

# *The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Directors, Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, Lambton Hall, University of Guelph*

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The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Directors of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario took place in the King Edward Sheraton Hotel, Toronto, from April 2-6, 1973.

Mrs. Harvey Noblitt, President, welcomed the Directors attending, expressed regret that Mrs. A. E. Darling of Bracebridge was unable to attend because of illness but welcomed her alternate, Mrs. Walter Templeton of Bala. Sorrow was expressed for the family of the late Mrs. N. Sinclair of Fort Frances, who passed away early in the spring. Mrs. Sam Kaski, alternate for Mrs. Sinclair, attended the Spring Meeting and will now serve as Director for Sub Division 32. Director Mrs. Marion Kloetstra of the Junior Women's Institutes was present but Mrs. Carolyn Skulj was unable to be present because of the recent birth of Baby Heather.

## **THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Noblitt

Early in December, 1972, after our Annual Meeting, Miss McKercher and I had the pleasure of meeting, in Guelph, most of the thirty-one recipients of our Anniversary Year Macdonald Institute Scholarships. We had the proud feeling that we were helping to further the education of these fine young women when we presented the awards.

As a Senior Member of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, I attended three meetings of the Advisory Group on Citizen information and feed-back. This group was formed by the Management Board of Cabinet for the Committee of Government Productivity. The concern of this committee is to consider, on the basis of many task force reports, the best and most economical means of reaching the public with government information and getting feedback from them.

The Erland Lee Home Committee has had several meetings and many informal discussions for making decisions necessary for making renovations and furnishing the home.

Since our Annual Meeting, I have had the pleasant duty of attending and bringing greet-

ings on your behalf at special anniversaries at Combermere in the Ottawa Area, Maple in Central Area, and Warsaw in the Trent Valley area.

I would at this point like to express my appreciation to Mrs. Armstrong of the F.W.I.O. office for the many hours of work she put in when Mrs. Miller and I were making arrangements for those people wanting to attend the F.W.I.C. Conference in Banff.

A large amount of correspondence is attended to in my home. To sum up my activities, I must say that I have had a busy and exciting mid winter period between our Annual and Semi-Annual Meetings. To all who helped in the advancement of the Women's Institute work — Miss McKercher, Mrs. Zoeller, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Houston, Mrs. Pardy and all the Board Directors, I say thanks.

## **FROM THE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Mrs. Wm. G. Miller

Since the Spring Meeting of the Board Directors of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario was held in the early part of April instead of in the last week of that month, only an interim report can be issued at this time.

Number of Branches — 1,295.

Number of Members — 30,893.

Number of Life Members — 2,518.

Money donated for A.C.W.W. Save Sight \$1938.25.

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### LAMPS

I met a stranger in the night  
Whose lamp had ceased to shine  
I paused and let him light  
His lamp from mine.

A tempest sprang up later on  
And shook the world about  
And when the wind was gone  
My lamp was out.

But back to me the stranger came  
His lamp was glowing fine  
He held the precious flame and lighted mine.

Author unknown.

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