

ERLAND LEE HOME **Mrs. Margaret Zoeller - Chairman**

The Home of Erland Lee is gradually becoming better known both to the Women's Institutes and the public. Since 1972, when the Home was purchased by the members, great strides have been taken in both renovations and furnishings of the 1850 era. Members, Branches, Districts, Areas and friends have contributed lovely artifacts and many dollars, to preserve this house where the original Constitution was hand penned by Janet Lee.

Improvements

1975 will be remembered as the year of the well drilling. You can believe we held our breath, for water is not the most plentiful commodity in that area, but there is an adequate supply at 53 feet. The new wash-rooms were built and this was another "must" on the priority list.

Directional Signs

You will be pleased to know there are new directional signs on Highway 20 directing traffic east on New Mountain Road, north on the Second Line and east on Ridge Road to the Lee. The Regional Municipality of Hamilton Wentworth was responsible for the erection of the signs, as well as a new bridge on Ridge Road on the east side of our property.

Dreams Do Come True

For those who attended Area Conventions you saw the slide and tape documentary "Dreams Do Come True." Miss McKercher, Director of the Home Economics Branch was responsible for this presentation and on behalf of the Committee a sincere "Thank You". The slides and tape or script is available free upon request from the Information Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, University of Guelph, Guelph.

Supplies

Erland Lee spoons, \$2.00 each; hasti-notes, 35c a package of three or three packages for \$1.00; Ontario Women's Institute Story, \$3.00; all available when visiting the Home. Commencing this summer post cards will be available, also a small brochure on the history of the Home.

Visitors

From April through to September, 3,200 persons

visited the Lee. Seventy-five bookings were made, many more people dropped in than in former years and overseas visitors were plentiful.

Visiting Hours

During 1976 Mrs. Victor Beachin will continue as Hostess and Mr. Beachin will be responsible for the grounds and flower beds and all the other many tasks. We appreciate their fine work and warm attitude toward the visitors.

Visiting hours will again be weekdays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. with the exception of February when the Home is closed. Busloads must make application but a single carload may drop in. On the back page of this issue is an application form if you wish to request a tour this year. There is a change — requests are now to be made directly to the Erland Lee Home.

W.I. Week

Ontario Women's Institute Week will be May 31 - June 4.

Refinishing Furniture

The twin beds, bonnet chest and commode have been refinished. It has improved the look of the bedroom and this lovely old furniture looks more beautiful than before.

Aims for the Coming Year

- Restoration of verandah — as it was originally
- Paint house and Drive House.
- Furnish child's room (we need donations).
- Post cards.
- Purchase new flags.
- Catalogue and photograph all artifacts.
- Brochures.

The Committee are indeed grateful for your moral and financial support. It is only through your efforts and enthusiasm that this project has progressed so well.

We again have the 10¢ assessment on the fee sheet, which is slowly building up into a foundation fund. Eventually the operational expenses will come from the interest earned from this fund.

At the close of our third year of ownership, we can only say every member has contributed — it is, "our" — and yet we have preserved it, not only for ourselves but as a living memorial to Women's Institutes which has spread around the world into 69 countries known as the Associated Country Women of the World.

With the F.W.I.O. Branches

KIPPEN WI — George Thompson and Susan Tyndall told about the 4-H Regional Conference and the Provincial Leadership Conference. George showed slides of Alberta and told of his experiences with the 4-H Exchange programme.

BEECHWOOD WI present life membership badges and certificates to Mrs. Donald Campbell, Mrs. Grant Cameron, Mrs. Earl McLarty, Mrs. Roy Galbraith, and Mrs. Silbur Leatherdale.

SPEEDSIDE WI celebrate 60th anniversary. Supper was prepared from recipes from the 4-H Cereal Shelf and Let's Bake Bread by the 4-H leaders and girls.

Forty-five members were present including two life members, Mrs. Henry Carter, Fergus and Mrs. Wm. Robinson, Guelph.

Four members who have belonged for over twenty-five years were honoured, Mrs. Franklin Armstrong, Mrs. J. C. MacGregor, Mrs. Albert Sobal, and Mrs. Elmer Allan.