

### MISS MOLLY MCGHEE

Miss McGhee presented the report of the Home Economics Unit, Rural Organizations and Services Branch, OMAF.

"It is my pleasure to once again present to you the report of the former Home Economics Branch. As most of you are probably aware, the Branch has been integrated into one new, large Branch, the Rural Organizations and Services Branch, which consists of the Home Economics, Junior Extension, and the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Units. The new Branch hopes to have a Director appointed within a few weeks to co-ordinate the activities of the three units. This person will report to the Executive Director of the newly created Education and Research Division, who in turn reports to Dr. Clare Rennie, the Assistant Deputy Minister in charge of Technology and Field Services.

The past year has been an extremely busy one for the Home Economics staff, with a continued increase in demand for our services, while we have experienced a complete freeze on hiring since last September. We have nine vacancies at present, six in the County and District offices and three in Toronto, as well as three women on maternity leave. Things have not been easy, but of course, all of the staff have carried out additional duties with their usual good will. We will all be very happy when the reorganization has been completed, we then hope that we will be allowed to hire new staff. In the meantime I would ask you to be patient and to bear with us. We have tried to hire Home Economists on a temporary basis to carry out the work.

Our statistics have really surprised us all, this past twelve months. The number of clients and those seeking Home Economics information has, for a second year in a row, increased dramatically. The numbers are as follows:

ADULT: Participation at Courses and presentations		104,090
Leaders' Workshops		3,215
Consumer information requests		131,655
MEDIA PRESENTATIONS:		
	Written	781
	Radio	382
	TV	50
4-H HOMEMAKING CLUBS:		
	Members	22,002
	Leaders	4,845
	Clubs	2,613

On behalf of the Ministry, I would like to take this opportunity to thank FWIO for providing us with 2,020 Adult Volunteer Leaders and sponsoring about 40% of the 4-H Leaders. Your contribution is really appreciated."

Miss McGhee went on to read letters from the Hon. D. Timbrell and Dr. C. Rennie which subsequently have been mailed to all Branch, District and Area Presidents, along with a current news release about the new Branch. This is to allay any fears you may have about the level of support that FWIO will receive in the future.

The Home Economics Unit hopes to continue the pleasant relationship that has always existed between FWIO and the Home Economists, as we enter the new era.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee prepared a proposed budget for 1982/83 which was presented by third year member Mrs. Hugh Coons.

### PEN-PALS IN U.S.A.

If any FWIO members wish a pen-friend from the National Extension Homemakers Council, write to Mrs. Dorothy Brengman, 590 Carroll-Eastern R. NE, Lancaster, Ohio, 43130.

Mrs. Brengman is looking for Ontario contacts for the N.E.H.C. members, attempting to stimulate interest in the ACWW 1983 Conference. Members would in turn learn more about one another, their interests and the work carried on within the organizations.

### JUNIOR WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Nancy Alton, Junior Board Director presented the Junior report. Nancy is completing her final year on FWIO Board and her contribution has been very much appreciated.

She reported 19 Branches with 325 members. New Branches are being proposed to add to their strength.

JWIO spoons are available for \$5.00 plus .50¢ postage, directly from Mrs. Linda Lammers, 2550 Noella Cr., Niagara Falls, L2J 3G9.

Four trophies in honor of 1YDP will be presented in Windsor, at the Ontario Championships, as JWIO's contribution to the disabled.

The Annual Conference will be held October 15-17 in the Owen Sound Area. Registration Fee will be \$25.00.

Nancy expressed her thanks to all and especially her appreciation to the FWIO Board Directors for their kindness during her term on the Board.

### AD HOC PENSION COMMITTEE

It was agreed, women lag behind in pensions.

Mrs. Hugh Coons, Mrs. E. A. Rauhala and Mrs. Harold Blasing were an ad hoc group appointed to look into the pension situation for FWIO.

Mrs. Blasing was on a phone-in talk show in her own area, Mrs. Rauhala promoted discussion on Women and Pensions in her Area, while Mrs. Coons attended a meeting on Women and Pensions at Ottawa which included Council on Aging, National Action Committee, Ontario Council of Labour, YWCA, UWC, to mention a few.

A seminar is to follow co-sponsored by the Department of Health and Welfare for the purpose of increasing awareness, identifying inadequacies, promoting solutions and solving problems. Half the grant will be received at the beginning and the last half upon the preparation of the green paper, recommending change. Monica Townsend is to be the Chairperson. Approximately 250 are expected at the Seminar.

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING  
BOND PLACE HOTEL, TORONTO  
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 1982.