

erty rights and encouraged all to seek legal advice when necessary. A visit to the Guelph police station provided up-to-date information.

### Special Projects

Eight hundred copies of the very successful project "A Little Bit of Everything" have been sold across Ontario. A special thanks is extended to those who participated in this project. There will be no further printings at this time.

A J.W.I.O. Award has been set up. The proposed rules, regulations and applications for this award are presently being prepared at Head Office. The J.W.I.O. plan to offer the \$100.00 award annually commencing in 1976.

### DIRECTOR OF HOME ECONOMICS BRANCH

The Home Economics Branch is constantly trying to meet the needs of the women in rural Ontario. Hopefully the courses offered are helpful and are meaningful to those who attend.

"Last year I reported the Nutrition Workshops had received good support, however, the questionnaires did not receive as wide a support. Out of the possible 3,907 only 97 were returned. One wonders why?"

Miss McKercher was concerned that there were two Board Directors missing from the Annual Board Meeting. She emphasized that it is important for all of us to watch our priorities. Since this is entirely a voluntary organization, we must sell ourselves, our programmes, work with the old and young alike to understand and appreciate everyone. One must evaluate what has been accomplished during the year.

First establish where you are going and what you are doing and then take time at the end of evaluation.

Have your programmes planned well in advance and work with the Home Economists. One who is afraid to ask questions, is afraid to learn.

This coming year **Tweedsmuir** and **Procedure Workshops** will be held on a **District** basis. This will allow a greater opportunity for more branches to attend with a wide scope for discussion and ideas, which in turn can be taken back and put into practical use to benefit the whole District.

### MINISTER'S DINNER

The Hon. Wm. Newman, Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, hosted a dinner in honour of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario Provincial Board of Directors and members of the Home Economics Branch.

Head table guests were introduced by the Deputy Minister, Mr. R. G. Bennett, and Mr. K. E. Lantz, Assistant Deputy Minister, introduced The Hon. Mr. Newman.

Mr. Newman paid high tribute to the former Minister, Mr. Wm. A. Stewart, for his tremendous contribution to Agriculture over the past years and to Miss Helen McKercher, Director, for her work among the women in the Province and the excellent programmes provided through the Home Economics Branch.

The Minister continued to say he pledged his support to Women's Institutes, complimenting them on their many accomplishments over the last 78 years. Mr. Newman, a farmer himself, felt that young people should be encouraged to keep the family farm a viable

and strong business and not only should farming be a business but a way of life.

The President of FWIO, Mrs. Herb Maluske, on behalf of the group thanked the Minister for his hospitality.

## 28TH OFFICERS' CONFERENCE MAY 4-5-6, 1976 UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO, WATERLOO

### DISCUSSION GROUPS

- Branch — President or  
Public Relations Officer or  
Member at large
- District — Public Relations Officer
- Area — Public Relations Officer
- Pooling Fee — \$60.00
- Withholding Fee — (If for some reason your representative cannot attend, a \$5.00 withholding fee will be charged for processing the application)
- Mileage allowances — 10¢ per mile for three or more delegates in car. 8¢ per mile for two or more delegates in car. 6¢ per mile for delegate traveling alone.

*Mrs. Irene Weber — A job well done.*



*Mrs. Maluske presents Mrs. Weber with life membership to ACWW.*

Mrs. Weber's six year term as Officers' Conference Secretary Treasurer is completed.

"Irene" will be remembered by those who attended Conferences for her decisive thinking and strong administrative ability. No problem was too big for her to straighten out on the spot. Along with her registration staff (Bloomingdale WI), Mrs. Wilbur Lawrence and the Officers' Conference Committee, the Conference ran smoothly and effectively.

In answer to the many questions she invariably concluded, "That's the way it is," however as one delegate to last year's Conference so aptly put it, "That's the way it had better be."

FWIO, on behalf of all the members, presented Mrs. Weber with a life membership in the Associated Countrywomen of the World.

"This is to inform you that we have applied in the name of Mrs. Robert B. Weber, for a Life Membership in A.C.W.W. We felt this would be a most fitting way in which to honour you and to express our gratitude to you for the great amount of work you did for F.W.I.O. as Secretary-Treasurer of the Officers' Conference during the past six years.

We regret to have to say "that because of the mail strike" we are unable to present you with