

The support of the Branches, Districts and Areas has been excellent and many new donations will be on display this coming summer.

The Drive House still needs small tools, and almost any small type articles can be used in this building. From time to time during the summer we will have demonstrations of crafts which should make a visit more enjoyable.

On display will be the bound volume of the first minutes and Constitution. The actual minutes and Constitution are photographs of the originals owned by Stoney Creek Women's Institute. These have been incorporated in a beautiful leather bound volume with gold tooling, a gift of Mrs. Chas. Agnew of Downsview. A presentation of this book was presented during the Board meeting to Mrs. Noblitt, who accepted the book on behalf of the Erland Lee Committee.

Also we will have the House Log on display. Mrs. R. C. Walker, Provincial Curator, has assembled this historic data and placed it in a book.

The water supply is not adequate for large crowds and we are presently investigating the situation and look forward to a more plentiful water situation. However for some months we ask any who wish to enjoy a picnic lunch that you include your beverage along with your lunch.

Supplies of hasty-notes, serviettes, spoons and place mats are available from the Home.

June 10-14 has been designated as Women's Institute Week. Extra staff will be at the Home to welcome the members.



On behalf of retiring Board Directors, Mrs. Ed. Urstadt presents coal oil lamp with reflector to the President, Mrs. Noblitt. A gift for the Erland Lee Home.

ONTARIO FOOD COUNCIL

Mrs. Cecil Bell

The members of the Consumer Committee were asked their opinions regarding "Open Dating". It was agreed that a massive consumer education program will be necessary to acquaint consumers with the system.

The Ontario Apple Commission has sent 120,000 apple folders to Ontario apple packers to be put in poly bags of Ontario apples.

We were asked to participate in a basic nutrition knowledge test. Miss Mary McGrath, Consumer Edu-

cation Specialist, explained the Nutrition Canada National Survey findings. Priorities as proposed by Department of National Health and Welfare are:

To strengthen government regulatory role for Canadian food supply.

To develop effective programs in nutrition information education.

To increase concern in programs in vulnerable groups.

To emphasize individual responsibility.

To expand training of health professionals to meet nutritional needs.

To develop systems for monitoring and surveillance.

ASSOCIATED COUNTRYWOMEN OF THE WORLD

Mrs. H. L. Noblitt

Many seminars and discussions have taken place in the world under the auspices of the United Nations at which our ACWW representatives have been present and expressed their views. At the United Nations, ACWW welcomed the inclusion on the agenda for the Status of Women, especially on the "Status of Rural Women". Women are less involved in the drudgery and physical toil of agriculture now. With this changing pattern they recommend:

1. Opportunities for adequate education and training for rural women.

2. More resources for adult education.

3. Consumer education.

4. Importance of water and adequate transportation in rural communities.

5. Training on the job-Secretarial to replace women's former role as a physical farm laborer.

In preparation for the Conference on World Population in August, 1974, (where Dr. Irene Spry has been chosen as ACWW delegate) many non-governmental organizations are preparing briefs. It wants countries to examine their population in relation to family life, health and nutrition.

So serious is the world food situation, that the UN Assembly is proposing a World Food Conference under UN auspices in Nov. 1974, in Rome. The theme for International Women's Year in 1975 is to be, Equality, Development and Peace.

FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF CANADA

Mrs. H. L. Noblitt

The Board Directors' response was excellent to a request for opinions on the Immigration Policy, a resume was sent to FWIC President, Mrs. McLean. Food Price questionnaires were distributed, to be returned to FWIC conveners.

NORTHERN CANADA WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

Mrs. Rachel Paton, a nurse and the wife of a bank manager, has been the Field Worker in the North West Territories and the Yukon for over six months. When she assumed her duties, Mrs. Bielish, convener for NCWI, suggested that her prime interest be to help the native women in whatever way seemed most beneficial, not to be concerned about forming new branches as we know them, not to expect massive response, but to aim for slow steady growth through individual contact.

There are five branches in the north, fairly active: Fort Providence, Fort McPherson, Fort Norman, Fort