

Year of Progress for Dist. Women's Institutes

Over 100 members of South Ontario District Women's Institutes met in the United Church, Ajax, Thursday for their annual meeting.

After the address of welcome given by Mrs. F. Bunting of Ajax, the District Secretary-Treasurer gave the minutes and reports of the year's work. The president, in her address, spoke briefly of the progress in the past year and of the very successful officers' conference held in Guelph this month.

Splendid reports were given by the Conveners of the standing committee.

Miss Dora Burke of the Women's Institute Department

spoke on the extension service to the homemaker.

Miss Ruth Shaver of the Junior Institute spoke on Club Girl's work and asked that each Senior Branch sponsor a Junior Institute if possible.

Mrs. Evelyn Bateman of Oshawa, in her address, chose "Citizenship" as her topic and she urged all women to use their franchise.

Mrs. Agnew, Provincial Board Member, spoke of the Institute work in the Province in the past year and told of the successful appeal for funds to purchase a tractor and flour for the people of Greece.

The District is planning two

bus trips, one to Barrie to visit the quilt fair and the museum and the other to Guelph during the Women's Institute holiday week.

The election of officers was conducted by Mrs. Agnew and the following were elected:

President, Mrs. R. Birrell, Claremont; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. H. Heron, Brooklin; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. H. C. Hutchison, Ajax; sec.-treas., Miss May Brown, Locust Hill; Federation Representative, Mrs. W. A. Brown, Locust Hill; alternate, Mrs. Badgerow, Claremont; District Delegate, Mrs. R. Birrell, Claremont; alternate, Mrs. F. Bunting, Ajax.

Standing Committee — Agricul-

ture and Canadian Industries, Mrs. E. Lehman, Stouffville; Home Economics and Health, Mrs. F. O'Sullivan, Pickering; Historical Research and Current Events, Mrs. Frank Roberts, Whitby; Community Activities and Public Relations, Mrs. W. Griffith, Ajax; Citizenship and Education, Mrs. Roy Robertson, Port Perry; Resolutions, Mrs. D. Crosier, Stouffville; Federation of Agriculture, Mrs. George Gray, Claremont, Mrs. J. Hamer, Myrtle, Mrs. T. J. Wheeler, Pickering. Auditors, J. M. Chapman and M. N. Pegg.

In the more-or-less good old days the farm surplus was disposed of by uninvited kinsfolk from the city who swarmed around the farmer's table for Sunday dinner.

Farm Service Force Camps Opening

Help to harvest the fruit and vegetable crops which are now coming along rapidly is essential again this year, according to A. J. McTaggart, Director of the Ontario Farm Labour Service. Once again he appeals to girls in their teens who would like to spend part or all of their summer in the country to register for this work.

The first of the 16 camps which will be operated this year has already opened and the remainder will be open by June 16. Five hundred girls who will spend the entire summer on the job are needed, while an additional five hundred will be required for three to six weeks to harvest the

strawberry and raspberry crops. To qualify, girls must be over 16 years of age. They are housed in supervised camps located throughout the fruit and vegetable growing areas of Ontario. Each day they go out to farms to help pick fruits and vegetables at the prevailing wages rates.

In the Toronto area there will also be an opportunity for day-to-day workers over 14 years of age to help. Transportation will be provided and a meeting place announced when this work starts.

Meantime, Mr. McTaggart urges girls to make their application early so that arrangements for filling the camps can be carried forward to best advantage. Application can be made by letter to the Ontario Farm Labour Service, 9 Richmond St. E., Toronto, or by phoning Empire 3-9461.

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