

HOME ECONOMICS REPORT

Miss Molly McGhee, Director

Grants of over \$6,000.00 were given to Districts and Areas last year by the Home Economics Branch through the Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Also travelling expenses of \$1,229.00 were paid to enable one delegate from each Northern Ontario Branch to attend their Area Convention.

A special thanks to all who acted as leaders, a very high percentage of whom are WI members. Statistics showed that numbers had increased in most of the Courses. Summary Days increased over 3,000 making a total attendance of 10,179; short courses food forums and workshops involved 5,053; 4H Homemaking club members increased 2000 making the final numbers 28,343. A decrease of 2,000 in the attendance at training schools was experienced, however there were 13,111 participants.

Miss McGhee pointed out the popularity of Home Crafts, not all requests are able to be filled. The Home Economics Branch received approximately 1500 telephone inquiries involving the foods section alone, about 140 hours of research were needed to answer these requests. The food section did a TV Programme on Cable 10 entitled "Make Every Day Count" as well as 3 public presentations, Food What's It All About."

Six hundred and thirty-four requests were received by the Loan Library for Programme assistance.

Twenty four specific 4H Homemaking clubs were offered to girls between the age of 12 and 26 in training in homemaking and to the general development as a member of a family, community and country. Instructions in both leadership skills and subject matter was given at 322 training schools, conducted by the County and District Home Economists to 5,838 leaders who consequently held 3,129 clubs for 28,532 4H members.

County Honour pins and certificates were presented to 1,760 members for completing six projects; for Provincial Honour pins and certificates 750 completed twelve projects; Advanced Honours and silver pie servers were presented to 186 members who completed 18 projects. Certificates were presented to 215 women completing five or more years as club leaders. 32,725 leaders and members received silver spoons for satisfactory completion of projects.

In recognition of their contribution for service 505 4H Homemaking Club leaders attended the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair as guests of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Five hundred and eighty-one girls took part in the 4H Homemaking Club programme at the CNE, Central Canada Exhibition, Lakehead Exhibition, Peterborough Exhibition and Western Fair. At Class "B" Fairs Home Economists co-operated with Fair Boards in the development of 512 educational exhibits displayed by 4H Homemaking Clubs and Junior Women's Institutes.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food provides the FWIO with a secretary, office and equipment. Through the Home Economics Branch, it also assumes responsibility for the publication of the magazine Home and Country, as well as mimeographing and mailing of materials to members.

THE ERLAND LEE HOME

Mrs. Margaret Zoeller

A Seminar conducted by Mrs. Dorothy Duncan, Adviser Heritage Administration Branch, Ministry of Culture and Recreation, was most successful. The day was designed to assist the hostesses in some do's and don'ts when acting as guides at the Home. Methods of relating to visitors just what life might have been like in 1897, types of transportation, telling the history of community life, in general going back in time and reliving some of the experiences of the Lees'. As a result a fact sheet will be distributed for the use of the guides.

The Ontario W.I. week, June 6-10, Mrs. Beachin will have hostesses assisting her from the Districts of Norfolk North and South and Wentworth North and South. Pioneer crafts will again be demonstrated and quilters will come from Wellington, Halton, Peel North and South.

Work will commence on the Drive Shed to make it a more satisfactory demonstration area. The sides and roof will be insulated and eventually better display areas designed.

Discussion as to how to build up the foundation fund to \$100,000.00 which eventually would provide enough interest to allow for the day to day operations, consideration was given to special donations from now through to 1980. All branches, districts and areas are urged to contribute.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Melville Wiseman

As requests come in Mrs. Wiseman works with the hospitality co-ordinators in the various areas to assist overseas visitors who may be visiting in Ontario.

ACWW office sent a request from the Ohio Farm Bureau telling of the possibility of a short tour next spring.

A committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. Chas. Fetterley, Mrs. Allan Darling and Mrs. Orvil Jordan to be in charge of an exchange visit between Ontario members and the Staffordshire Federation of Women's Institutes, England. Approximately 20-30 Ontario members will visit in the fall of 1978 and the English will return in the fall of 1979. The committee will be in charge of organizing the exchange visit and will also explore the possibility of applying for a travel grant.



Cornwall Centre WI celebrate 65 years. L-R Mrs. Viola Alquire only charter member (deceased) and president Mrs. Joan Poopst.