

# *Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario*

## *Semi Annual Board Meeting*

### *University of Guelph - April 22-26, 1974*

Thirty-two senior Board Directors and one Junior Board Director met along with the Provincial Executive for the semi annual Provincial Board meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

#### **THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Mrs. H. Noblitt**

The work of the Women's Institutes moved steadily on from the beginning of the New Year, much of it being done day by day at my home. This included answering the daily correspondence, compiling a report for F.W.I.C. from the reports of the Board Directors, on the Immigration Policy; a letter to the Hon. Robert Andras on the Immigration Policy for FWIO; the President's letters for two issues of Home & Country; the ACWW, FWIC and President's reports for this meeting and the address for Officers' Conference.

Then there were many meetings in Toronto. An executive meeting, a finance meeting and a meeting for Officers' Conference, meetings with Mrs. Zoeller's Erland Lee Committee, planning the agenda and memo with Mrs. Miller for the Semi Annual Board Meeting, the meeting of the leaders for Officers' Conference. This year the Handbook Review Committee met to review the bylaws.

I attended a meeting of the Northern Canada Women's Institute at the FWIC office in Ottawa. Mrs. Paton, Field Worker for NCWI was present and there was an opportunity to learn of conditions in the north first hand.

Mrs. Miller and I had discussions with Thos. Cooke and Sons on the trip to Perth, Australia, for the ACWW Conference. Many thanks again to Miss McKercher, Mrs. Zoeller, Mrs. Miller and Helen Armstrong and all the Board Directors for such fine co-operation in helping to further W.I. activities.

#### **SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Mrs. Wm. G. Miller**

As a result of the Handbook Review Committee, minutes have been completed and lists of recommendations have been prepared for changes in By-Laws and information for Board Directors.

Lists have been prepared of those eligible to stand for election as Provincial President. Copies of list and nomination forms have been mailed. These must be returned by July 1, 1974.

Many messages of sympathy and get-well cards have been sent on your behalf. Thank-you letters and tokens of appreciation have been sent to the winners of the A.C.W.W. competition, as well as to those who judged the entries. The winning entries have been sent on to International competition, and all others returned to their owners.

The interim financial report was presented. Since October \$1600.00 have been contributed by branches to Pennies For Friendship, and \$1668.00 to Save Sight. 93 new life memberships were received.

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER REPORT**

**Mrs. Harvey Houston**

This is my third semi annual report to you. 246 pieces of mail were handled from Oct. 15-April 15th. This included accounts of meetings to news media all over Ontario, packages containing Home & Country and other related material pertaining to our Women's Institute work.

My sincere thanks to Board Directors and others who have taken time to let me know of press coverage in their local papers, the feed back in this area has been very good. I have been guest speaker at two branch meetings, and also attended our Board Directors' subdivision meeting. My Public Relations display has been taken to these meetings.

It would be helpful if the Board Directors would stress at District Annuals that the Financial form:

1. Is not a balanced treasurer's statement
2. List the items that were used for Public Relations in community
3. Short written story of activities must be included.

My appreciation to other members of the F.W.I.O. executive with whom I work for their friendship and co-operation.

#### **HOME ECONOMICS BRANCH**

Miss Helen McKercher, Director of the Home Economics Branch, stated the main objective of the whole program is to give training in Home Economics for women and girls throughout Ontario. The program is designed for rural participants rather than the city, however, in no way is it limited and will continue to assist young women in personal growth and development.

Nutrition workshops will begin in the Fall of 1974 instead of Food Forums, to promote nutrition education. Good up-to-date information will be presented, with an aim to dispel fad diets.

57,000 girls and women were reached last year; high standards are still being maintained and interest continues. There will be no change in the basic 4H Homemaking Clubs, the whole program is designed for girls and leaders feel they do not want the added responsibility of boys in the Homemaking Club program.

Miss McKercher encouraged all to continue to be involved, it is only by doing that we learn, not by being told. She urged Board Directors to promote ACWW contributing memberships as well as individual memberships for FWIC Federated News.

#### **ERLAND LEE HOME**

**Mrs. Austin S. Zoeller**

The Home continues to generate interest among the members and during our second summer we have many requests for tours. The hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. We still ask bus loads to book their time of arrival, however individual carloads are welcome to drop in.