

PRESIDENT ELECT

A report prepared by Mrs. Noblitt, president-elect, told about a meeting of the National Action of the Status of Women when they discussed resolutions relative to the Constitution and Bill of Rights and Freedoms. Also a Conference on Pensions in which FWIC was invited to participate. We had shown interest about the Canada Pensions for the housewife, the farm woman and wives involved in small businesses; and in pensions for the elderly.

It has been a general goal, of Women's Institutes all over Canada to promote the image of our organization by attempting to be seen as a vibrant, active and valuable voluntary group in our country. We have been changing our focus in recent years as has been necessitated by the government taking over many of the areas where we once sought to extend our services. We now are working with the government to effect changes, to mitigate social problems and to concern ourselves with current issues. To cite a few examples: in the study of rural women, Ontario WI members joined members in other provinces to assist the Council on Rural Development by accumulating data on rural women; a joint committee of representatives from Newfoundland and Labrador WI's have recently been granted a total of \$261,000 from the Department of Health and Welfare to work with the Newfoundland Status of Women's Council on a project of women's health in Newfoundland and Labrador; and with the support of FWIC, Prince Edward Island WI, in conjunction with their Home Economics Branch, WI program Division, helped in the preparation of a well documented presentation on teenage pregnancy. Another area in which we are changing our focus and seeking a higher profile and more recognition is in legislation.

All WI members are interested in the same objectives. We must find better methods of communications and be prepared to delve to a greater degree into the present day concerns in an attempt to actually bring about changes.

LAST CHARTER MEMBER

Mrs. Jennie Morden, wife of the late John McKinley Morden died at Beacon Hill Lodge, Hamilton on March 6, 1981 at the age of 105.

Jennie Morden was one of the original group of women attending the organizational meeting of the first Women's Institute in the World.

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THE ERLAND LEE (MUSEUM) HOME

Mrs. Wm. G. Miller, Chairman

The Seminar, a training session for hostesses who will assist during WI week was most successful. Under the direction of Mrs. Earl Morden, Resource and Research, the members learned about the artifacts and through a slide presentation pointing out the do's and don't's of a Hostess helped to make the day worthwhile.

Southwestern Area Day drew 214 people from that particular area. Members brought gifts which will be sold during WI Week, June 1-5. The visiting hours will be lengthened 9.30 - 4.00 P.M., for that week.

During this week there will be craft demonstrations as well as a tour through the Home and Drive House. The Neighborhood Days, when all the local residents are invited, will include not only Monday but Tuesday and into the evening too.

Artifacts Accession Forms have been revised and updated. This was done in an effort to maintain a high standard of artifact, in the proper historical period of the Home (1850-1910). The form also gives the committee authority to decide on the disposition of any artifact. Each item will be numbered and recorded in the card file system as before.

Next year will mark the 10th year of ownership of the Lee Home. To help celebrate this event, the committee are extending an invitation to all delegates attending the 1982 Officers' Conference. The FWIO Board were invited to the Lee during the 1982 semi-annual meeting.

Also in 1981, Christmas at the Lee will again be held, December 2-3.

Improvements and repairs are a necessity. The Drive House has been completely reinforced, now the upstairs no longer sways under the movement of the traffic flow. The roof has just been reshingled in the authenticity of the era, the cedar shingles do add to the appearance of the Home. Landscaping is continuing and hopefully this summer will find the picnic tables and tripod in more permanent positions.

When renovations in the Drive House were undertaken, the original open well was left, with the thought that someday there might be a cutter suspended from the rafters by pulleys, to show what was done by the Lee Family in their day. The Committee is looking for a cutter, dating to the period of 1850-1910, it must be in excellent condition, so if you know of one, contact a member of the Committee.

An In-memoriam book, which will provide an early and lasting list of deceased members in whose name a donation has been made will be available for all visitors to see. A notation of the deceased member also the name of the donor will be included.

A brochure is available to be used as a hand-out at all WI activities. It is a public relations leaflet giving the hours, proper address and telephone. Along with the map are a few ideas of things to do after visiting the Lee in the vicinity of Stoney Creek.

FWIO Board Directors agreed to leave the 10¢ assessment on the Fee Sheet for 1982.

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