawaii.

Rationing in Hawaii was confusing to those from Hawaii where only gasoline and liquor were rationed during the war.

Yew Chan, leader of the travellers, was impressed by the hospitality of the west.

Watching the display of the comet Gouldian 2 named by said "Reina is a beautiful city. You even welcome us with fireworks."

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LONDON (CP) Increased availability of surplus space has quadrupled exports of pedigree British livestock since the end of the war.

More than 1,100 head of pedigree cattle left the country during the last 12 months, more than total exports for the preceding 4 years. Dealers say the current "boom" is limited only by shipping space, as freighter operators still prefer deck cargoes of machinery to livestock.

Recently, a shipment of 152 horses, some valued as high as 5,000 pounds (\$25,000), a head, embarked from Tilbury for Bombay while 30 sheep, mostly Hampshire Down and South Downs, left for Australia.

Dealers report greatest interest in horses, who also present greatest difficulty in getting accommodation for shipments to Trinidad and the Barbadoes are held up without means of delivering them.



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