

SEMI ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF ONTARIO

Mrs. John Brown, PRO

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Since our Annual Board Meeting there have been many activities, yes and some problems, as these months have slipped by. Your Subdivision reports have been interesting and I have enjoyed reading and noting many comments. From your remarks, you do consider the Subdivision meeting to be a profitable one, which provides the opportunity to pass on information from the Annual Board Meeting.

Immediately following the Annual Meeting a formal invitation on your behalf was sent to the Staffordshire English Institute re exchange visit. Also, on behalf of FWIO a letter of congratulations and good wishes was written to the new Governor General and his wife. Letter writing has multiplied due to year end reports not being sent out in February, queries re FWIC Convention and competitions, and the dispersal of the cups and saucers.

This year we have had a very productive Tweedsmuir History Committee Meeting, discussing the missing links in our Provincial History and general requirements and assistance needed to bring it up to date, as well as the Curators groups for Officers' Conference. Although there is no longer a Food Council, two meetings were held and we have been asked to remain as a Consumer Committee for the time being. No further representatives to that Committee will be required.

There have been many other meetings attended, on your behalf which will be reported later in the various committee reports.

Thanks were extended to all who have worked with me, "especially Miss Molly McGhee for her personal assistance as well as that of the Home Economics Branch."

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Clifford Ritchie, attending the meeting for the first time as Treasurer of FWIO, presented an interim report which included the accounts connected with FWIO, ACWW, Pennies for Friendship, all scholarships handled by FWIO and the FWIC Convention Fund.

ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME

Mrs. Earl Morden

Organizations and individuals may become members of the Hall of Fame. Fee \$100.00 and \$25.00 respectively.

Nominations for candidates may be made either by the organizations or individuals, if accepted then further expenses will be incurred. For the first year, 15 deceased nominees will be placed in the Hall.

The first general members' meeting will be held on Sunday, June 3 at 4.00 pm. An election to select fifteen Board Directors: five to serve for a one year term—five to serve two years and five to serve for three years. The Directors will elect a President, vice-president and a secretary treasurer who may be appointed from outside the membership.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Mrs. Wm. Porter

Twenty-five County, District and Area Scholarships were ratified by the Board Directors and recommendations approved. New certificates will be designed for the recipients of any FWIO scholarships or awards.

STAFFORDSHIRE

The agenda for the return visit of the 30 WI members from overseas is being prepared by the Committee, Mrs. Orval Jordan, Mrs. Geo. Powell, Mrs. Jack Sparling and Mrs. Clarence Diamond. They will be assisted by Ontario members who will act as co-ordinators assisting the Committee. The Staffordshire group will visit Ontario from September 12-26.

JUNIOR WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Mrs. Douglas Tottenham

With the aid of a map of Ontario, Mrs. Tottenham pinpointed the location of the sixteen JWI branches. It was encouraging to note that two more branches are considering formation.

The Junior Women's Institute is celebrating its 10th anniversary at the Fall Conference. The meeting is to be held at St Pauls United Church, Brampton, October 20th commencing at 10.00 am through into the evening. The next day the delegates will tour the Agricultural Museum. The theme for the Conference will be The International Year of the Child. All Board Directors are invited to attend. Mrs. Tottenham has completed her term on the FWIO Board and expressed deep appreciation to the Board Directors for their help in assisting the JWI members in so many ways.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Mrs. John Brown

The media continues to be an important part of the Public Relations as it is a method of reaching many who are unaware of the Women's Institute. Mrs. Brown informed the press of the Board meetings and the activities at the Erland Lee Home. Contact with the Public Relations Officers at all levels promotes the image of this organization. In correspondence with Norfolk Women's Institute in England on the occasion of their Jubilee an invitation was received for the Ontario women for an exchange visit. This was sent on to the Hospitality Convener.

On display was literature and magazines from South Africa telling of their Jubilee of the Federated Women's Institute. It makes one more aware that we are "one" in the Institute. The promotion of the International Year of the Child is a challenge for the Public Relations Officers at all levels.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The newly appointed secretary, Mrs. Jeanetta Sager reported all correspondence and business has been completed and up to date. Mrs. Morden turned over the files