

Full Program at District Institute Annual

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The total number of Home-making projects in the Junior Club Program is 16.

Girls acting as leaders in the various sections were: Miss Jessie Wingfield, Halton on clothing; Miss Margaret Donaldson, Perth, on Foods. An interesting part of this section was the demonstration by two girls of different salad plates, one called "Suzanne" and the other a hot vegetable salad plate.

Miss Eleanor Stark of Halton spoke on the "Supper Club."

Heartily applauded by the audience, ended the Junior Girls Session and the auditors' report by Mrs. F. E. Rhinhart, Halton showed the Area Managers to be quite in accordance with their requirements.

Reports were given by each of the six Standing Committees. Convenors showing much interest in their respective fields.

HOME ECONOMICS—Mrs. J. J. McKinnon, Chesley.

10 out of 11 districts reporting, no Halton report.

Highlights gleaned of the work in the different branches were:

Sending of parcels to Britain and Europe; adopting of British families and making pen friends among British Institute members. Demonstrations included making Angel Cakes, Salads, Upholstering, Chairs, School Lunches, Decorating the Christmas Tree.

Several Institutes had slides from Schneider's, Kitchener, on "Meat we eat."

A paper on China (dishes) was given at one branch and a debate "To take or not to take children to Women's Institute meetings" was debated at one meeting.

Roll Calls included: One way to preserve time; Handy dish for men's supper on W.I. day; Duties of a good hostess; Safety steps in the kitchen.

She closed with a poem "Epitaph of a Tired Woman."

8 reports from 11 districts. No Halton report.

SOCIAL WELFARE—Miss L. Dempsey, Stratford.

Miss Dempsey said that Social Welfare Work is largely in the hands of the women.

Interesting papers included "Maintaining Health in later life", "Health is foundation of happiness", "Points relating to children's health."

Things accomplished by branches included Chest Surveys; Slides on Cancer; Treats at Christmas; Helping Veterans become established; Quiltings; Ties; Suppers; Study of Canada's Health needs.

Things to watch included: That small hole in the screen door; the cold that hangs on too long; little things to prevent accidents in the home.

Mottos included: A friend is easier lost than found; Social Welfare is as wide as the world and as warm as our hearts.

Roll Calls were: An idea for the improvement of your community; Your idea of an ideal family; one cent for each letter of your birthday month.

Miss Dempsey closed with Edgar Martin's poem "Live and Let Live."

PUBLICITY—Mrs. S. Wheeler, Brussels.

Various ways listed by which Women's Institutes may publicize their activities were: Radio, Local Newspapers, Posters—have the school children make these. Furnish one room in a hospital. Cards for shut-ins, cabins at beach, addresses, printed programs, by using W.I. pins and seals. Keeping up to date with our Tweedsmuir histories, have a guest book signed by all visitors, catering is splendid advertising.

Mottos were: "By our deeds are we known." "Look backward with gratitude," "Look around with confidence, look around with hope."

Roll Calls were—One thing I want the public to know about W.I.'s. To convenors: Please state branch District or Area, also name address and date on front page of report and number pages with your name on each page. Also Tuesday and Friday at 1.45 p.m., CKNX, Wingham gives announcements of coming events, free.

Any roll calls, mottos, or complete convenors report may be obtained from the Loan Library, W.I. Branch, Toronto.

HISTORICAL RESEARCH—

Gladys Parks, Winton.

10 reports from 11 districts, none from South Waterloo.

Miss Parks reported that Tweedsmuir histories are never complete but should be continually kept up to date. She suggested a good case be used to keep the books from becoming soiled.

Suggestions included—Grandmother's messages; Historical exhibits; History of local school; Picture of Mrs. Hoodless for W.I. halls; County Histories; Visits to historical spots; History of Hymn "Ninety Nine."

Roll calls: Something my dear tongue has when I hear the name of W.I. I am reminded from my childhood days of the W.I. A. E. Matthews, W.I. Branch, Winton.

War Brides your citizenship convenors. Prizes for schools, Canadian Day with school children as guests; Travelling Library; Parks; Models for music Festivals, Halls; Christmas treats.

Mottos—"Love rules without a word and binds without a cord." "A law is good only if used lawfully." "An X-ray broker's keeper." "The road to peace is the one from my door to my neighbour's." "Justice is the sweetest flower in our garden of civilization." "Your criticism of another is your verdict of yourself."

Roll Calls: One way to assist our new Canadians. One way of neighborhood; A safety slogan; A Canadian who made good.

Papers—"What makes us good neighbours. Make Canada a land of Love. Friendliness: Hills to Climb; How the Provinces got their names. Have discussion periods, debates, plays and skits."

Mrs. Matthews stated the three "I's" in Citizenship were Industry, Intelligence, and Integrity, and finished by saying "For your work in Citizenship keep your eyes on Halton."

AGRICULTURE and CANADIAN INDUSTRIES—Mrs. Alfred Wood, Fergus. Reports received from all districts.

