

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

Mrs. John Brown PRO

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Keith Hiepleh

Mrs. Hiepleh welcomed all the Board Directors to the Semi Annual Meeting held at the Bond Place Hotel, Toronto the week of April 27, 1981. She thanked all for their kindness shown to her upon her election last November and wished the Board Directors well during the coming months and looked forward to meeting and discussing problems with all.

Her first official duty after election was to attend Christmas at the Lee, since then she has attended meetings on Rural Development Outreach Project Advisory Council at the University of Guelph; the Ontario Conference of Agriculture; a seminar dealing with Absentee Foreign Ownership of Ontario Farm Lands; Junior Farmers' Annual banquet. She has attended all the meetings necessary pertaining to the business of FWIO and has made appearances at Women's Institute functions.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Mrs. K. Hiepleh

The donation of \$4,000 that was sent by FWIO to Ware College in England is helping students from underdeveloped countries learn about "Child Care", so they may return to their own countries to teach others. Mrs. Hiepleh reported that Nancy Blandfast of Sierra Leone, Florence Gwatidzo, Zambia, and Rapa Thakkar from India are taking this course. Nancy has been working at the Child Care Centre in Freetown, which was organized by the Sierra Leone Women's Movement with the support of ACWW. Florence has worked in a hospital in Chinkankarta for over three years, gaining her nursing degree with honors. Rapa has worked with handicapped children and with the prison service, gaining much valuable experience. All the girls are doing extremely well.

ACWW MINI CONFERENCE

A Conference to be held November 12-14, 1981 at the International Inn Winnipeg, will be open for Northern Ontario members especially, if they wish to attend.

Mrs. R.I. Skene, Regional Vice President for Ontario will represent Mrs. Hiepleh. The President will be attending Area Conventions and not free to attend.

Those wishing to attend, can contact FWIO office. This Conference will not be subsidized by FWIO.

It should be a genuine learning experience about ACWW as well as an opportunity to meet other WI members from Western Canada.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Clifford Ritchie

The Treasurer attended to all phases concerning finance for FWIO, including paying any accounts, receiving fees and donations, and making any necessary investments. Financial statements of the FWIO Scholarship accounts were mailed to the respective chairmen.

Mrs. Ritchie was in attendance at all Executive, Finance, 85th Anniversary and Constitution Committee meetings. She assisted at Southwestern Day at the Lee.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Jeanetta VanSickle

All correspondence has been completed as well as the secretarial duties after the Annual Board Meeting. All Committee meetings have been attended including the 85th, WI Hall, Finance and Executive meetings.

She has completed the tentative preparation of the Constitution Committee work in preparation for the Semi Annual Meeting.

The eligible Federation Representatives have been contacted for the election of the new Board Directors in the Fall. Those being elected at the coming District Annuals still will be notified.

The Secretary assisted at Christmas at the Lee and Southwestern Day.

ONTARIO JUNIOR WOMEN'S INSTITUTES Board Directors, Barbara Saari and Nancy Alton

Both the Executive and members of the OJWI are busy making many decisions for the Institute Year.

A silver plated coffee spoon with the Junior WI crest is being designed and will be available for the first time at the Fall Conference. There will be a Certificate of Merit designed with guidelines for nominations set up and approved. The "Little Bit More of Everything" is now in its third printing and selling well. A brochure is being developed and will be available to the members.

The Annual Fall Conference will be held October 2-4 in the Niagara Area with the theme "Come and Visit Niagara". The special feature will be the noon luncheon on Saturday when Maureen McTeer will be the guest speaker. This particular session will be held at Brock University.

The members are presently preparing a new display for the Women's Institute Hall at the Agricultural Museum at Milton.

The Junior WI has continued to meet the needs of young women in rural communities. Membership appears to have been maintained. Programs have been varied and encompass a wide range of interests, i.e.: quilting, visits to historical sites, community action programs, are only a few activities.

FWIC

Mrs. Keith Hiepleh, Senior Director

A request was made by Mrs. Oddie that Women's Institute Branches in Canada assist in a survey. She is seeking feed-back on two major addresses at the 1979 FWIC Convention in Saskatoon. "Women in Development" by Jane Abramson and "Restitution" by Gwen Hall. Ontario Branches were asked to fill out the form which appeared in the Winter issue of Home and Country, 1981, and return to the Board Director at District Annual for her summation. Then to be returned to Mrs. Hiepleh.

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The annual FWIC Board meeting, is to be held in Ottawa at Carleton University, June 21-26.