

The Director Writes . . .

As I sit at my table, looking out to the Eastern Gap of Toronto harbour, I notice the almost feverish activity of people on the water as the Labour Day weekend comes to an end. There are long lineups for the ferries to the Islands and the boats crisscross the harbour, just stopping long enough for the embarking and disembarking passengers. Several ocean-going vessels are in port, as well as some lakers. There seem to be more birds about and some flocks are beginning to marshall for their trip south. There is the realization that this is the last week of summer and fall will begin on September 2nd.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

It has been an exceptionally busy summer for the Home Economics Branch, as staff at every level has worked hard, preparing for the new schedule of programs and leadership workshops have already been held or will shortly be held, across the province. We all hope you will enjoy our new courses and inform as many people as possible where and when they will be given.

On June 24th, the government of Ontario hosted a dinner in honor of the board of directors of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, at Ontario Place. Some directors from other parts of the country were impressed by the large number of foods produced in Ontario and heard R. K. McNeil, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture and Food, speak about the impact of this province's agriculture upon the rest of Canada. The dinner menu was composed of foods grown and processed here. The following day, representatives from the branch spoke about our programs, our close liaison with FWIO and our great reliance on so many dedicated volunteer leaders who assist us with the 4-H Homemaking Clubs and some adult courses.

STAFF CHANGES

The stork continues to make periodic calls on the home economists. Denise Edwards of Grey County had a girl on July 22; Susan Humphries of Renfrew County had a girl on August 8; Nancy Schmidt of Peel and Halton Counties had a boy on August 18; Christine Dukelow of Peterborough and Victoria Counties had a boy on August 26.

Bonnie Wilson transferred to Elgin County on August 11. She was replaced in the Rainy River and Kenora Districts by Pat Clysdale, a native of Lambton County. Brenda Ingratta resigned her position in Oxford County in July. Bea Gosselin will transfer to this position from Middlesex County.

Madeline (Mandy) Murray recently was appointed secretary to our associate director, Lorraine Holding.

MEETINGS

In mid-September, I hope to attend the Canadian Agricultural Extension Council meetings in Truro, Nova Scotia. It is always very satisfying to meet and hold discussions with my colleagues from across Cana-

da, discover what courses are popular elsewhere and gain helpful advice for improving the quality of our programs.

Area convention time will soon be upon us. I plan to attend at least nine of the fourteen. September and October are usually beautiful months to travel to the different parts of Ontario. Each year I never cease to be amazed at the size of the province and the beauty of the fall colorings. I look forward to meeting many of you at the conventions.

COURSE ATTENDANCE

We are offering some new courses for the coming year. Please do make an effort to pass on the information to anyone whom you feel would be interested or would benefit from taking one or more. Above all, please let young married people know about our adult courses.

In January, we will be asking participants at some of our adult courses to vote for topics we propose offering to you in 1982. By taking this type of short survey, we hope to better meet your needs.

In conclusion, it is my sincere wish that W. I. members have a very successful year.

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WHERE TO GET HELP FOR CONSUMER PROBLEMS

Appliances, Cookware

Corning Canada Inc.
135 Vanderhoof Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
M4G 2J3 416-421-1500

The Hobart Manufacturing Co.
190 Rainside Road (Kitchen Aid, etc.)
Don Mills, Ontario
M3A 1B1 416-447-6432

The Original Microwave Oven Kitchens
24 Ronson Drive
Rexdale, Ontario
M9W 1B4 416-241-3585

Panasonic
5770 Ambler Drive
Mississauga, Ontario
L4W 2T3 416-624-5010

Toshiba of Canada, Ltd.
3680 Victoria Park Ave.
Willowdale, Ontario 416-499-5555

Weil Company Ltd.
81 Torbarrie Rd. (cuisinart)
Downsview, Ontario
M3L 1G5 416-245-6200