Mrs. Wood said that Agriculture is science, art and practice. Suggestions included: Mottos: "What Canada makes, makes Canada"; "While the world remaineth seed-time and harvest shall not cease"; "Keep the wheel of industry turning and keep Canada a busy country"; "As we carve so is our future."

Papers were: Trees and Soil Conservation; Plastic; Glass Making; Sugar from beet to bowl.

Roll Calls—Name a vegetable and its proper vitamins; Hints on farm accounts; Name a new industry; A Canadian Mineral and where found.

A pleasant interlude in the afternoon's serious business was the musical selections by the St. Jacob's Hillbillies which were really enjoyed by all, also the sing-song which provided relaxation from the taking of notes by the delegates.

Mrs. Oster, chairman of the London Convention Area brought greetings from her area to the Guelph Convention.

A guest from the English Women's Institutes, Mrs. Brain (of Hartfordshire) brought greetings from the British Institutes and won the hearts of her audience with her message from England. The British Institutes consider the Canadian W.I. as their Mother Institute as it was from Canada that the W.I. movement was carried to Britain in 1915 by Mrs. Alfred Watt, past president A.C.W.W.

The British W.I. members worked truly and faithfully through both world wars. The main project at present is to produce more food and the promotion of international work for World Peace.

Mrs. Braine attended the ACWW Conference in Holland last year and has many pen friends in different countries as a result.

At the present there are two German countrywomen in Britain studying W.I. work who hope on their return to inspire German people in the democratic way of living.

There are 7000 W.I.'s in England with a membership of 380,000 members. Their aim being "To improve conditions of Rural Life" and their Motto and Paper are the same as ours "For Home and Country". They are self-governing and self-supporting and their fees are now approximately 80c a year.

Once a year their delegates meet in Royal Albert Hall, London, in Convention. Their branches are so large homes cannot accommodate the members so most of their meetings are held in Halls. There are no Junior Institutes in England but they have youth clubs. Also there is no limit to years one may hold office in England. Mrs. Braine thanked the Canadians for parcels sent and expressed the wish that they might see the joy when one is opened. One peach in England costs about \$2.00.

The latest Canadian expression she has learned is "For Goodness Sake."

She told us the story of Little Willie:

Willie was coming from England to an uncle in Western Canada. The uncle received a cable "Please be sure to meet little Willie at the dock." So the uncle sent a return cable: "Meet him yourself, you're closer." This was to illustrate the distances in Canada compared to England.

Miss Lewis announced the winners in the Farm Home contest and three Institutes in the Guelph area were among the Prize Winners. Woodstock North W.I. in Oxford County won \$50; Little's Corners W.I. Galt won \$35 and Central Dumfries W.I. won \$10.

Following the banquet in the dining room at the Q.A.C., Mrs. C. Robertson, chairman, introduced the guests at the head table, who included Mrs. and Mrs. A. Lewis, past and present Districts of Women's Institutes for Ontario, Mrs. Robert-

son said we work all year in our own branches and are here together to get instruction and inspirations for future work. She appealed to W.I. members to be part of answer and not part of problem in the world today and also asked delegates to take home a full report of Convention activities.

Mr. W. R. Reek President of the OAC welcomed the delegates with words of praise for the work of the Women's Institutes. He said "We are very proud of the F.W.I.O. and this organization is considered the foremost rural organization in the country. When the W.I. goes out to meet problems they go as a group and get results. They stand on their own merits, and this makes for greater strength. No one can guess the future with any certainty but our aim must be to work for peace. Our aim must become food, conscious because of the increased population and must produce more food than ever before. I am afraid that some day young people are going to have a rude awakening because of high wages today. This cannot last and will be sure to change in the future. There is to be a 4 year course in Household Economics starting at the O.A.C. this fall and this is the course to which the Women's Institutes Scholarship will be applied for rural girls." Mr. Reek ended his reply by saying that "Employers like rural girls because of their home experiences."

Mrs. J. R. White replied to Mr. Reek's address of welcome after which Mrs. J. H. Spier, past Area Chairman proposed the toast to the Women's Institutes and stated that the W.I. appeal to rural women and that is why we have such a vast organization today.

In her reply, Mrs. J. R. Fitcher, Provincial President, F.W.I.O. said "It is a privilege to be head of the F.W.I.O. and membership in this organization is a satisfaction. It helps women to be better Home Makers and Better Citizens. This is a splendid way for rural women to serve. We want to give our work where it will do the most good and are rendering a splendid service to mankind. This service is voluntary and unselfish and the degree to which it is rendered is each member's responsibility. The rapid growth of our W.I. shows the great need we

fill in the lives of rural women. Our task now is to deepen and widen on these highways throughout the world. "Home and Country" is dear to man's heart whatever his race or creed."

The meeting then adjourned to Memorial Hall, where we were honoured in having John Rockwood, Baritone, entertain with several selections after which Miss Lewis showed her slides of "Holland" taken while attending the Conference of the Associated Countrywomen of the World (World Organisation of Women's Institutes) in Amsterdam last September.

