



MINISTER'S DINNER

The Hon. Lorne C. Henderson, hosted a dinner in honor of the FWIO Board at the Sutton Place Hotel. The Minister urged the W. I. to involve the younger women, talk with the urbanites and tell the rural side of the story. It will become even more important to educate the public and help all to understand the important

role Agriculture plays in the economy of our Province.

The next three years will be a period of hard work for the W. I., know which direction to take and voice your opinions. It is time to evaluate the role of the farm wife and the traditional methods of involving rural people. There is a real opportunity to inform a whole new group of women about issues facing farm people.

We have problems our parents didn't even experience, crucial decisions must be tackled in resource development, industrial waste management, land use to mention only a few.

Mr. Henderson offered special thanks to the Home Economics Branch and Miss McGhee for a job well done and wished the new President Mrs. Hiepleh success during her term in office.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

Mrs. John Brown

It was recommended that the Branch PRO's take a note-book to all Branch meetings and jot down the activities pertaining to her office. This takes very little time but makes it much easier at the end of the year when preparing the report. The Secretary-treasurer and PRO should meet to make certain that only items concerning Public Relations are included in the financial statement. NOTE Read your Handbook for guidance. ALSO three copies of the PRO forms are mailed from FWIO office to the Secretary-Treasurers in January and should be handed on immediately. Don't forget to mail your written and financial reports on to your District PRO.

District and Area PRO's are urged to add the activities and projects of their level to the report. There is some tardiness at both of these levels and hopefully if each PRO will take time to compile the reports early there should be no frustrations.

Are you pleased with the write-ups in the newspapers? If not, why not? Make an effort to talk to the Women's Editor ask her advice as to how you should report your meeting? What information do they need?

PROJECTS

Volunteers at work everywhere!

A courtesy booth at the International Plowing Match and a rest area at the Royal Winter Fair gave the W.I. an opportunity to publicize their work.

Scholarships and bursaries continue to provide incentives to students. One Branch sponsored a bus trip for Indian children, while another held a picnic for 65 handicapped youngsters, some sponsored children in other countries.

Place mats designed with the location of all branches in the District was a popular project. Branches participated in fairs, parades and pioneer days, exchanged

meetings with other branches, held mini-fairs and supported the Erland Lee Home project. Many Branches reported placing Home and Country in their local libraries.

One Branch had a speaker on "old cemetery restoration" as a result the group became involved and started work on a local neglected cemetery.

The Provincial PRO Mrs. Brown was involved on many FWIO Committees, the Erland Lee Home special events and Officers' Conference. She attended Area Conventions and District Annuals, conducted workshops and spoke at special anniversaries.

PRO FINANCIAL REPORT

Erland Lee Foundation Fund	\$14,500.
Pennies for Friendship	19,110.
Nutrition Education	4,716.
UNESCO # 569	487.
Adelaide Hoodless Foundation Fund	50.
Women's Institute Educational	205,056.
Community projects, Educational	52,812.
Health	77,163.
Community	264,948.
Other Organizations	68,079.
TOTAL	706,975.

NOTE for 1981

All monies given to: Hoodless Homestead Foundation Fund and ACWW Conference Fund, Phase 1 should be recorded on the PRO sheet under Women's Institute Projects.



CONVENERS L-r Mrs. Margaret Bell Wiechno, Agriculture and Canadian Industries, (retiring); Mrs. Calvin Carmichael, Agriculture and Canadian Industries; Mrs. Sam Koski, Family and Consumer Affairs, (retiring); Mrs. John Brown, PRO; Mrs. Fred Howe, Curator; Mrs. Herb Maluske, Resolutions (retiring).

HOSPITALITY

Mrs. Clare Freer

This is a varied and interesting special convenership. Letters from members from overseas ask for contacts in Ontario. Most of the people travelling come to the Toronto area and the members there were most helpful. A request for a link branch was arranged and Central Enniskillen WI in Ontario will now enjoy this correspondence. Mrs. Freer had a list of names of persons wanting pen pals, some of the Board Directors will be in touch.

SEMI-ANNUAL FWIO BOARD MEETING, WEEK OF APRIL 25, 1981, BOND HOTEL, TORONTO