

Delegates to the F.W.I.C. Convention

Delegates and alternates chosen by ballot to attend the Convention of the Federated Women's Institutes Convention in Banff, Alberta, June 1973 are as follows.

Mrs. Rebecca Johnson, Mrs. Edward Urstadt, Mrs. Ross Johnston, Mrs. William Mitchell, Mrs. George Henderson, Mrs. Austin Rumble, Mrs. Clifford Barber, Mrs. Norman Tuck.

Alternates — Mrs. Norman Coulthard, Mrs. Peter Timmins, Mrs. Cridwyn Lee, Mrs. George Burnside, Mrs. E. A. Darling, Mrs. William Fletcher, Mrs. Effie Ellerbeck.

A LETTER RE THE ERLAND LEE HOMESTEAD

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

Dear Institute Members:

A sense of pride in ownership was renewed when I opened a letter from a Women's Institute member from Rhodesia who stated, "what an opportunity your members have in Ontario to hold the deed to the lovely Erland Lee Home and more important, own the table on which the original Constitution was hand written."

How do you feel about our "Home"? It is certainly an achievement in which we all have played a part. It is not over; there are so many things to do before spring. The Committee has done a great deal of exploration and evaluating of the best methods for use of the Home.

Our aim is to have some of the rooms furnished in the period of 1850 and still use a couple of the rooms for special displays which would be changed from time to time. Above everything, we are hopeful that this house will be functional as well. Not only will you have an opportunity to visit and reminisce about the past but especially to become more aware of the present.

From time to time we expect to have members involved in quilting, weaving, needlecraft etc. Would you like to have an opportunity to see a prize winning Tweedsmuir book or perhaps the Provincial Tweedsmuir book? You've all heard of the House Logs, proposed by Mrs. Walker, Provincial Curator; have you really ever seen one? Come to the Home and we'll have one on display.

There is a barn on the property; we have interesting ideas for its use. You'll be as thrilled as we are when you see it. Picnic tables will be on the spacious lawns for you to enjoy.

We ask that you plan bus trips and individual visits commencing in July, continuing through the fall. We will have detailed information ready for District Annuals.

To those who have articles for the Home and have offered them to us, a "thank you." If any other individuals have articles, don't forget to write; however a Branch, District or Area might like to donate money. We will purchase needed furnishings in your name. A special thanks to Grey Bruce Area who took up a collection at their Convention and to the District of Northumberland East for their generous donation as their 75th Anniversary project.

The back part of the Home is being converted into private living quarters and you'll see further information in this issue requesting a hostess. See page 20.

Last year was a very good year for Women's Institutes. We celebrated and reflected on the achievements of the pioneers and founding members. Now, as we look towards the future, let's involve each member (the 20% increase as well) by having an Erland Lee meeting so we all know the original history and have a better understanding of this magnificent project. To let your enthusiasm rise and be caught in the wings of pride.

As I close, did you know that one of our committee members, Secretary Treasurer Mrs. Wm. G. Miller had the misfortune to break her ankle before Christmas? A nasty break which will confine her to her home for a long time. We all wish her well.

Sincerely,

Margaret Zoeller
Chairman, Erland Lee
Homestead Committee

★ ★ ★

AT MIDNIGHT I REMEMBERED

Wakening at the touch of a wind-blown curtain
Wakening to joy in the soft loneliness of moonlight
I remembered that I must go down the hall
Past the small beds all sweet and warm with sleep
Down the white resting stairway
To the front door,
And step out onto the cold,
Moon-shadowed porch
To bring in little, frozen
Galoshes!

— Mary Brennan Clapp

★ ★ ★