

WI's On The Go

The Director Writes. . .

The Home Economics Branch is delighted with the increased attendance at our training schools during the recent winter months. Spotlight on Bread, Needlepoint and Quilts were all very successful and I would like to thank the many volunteer leaders who helped us with the courses. The branch looks forward to even bigger enrollments at the Food for All Seasons, Crewel Embroidery and Indoor Gardening training schools to be offered next fall and winter, as well as our new nutrition short courses.

The International Year of the Child is almost half over. In June, I hope to attend the 4th Canadian Conference of Children in Ottawa, which has as its theme "Working Together for Children". The purpose of the conference is to bring together organizations, professions and interested individuals who share a desire to work together on behalf of Canada's young people. At our Provincial 4-H Homemaking Club Conference, to be held at the University of Guelph, June 19-22, we have chosen the theme, "International Year of the Child". We are certain that we will receive very positive ideas about young peoples' needs from the 4-H members who will be attending this conference. FWIO is certainly one organization that recognizes the importance of family life, so I know you will continue to contribute to the welfare of children, when the IYC comes to an end.

1981 has been declared the International Year of the Disabled Person. In Ontario, it is estimated that at least one in ten persons is physically or mentally handicapped. As some branches plan their meetings well ahead of time, I hope you will bear this special group in mind during 1981.

It was really delightful to visit the Erland Lee (Museum) Home on Trent Valley Day, April 19, and see all the buses and cars pull into the driveway. Mrs. Zoeller and her committee are a very enthusiastic and hard-working group of ladies and I was so happy that more WI members had an opportunity to see just how much had been done to the house, drive house and grounds in the past year. A visit to the Lee Home is time well spent. Ladies, why not be sure to plan a visit next summer as one of your meetings or go to "Christmas at the Lee"? Mrs. Zoeller, I am sure, will tell you more about this event shortly.

Although the weather is still really not springlike as I write, summer will soon be upon us and I hope to meet former board directors at your 60th anniversary in August. Only too soon, it will be fall and, once again, I will rediscover how vast and great is the province of Ontario, as I travel to the area conventions and renew acquaintanceships.

In the meantime, I hope everyone has a good summer and returns refreshed to Institute and 4-H Homemaking Club projects in the fall.

Molly McQueen

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l-r Mrs. Clarence Bouges, PRO; Mrs. Rheta Asbury received life membership from President, Mrs. Roy McCutcheon, President of the DWIGHT WI, MUSKOKA NORTH DISTRICT.



THORNTON WI SIMCOE KEMPENFELDT DISTRICT honored two of their members with a special presentation. *l-r Mrs. Art McQuay and Mrs. Elwood Bone both have belonged for 50 years, and have contributed much to the Branch.*



During the 30th anniversary celebration of the GREENOCK WI, WELLINGTON CENTRE DISTRICT, life members Mrs. Wm. Ballentine and Miss Elva Pearen cut the cake while (c) Mrs. R. Sinclair President looks on.