

# *Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario Annual Meeting Provincial Board of Directors*

Mrs. John Brown PRO

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Mrs. Clarence Diamond**

Mrs. Diamond told about her role as President during her first year in office.

She was able to attend a great many Branch and District anniversaries, a District Craft Fair, special 4H Homemaking Achievement Days, District Annuals, Mr. Gordon Bennett's retirement party and Miss H. McKercher's portrait unveiling for the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Regular and special Committee meetings, Girls' Conference and 4H Leaders' Breakfasts as well as the Erland Lee and WI Hall on the Agricultural Museum site were only some of the extra meetings attended by the President.

Mrs. Diamond represented FWIO at a special unveiling of a plaque honoring Adelaide Hoodless at a public school in Hamilton, bearing her name. At the meeting held in the school auditorium, sponsored by the Provincial Council of Women, she told about Mrs. Hoodless and her contribution to the Women's Institute movement.

A group of Ohio Farm Bureau members visited various locales in Southwestern Ontario and the Niagara Region, Mrs. Diamond and some of the FWIO Executive were able to join the local Women's Institute activities.

Mrs. Diamond concluded her report "I think our records show we have been working together for the common good, trying to determine the direction of human history."

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Miss Molly McGhee, Director Home Economics Branch, OMAF, spoke of the long association between the Home Economics Branch and the Women's Institutes, stating "the Home Economics Branch has contributed to the growth of your organization, now the Home Economics Branch needs your help."

As you are probably aware, money is tight and we must compete for a piece of the tax pie. The Branch continued to seek new ways to serve all rural residents in the province.

Miss McGhee encouraged all to promote larger attendances at training schools, summary days and food forums, which are open to all residents in the province. She asked that branches actively seek new leaders for training schools.

In comparison with other provinces OMAF through the Home Economics Branch is most generous with support and assistance to the WI's. "We are grateful for all the help you provide for both junior and senior programs." Last year we had 5,524 leaders, about 75% of whom the WI found for the Home Economics Branch. This work and what you do in keeping the history of local communities alive through the Tweedsmuir Histories, the Erland Lee Home and the WI Hall are all important.

The Home Economics Branch hopes you will take a serious look at some of these suggestions and that your renewed and more vigorous support will ensure that both the Branch and FWIO will become much more viable than in the recent past.



Mrs. H. L. Noblitt, Ontario Vice President FWIC, chats with the two Junior Board Directors representing the JWIO on the FWIO board, Mrs. Ruth McCurdy and Mrs. Douglas Tottenham; and Mrs. Clarence Diamond FWIO President.