

The part of the house around the front door was repainted.

The outside work for this year was done by the tenants and a reduction in rent was received by them.

We have a proposed plan for a self-contained apartment in the back of the Home itself, and will then be able to be in a position to appoint a host and hostess. If any Board Director knows of a Women's Institute member, along with her husband, who might be interested, would you drop us a note.

We are in need of furnishings and would ask you to refer to the Fall 1972 issue of Home and Country. Mrs. D. H. Rogers, Stoney Creek has been appointed a liaison to work with the committee.

Proposals for the Summer of 1973 are as follows:

One or two bedrooms might be used for special displays, such as glass, china, clothes, etc.

Hasti-notes (pen and ink sketches of the Home) for sale.

The barn might be used as an activity area; i.e., demonstrations of weaving, weed-dyeing, quilting, etc.

Picnic tables on the grounds.

Washroom facilities to accommodate busloads of ladies.

A special area set aside to sell articles.

For the beginning we might have some furnishings on loan for the various rooms in the Home.

Encourage your ladies to have a bus trip to the Erland Lee Homestead.

Give guidance about other sights, interests and motels in the area.

**WANTED
BY THE FEDERATED WOMEN'S
INSTITUTES OF ONTARIO**

A married couple — wife to act as hostess husband to act as caretaker and gardener for the Erland Lee Home, Stoney Creek. Duties to commence June 1, 1973. Separate apartment supplied. Apply for further details and application forms to Mrs. Austin S. Zoeller, R.R. 2, New Hamburg, N0B 2G0, Chairman, Erland Lee Committee. Deadline for applications April 5, 1973.

**CONSUMERS' SECTION OF THE
ONTARIO FOOD COUNCIL**

Mrs. Emerson Emke

Two meetings were attended and the following findings were reported.

A result of the Survey on Vacuum Packaged Meats appears to be a need to improve stock rotation on grocers' shelves. The open expiry date, the date beyond which the product cannot be considered safe, should be adopted by the manufacturers of Vacuum Packaged Meats.

The Food Council employed two summer students to undertake two studies, one to examine the quality of ground beef at the retail level. This study indicated that more research is needed but general recommendations are for improved cleanliness and for holding the meat at a lower temperature. The second survey was to gather information concerning food purchasing and preparation habits, of the blue collar people in Metro Toronto. The findings indicate that many food information releases are not reaching the urban population.

Frozen ground turkey is now available at retail stores. The Consumer Section of the Food Council will develop recipes and suggest that retailers include these with their products. All turkey must now be graded in Ontario.

**CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF
CONSUMERS**

Mrs. Clarence Mann

Mrs. Mann, representing Mrs. Noblitt and the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario attended the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Consumers. This being the Silver Anniversary of the Association, the theme was "Twenty-five years of Citizen Participation."

Mrs. Mann said, "It is hard to assess C.A.C. progress, never before has it enjoyed the respect of government and industry that it does now." There were reports from committees on Conservation, Finance, Communications, Research Development, Constitution and Consumer Education. Resolutions were presented with resulting discussions on such topics as Compulsory Automobile Insurance for all drivers, uniformity of election dates in municipalities in Ontario, growth stimulants in cattle and sheep, recycling, tax exemption for retired persons, store hours, etc.

Editor's Note: Here are topics for program discussions at Women's Institute meetings.