

ERLAND LEE REPORT Mrs. Margaret Zoeller

1. All Branches will receive a visitation form in a general mailing. If more than a carload plan to visit the Home anytime during the year, fill out a visitation form and mail it to Mrs. Beachin, at the Erland Lee Home, R.R. 1, Ridge Rd, Stoney Creek, L8G 3X4. Open 10.00 AM to 3.00 PM week days all months except February.
2. On April 6th from 9.30-3.30 PM a Seminar will be held for hostesses working during WI Week.
3. Hamilton Area Open House, April 27 at the Lee from 10.00 AM-9.00 PM. Hamilton Area members have agreed to donate jars of jam, jelly, pickles to be sold during Ontario Women's Institute Week. All Hamilton Area members are invited to come and visit the Home, enjoy a cup of tea and bring along their goodies. This is a most generous offer. For further details, ask your Board Director or District President.
4. Ontario Women's Institute Week, June 5-9th. Hours 9.00 AM-4.00 PM.
5. The Drive House is being extensively renovated inside. Displays will be more attractively arranged and better facilities for demonstrators.

BUILDING ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

A special drive to raise funds for the upkeep of the Erland Lee Home will be held between 1978 and 1980.

The goal is \$100,000.00 for the purpose of establishing a fund, whereby the interest will be used for the operation and upkeep of the Home.

You are wondering why we still have the .10¢ assessment on the fee sheet? The Committee feel that in the majority of cases, members will not mind the continuation of this assessment. This will add approximately \$2900.00 to our fund, but you can understand if we live on assessment alone it will take a long time.

On the other hand you are saying, we have already given a special donation. This is an on-going project. The Erland Lee Home is important, not only to FWIO but to members around the world. There are few organizations who can boast the ownership of an original constitution table. The Committee feel a deep sense of gratitude to all who have already donated but because of the importance, we ask all to help put this project over the top.

The Committee feel, that members will rally round this cause and help us reach our goal, enabling the WI to move on to another project.

A DATE TO REMEMBER

Ontario WI Week—Erland Lee Home June 5-9.

SALTFLEET VISIT JAM FACTORY

Members of Saltfleet WI, Wentworth South toured E. D. Smith's at Winona.

In 1882 the Smith fruit farm had a bumper crop of fruit, what to do with the surplus? A pity to let it rot! Because of a need, a processing plant was born. The surplus fruit not only from Smith's but from the surrounding farms was made into jam.

E. D. Smith's jams and jellies are important as one of Canada's leading industries however to Women's Institute members the name E. D. Smith is synonymous with the formation in 1897 of the first Women's Institute in the world. Mrs. E. D. Smith, first President and her executive provided an opportunity for women in and around Stoney Creek to voice their opinions beyond their own homes.

Automation, the use of frozen fruits, assembly line operations, storage facilities and laboratory research has made the greatest inroads into efficiency of the industry. The tour guide explained what has been done over the years and compared the many changes.

At the time of the tour, frozen strawberries and rhubarb were being processed into pie filling and diet spread. Forty-three tons can be processed in one day to make 65,000 cans of finished products. The members were interested to see the temperature controlled bubble warehouses.

At the end of the tour everyone was given a shopping bag, containing samples.



Classic WI, Perth C celebrate 50th. In honour of the anniversary a set of children's tea party dishes were donated to the Erland Lee Home for the child's room. Seated Mrs. Henry Mills, President and Life Members standing L-R Mrs. Gordon Rose, Perth Centre District President and Mrs. Foster Henderson Life Member and Perth Centre District Secretary. Life Memberships were presented to Mrs. Wm. Court, Mrs. Edward Langley and Mrs. Mills.

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