

The Erland Lee Homestead

The Erland Lee Home,
R.R. 1, Ridge Road,
Stoney Creek, Ontario.

Dear Institute Members:

The Committee has asked me to tell you the happenings since the purchase of the Home on June 15, 1972.

We have appreciated very much the groundwork laid by the former Committee, Mrs. Wise and Mrs. Deckinson who worked with each president from 1965 to 1970. Our Committee has received guidance from Miss McKercher, through the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, working with the School of Engineering who advise that the Home is structurally sound and has tremendous possibilities for preservation. The Agriculture and Horticultural Societies Branch has suggested a long range plan for minor changes and clean-up for the lawns and flower beds on the property.

You remember our telling you the dining room furnishings are quite complete; the sideboard would hold many knickknacks and if you have something suitable we would appreciate it if you would tell us about it.

The one bedroom has a bed and washstand, while the other has twin beds and a wardrobe. We have enough offers of quilts but we do need mats for the floors, chamber sets, lamps, as well as the little extras that would complete these rooms.

The only piece of furniture in the living room is a donated loveseat and a feather picture in a lovely frame. We did purchase the Lee rug which was in this room. You can tell we are in need of many furnishings and are attempting to stay within the 1850 era more or less. We would like a desk, drop-leaf table, other small tables on which to set some vases and dishes; chairs, drapes, lamps, whatnot, corner cupboard, to mention just a few.

It is hoped we will be able to have an old-fashioned kitchen, so any iron cooking utensils and kitchen equipment that might make a kitchen complete such as a stove, table, chairs, dishes, etc. are requested.

Some of our Branches and Districts have donated money and the Committee will make purchases of needed articles in their name. If you have an article that you might loan us for next summer, let's get together and talk.

If any individuals or Branches wish to visit the Home this fall, it is open, but only to view a few rooms and requests must be sent in advance to the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario office, stating approximate time of arrival and date.

We'll be writing to you again in the next issue of Home and Country. If you have any questions, drop me a line.

Sincerely,
Margaret Zoeller,
Committee Chairman

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Editor's Note — My apologies to the Guelph and Hamilton Areas. The following resolutions were not included when the Resolutions that were sustained at the Spring Meeting of the Provincial Board were published in the Summer Issue of Home and Country.

GUELPH AREA

7. WHEREAS there is increasing concern over the showing of violent and immoral programs on television during the children's and adolescents' viewing hours; and WHEREAS children and adolescents are so impressionable and proven imitators of adult behaviour; and WHEREAS there have been indications from recent police reports of a big increase in the number of young people involved in petty crime, promiscuity, drug abuse and their related problems; and WHEREAS it has been intimated that "restricted" and "adult entertainment" movies filmed in recent years may be shown on television in the future;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario appeal to the Canadian Radio and Television Commission to use its authority to promote more wholesome entertainment in the early evening viewing hours.

8. HAMILTON AREA

- WHEREAS recently there has been considerable publicity by way of press, radio and television on the subject of "Abortion"; and WHEREAS abortions are now quite readily available to pregnant females subject to review and approval by a panel of doctors; and WHEREAS there are some groups who are asking our Government to remove regulations against abortions and approve "Abortions on Demand";
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario voice its approval of our present Abortion Laws and oppose "Abortions on Demand".