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FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET AT O.A.C.

The spring meeting of the Board of Directors of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario was held at the Ontario Agricultural College for three days prior to the annual conference of the Institute on May 1 and 2. Mrs. R. G. Purcell of Fort William, the Provincial President, was in the chair.

In her opening remarks, Mrs. Purcell said that some of the recognized leaders in world affairs and peace movements believe the chief stumbling block and difficulty of this age is that men and governments place too much emphasis on the material things, instead of the spiritual aspects of life without enough emphasis on the magical force of brotherly love which is the heartbeat of all religions. Mrs. Purcell reported that the outstanding project of the year was the Tractor and Flour Fund for Greece for which over \$7400 was collected and thus the Institute was able to send a fully-equipped tractor and food to Athens.

Mrs. J. R. Fitcher, Resolution Convener, reported that action had been taken with the Canadian

Food Processors' Association in the request to have fruit, vegetable juices and unfrozen concentrated juices canned in small sized containers for the use of children; and that progress had been made with the Canadian Retail Federation of Merchants in having wire staple closings abolished on food parcels.

Three Tweedsmuir Competitions are being held. The History Project will be judged by Mr. W. E. Hanna, President of York Historical Society, Miss Ethel Chapman and Mrs. S. Aikens of Creemore. The Cultural Project, composed of an essay on the topic, "The Rural Home" will be judged by Mrs. George Ridley, Caledonia; Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, Atwood; Miss Ethel Chapman and Dr. Beaman, Head of the English Department, O.A.C. The Handicraft Project, which is an applied quilt, will be judged by Miss Audrey Spence of the W. I. Branch, Toronto; Mrs. Milton Webber, West Montrose; Miss Ina Hodgins, Carp and Mrs. Ira Lower, Innis.

Mrs. George Ridley, Caledonia, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the F.W.I.C. Miss Doris Riseborough of Uzbridge has been appointed the new Junior representative on the Board of the F.W.I.C. Mrs. J. H. McCulloch, Brampton, was appointed representative to the Ontario Temperance Association and Mrs. Charles Agnew, Weston, to the newly formed Provincial Film Library.

Miss Kathleen McLaughlin of Tamworth, who plans to enter Normal School this fall, won the F.W.I.C. Dorothy Fitcher Home-making Club Scholarship.

Plans were discussed for the Conference of Associated Country Women of the World which will be held in Toronto in 1953.

Miss Anna P. Lewis, Director of the Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service, reported that the Institute has 1481 branches with over 45,500 members and that 29 new Institutes were organized during the year. Miss Lewis announced the appointment of Miss Ethel Chapman and Miss Jean Armour to the staff of the W. I. Branch.

Mrs. J. C. Thompson of Beamsville, Provincial Convener of Agriculture, reported on the Conservation Council of Ontario.

Mrs. Loren Guild of Rockwood was appointed House Mother and Reservation Secretary for the F.W.I.O. Holiday to be held at the O.A.C. It is planned also to hold a F.W.I.O. Holiday at Kemptville Agricultural School.

Yukon and the Northwest Territories, which stretch more than 2,500 miles from Davis Strait on the east to Alaska on the west, are governed by a Territorial Council composed of a commissioner, a deputy commissioner and five councillors appointed by the Governor in Council.

Balloon's Offer Overdue, Pays Off

A balloon, whose attached message from 600 miles away offered the finder a \$1.00 merchandise certificate if used before April 2nd paid off this week, even though the deadline was passed.

The ragged balloon was found by Jesse McEnery of R.R. 2, Acton, and an account of the message from the Sterling Merchants' Association was carried in last week's Free Press. Mrs. McEnery returned the balloon to Sterling, Illinois, to tell what dignifies their advertising travel.

The following letter was received by Mrs. McEnery:

Sterling, Illinois
April 30th, 1952

Dear Mrs. McEnery:

We want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in taking time to write about finding one of the balloons which was released during our Sterling Merchants' "Spring Savings Festival" on March 24th.

Twenty-five balloons were released and this is the first one reported on. All of the balloons started drifting south, but apparently as they gained height they reached a north wind current.

You will find a one dollar bill attached, the amount of the merchandise certificate.

Thanks so much for writing. Stop in for a visit when you travel down our way.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL H. PHILLIPS,
Secretary

The Daily Gazette, Sterling-Rock Falls, Illinois, also carried an article on the find.

Tuesday morning Paul Phillips received one of the balloons in the mail with the faded certificate still attached from a woman near Toronto, Canada," it said.

"The woman, Mrs. Jesse McEnery writing from her home in Acton, Ontario, said 'I was indeed thrilled to find it but was only sorry that we had not found it in time to redeem the merchandise.'

"A new \$1 bill is on its way to Mrs. McEnery."

Poet's Corner BULBS IN SPRING

The little brown bulbs went to sleep in the ground. In their little brown nighties they slept very sound; And winter he raged and he roared overhead, But never a bulb turned over in bed.

But when Spring came up-toeing over the sea, Her finger on lip, just as still as could be, The little brown bulbs, at the very first tread, All split up their nighties and slipped out of bed! —Unidentified

THE NEED TO TRAVEL

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