

Whereas, many of these people could, with training in various fields, maintain themselves, thereby adding to their dignity and society's benefit;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, request the Federal Department of Employment and Immigration, and the Provincial Ministry of Education, to continue to hold the training and education of disabled persons in the highest priority.

NORTHWESTERN AREA

Whereas, owners of land requiring drainage may write a petition and obtain a majority of names, or the names of owners of 60% of the land in the area requiring drainage; and

Whereas, some of the owners in the affected area may be unaware of this petition; and

Whereas, even if the owners in the affected area are unaware or against the project, they will be equally responsible for the cost of the project; and

Whereas, the result of such a petition may create unwanted and even excessive hardships on some of the affected owners; and

Whereas, we live in a democratic society where the rights of all must be protected;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, request the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, to amend the Drainage Act-Petitions Drain, to state that when a petition is presented to Council of the Municipality, before the Council can accept or reject the petition, Council must notify in writing all the land-owners in affected or foreseeably affected areas, and the meeting be held between Council and owners. At this meeting, all should be fully informed of the implications of such a drainage project, the shared estimated costs, maintenance and responsibilities of owners based on other drainage projects in comparable areas.

LONDON AREA

Whereas, the Federal Government has seen fit to issue stamps commemorating four outstanding pioneer Canadian women in their 1981 postage stamp program;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, request that the Federal Government honor Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, Co-founder of the Women's Institute organization, by issuing a stamp in recognition of her contribution to the Women of the World.

EMERGENCY - GREY BRUCE AREA (WEST ARRAN BRANCH)

Whereas, the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario are concerned about the foreclosure of mortgages on farms, small businesses and homes, due to high interest rates; and

Whereas, small businesses are going bankrupt and, due to this fact, increasing unemployment and welfare; and

Whereas, homeowners are being forced to leave their homes after having paid considerable amounts toward the ownership of those homes;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, request the Federal Departments and Provincial Ministries concerned to assist home owners, farmers, and small businesses to re-finance their debts by making loans available at lower interest rates.

McKERCHER SCHOLARSHIP

Mrs. Margaret Zoeller, Chairman

The 1981 winning candidates for the Helen M. McKercher Scholarship were, Miss Anne-Marie McHugh and Ms. Joyce Canning.

Anne-Marie was formerly a resident of Oakville, who holds a Teachers' Certificate from the province of Nova Scotia and is a graduate of Home Economics from St. Francis Xavier University, N.S., majoring in textiles. Presently she is enrolled at the University of Guelph, studying for her M.A. in Consumer Studies, majoring in clothing. Miss McHugh will graduate in the summer of 1982.

Joyce Canning, a former teacher and a graduate from Acadia University, Nova Scotia has a degree of Bachelor of Science, Home Economics, and a Bachelor of Education. Joyce is presently a Supervisor of Home Economists for the Home Economics Branch, OMAF, and has enrolled at the University of Guelph in Extension Education. Joyce will continue to work while taking classes which will eventually lead to an M.A. in Extension Education.

Both winners have received \$500.00 each, and will receive the last \$500.00 upon completion of their degree program.

The first two winners of the McKercher Scholarship have received degrees. Mrs. Kathryn Biondi, the 1978 winner received her M.A. degree in Home Economics Education in 1981. She continues to work for the Home Economics Branch, OMAF, as a Home Economist in Essex and Kent.

Mrs. Josie Schneider, the 1980 winner, completed her Bachelor of Education degree at Althouse, University of Western Ontario in 1981, and now teaches at the Catholic Central High School, London. Both Mrs. Biondi and Mrs. Schneider have received the total \$1,000.00 each. There was no candidate for the 1979 year.

In honor of the 85th anniversary since the founding of the first Women's Institute in the world, three scholarships will be offered in 1982, in the amount of \$1,200.00 each.

Helen M. McKercher Scholarship

The Scholarship was established by the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario in recognition of Miss McKercher's contribution to Home Economics.

Value: \$1,200.00 (first half paid at beginning of course, the remainder upon completion)

Eligibility: Canadian Citizen, Ontario resident for at least five years.

(a) Home Economics Graduate of a recognized Canadian University, pursuing studies in any area of Home Economics

OR

(b) Diploma Course Graduate of Home Economics Education who plans to advance to degree level.

Application forms: Obtainable from Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario
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