

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

Mrs. John Brown, PRO

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Diamond expressed appreciation and thanks to the Board Directors and especially to Miss McGhee for all the assistance the Home Economics Branch and the Ministry provide, including Miss Mary Campbell as the FWIO Secretary.

This is an extremely busy year, in addition to the regular Committee meetings of Finance, WI Hall, Lee (Museum), Officers' Conference, the Constitution Committee is busy updating and reviewing the WI Handbook.

The President along with other FWIO representatives represented the organization at the Ontario Junior Farmers' banquet, the Royal Winter Fair Directors' meeting and luncheon. Mrs. Diamond presented and spoke to the recipients at the Macdonald Awards, University of Guelph sandwich supper. Dr. Richard Barham, representing the University, Miss McGhee and Lorraine Holding representing the Home Economics Branch spoke to the girls.

FWIO was also asked to attend meetings of the Business and Professional Women, Greek, Italian and Jewish Conferences, the dates conflicted with other meetings and FWIO had to decline. However, Board Director, Mrs. Gordon Mallion and Mrs. Owen Hawkins will attend a Toronto Conference on Consumer Credit.

Correspondence is extremely heavy with many inquiries coming from both WI members as well as from outside organizations. All have received the president's personal attention.

She challenged all the Board to promote ideas and radiate enthusiasm "that this year of the WI may truly strengthen our WI work as we spread our wings in an all encompassing effort to build still greater on those objectives drawn up more than 82 years ago".

HOME ECONOMICS BRANCH

Miss Molly McGhee, Director, Home Economics Branch OMAF, reported the forward strides made by the Branch with the innovation of new courses (refer to Director Writes).

The Director continued by saying "after your deliberations about the revision of the constitution, the Erland Lee (Museum) Home and planning for the year of the WI, I trust you will return home feeling that you have really made a worthwhile contribution as a Board Director. I also hope you will encourage the membership in your own subdivision to play a positive role in determining the direction in which FWIO should go in the years ahead."

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Clifford Ritchie presented the interim financial report stating all transactions and investments had been completed. She attended all meetings of Finance, Constitution and any other necessary meetings.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICERS

Mrs. John Brown

Mrs. Brown attended executive meetings of the Milton WI Hall committee and Officers' Conference. She assisted at the Erland Lee Home for Christmas at the Lee and Simcoe Day. Press releases were mailed to papers across the Province following the annual meeting and for special occasions, as well as write-ups for Home and Country. Attendance at anniversaries, special functions of the WI at all levels are always pleasant events. The PRO sent copies of her reports, press releases and any pertinent information to the Area PRO's as well as replies to all requests for program ideas and promotion of the WI.

She expressed thanks to Miss McGhee and her staff for their excellent courses presented by the Home Economists.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Jeanetta Van Sickle

The Secretary has completed all the correspondence and instructions following the annual meeting with the necessary communication going out to the Board Directors. Correspondence has been sent out in preparation for the election at Area Conventions of 15 Board Directors as well as instructions relating to the election of the new Provincial President in November 1980. The Secretary has attended and dealt with the business and communication for the Constitution, Finance and WI Hall Committee meetings. Correspondence continues to be carried out on a daily basis.

**FWIO ANNUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 24-28, 1980
BOND PLACE HOTEL, TORONTO.**

STILL AVAILABLE

Women's Institute Song Book printed in the 1950's by Waterloo Music Company, Regina St. Waterloo, Ont, music edition \$1.50, words only .50¢.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Mrs. Stewart Anderson

It was announced there will be 20 Macdonald awards of \$200.00 each this year for students entering their first semester to the College of Family and Consumer Studies, University of Guelph. The County, District and Area Scholarship winners and alternates were ratified by the Provincial Board, names to be released by the local Scholarship Committees.

OFFICERS' CONFERENCE

Mrs. Russell Campbell

The secretary, Mrs. Campbell reported all details have been completed and everything is in readiness for the Conference April 29-May 1. Full details in this issue.