

FWIO SCHOLARSHIP

Mrs. Keith Hiepleh

The Committee will update the present scholarship rulings and an appropriate name change will be made to the WI Entrance Award to Macdonald Institute. It now will be known as the Ontario Women's Institute Award to the College of Family and Consumer Studies.

A new scholarship was announced, to be known as the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario 60th Anniversary Scholarship. It will rotate along with the Florence P. Eadie and Dorothy Fletcher Scholarships in the four regions of Ontario.

REUNION

Plans are underway for a Board Directors reunion in August 1979.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario was organized on February 7, 1919. To honour this beginning, plans are being formulated to invite every Board Director who has ever served on the Provincial Board of the FWIO since its inception.

Everyone will be responsible for her own travel arrangements and expenses incurred during the day.

If you are interested in knowing more about the plans, contact your present Board Director. Have you kept in touch with some of the Directors during your term who might have moved away? Give the current Board Director this information.

We want to know more about the whereabouts of every single Board Director. Their present address, if deceased, etc. This is a big job—we need all the help we can get.

NIAGARA ESCARPMENT COMMISSION

Mrs. Earl Morden

The Niagara Escarpment Commission which is charged with the responsibility of preparing a plan for the Niagara Escarpment Planning Area is made up of 17 members and 9 representatives of the public at large plus 1 representative nominated by each of the 8 local Municipalities.

Working in parallel with the Commission are 2 Advisory Boards; one of Municipal Council representatives and another of Interest Groups representatives. (FWIO is one of the 13 in the Interest Groups).

The preliminary proposals were presented at a meeting in February, with representatives of the Municipalities, the Regional and County Advisory Committee, and the N.E.C. Groups' Advisory Committee in attendance.

Mrs. Morden explained that the mandate of the Commission is to prepare proposals essentially designed as discussion papers.

The Commission feels that the general public must be given an opportunity to review the preliminary proposals, drop-in information centres at the offices in Georgetown, Clarksburg and Grimsby are being established for this purpose. The public support is necessary if the Province's most outstanding physical feature, with its great natural and agricultural resources, is to be preserved.

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Herb Maluske Resolutions Convener, and the committee, Miss Molly McGhee, Mrs. C. Diamond, Mrs. Gordon Sherwin, Mrs. Maurice Jones and Mrs. John Forrest did an excellent job of researching information concerning the 34 resolutions sustained at Area level as well as the 3 emergency ones sent into the Provincial level.

In all 11 were sustained and will be sent on to the proper destinations.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Some resolutions were lost, because there were others similar in content. In other cases letters of commendation and encouragement will be sent on to the proper authorities.

A letter was to be written to the Ministry of Correctional Services commending them for their rehabilitation program and encouraging those in authority to expand these programs in their penal Institutions.

SUSTAINED RESOLUTIONS

COCHRANE-TEMISKAMING AREA

WHEREAS some brands of quilt batts, that are commonly used in making quilts are very flammable; and **WHEREAS** it is a hazardous type of material to use on beds or cribs;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario request the Ontario Government and the Department of Consumer's and Corporate Affairs to enact legislation to the effect that the labels on the batts be clearly marked as to their exact content characteristics, especially to its flammability.

EASTERN AREA

WHEREAS the flamboyant and daring sale of pornographic literature is on the increase, especially in supposedly respectable stores and shopping areas; and **WHEREAS** the minds of readers, especially of the young, who are the most impressionable and vulnerable, are being saturated with this type of filth and subculture; and

WHEREAS this type of resolution has, no doubt, already gone forth without apparent results;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the FWIO contact the Honourable Roy McMurtry, Attorney General of Ontario, and convey our concern, displeasure and dissatisfaction with the flamboyant sale of pornographic filth.

GREY-BRUCE AREA

WHEREAS with the increasing number of land-fill sites used for domestic and industrial purposes in Ontario and their subsequent problems e.g.

- (I) Farmers are forced to unwillingly subsidize land-fill sites in three ways
 - (a) lower farm pensions on retirement
 - (b) loss of savings on a sale
 - (c) loss of income due to pollution of wells and ponds