

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

Mrs. John Brown, PRO

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. C. Diamond

As the new President, she finds it a challenging and busy experience.

She expressed a special thanks for the kind messages and found it impossible to answer all of them. The promptness of the Board Directors in sending in their sub-division reports was appreciated.

No matter how busy, the President takes time to answer mail with questions and problems. Among the meetings Mrs. Diamond has attended, were the Committee for Executive, Finance, Officers Conference, Erland Lee, W.I. Hall, as well as the meeting for the Miss McKercher Scholarship. A special privilege was the presenting of Entrance Awards to 18 students at the College of Family and Consumer Affairs at Guelph.

The W.I. Hall at Milton has great possibilities and has necessitated two meetings to date.

When time permits, the President attends anniversaries and local meetings. In July she will represent F.W.I.O. at the A.C.W.W. council meeting in London.

The Directors were reminded of the F.W.I.C. Tweedsmuir competitions, the winning Area entries must be in the Toronto office by November 24, 1978, for judging at Provincial level.

The provincial project is "strengthening the Family Unit," and it is recommended that members should obtain literature, do research and present programs at the Branch level.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HALL

Mrs. Clarence Diamond

The committee held one of its meetings at the Museum at Milton, where they visited the W.I. Hall so as to better make plans. The work already done there was very pleasing and decisions were made for its completion. Colour schemes, wood graining, and wainscotting were chosen to depict the era of 1919-1929. This time was chosen, recalling that F.W.I.O. was organized in 1919 and also, the Department of Agriculture passed the first act regarding Community Halls at that time. Plans were made for displays, dividers and bulletin boards. The small kitchen will be modern and equipment will be added from time to time.

It will be necessary for visiting groups to bring their cups, tea, or coffee, etc., if they wish to eat there. Local branch members will staff the hall five days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for July and August of this year.

Mrs. John Schultz, Board Director had a sample wooden folding chair from a church in Morrisburg. Twenty more were available at \$1.00 each. Mrs. Robt. B. Weber, also a Board Director, offered to donate a table from the 1919 era, suitable for the Hall. The Board accepted both offers.

## WI MEMBERS ON FOOD COUNCIL

Ontario Food Council representatives—Mrs. Clarence Diamond, Mrs. Orval Jordan, Mrs. Freddie Wellman, Mrs. L. E. Drayton, Mrs. Geo. Bukator, Mrs. Geo. Fleming, Mrs. Donna Holm; alternates Mrs. Donald Jacobs, Mrs. Geo. Powell and Mrs. W. J. Knapp.

## SECRETARY TREASURER

Mrs. Earl Morden

In her capable manner, the Secretary Treasurer had performed her duties and dealt with the business and correspondence since the last meeting.

The Scholarship reports have been sent out and the cheques and certificates mailed to the winners. Mrs. Morden has mailed out the forms for the eligible Federation Representatives and alternates, who may stand for election as Board Directors at area conventions in 1978. The Secretary Treasurers of the Districts have received their lists and returned them.

The Pennies for Friendship Contributions	\$2,850.00
UNESCO gift coupon #569	\$3,10.00
Nutrition Education	\$2,555.96
Erland Lee Foundation Fund	\$6,666.12

## PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

Mrs. John Brown

The newly elected PRO is already busily engaged fulfilling the duties of the office.

Mrs. Brown reports a press list of almost 200 newspapers—is your local paper reporting provincial events? She has had her initiation in attending the first round of executive meetings as well as attending the Erland Lee Seminar where assistance was given in selling supplies.

A word of advice to all PRO's—read the instructions on the forms. District PRO's please send your reports to Area PRO's immediately after District Annuals.

## ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR

Mrs. Keith Hiepleh

Mrs. Keith Hiepleh and Mrs. Clarence Diamond represented the F.W.I.O. at the annual meeting. There was a marked increase of visitors from the United States and from thirty-eight other countries at the 49th Royal—"Canada's Show Window of Agriculture."

The theme that has been chosen was "The Royal Salutes the Queen's Silver Jubilee," and was predominant throughout the show.

Changes were effected to update, improve and add interest in many divisions. "The Ontario Food Festival" under the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, contributed greatly to the success of promoting agricultural products.

It was decided to have a rest area at the Fair again this year with Central Ontario Area Board Directors as hostesses assisted by Area members.

## VISITORS TO ONTARIO

Mrs. Geo. Powell, Convener of Hospitality for FWIO reports arrangements are nearing completion for a group from Ohio who will tour Ontario. Some of the interest points will be a tour of a farm, meet W.I. members, attend the Festival at Stratford, visit both the Erland Lee and Adelaide Hoodless Homes.