

Scholarships Provided Through F.W.I.O.

ENTRANCE AWARDS

In 1945 a Scholarship Fund was established in recognition of those women who pioneered Women's Institutes in Ontario. This was to be known as the "Adelaide Hoodless Memorial Fund."

The project was suggested by Miss M. Viola Powell, member of the staff of the Women's Institute Branch, Department of Agriculture, and a former secretary of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, as a 50th Anniversary project.

The **Entrance Award** recipients would be students taking the Degree Course at Macdonald Institute, Guelph.

The suggested project was two sided, the money collected was to be used for a scholarship fund and to pay the expenses of the pageant "Let There Be Light," at the 50th anniversary celebrations at Guelph. **All the money collected** went into the Scholarship Fund because the Department of Agriculture, paid for the pageant expenses including the filming.

\$19,000.00 Donated

Under the direction of the Provincial Board at the 1947 annual meeting, \$19,000.00 was presented to the Ontario Agricultural College for scholarships to Home Economics students. This sum to be invested and the interest from the bonds, to provide scholarships.

The terms of reference were: (1) regional, as established by the F.W.I.O. (2) \$100.00 each (3) five Entrance Award Scholarships (4) preference to the daughters of W.I. members (5) Committee, Dean of Macdonald Institute, Director of Home Economics and members of her staff, President of F.W.I.O.

In 1948, the first two students to receive Entrance Awards were Agnes (Turnbull) King and Jean Thompson.

By the **1950's** the Entrance Award fund had a considerable amount of accrued interest. At the **1954** F.W.I.O. Board meeting, permission was given to grant a scholarship of \$950.00 to a Jamaican girl for further study for two years. The first year \$500.00 was paid, she failed her year, this ended the project.

65th Anniversary of FWIO

In 1962, sixteen special Awards of \$100.00 each were presented to Guelph students entering Macdonald. The accumulated interest from the original \$19,000.00 made this possible.

On the 70th Anniversary in 1967, the accrued interest made it possible to present fifteen Awards at \$150.00 each.

In 1968, the regular Entrance Awards were increased to six at \$100.00 each — four regional and two at large.

1972, the regular six established Awards were presented in addition to twenty-five special Awards honouring the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Women's Institutes in Ontario.

The six winners in 1973 are:

Mary Atkinson, R.R. 1, Barrie
Brenda Bremner, R.R. 2, Bluevale
Barbara Livingston, R.R. 1, Perth
Lois Lounsbury, R.R. 1 Smithville

Joan Patrick, R.R. 1, York
Karen Robinson, Box 485, Lakefield

Although we have had name changes and the OAC has become the University of Guelph with Home Economics now the College of Family and Consumer Studies, basically, we continue to assist students studying about people, nutrition, homes and families, as Mrs. Hoodless stressed back in 1897.

Those responsible and all who contributed to the Adelaide Hoodless Memorial Fund, which recognized the founders of the organization back in the early fifties would be pleased, that through their efforts, many students have been helped along the road to higher education. This worthwhile investment still has the \$19,000.00 capital and the potential of assistance remains with the present day membership as a link from the past.

Special Awards

After the 50th Anniversary celebrations, donations amounting to \$1,000.00 came into the Adelaide Hoodless Memorial Fund, after it was closed. In 1948, at the Semi-Annual Meeting of FWIO it was decided to build up an additional scholarship fund. During Mrs. J. R. Futcher's term as President, \$5,000.00 was received and in November 1950 the **Dorothy Futcher Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship** was established.

When the Jamaican girl did not complete her studies, the remaining \$450.00 was transferred into the Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship Fund and in January 1963, when Miss Eadie retired, a **Second** fund was established known as the **Florence P. Eadie Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship**.

Originally the Dorothy Futcher Scholarship was awarded to three girls, and the amount, \$60.00 each. The interest rates were low and in 1953 it was changed to just one recipient, in 1970 it was again changed, still one recipient but \$100.00 and continues today in the same manner.

These two funds are administered by FWIO and have nothing to do with the Adelaide Hoodless Entrance Awards. The scholarships rotate, the girls must be 16 years of age, have six or more 4-H Homemaking Club completions, and are continuing their education.

COUNTY, DISTRICT AND AREA SCHOLARSHIPS

In 1949, F.W.I.O. asked the County, Districts and Areas in the Province to sponsor a drive to raise \$2,000.00 to assure an annual Scholarship for a girl in their particular Area.

The money raised, was to be invested by FWIO, in trust for each special group. Interest rates varied, and no two Scholarship winners were receiving the same amount, which proved to be a problem for the Trust Fund Committee. FWIO found they were subsidizing the low interest rate investment.

All Winners Receive \$100.00

In 1964, the Provincial Board approved the payment of \$100.00 to each Scholarship winner. The ineq-