

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Earl Morden

### FWIO Membership

Number of Branches 1,262

Number of Members 29,218

Number of Branch Life Members 2,962

All correspondence and business was attended to. Copies of minutes of all meetings were mailed to members of the Board or committee members. All investments, year end transactions completed, and all securities in safe-keeping at T.D. Bank. Inventory recorded for FWIO and Erland Lee by Secretary assisted by Mrs. Russell Campbell.

Mrs. Morden attended all committee meetings, Coalition to Preserve Food Land, Niagara Escarpment Commission Advisory Committee; assisted in entertaining Mrs. Hacket-Pain at Lee Home, assisted in preparations for the 80th at Bingeman Park on July 12-13; attended initial meeting of Ontario Agricultural Museum exploring feasibility of Hall of Fame.



Board working Secretary-treasurers-Officers Conference, (L)—Mrs. Russell Campbell; and Mrs. Earl Morden FWIO.

## OFFICERS' CONFERENCE

Mrs. Russell Campbell, Officers' Conference Secretary-Treasurer presented a summary of last year's conference and proposed the following recommendations which were accepted by the Board.

### 30th Annual Officers' Conference

at

University of Waterloo, Waterloo

May 2-3-4/78

for

Branch Secretary Treasurers

District Secretary Treasurers

Branch Members at Large

Area Presidents or Vice-President

Pooling Fee—\$70.00 (\$10.00 withholding fee if delegate unable to attend)

Mrs. Joseph Bielish, FWIC President special guest.

## COALITION TO PRESERVE FOODLAND

Mrs. R. John Reid

FWIO representatives attended the founding meeting of the Coalition. The purpose was to bring together Ontario organizations concerned with the preservation of food land in the province.

Over a dozen organizations attended, many deeply concerned with the loss of Agricultural land and ap-

parent lack of planning. FWIO will continue to send a representative, Mrs. John A. King, Hickson.

## HOSPITALITY REPORT

Mrs. Melville Wiseman

This deals mainly with WI members visiting Ontario from out of the Province or from overseas. Terms of reference were drawn up previously for guidelines so the Convener and co-ordinators would have some guidance.

Wellington Centre District visited South Vancouver Island and Waterloo South District arranged a study tour in England. Both of these groups made all their own arrangements.

## ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME

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About 50 persons from agriculturally oriented societies (including FWIO) met at the Ontario Agriculture Museum to discuss the possibility of a Hall of Fame.

1. Motions were sustained, that a committee proceed to develop the concept of the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame Association.
2. That OMAF name a group for an interim committee.
3. That Mr. R. Carbert be the secretary.

The objectives are as follows:

- a. to formally and publicly recognize persons who in the course of their residence in Ontario made significant outstanding contributions to the welfare and improvement of Ontario agriculture. The form of recognition to include the hanging of a picture of the persons selected in a gallery to be located at the Ontario Agricultural Museum.
- b. to establish and maintain a gallery worthy of the name, The Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame.
- c. to prescribe standards for recognition in the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame.
- d. to direct all activities pertaining to the selection of the persons eligible for recognition and the ceremonies associated with the hanging of the portraits.
- e. to display, in an appropriate manner, information of historical interest pertaining to persons selected for recognition and to events that have had a significant impact upon the agriculture of this country.

## ONTARIO HYDRO

Mrs. Wm. Middleton

As a result of the Environment Act passed in 1975 and the Carter Commission a study group was set up in south western Ontario.

In 1976 organizations were invited to attend meetings held in specified areas on the following topics. Human Settlement; Agricultural Production, Timber Production, Terrestrial Communities, Aquatic Communities, Wildlife Exploitation, Recreation and Appearance of the Landscape. Constraint maps were available depicting the quality of the land ranging from prime through to poor.

Final study sessions involving all the original groups gathered in 1977 at the University of Western Ontario to further discuss and ask questions of the 16 member Ontario Hydro study team. FWIO was represented by Mrs. Middleton.