

# *Annual Meeting Provincial Board Directors Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario*

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The Annual Meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario met at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, November 26th-30th, 1973. Mrs. Harvey L. Noblitt, Provincial President, Ottawa, presided for the week long sessions. After the opening exercises, the nine new Board Directors were introduced.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Perhaps the largest number of meetings since the last Annual Board Meeting have been in regard to the Erland Lee Home as this has been a year of real activity in that area. Those who were at the Official Opening of the Home on August 9, will have been able to assess for themselves, to some extent, the great amount that has been accomplished there in the past year. The committee was exceedingly pleased with the wonderful response by way of money donated and articles presented to the Erland Lee Home by Women's Institute members all over the Province. We are extremely grateful for all the cooperation given. It is a fine example of what can be accomplished when all work together on a project. We will continue to need your full co-operation and support.

The Officers' Conference, held at the University of Waterloo was very successful from all reports. Mrs. Weber, Secretary Treasurer, gives a great deal of time and effort to Officers' Conference and does an excellent job.

Ontario delegates attended the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada Convention in Banff in June. Ontario delegates will feel a real debt of gratitude to Mrs. W. G. Miller, Provincial Secretary, for all her patience and efficiency with travel arrangements.

Mrs. Betty Lynn, Information Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, assisted in preparing Ontario's contribution to the Provinces' presentation of the program 0 to 10 from 10 at the Banff Convention. It was a taped commentary with slides of our accomplishments through the anniversary year — the Erland Lee Home, anniversary celebration, publication of the W.I. Story, the anniversary project for Macdonald Institute and the Officers' Conference.

I had the privilege of attending and speaking at nine W.I. Celebrations, several being anniversary celebrations. As well I opened one anniversary tea, welcomed a group of visitors from Manitoba at an evening celebration and unveiled a plaque at a 60th anniversary celebration. Because of conflict with Conventions, I was not able to welcome the group of Newfoundland ladies who were entertained by some of the Women's Institute members of Guelph and London Areas during September.

It was a special pleasure to be able to attend four District Annuals this year and speak at them.

The late Mrs. Henderson, an Area Vice-President, kindly attended two functions for me and Mrs. Alle-

mang attended the Jr. Women's Institute's Fall Conference in October.

Certainly one of the most memorable events of the year for me was the Provincial State Dinner given by the Lieutenant Governor for the Queen and Prince Philip on June 26, 1973, to which my husband and I were invited. It was a wonderful privilege to attend as a representative of an organization that was deemed worthy to be invited.

From September 10 to 14, I attended the A.C.W.W. Council Meeting in London, England, then followed the fourteen Area Conventions in September, October and November. It is gratifying to see the increased enthusiasm at Conventions, not only in the functioning of the organization itself, but also in crafts, drama and original writing.

I would like to congratulate all those who used their fine talents and entered the A.C.W.W. competitions.

On October 31 Miss Scott, Miss McKercher, Dr. Janet Wardlaw, Dean of the College of Family and Consumer Studies, University of Guelph, and I chose the six winners for the Ontario Women's Institute Awards. I was happy along with Miss McKercher and Miss Scott to present the cheques and certificates to the winners on your behalf at a luncheon at the University on November 15.

It has been a year packed with stimulating and, I believe, worthwhile activities. As always the success of every endeavour is the result of the sincere and dedicated efforts of many people at Branch, District and Area, of the Board Directors, the Provincial Executive and many on the 5th floor of 1200 Bay Street.

## **OFFICERS' CONFERENCE**

Mrs. Robt. B. Weber reported on the 25th Officers' Conference, stating the delegates were pleased with the facilities at the University of Waterloo.

There were bus tours to the Erland Lee Home, and most delegates had three full days at the Conference. (Complete coverage in Summer 1973 issue of Home and Country.)

**1974 OFFICERS' CONFERENCE** will be held on April 30, May 1-2, at the University of Waterloo, registration commencing April 30 at 12 noon.

Pooling Fee — \$45.00

## **DISCUSSION GROUPS**

### **BRANCH LEVEL**

First choice — Presidents  
or — Resolutions Convener  
or — Members at Large

### **DISTRICT LEVEL**

Resolutions Conveners

### **AREA LEVEL**

Resolutions Conveners