

Lee Homestead Finance Committee

The report of the Lee Homestead Finance Committee, prepared by Mrs. Russell Wise, Chairman, was read by Mrs. William G. Miller. Representation for financial assistance for this project has been made to Hamilton and Burlington Councils and the Steel Company of Canada but no replies received.

The Board accepted the resignations of Mrs. Russell Wise, who has been chairman of this Committee since it was formed and of Mrs. Allan Dickenson, a committee member. Mrs. Austin S. Zoeller was named Chairman of a continuing Committee and Mrs. Wm. G. Miller was appointed to replace Mrs. Dickenson.

Announcement was made that approximately \$8,500.00 has been subscribed to this Fund and a further \$13,000.00 pledged to date, including donations promised from Stoney Creek Women's Institute, the County of Wentworth and the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada.

Hospitality Report

A written report by Mrs. John Charlton, F.W.I.O. Hospitality Convener, outlined plans to welcome delegates from the Officers' Conference to the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead on April 27th. A Board Director will act as hostess due to the resignation of Mrs. Ruby Lockman and Wentworth North District President, Mrs. Osborne Sager, with twenty of her Women's Institute members will staff the Homestead for this occasion.

On the second evening of the Board Meeting two carloads of Directors visited the Hoodless Homestead at St. George.

Royal Winter Fair

Mrs. James Pilkington reported re the Royal Winter Fair Annual Meeting. The 1970 slogan was "Come for a walk in the country, Come to the Royal", and public response was greater than in recent years. Every Province except Newfoundland was represented. There were entries from West Germany, Ireland, Mexico and the United States.

Mr. W. P. Watson retired in March, 1971 having joined the Royal in 1922. He is succeeded by Mr. John Moles as General Manager.

Junior Institute Activities

Miss Susan Eller, Junior Board Director, presented the report of the Junior Women's Institute Branches in Ontario and emphasized the advantages of provincial membership through information, program and project ideas passed on from one Branch to another.

Special meetings were held by the Junior Women's Institutes at Christmas, also a snowmobile party. One group is making a quilt,

others attended the Food Forum "Add a Touch of You" and another used the programme kit on "Linens" from the Loan Library.

Miss Eller is completing her second year as a Junior Board Director and she expressed her appreciation of the interesting and knowledgeable experience it had been.

Junior Institute Annual

Mrs. David Brown, First-Year Board Director, read the report of the Second Annual Meeting of the Junior Women's Institutes of Ontario held at Teeswater on April 17th. See page 10.

The Junior Women's Institutes Fall Conference will be October 15 - 17 at the Montrose Motor Inn, Niagara Falls.

Ontario Food Council

Mrs. Edison Sine, a representative of F.W.I.O. on the Consumers' Section of the Ontario Food Council, gave a detailed report of their activities over the last five months. A food luncheon introduced those in attendance to new products, nectars made from surplus Ontario fruits and "Butterhead" lettuce. At other meetings reports were given on surveys undertaken in supermarket backrooms, on how the Department of Social Services for Metro Toronto organized meetings to help with problems of low income families and welfare recipients, i.e. homemaking, budgeting, cooking, etc.

The booklet, "Your Food Costs" will be revised, updated and published as a "Fact Sheet". The Ontario Food Council has approached three Ontario restaurants at Ontario Place, restaurants on Highways 400 and 401 and has asked them to use Ontario foods as much as possible. A letter was sent to the Faculty of Food Science, University of Toronto, expressing dissatisfaction over a proposed closing and later it was announced it will remain open this year.

The Consumers' Committee is drawing up clear statements of their objectives and aims which are to serve as a liaison between the general public and the Food Council, with a representation from the Province as a whole. Their aim will be to improve market performance and help consumers with selection, handling and use of food, to present consumer concerns in relation to food, and to give out information on situations and government programs.

Discussion also centred on the Regulations Bill for packaging which has gone to the Senate.

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