

Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario Annual Meeting Provincial Board of Directors Mrs. John Brown, Public Relations Officer

The Annual meeting of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario was chaired by the President, Mrs. Keith Hiepleh. There were 32 Board Directors and 2 Junior WI Board Directors present, including 9 new Directors with 2 alternates. Joyce Canning, the Rural Organizations and Services Branch liaison with our organization, attended every session and was welcomed in this capacity by the directors. Ken Knox, director of this newly formed branch, spoke at an opening session and explained its function and services. By working together he hopes his branch and the WI can more efficiently achieve their respective goals.

THE MINISTER'S LUNCHEON

The Honourable Dennis Timbrell and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food hosted a luncheon at the Bond Place Hotel for the FWIO Provincial Board with Mr. Ken Knox as chairman. Mr. Timbrell in his address stressed the need to "Test all things and keep that which is good". He spoke of the changes in agriculture needed to improve production not only for Ontario but for export as well. Mr. Timbrell discussed the formation of the new branch as well. Two purposes of the Rural Organizations and Services Branch are:

1. to strengthen rural and urban relations
2. Education — a study is being done on the needs of rural women. The programs of the Ministry must be prepared to meet many of these needs. There is a need to update the school curriculum to reflect agriculture as it is today and new guidelines are being prepared.

With 1984 being Ontario's Bi-Centennial, the Minister asked for the co-operation of the Women's Institutes in the plans for this Celebration.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. K. Hiepleh

Highlights of the President's ac-

tivities this past year were her attendance at special anniversaries including the 85th in Toronto, and entertaining Mrs. Ziny Westbring-Muller. Mrs. Hiepleh attended the 85th Anniversary Exhibition in Ottawa City Hall and the National Convention in New Brunswick. At all times Mrs. Hiepleh represents the Women's Institutes of Ontario and speaks on behalf of the Members. The President attends the 14 Area Conventions, all Committee meetings, and the Board Meetings which affords her the opportunity to meet and work with the members.

Mrs. Hiepleh attended the Open Day and Council Meeting of ACWW in London, England. She is pleased to report there are two new Branches this year, Frankton-Numogate in Lanark and Sunnybooke in Lambton Centre.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. J. VanSickle

The Secretary had a busy year dealing with all correspondence and business pertaining to her office. Correspondence was necessary for election of the 9 Board Directors, the unveiling at the Hall of Fame, the handbook, scholarships and conveners.

The highlight was the 85th anniversary celebration which involved many letters. Mrs. VanSickle attended many special events, helped at the Lee and at the Officers' Conference, and attended all of the Committee meetings. At the close of her term of office she especially thanked Mrs. Hiepleh and Mrs. Ritchie for their co-operation. The newly elected Secretary is Mrs. Sam Johnston of Listowel.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. C. Ritchie

Mrs. Ritchie has dealt with all correspondence, investments and financial business. She attended the Finance, Officers' Conference, Constitution and Helen McKercher Scholarship Committee meetings. The treasurer enjoyed working on the 85th Anniversary Committee and seeing the special results. She

assisted with the interviews for the new secretary, worked at Officers' Conference on sales, and has taken the Inventory at the FWIO office.

Financial statements, cheques, and letters have been sent out regarding the scholarships.

Mrs. Ritchie praised the efficiency of the Branch Secretary-Treasurers for the well-prepared reports and fee sheets.

JUNIOR WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OF ONTARIO

Mrs. Elaine Wallace

The Junior Women's Institute of Ontario had their annual Conference in Owen Sound with 14 branches represented and 100 people in attendance.

It was agreed to continue to donate trophies to the Sports of Physically Handicapped. "Evergreen", a new Branch near Listowel was formed with 17 charter members.

It was decided to divide the 19 branches into districts and hold a one-day conference in the spring to promote unity, fellowship and fun.

The Junior WI has been accepted as a society of ACWW and is eligible to send delegates to the 1983 Conference. Next year's convention will be in Guelph on the 4th weekend in October. Mrs. Mary Hall is the new Junior Women's Institute Board Director on the Provincial Board.

OFFICERS' CONFERENCE

Mrs. H. Duffield

Mrs. Duffield, as the Secretary-Treasurer, gave a report of the 1982 Officers' Conference which had 537 in attendance and received a good evaluation.

The 1983 Conference will be at Waterloo University on May 3, 4 and 5 with the pooling fee remaining at \$80.00 and the withholding fee at \$10.00.

Mrs. Bernice Noblitt, the National President, will be the guest speaker when she makes her official visit.

The 1983 Conference will be open to the following: