



OMAF staff members attending Minister's dinner. L-R Mr. A. G. Bennett, Director Extension Branch; Miss Molly McGhee, Director Home Economics Branch; Mr. K. E. Lantz, Deputy Minister; Dr. G. H. Collin, Director Production and Rural Development.

### MINISTER'S DINNER

The FWIO Board were guests at a dinner hosted by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Due to illness, the Hon. Wm. Newman was unable to attend.

Deputy Minister Mr. K. E. Lantz spoke about Agriculture and its multiplier affect on the economy. Agriculture is important in its own right, surpassing any other industry in the province by providing one in every 4 jobs resulting from agricultural endeavours.

The family farm still is important and continues to be a viable business. It is encouraging to see 25% of the graduates from schools of Agriculture returning to the farm. Over the last five years there has been a 50% increase in enrollment in Agricultural Colleges.

The Women's Institutes have played a leading role in the preservation of the family farm. Its record of achievement in preserving the quality of family living is important and yet the W I has become involved in the current and on-going events of to-day.

### REST AREA AT THE ROYAL

Mrs. Orval Jordan and committee were responsible for the display and staffing during the Winter Fair. The Erland Lee Home, FWIO's major project was a special feature. Public response was quite good, an added feature was a replica of the Erland Lee Home and an opportunity for the public to donate to the Foundation Fund. Over \$90.00 was added to the Fund.

The staff were busy answering questions about the W I and telling about the programs and opportunities provided by a voluntary organization.

### JUNIOR WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

#### Mrs. Douglas Tottenham

Good news—the membership is growing!

Two new branches were organized in June, one in Norfolk and one in Emo. If any District does not have a Junior W I ask your Home Economist, Board Director or any Executive member of the J W I for assistance.

Reports were given about the Spring Board meeting held at Snelgrove and the Annual meeting.

The Annual was held at Milton with approximately sixty present. Mrs. Gina Traver, Niagara College guest speaker, talked about you as a person, demonstrating tips on personality and poise. She also discussed the art of make-up and fashions that suit your figure.

Special guests brought greetings, Provincial President Mrs. Diamond, Mrs. John McNabb, Halton District President; Mrs. L. A. Jefferson, local Board Director; Miss Lorraine Holding, Regional Supervisor for the Home Economics Branch; Mrs. John Brown, Provincial PRO.

Mrs. Margaret Minor was elected President and Mrs. Mary Hall Secretary Treasurer, PRO Miss June Alton and FWIO Board directors, Mrs. Linda Tottenham and Mrs. Ruth McCurdy.

Junior Women's Institute Scholarships were awarded to two girls continuing their education. Nancy Alton, Lucknow Junior Branch is attending Ryerson Polytechnical Institute majoring in Home Economics and Jean Emmott, Brantford Juniors is studying Psychology at the University of Western Ontario.