

MEET THE NEW FWIO PRESIDENT

A new beginning is ahead for Mrs. Keith Hiepleh the newly elected President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. She received her introduction to Women's Institute very early in life, because as a little girl she often attended meetings when her WI Mother hosted Branch meetings.

Born in Malahide Township in Elgin County and raised on a farm, has instilled in her the love of the land and the country. She enjoyed the one and a half mile walk with her sister to public school at Luton and later the three mile bicycle ride to Aylmer High School. After graduating from London Normal School in 1946 she taught public school at Dunboyne. It was during this time that she joined the East Elgin Junior Women's Institute (November 20, 1946). Ten days later the Elgin County Women's Institute organized and she was chosen a Director at the inaugural meeting. She faithfully attended the Junior WI, serving as both Secretary-Treasurer and President, during her years of membership.

Shortly after her marriage she joined Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute and has been active ever since, holding Convenerships and serving as President. Her interest extended beyond Kingsmill-Mapleton Branch, Janet became President of Elgin East District, Elgin County Rally and she has just completed two years as London Area President.

During her term on the Provincial Board from 1975-78 she assumed the duties of a Scholarship Committee member and FWIO representative on the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Board. She was a voting delegate for FWIO to both the FWIC Convention in Charlottetown and also at the ACWW in Nairobi, Kenya. After completing her term of office on the

FWIO Board, she travelled to the 1979 FWIC Convention in Saskatoon, representing London Area.

Actively involved in the women's organization in her church, she also teaches a Sunday School class to teenagers. Aylmer Fair keeps both Janet and husband Keith occupied in this yearly event. They both serve as Directors and Janet is immediate past President of the Ladies Division and is completing two years as District 8A Secretary Treasurer of Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies.

Keith and Janet own farm property near Springfield. Their son Wayne, is married and lives nearby; he and his wife Wendy have been busy restoring their more than century old house to a beautiful and gracious home. Although Wayne owns his own farm property, he and his father work together during planting and harvesting in their cash crop enterprises. Separate farm records are maintained with Janet and Wendy the farm bookkeepers.

It is of interest to note that Janet's grandmother in England was a charter member of a Women's Institute Branch organized by the late Mrs. Alfred Watt.

The upkeep of spacious lawns and flower beds (the flowers are all grown from seed by Janet) keeps her occupied in the summer months. Keeping a well stocked freezer full and making preserves and pickles is a regular part of household activity.

Janet has just started a family tree dating back to the mid 1800's, however this project just might have to wait for another three years until there is more spare time.

Photography is a special hobby with the new President and as the seasons unfold, these special days in the calendar year are photographed and the colored slides and pictures are treasured by her family and friends.



Past President, Mrs. Clarence Diamond pins the President's Badge on Mrs. Keith Hiepleh, FWIO President.



FIRST YEAR BOARD DIRECTORS Seated L-r Mrs. James Coyne, Mrs. Ivan Clare, Mrs. Keith Hiepleh, FWIO President; Mrs. Arnold Wilson, Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Mrs. Max Noble. Back row — Mrs. Norman Coghlin, Mrs. Arthur Mills, Mrs. R. C. Alexander, Mrs. Howard Bradley, Mrs. Kneale Jones, Mrs. J. C. English, Miss Nancy Alton, Junior; Mrs. Warne Emmott, Mrs. Ronald Moore, Mrs. Frances Pajamaki, Mrs. Wm. Anderson.