

# SEMI ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF ONTARIO

Mrs. Harvey Houston

President, Mrs. Herb Maluske was in charge of the meetings held at the Lord Simcoe Hotel the week of April 18.

Two alternates were in attendance, Mrs. Wallace Krause alternate to Mrs. Peggy Hampel, ill in hospital, and Mrs. La Vern Campbell alternate to Mrs. Ethel Liddard, recovering from an accident. Mrs. James Thompson, Junior Board Director was unable to attend.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Herb Maluske

"We extend a warm welcome to Miss Molly McGhee, the new Director of the Home Economics Branch and the Honorary President of the FWIO. I know we shall enjoy working with Miss McGhee, cooperating with her programmes and she with us in the achievement of common goals."

A briefing session for the discussion group leaders for Officers' Conference was conducted. The presentation was on programme planning incorporating preparation, promotion and participation. The overall objective is to create new programme ideas to spark and increase interest at branch level.

Many meetings took place within the last few months, Finance, Constitution, Erland Lee Committee, Consumer meetings of the Ontario Food Council, as well as planning for the 80th anniversary celebration on July 13 at Bingeman Park, Kitchener. Other meetings attended were a special meeting called by the Hon. Wm. G. Newman on loss leader advertising; a Directors' meeting of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair; a reception following the opening of parliament; Branch meetings; and speaker at the 80th anniversary of Stoney Creek W.I.

The Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission asked FWIO to participate in the regional studies re: future hydro facilities in Southwestern Ontario. Mrs. Maluske was only able to attend one meeting because of conflicting commitments. Mrs. Middleton and Mrs. Wallace have attended meetings.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

Mrs. J. Harvey Houston

One hundred and sixty-six printers' proofs are circulated to mainly weekly newspapers in Ontario. The fourteen Area and one Junior PRO received reports of the provincial convener after the annual meeting, and a Provincial report was sent to FWIC. Mrs. Houston attended meetings of the executive and for the planning of the 80th anniversary celebration. She sold W.I. supplies, spoke at W.I. meetings and carried on the publicity work for FWIO when necessary.

## SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Earl Morden

The annual financial scholarship report for the calendar year was prepared and mailed to the 26 District, County and Area Scholarship Committees. Scholarship cheques and certificates were mailed to winners ratified at the annual meeting.

Lists were mailed to 15 District Secretary Treasurers, advising them of the eligible Federation Representatives and alternates who may stand for election as Board Directors at the 1977 Area Conventions. Letters were sent directly to the eligible candidates advising them of their eligibility.

Complete information regarding nominations for Provincial President have been mailed to Board Directors who have completed their term on the Provincial Board since the election of Mrs. Maluske.

All fee sheets have been received from the 1262 Branches. The membership in Ontario is 29,217.

## HANDBOOK REVIEW COMMITTEE

During each President's term of office a committee is appointed to update and review the Handbook. The Committee proposed changes for the consideration of the Provincial Board. Upon acceptance of the changes by the Minister of Agriculture and Food and the legal branch the changes will be printed in a future issue of Home and Country.

The two most important changes: FWIO fees will be increased from 50¢ to \$1.00 in 1978. **Note—this is only FWIO portion.** The Provincial Board accepted the recommendation that the Provincial office of Secretary-Treasurer, be divided into the offices of Provincial Secretary and Provincial Treasurer. A motion was carried to accept applications at the FWIO office for both offices, so the position can be filled at the Annual Board Meeting, December 5-9. **The Division is only at Provincial level.**

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The Provincial Board ratified 22 District County and Area Scholarship winners and alternates and two winning candidates and alternates were also ratified for the Maryn Pardy Scholarship (London Area). Names will be released by the County District and Areas at special events in their own communities.

Pine Ridge WI are considering sending \$2,000.00 to be invested by FWIO for a scholarship. Plans still to be finalized. It was approved that Miss Molly McGhee would instruct Home Economists to be responsible for printing scholarship forms and their role on the local Scholarship Committees will be that of resource personnel.