

I was pleased to attend the Breakfast for 4H Homemaking Club Leaders and to extend greetings on behalf of F.W.I.O.

My sincere thanks to the Board Directors who, during this year, were so kind to me when I attended Conventions and other functions in their subdivisions; to Miss McKercher, Mrs. Zoeller, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Weber, Mrs. Houston, Mrs. Pardy and to Mrs. Miller who has not only been an efficient secretary but many times my chauffeur; and to all for your wonderful cooperation in my first year as President. There has been so much to learn but with stalwart support the tasks are made much easier.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. William G. Miller

The Secretary reported the completion of all business and correspondence as directed at the semi-annual meeting held at the University of Guelph April 24-28, 1972; letters of thanks sent to all who assisted at this meeting and copies of Minutes sent to the Board Directors and others.

Attendance by the Secretary was reported at all F.W.I.O. committee meetings with the completion of resulting correspondence and business; several District Annual meetings; area conventions, country rallies, 75th anniversary celebrations, F.W.I.O. Officers' Conference at Guelph University where assistance was given to Mrs. Harvey Houston, Public Relations Officer; the World Conference of Girl Guides at York University, Toronto, representing A.C.W.W.; semi-annual and annual meetings of the Ontario Junior Women's Institutes; and the dinner for the 4-H Homemaking Club girls, on behalf of F.W.I.O.

As directed by the F.W.I.O. Directors, investments and re-investments have been made with the cooperation of the Investment Department of the Toronto Dominion Bank. Securities purchased have been placed at the Toronto Dominion Bank, Bloor and Bay Streets, Toronto.

The Secretary has assisted a number of Women's Institute members from other countries by arranging visits to Women's Institute meetings at Stoney Creek and other parts of Ontario and to the Erland Lee Homestead.

As a member of the Erland Lee Homestead Committee the Secretary has been in close touch with developments since the purchase in June 1972 and has handled finances and correspondence.

Also reported by the Secretary was the following:

Membership

Number of Branches	1,306
Number of Members	30,759
Number of Branch Life Members	2,518

Office

Mailings:	
Letters	4,377
Receipts, Parcels, Misc.	4,059
Parcels W.I. Supplies	2,412

Secretary-Treasurer

Letters, cheques, notices, minutes, receipts, cards, etc.	1,148
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"The above does not include the large mailings done by the Home Economics Branch Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food."

ADELAIDE HUNTER HOODLESS HOMESTEAD

Hospitality Report — Mrs. John Charlton

During the term 1971-1972, 12 requests were received by the hospitality convener and arrangements were made for visits to the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead. Many requests came from overseas. For some, arrangements were made to go by train to Brantford, then to the Homestead and some were fortunate in being taken to a nearby Women's Institute meeting.

To date this year, 29 groups visited the Homestead and 14 were not Women's Institute groups. Many leave donations, and interesting letters have been received in appreciation. Total visitors from January to October 2, 1972 was 2,972.

Officers' Conference delegates were taken to the Homestead. Two busloads remained at the Homestead over the dinner hour and were catered to by the Trading Post. Mrs. Year Eaker, Board Director assisted hostess Mrs. Loveless in welcoming the guests. Officers from Norfolk North and South District Women's Institutes helped direct groups, register the visitors and sell souvenirs.

In February, Mrs. E. V. Fulton, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada acted as hostess with the assistance of Mrs. Loveless in welcoming Mrs. Olive Farquharson, O.B.E., President of the Associated Country Women of the World and Mrs. Harvey Noblitt, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. Brant North and Brant South District officers and members served tea to commemorate the 75th Anniversary celebrations.