

Secretary Treasurer's Report. Interim October 1, 1971—March 31, 1972

Mrs. Wm. Miller — reported that according to the latest reports there are in Ontario, 1,299 branches with 30,653 members and 2,508 life members. One district had not reported at the time of the spring meeting.

As Secretary Treasurer Mrs. Miller told of attending all meetings of the following committees — Finance, Scholarship, 75th Anniversary, and one Officers' Conference; working on final galley of the New Handbook which was published and mailed to all Women's Institute Branches in January 1972; attending several meetings of the Erland Lee Homestead Committee and planning meetings for the 75th Anniversary, meeting Mrs. Olive Farquharson at the Airport, acting as driver for her on several occasions, and being hostess for Mrs. Farquharson, Mrs. Fulton and Mrs. Noblitt for one night.

Finance Committee Report

Mrs. John Rumble chairman presented the following recommendations from the meeting of the Finance Committee.

1. That funds be made available to the Board Directors and the President to be used for organization of new branches, or any meetings to promote the welfare of our organization, at the direction of the President.
2. That the Florence P. Eadie and Dorothy Fitcher Scholarships be \$100.00 each, and that any difference in funds, if necessary, be made up from General Savings.
3. That the District, County or Area Scholarships be \$100.00 each for 1972 —
4. That the Annual Life Membership Fees for F.W.I.O. 50c; F.W.I.C. 25c; A.C.W.W. 02c — 77c per life member be transferred from Life Membership Fund to General Savings."
5. That the Erland Lee Homestead Committee, consisting of Mrs. Austin S. Zoeller, Chairman; Miss Helen McKercher, Mrs. H. L. Noblitt, Mrs. Russell Morrison and Mrs. Wm. G. Miller, be given power to spend any necessary monies, at their discretion, from that set-aside in the proposed budget.
6. That the president and secretary-treasurer be given power to re-invest certain funds as and when the debentures become due.

All the recommendations were accepted by the Board of Directors.

The Home Economics Branch

The Director Miss Helen McKercher reported a busy year working with committees — the Ontario Women's Institute Story, the 75th Anniversary Celebration, the Erland Lee, and the Constitution Committee which prepared the new Handbook. Miss McKercher reported that the Home Economics Branch has

printed 50,000 copies of the Handbook with over 30,000 copies being distributed.

Miss McKercher said, "We are still the Home Economics Branch but there is a new name. We now belong to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food with a new deputy minister Mr. T. R. Hilliard, Mr. Everett Biggs is now Deputy Minister of Environment. We also have a new Regional Supervisor of County Home Economists, Miss Margaret Myer. She replaces Miss Rosemary Clark."

Miss McKercher reported the recent death of Mrs. James Haggerty of Napanee. Mrs. Haggerty was a past president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada as well as past president of the Ontario Women's Institutes.

A taping of the 75 Anniversary Luncheon celebrations with newly acquired equipment by the Personnel Branch was reported. The tape may be borrowed for showing to a small group, but proper equipment is necessary for the playback. This tape is a good permanent record of the Luncheon Celebrations.

The F.W.I.O. directors were told that the Home Economics Branch is having outlines of the Short Courses, Study Kits etc. printed in leaflet from this year and further information is available from the County Home Economists. The tailoring course is again available. "Batik" is being offered for a 4H Club project and "Dining Around the World" a new food course has been added.

Closing her report Miss McKercher expressed her appreciation for all the invitations to attend 75th Anniversary celebrations and District Annual Meetings that she had received.

The F.W.I.O. Scholarship Report

Mrs. Lorne Daniel, chairman reporting — During the Committee meeting the qualifications of the girls recommended for scholarships were reviewed and the winners chosen.

It was recommended that the names of the winners not be announced till a later date; and that the terms of reference for the Scholarships be stressed — all things being equal preference to be given to a daughter of a Women's Institute member.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada

In her report Mrs. Noblitt, who is Senior Board Director from Ontario for F.W.I.C. announced that the next National Conference will be held at the Banff School of Fine Arts, Banff Alberta from June 17-22, 1973.

The Directors were told that a kit of material on the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada has been sent to the Ontario office. This can be displayed at Conventions, Board Meetings or sent on loan to Branch meetings.