

# SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATED WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF ONTARIO

Mrs. John Brown, PRO

Mrs. Keith Hiepleh welcomed all Board Directors and Executive to the semi-annual Board meeting, held at the Bond Hotel, Toronto, the week of April 26th. Subdivision 11 was represented by Mrs. Ed Osborne, alternate to Mrs. Norman Coghlin.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Hiepleh along with the Secretary and Treasurer are responsible for the administration of FWIO office. The President has chaired all the FWIO special meetings, as well as both FWIO Board Meetings. She has attended many special Branch and District events throughout the Province and been responsible for channeling information from FWIC to the proper sources. This summer Mrs. Hiepleh will attend the ACWW Council meeting in England as FWIO's representative. These are busy times, and hopefully productive for FWIO.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Van Sickle has attended to all the correspondence concerning the office of Secretary of FWIO. Final arrangements are presently being made for the 85th Anniversary. Arrangements for the semi-annual meeting and for the judge for the Essay and Poetry Competition for FWIC were her responsibility.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Clifford Ritchie reported on the meetings she attended in connection with her office. The matured investments were reinvested and Scholarship cheques will be mailed. An interim financial statement was presented to the Board. Mrs. Ritchie and office secretary Mary Campbell worked on final business regarding applications for the National Convention.

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ritchie reported 25 District, Area Scholarships were ratified by the Committee. Recommendations were accepted to continue to allow the University of Guelph to administer the Macdonald Awards.

## OFFICERS' CONFERENCE REPORT

Mrs. Elmer Duffield presented her first report to the Board stating the McKeown Bus Co. from eastern Ontario will provide three buses and pick up the 149 suggested delegates along the way. The Soo bus will have approximately 17 persons. This service is a genuine help to the Conference. The remainder of the delegates travel together by car or take public transportation.

Shuttle bus service is available at the University for all sessions to be held at Humanities.

All discussion group leaders and staff have been selected and the University of Waterloo are ready for the 550 delegates arriving May 4 and staying through until May 6. Further details of Conference on page 12.

## ROYAL WINTER FAIR

Mrs. Harold Blasing and Mrs. Hiepleh attended a brief Board of Directors meeting, Annual meeting and buffet luncheon in the Coliseum, CNE grounds, of the Royal Winter Fair.

Highlights from the reports regarding the Royal revealed an increase of 7% attendance.

There was excellent quality in displays, produce and livestock. The butter sculptors were impressive and the public enjoyed the flower show with music themes.

Keen interest and enthusiasm was shown by the public and over-all it was a successful show.

## LEE ANNIVERSARY

In honor of the 10th anniversary of the ownership of the Erland Lee (Museum) Home, the Lee Committee entertained the Directors and Executive. The group travelled by bus, toured the House and Drive House, enjoyed demonstrations and a buffet. Everyone present was given a "Lee Mug" specially designed for the 10th Anniversary and available only at the Lee during 1982.

## AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME

Mrs. Owen Hawkins, FWIO representative reported on details of the unveiling ceremony, when Erland Lee's likeness, along with other Agriculturalists will be unveiled. Erland Lee, Co-founder of the Women's Institute was nominated by FWIO.

Nominations for the 1983 proposals are open until September 30, 1982.

## WI HALL, MILTON

Mrs. Van Sickle reported all the cabinets have new displays with Erland Lee being this year's feature.

A quilt will be set up for the season and anyone wishing to quilt may put in a few stitches and in return will receive a ticket. A free draw will be made at the end of the season. The W.I. Hall is on the grounds of the Ontario Agricultural Museum, Milton.

## FWIO CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

The Provincial Board will assume the responsibility for printing and distributing the Handbook. Time of distribution has not yet been established, however the Board Directors approved the motion that each WI member would receive a Handbook free.

## RETIRING DIRECTORS

A farewell party provided fun and laughter as the retiring Board Directors enacted skits and provided an evening's entertainment.

Retiring Board Directors included, Mrs. Hugh Coons, Mrs. George Dixon, Mrs. Harold Blasing, Mrs. E. J. Wilson, Mrs. Willis Matheson, Mrs. Ernest Depencier, Mrs. Clare Freer, Mrs. Wm. Skinner, Mrs. E. A. Rauhala and Junior Director Nancy Alton.

Mrs. Dixon, on behalf of the retiring group presented Mrs. Miller with an "In Memoriam" book to be used at the Lee. Names will be placed in this book when donations are given to the Lee in memory of deceased persons.