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**MRS. G. SOMERVILLE IS
COUNTY W.I. PRESIDENT**

Halton county branches of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, represented by 150 delegates, and members, held the District Annual at Bethel United Church, Trafalgar. They were welcomed by Norman Russ, the minister.

Everyone joined in singing the Opening Ode and reciting the Mary Stewart Collect. The theme for the meeting was: Faith Marches On. A minute's silence was observed in honour of deceased members and all joined in the Lord's Prayer.

Reports on branch activities were given by the conveners of the committees on agriculture and Canadian industries, citizenship and education, home economics and health community activities and public relations, historical research and current events and junior institutes.

Mrs. M. Borgstrom, Halton home economist, told of the work of the Junior Homemakers, their different work projects and the system of awards and scholarships. She announced that Helen Cleave of Norval had won the annual two nation's trip.

Mrs. A. Hamilton of the Department of Agriculture discussed the aims of the Institute as educational, cultural and social. Each member should feel that Institute work has helped her to become a better mother, homemaker and citizen.

Mrs. R. D. Hendry, Provincial Director, spoke of the strength inherent in 1491 branches of the Institute in Ontario for the achievement of common aims and gave as an example the scholarship and prizes awarded annually.

Officers elected for the year 1956-57 are: president, Mrs. G. Somerville; first vice president, Mrs. V. Norris; second vice president, Mrs. H. Wilson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. G. Buswell; Federation representative Mrs. C. Service; delegate to area convention, Mrs. G. Somerville; alternate delegate, Mrs. V. Norris; auditors, Mrs. Merry, Mrs. Chisholm.

Conveners of standing committees: agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. A. Near; citizenship and education, Mrs. F. Smith; home economics and health, Mrs. Inglis; community activities and public relations, Mrs. Corbett; historical research and current events, Mrs. C. Pegg; resolutions, Mrs. Frank Petch; junior convener, Mrs. G. Harris.

Musical festival representative — Mrs. J. Robertson; Federation of Agriculture representative, Mrs. V. Norris.

An interesting and instructive day was highlighted by community singing in mid-morning and afternoon. A charming duet was tendered by ladies from Hornby branch. The Bethel W.A. served a delicious lunch at noon.

Horticultural News

by Tony Bradshaw

Looking through the seed catalogues this year there seems to be a wider selection of tuberous begonias than ever before. They make a fine display but do plant them in a shady spot. To prepare the ground dig deeply and work in a liberal amount of leaf mould, peat moss or any other good humus. When buying begonias choose plants 4" - 6" high with thick stems and heavy foliage, handle very carefully as they are brittle. Plant so the bulb is just under the surface and firm the soil well. During the warm weather keep the ground moist. It may be necessary to stake the blooms as often they are too heavy for the stem to support.

Window boxes are very decorative and give great pleasure as we are not all fortunate enough to have our own gardens. Usually the handy man around the home can make suitable ones, average sizes being 8" deep, 8" wide and five feet long. Do not make longer or they will be too heavy to move once filled with soil. Drill the holes at 6" intervals for good drainage. Fill with a good compost that will hold the moisture, e.g., 3 parts good soil, 1 part humus plus 4 oz. of fertilizer. Before filling boxes sprinkle small stones over drainage holes, then approximately 2" of lumpy soil then fill with the mixed compost.

There are quite a variety of plants that can be used. I think the most popular one being the petunia, its habit of growth and free blooming made it ideal. Other plants are Alyssum, lobelia, geraniums, nasturtiums, and dwarf marigolds filled in with foliage plants, coleus, ivy and wandering Jew.

To keep the boxes looking attractive and growing well in such small places a great deal of attention must be taken over watering and a little fertilizer may be used every two or three weeks.

**HORNBY CHURCH
TO GET PARKING**

Hornby United Church, on the Seventh Line, can have a cellar dug and basement facilities for the fast-growing Sunday School created — because the Trafalgar Planning Board has approved a sale of a neighbouring lot to the church authorities.

The planners approved sale by R. G. King of a half acre to the church on the Upper Base Line at the Seventh Line for a parking lot, and also the sale of a second lot for a building.

"When we have churches asking permission to create parking space, then we should encourage them," said councillor Martin Crutcher. The additional land will allow for 170 cars to park.

Student ministers Norman Russ is

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in charge of the church, and his problem is to find space for the fast-growing Sunday School. Classes now meet in different sections of the church and a basement will leave the church proper free for adults, with the Sunday school going underground. The church has a seating capacity

of approximately 150 and average attendance is close to 100.

SUMMER IS HERE!

Seems as if spring passed us by this year, and summer came in full force Saturday. Highways were jammed with people out for an outing, and everyone enjoyed the balmy air.



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