

# Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario Annual Meeting Provincial Board of Directors

Mrs. John Brown PRO

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Clarence Diamond

Mrs. Diamond expressed appreciation for the wonderful response to an awareness and information program in this "Year Of The W.I." There was good communication with the media publicizing the Women's Institute. She was asked to write histories, special media inserts and opened an Agricultural Fair that was paying tribute to the organization.

While attending special anniversaries Mrs. Diamond was thrilled with the enthusiasm for the future. She attended Committee meetings, Seminars, Rallies, the International Plowing Match, Royal Winter Fair, Officers' Conference, representing FWIO. It was her pleasure to present the 15 Macdonald Awards and the Helen M. McKercher Scholarship.

After attending the 4-H girls Conference banquet and chatting with the girls, she expressed appreciation at the banquet to the leaders and assistants for the promotion of 4-H and leadership courses.

At the Junior W.I. Convention she conducted the election of Officers.

Mrs. Diamond expressed appreciation to everyone for their co-operation and support and the dedication to the work of the organization during her three years as President.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Jeanetta VanSickle

All the business and correspondence has been dealt with since the semi-annual meeting. This year there were 15 new Board Directors and one Junior to be elected all the correspondence was conducted, including the necessary mailings for the election of the President of FWIO. Mrs. VanSickle attended committee meetings and recorded the proceedings; assisted on registration at the Lee Home for special events; and attended Officers' Conference.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Clifford Ritchie

Number of Branches	1,207
Number of Members	27,492
Number of Life Members	3,361

Mrs. Ritchie completed all the financial transactions relating to FWIO and attended the necessary committee meetings. She and Mrs. VanSickle took an inventory of supplies at the office. The books were audited by Donald T. Green, Chartered Accountant, Strathroy.

## SPECIAL DAY

In honor of "The Year of the W.I." in Ontario, the Guelph Horticulture Society and the Ontario Horticulture Association District 7 entitled their show "Flowers to the Women's Institute."

There was a mini flower show and a tour of the University of Guelph campus. Mrs. Owen Hawkins, represented FWIO at the special Horticulture Day at the Arboretum. She noted, on the tour, she saw the Adelaide Hoodless Rose in bloom.

## HOME ECONOMICS DIRECTOR

Miss Molly McGhee, Director, outlined the importance of being a good facilitator in two way communications, always mindful that one must interpret the wishes of the entire group. Success comes from good planning. The 1981 Board of Directors face more challenges and problems than ever before, simply because of the fast changing times and expectations from our varied lifestyles.

The track record of the W.I. is a good one, however, there are many things to consider—how to maintain membership—how will energy conservation affect the organization—what about inflation?

We must look at the future needs, no one can work with outdated tools. The 1981 Provincial Board must provide opportunities and open doors to achieve great things.

Enrolment in both Junior and Senior courses in general were up, a special thanks to the W.I. for providing leaders. The Home Economics Branch realize without this help "we couldn't do it."

## DECISIONS FOR 1981

- A decision by FWIO Board Directors was made to place a \$1.00 assessment on the Fee Sheet. This is a voluntary contribution requested by FWIC Steering Committee to assist with the first phase of financing the ACWW to be held in British Columbia in 1983.
- FWIC have asked all WI members in every province to donate \$1.00 per member toward the Adelaide Hoodless Foundation Fund. FWIO Board Directors honored the request and encourage each member to pay \$1.00 in 1981. Mail contributions into the FWIO office marked Adelaide Hoodless Foundation Fund.
- FWIO Board Directors sustained a motion to raise FWIO Fees to \$3.00 per member, effective April 1981. Included in this amount is the increased fee to \$1.00 for FWIC.

## 85th ANNIVERSARY AUGUST 1982

Plans for an anniversary celebration, since the first branch was organized in 1897, are underway. Plans will be released at a later date. The Committee to work on this event will be Mrs. Keith Hiepleh, Mrs. H. Maluske, Mrs. J. VanSickle, Mrs. C. Ritchie, and Mrs. C. Diamond with power to co-opt.

## ACWW CONSTITUTION

The FWIO Board appointed a committee to review the ACWW Constitution. Findings will be passed on to the ACWW Constitution Committee.

## COUNTRYWOMAN

As of April 1981, instead of having both Contributing Members and Countrywoman subscribers, there will be only one category.

Contributing Membership—to include 4 issues of the Countrywoman, £ 2 p. a. or \$6.00 per year. Available through FWIO Office.