

## ERLAND LEE

Members of the Erland Lee Committee were present, providing information, answering questions and selling supplies.

A member of the Committee, Mrs. H. Maluske gave a brief review of the Home. She told of the dream of the members of Wentworth North and South Districts of ownership by the Women's Institute. How they presented a resolution urging FWIO to look back in history and preserve their heritage. She continued on, to tell about the writing of the original Constitution on the dining room table and the involvement of Co-founder, Erland Lee and the many pioneers in Stoney Creek.

History was revealed about all the years of research and study before the purchase and the happy day when the \$40,000 was completely raised by the membership and the announcement was made at the annual FWIO meeting in 1971.

During the 10 years of ownership, thousands of visitors have viewed the Home, many happy events have been held, and overseas visitors have been thrilled to view the Constitution Table.

This year is the 10th anniversary, and the Committee are looking forward to seeing many W.I. members at the Erland Lee (Museum) Home.



*Eleanore McBay, one of the Bloomingdale WI members from Waterloo North District assisting on registration, takes time out to look at the newly designed mug in honor of the*

*10th Anniversary of the Erland Lee (Museum) Home Committee. Behind table L-r Committee members, Agnes Reist, Verna Maluske, Mary Miller, Chairman; Isobel Booker.*

## GILBERT AND SULLIVAN

Waterloo-Oxford District Secondary School students, presented Princess Ida to a most receptive audience. Appreciation of the talents of these young students under the direction of Mr. David Spence, brought a standing ovation by the delegates.



*TALKING ABOUT THE W.I. L-r, Margaret Aitkin, Greenock W.I.; Vicki Eichler, New Hamburg W.I.; Mary MacGillivray, Lucknow W.I.; Norma Rintoul, White Church W.I.; Florence McNeil, Brook W.I.; Reitta McMaig, River Rd. WI.*

Displays were available for viewing in the Great Hall, publicizing the Pension project supported by FWIO, 85th Anniversary, FWIC, ACWW and FWIO.

Sales of FWIO supplies were quickly sold out by Mrs. Clifford Ritchie, FWIO Treasurer assisted by members of New Dundee, Waterloo South District.

Bloomingdale WI, Waterloo North District again came with their typewriters and expertise, taking charge of the registration of all the delegates. This was one of the volunteer efforts most appreciated by Mrs. Duffield. As she said, "for my first Conference, registration is so important and I didn't have to worry about that part at all."

The Conference went along at an easy pace, allowing time between sessions to give the delegates a breather. The delegates were divided into ten discussion groups — 4 groups of Branch PRO's, 2 groups of District, and Area representatives. In addition 203 delegates were divided into three Members-at-Large groups.

The structure of W.I. was discussed in all groups and questions were answered regarding procedures as well as the duties of various offices and qualifications necessary to hold offices.

Part of the session was taken to talk about a better understanding of the office of Public Relations and more effective methods of presenting the work and objectives of the Women's Institute, both to the members and the community.