

## **JUNIOR WOMEN'S INSTITUTES**

### **Mrs. James Thompson**

Mrs. Thompson presented the report on behalf of the J.W.I.O. and Linda Tottenham who was unable to attend due to illness.

The J.W.I.O. is off to a growing start with 3 new branches since the first of the new year. The 13 branches have a membership of approximately 215.

The branches are Hastings, Sparkling Waters (Washago), Niagara District, Wainfleet, Peel, Norval, Jean Scott (Guelph), Walters Falls, North-Grey, Howick, Lucknow, St. Thomas and Brantford.

The Snelgrove Community centre was the location for the Spring Board meeting on the 8th of April. The 35 members and guests were soon divided into 2 groups for a brainstorming session to discover ideas for improving their spring and fall meetings. The local branches will be receiving questionnaires for their ideas. Watch for changes and the implementation of the new ideas.

Mrs. Joyce Beaton, Publisher, of Milton, was the guest speaker. Her newspaper, "Early Canadian Life," contains the grass roots history of Canada and is full of informative ideas. Mrs. Beaton says she is a liberated woman and explained how she climbed to creative fulfillment. As a mother of 6 children, she felt to be happy, she must contribute by having an outlet for her creative feelings. "Mothers are people too," she said, and urged all to "teach your children to respect you as a person in your own right."

The J.W.I.O. are making plans for a display to be placed in the W.I. Hall at the Milton Museum, depicting the local J.W.I. history.

## **OFFICERS' CONFERENCE**

### **Mrs. Russell Campbell**

Plans have been completed for the delegates from all over the Province to attend the Officers' Conference at the University of Waterloo. This is the 30th Anniversary of leadership training. Mrs. Campbell reports that nearly 600 delegates have registered, in 10 Discussion groups. Those registered to attend, will be Area Presidents, or Vice Presidents; Secretary Treasurers, Branch and District; and Members at Large. A great deal of planning and preparation is needed for the Conference to run smoothly. Appreciation was expressed by Mrs. Campbell to Miss McGhee and the Home Economics Branch, the Board Directors, and to Mrs. Morden for their help and co-operation.

Mrs. Joseph Bielish of Alberta, the National President, will make her official visit to Ontario at this time.

## **COALITION TO PRESERVE FOOD LAND**

### **Mrs. Agnes King**

The purpose of this coalition to preserve land is "to bring together those groups concerned with the preservation of food land in the Province, to exchange ideas and information, and spur groups on to be active and more effective."

Mrs. King, representing FWIO, is the only person in this group presently engaged in Agriculture. Both Organizations and individuals may belong but only organizations have a vote.

As a result of the executive meeting, a workshop was held to present more information. Presentations were made re: functions of agricultural areas, natural areas, and Urban-Rural Interface areas. "It was difficult to get together on many issues because we see different end points. Food production cannot be seen as the only use for land." A further workshop will be held in late spring.

## **ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME**

### **Mrs. Earl Morden**

Upon invitation, FWIO's representative, Mrs. Morden attended a steering meeting at the Ontario Agricultural Museum, Milton, to discuss the advisability of a Hall of Fame.

There was a unanimous agreement among the representatives from the various Agricultural organizations and Marketing Boards to create an organization to be known as the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame Association.

The formation of this organization is to establish and maintain a gallery for the recognition of persons who have made a contribution to the field of Agriculture.

At the next meeting the agenda will include reviewing and revising a proposed constitution. Many ideas need further examination—objectives, membership, directors fees, donations, meetings, officers and their duties, nomination criteria, selection committee, etc.

Dr. J. C. Rennie chaired the meeting and Mr. R. Carbert was appointed secretary.

## **ACWW**

### **UNESCO 569**

All donations for this project that are sent to the office without specific instructions will be designated for use in Zambia, for fresh piped water.

## **NUTRITION EDUCATION**

The expanded Save Sight Program has been well supported by the members in Ontario, and will continue throughout the 1977-1980 triennium of ACWW.

## **CAMEROON NATIONAL UNION**

The Board accepted the International Scholarship Committee's recommendation that \$1500.00 is to be sent to ACWW from the International Fund of FWIO.

This money will be used by the Women's Organization of the Cameroon National Union in setting up fortnightly sessions during the summer for the training of rural women and girls for rural development.

## **STAFFORDSHIRE W.I. EXCHANGE TRIP**

### **Mrs. O. Jordan**

Plans have been completed for the exchange visit to England during the last two weeks of September and the first week of October.

The first two weeks will be spent in Staffordshire, with billeting in homes of members there.

The third week will include a trip to York, and one to North Wales, and possibly Anglesey, where the W.I. began in Britain over 60 years ago.