Thursday Sessions started at 9 a.m. sharp. In the Dining Room with the singing of the Institute Ode.

She has since taking office last November written over 250 letters, these are all personal answers to enquiries received from W. I. Managers. To maintain our reputation all letters must get prompt attention in branches as they are urgent or they would not have been written.

Our 50th anniversary booklet is now in the hand of the printers and a second 50th Anniversary Film is being made for use by the W.I. branches. Do you read Home and Country? It is our official paper and suggestions for it are always welcome.

Our new handbook is to be ready to present at fall Provincial Board meeting.

F.W.I.O. has had three distinguished guests this year. Miss Kane of New Zealand, Lady Hayworth and Mrs. Braine from English Institutes.

F.W.I.O. is to have a tent at the Provincial Plowing Match at Lindsay.

The O.A.C. Scholarship Fund is being continued and further donations are needed for its continuance. F.W.I.O. is to conduct a Membership Drive and a gavel is to be presented to Women's Institutes having greatest per cent increase in membership and highest per cent increase in attendance during the year.

There will be no change in Yearly Fees until after the fall Board meeting.

Quoting from an address given by Mrs. Hugo A.C.W.W. President Mrs. Fitcher said "Women need to use their brains more and their hearts less."

Countrywomen's requirements for world citizenship are: Acceptance of the world as we find it today, we must accept our dependence on world affairs.

No part can act alone whether it be Statesmen, Agriculture or Labour. It is not the state of our income but helping to build a new peaceful world for our children and grandchildren which must be our aim.

We must have knowledge of world affairs and international problems. Acceptance of political responsibility by women. Women never have emerged their political power. We must make our own decisions and not follow the ways of past generations.

The voice of women must remind statesmen that their most urgent task is to work for the peace of the world.

We must actively promote better brotherhood and show our ability to get along with people and work together.

The road to free people will be a long hard road.

We must regain a new sense of moral values.

Mrs. Fitcher continued her report by saying "If we truly desire peace we must help to bring it about."

Plans are being made for a gathering of District Women's Institutes officers at the O.A.C. in the spring and a "Summer Holiday" for W.I. women at the O.A.C. in early July.

It is the duty of each member to take the Institute work seriously for in her hands lies the answer as to whether we advance or fall back.

Please do not leave the work for someone else but put enthusiasm into our work and be loyal to our Aims and Creed and to our officers. Loyalty is so important. Be generous in our criticism, don't look for things to criticize, and never battle an individual effort as each member is a most important part in the whole organization.

Mrs. Fitcher concluded with these suggestions:

1. Will you be a good loyal mem-

ber in 1949?

2. Will you be diligent in presenting suggestions and criticisms?

3. Will your progress report for World Citizenship?

Miss Irene McBride reported to the Convention from the International Congress on Mental Health held in London, England during the summer. Subjects studied included: Child Psychiatry; Medical teaching of mental ill; Mental hygiene.

She said that the commitment "Love Thy Neighbour as Thyself" means little to the children of Europe, many of whom have been in Concentration Camps since they were infants and have been brought up to hate themselves.

Education and school systems should work together with some medical system. The child is part of the community and should be treated as same.

In Turkey the headlines in papers are allowed about "Juvencio Delinquency and its reports at all on Saturday."

If we have no vision we will have no progress and unless men are world citizens they cannot work together for the good of the world.

Miss McBride closed by saying: "The World needs our labour, let us make our common endeavour worthy of the world's great need."

Mrs. McNaughton entertained with two readings: "I shall Not Pass This Way Again" and "Mrs. Malone and the Census."

Miss Marion Thompson, Supervisor of Wellington County Public Health Nurses spoke to the Convention about their newly formed Health Unit.

Several Resolutions were dealt with and those sent on to Provincial Board included: To shorten beverage room hours; to prohibit scenic posters and advertising by breweries; to reduce postage rates to Britain.

In accepting the Chairmanship for 1948-1949, Mrs. Robertson said she had enjoyed her work and would give her best as she realized that where there is honour there is responsibility.

The Convention closed at 2.30 p.m. with the National Anthem and some 250 delegates turned their steps homeward, reinforced for the task ahead of them in their W.I. (continued on Page 5)



THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS...

No man can enjoy a true life and true liberty, or pursue a genuine happiness, without first conceding the right of his fellow man to do the same. The extent of our enjoyment of these rights depends entirely on our unselfish willingness to keep our own pursuit of happiness from interfering with that of others. The moment the use of our own liberty restricts that of another... we are abusing the ideals our forefathers fought to maintain.

The House of Seagram believes that moderation is the key to the successful pursuit of happiness... moderation in our thinking, in our actions, and in our personal habits. That is why, in the use of whisky too, the House of Seagram has repeatedly said, "Drink moderately, or not at all."

Now who think of Tomorrow
Practice Moderation Today!

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