

**Health:** Branches take care of the aged and sick by remembering them on birthdays and at special seasons. Milk was delivered to a school and members volunteer for tuck shop duty in a hospital. Baking supplies were provided for an Adult Opportunity Centre, the baked goods are sold providing a means of self support.

**Community:** Women's Institutes supported Community Centres through donations of stove, refrigerator, clock, public address system. The WI's do the small things that others would not think to do, such as benches for parks, and maintained a village light. Bus trips to the Erland Lee and Adelaide Hoodless still are popular.

**Other Organizations:** WI members continue to give their services collecting for charitable organizations. Less of our hard-earned cash should be paid from our treasuries, and more given to our own F.W.I.O. projects. A budget is an excellent way to discourage hand-outs to other organizations. Decide on only one charitable organization a year. Then there will be funds to make that extra donation to the Lee Home, over and above the assessment; Pennies for Friendship and Nutrition Education. Further study of these last two items might prove that greater numbers might be helped around the world.

**Publicity:** Don't forget to show appreciation to the media for publicizing WI events. Place Home and Country magazine in public places for non members to read. Branches were present at local gatherings, acquainting people with the organization. The Drop-In Centre at the Plowing Match proved worthwhile.

**The Provincial PRO Report:** Last year's Officers' Conference proved to be a highlight for all PRO's, planning for this took time, however the results were commendable. As a result I have had a closer working relationship.

#### PRO Donations Report

Women's Institute Projects .....	\$ 27,710.21
Women's Institute Educational.....	123,877.78
Community projects—Educational .....	43,946.54
Community projects—Health.....	63,499.05
Community projects—Community .....	147,239.08
Other Organizations.....	35,385.76
	\$441,658.42

#### HOSPITALITY

##### Mrs. Gerald Holder

Overseas visitations were many with Australia, British Isles and Ireland predominating. Pen pals arrived and were entertained both personally and by the WI's.

English visitors were in Cayuga, Thunder Bay and Mindemoya. Simcoe Centre District chartered a bus and included their English guest. Included in the tour was the Erland Lee, Adelaide Hoodless and the site of the Women's Institute Hall at Milton. An Ontario Women's Institute Story was presented to her.

At Speedside WI three junior farm girls from Scotland and Ireland were hosted for four days.

Interprovincially, hospitality has flourished. Newfoundland WI's to Wellington, Halton; Wellington Centre to make a return visit to South Vancouver Island in 1977.

#### ERLAND LEE HOME

##### Chairman—Mrs. Margaret Zoeller

Donations and grants continue to come in toward upkeep and for furnishings for the Home. Members have been supportive of this on-going project and we would hope in this the 80th year since the founding of Women's Institutes, as many members as possible will visit or revisit the Home as a type of pilgrimage back to the place where the original constitution was written.

Ontario WI week will be June 6-10 with demonstrations of pioneer crafts such as bread baking, caning, weaving, doll making, quilting, rug hooking. Additional hostesses will be in attendance all dressed in centennial costume.

Mrs Victor Beachin continues as our hostess, we are all grateful to her for her conscientious effort and kindness shown to all visitors, also to Victor for his willingness and assistance.

The house and drive shed have been painted and look much better. Aluminum eavestroughs have been installed on the house and the east verandah repaired. We are still patiently (or not so patiently) waiting for the contractor to build a replica of the original verandah at the front. The cement step and iron railing at the west entry is a definite improvement, thanks to the urging of Hereward WI.

#### ROYAL WINTER FAIR BOOTH

The hospitality booth at the Royal was designed as a drop in centre where members and friends could stop and chat and rest awhile. 1145 persons signed the guest book from every province except Newfoundland, also included were the UK and USA. The booth was manned by the Board Directors and members from Central Area.

#### 29th OFFICERS' CONFERENCE

MAY 3-4-5, 1977

##### UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO, WATERLOO

1. Discussion Groups  
Branch Conveners only—One Convener per branch  
Citizenship and World Affairs  
Education and Cultural Activities  
Family and Consumer Affairs
2. Pooling Fee—\$60.00
3. Withholding fee. (If for some reason your representative cannot attend, a \$5.00 withholding fee will be charged for processing application.)
4. Cheques will not be issued for amounts less than \$2.00 and all cheques must be cashed within thirty days of issue or they will not be honoured.
5. The Officers' Conference will conclude at NOON. (Noon meal included on May 5.)
6. Mileage allowance—10¢ per mile for three or more delegates in car. 8¢ per mile for two delegates in car. 6¢ per mile for delegates travelling alone.

Mrs. Russell Campbell presented her first Officers' Conference report stating "from the many letters I received and the many people I talked to, it was a good Officers' Conference."

The Conference in 1977 for Conveners will be instruction in programme planning and projects under the headings, promotion, preparation and participation. The Provincial Conveners of the above convenerships will lead their groups assisted by active and qualified WI members.