



BETWEEN THE LINES

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Dear W.I. Members:

During the beautiful summer months, thousands of people travel extensively for a variety of reasons. Many families enjoy spending the summer holidays at their favourite resort and others prefer a sight-seeing trip.

Numerous Women's Institute members will be busy making final arrangements for the anticipated arrival of members and visitors at their Anniversary celebrations. These occasions afford a splendid opportunity for the promotion of our organization, renewing old friendships and meeting new people.

It has been most enjoyable for me to be able to attend several of these celebrations in various parts of Ontario. These long-standing records clearly indicate the fact that the Women's Institute is firmly established in the communities it serves.

Did you know that this is the tenth Anniversary, for Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario's ownership of the Erland Lee (Museum) Home? To mark this special event, the Provincial Board Directors and Executive journeyed by charter-bus one afternoon, during the Semi-annual meeting, to visit the "Lee Home" at Stoney Creek, as guests of the Lee Committee. It was the first time that several Directors had toured the beautiful home of the Co-founder of the Women's Institute. Everyone was impressed with the immaculate condition of each room and the numerous artifacts displayed throughout the house. Of special interest to all visitors is the table in the dining room. The original Constitution was hand-penned in 1897 by Mrs. Lee on this table. Demonstrations of china painting, decoupage and needlework were viewed with interest in the Drive House. A buffet style dinner, concluded a memorable tour of the Home.

Sunday afternoon, June 13, hundreds of relatives and friends of nine outstanding Ontario Agriculturalists will attend the Official Unveiling ceremony of these candidates into the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame Gallery located at the Ontario Agricultural Museum at Milton. These persons all deceased, will join seventeen others who have been similarly honored.

One of this year's selected nominees is Mr. Erland Lee, (1864-1926), nominated by Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. In addition to being the Co-founder of the Women's Institute, Mr. Lee was active in farm organizations and a successful fruit grower.

The persons being honored have provided the foundation for a strong agricultural industry in Ontario. Their accomplishments are a challenge to present and future generations.

This year a display has been arranged in the Women's Institute Hall, situated at the Ontario Agricultural Museum, honoring Mr. Lee. Pictures of the Erland Lee (Museum) Home and Mr. Lee are attractively arranged to capture one's attention.

The theme "85 Years Ago" is carried out in one of the wall hanging cases. The centre panel features a beautiful child's christening gown and bonnet. Side panels feature laundering, bread-making and butter-making of the past. The first Home and Country publication and other printed material can also be seen in this exhibit.

Another theme "1982 - Marching On" with the future in mind, is highlighted in another case with current Women's Institute publications and certificates. The 85th Anniversary of the founding of the first Women's Institute in the world is the focal point featured in another arrangement.

A double-bed size quilt, "Adelaide's Medallion", designed by a Campbellville Women's Institute member, is being quilted during the summer months at the Women's Institute Hall by staff members and visitors interested in quilting. At the end of the present season on Thanksgiving week-end a free draw will be made for this unique quilt from ballots placed in a box.

Several hundreds of kilometres away at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, Women's Institute members from each Provincial unit will be assembled Sunday evening, June 13, for the opening ceremonies of the 9th National Convention. The great span of distance between Milton and Fredericton will make it impossible for many members to be present at both functions arranged for the same day.

Another highlight in this year's calendar of scheduled events, is the 85th Anniversary celebration in honor of the founding of the Women's Institute. This special occasion, beginning with a noon-day luncheon, is planned for August 12, in the Galaxy Ballroom of the Constellation Hotel, Toronto.

Mrs. Ziny Westebring-Muller, (The Netherlands) ACWW President, will be guest speaker. Mrs. Westebring-Muller served as Deputy President in the past triennium and has been a delegate to each of the last five Conferences. For the past thirty-eight years she has been a member of the Nederlandse Vereniging van Huisvrouwen. She is dedicated to the aims of ACWW, concerned about energy problems, good communications, links with the United Nations Agencies and the use of "women-power" in our societies. Her attributes include speaking several European languages including English, French and German.

In addition to the guest speaker, an interesting program has been arranged for the celebration.

Response to each of the events planned for this summer has been most gratifying. Your attendance at these special functions will be treasured memories in just a few short years.

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