

shortly after the annual meeting. All qualified Federation Representatives and alternates have been notified as to their eligibility to allow their names to stand in the forthcoming elections for Board Directors. Nine new Board Directors as well as one Junior WI representative will replace the retiring Board Directors at the Annual meeting. Mrs. Sager extended a special thanks to Mrs. Morden and Mrs. Diamond for all their assistance.

REPORT OF THE HOME ECONOMICS BRANCH
Miss Molly McGhee-Director

It is a great pleasure for me to attend your semi-annual board meeting and bring greetings from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, especially the Home Economics Branch.

Staff Changes 1978-79

New appointment: Mrs. Consuelo Allen, Supervisor, Clothing & Textiles, Housing, Consumer Information & Crafts replacing

Resignations: Mrs. Sharon Gouge, who resigned after the birth of her son in July 1978
 Mrs. Heather Barnett Wallace, Regional Supervisor, Eastern & Northern Ontario

Miss Judy Malcolmson, Carleton/Grenville

Maternity leave: Mrs. Kathryn Biondi, Kent/Essex
 Mrs. Christine Dukelow, Peterborough, Victoria
 Mrs. Janet Foreman, Muskoka/Nipissing/Parry Sound
 Mrs. Patricia Reid, Dufferin/Simcoe South

Marriage: Mrs. Margaret (Woof) Drew

Reassignment: Miss Jane Cunningham from Sudbury/Manitoulin to Algoma
 Mrs. Patricia Reid—Simcoe South added to Dufferin
 Miss Joanne Thauvette from Toronto to Carleton/Grenville
 Miss Carol Kellam from Leeds to Niagara North & South
 Miss Jean Riddell—Leeds added to Lanark
 Mrs. Jacquelyn Hart—Frontenac added to Lennox/Addington
 Miss Valerie Clark—Prince Edward added to Hastings

Adult Programs

	attendance	leaders	
		FWIO	other
Spotlight on Bread	14,000		
Needlepoint	6,000	1,351	662
Quilts	6,000		
Short Courses	8,000		

49% over previous year

4-H Homemaking Clubs

members	25,840
average age	14.7 years
number of clubs	296
leadership workshops	296
leaders & assistant leaders	3,782 (FWIO) 1,567 (other)

The theme of the Provincial 4-H Members' Conference at Guelph, June 19-22, will centre around the International Year of the Child.

Consumer Calls

1978-79	17,000
1977-78	10,000
70% increase over previous year	

Talks & Special Programs

1978-79	15,000 attendance
1977-78	8,000
89% increase over previous year	

Media Work

Daily news releases and radio tapes being distributed to 61 private radio stations and 364 newspapers across the province by the Information Branch. In addition, 274 newspaper and magazine articles, 196 radio tapes and 15 TV presentations were prepared by the Home Economics Branch staff.

Tentative New Programs

Adult: Food for All Seasons	
For the Goodness of Your Heart (males especially welcome)	
Prenatal and Infant Nutrition	
Good Shopping Practices	
Indoor Gardening	
Crewel Embroidery	
Fitting and Sewing of Pants	
Recycling Clothing	
4-H: Good Buymanship	} ready January '80
Interior Design	
Outdoor Living II	ready March '80

Home and Country

It was discovered that, if there were four issues per annum, instead of three, the magazine would be exempt from federal and provincial sales tax and could be mailed at a special rate. Therefore, it was decided to make the change. Naturally, the high quality of writing will be maintained. Each issue will contain less paper but the total will equal the previous 96 pages contained under the old format.

NIAGARA ESCARPMENT COMMISSION

Mrs. Earl Morden

The Interest Group Advisory Committee spent many hours reviewing briefs both written and verbal, since the preliminary proposals were released to the public and municipalities last January.

As a result of the input received, a new approach to the proposed plan as outlined by the Planning Board of the Niagara Escarpment Commission is being studied. This plan, in its preliminary stage of development identifies four priority areas based on the importance of the areas in achieving the objectives of the Act. The next few weeks will be busy with meetings, as the planners hope to have the proposed plan drafted at the end of May.

There is to be a four month review period for municipalities and the public to study the Commission's proposals. Hearing officers will then hold a series of extensive public hearings on the proposed plan.