

FWIO

Spring Board Meeting

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. K. Hiepleh, provincial president, met with Mr. Ken Knox, Director of Rural Organizations and Services Branch, and his staff during the winter. With their support a one-day workshop was held for FWIO executives and provincial convenors. This was to establish common program themes under the heading of Women-Unlimited Potential. Joyce Canning prepared information for this workshop and she and the branch staff completed and mailed the material to all convenors. Mrs. Hiepleh represented FWIO at meetings of other rural organizations and was on the committee selecting a site for the FWIC convention. She met with Mrs. Duffield for the final arrangements for the Officers' Conference, and attended the meeting of the Royal Winter Fair Association and the reception for the 22 FWIO McDonald awards recipients at Guelph. With many committee meetings, the president still finds time to attend special branch anniversaries and meetings. Mrs. Hiepleh will be on the Ontario Bicentennial Advisory Commission. She will complete her term of office as president at the November Board Meeting 1983.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. C. Ritchie has completed all the necessary financial transactions since the annual meeting. This included writing 244 cheques and mailing 259 letters. She complimented the district secretary-treasurers on the excellent reports received to date. As treasurer, Mrs. Ritchie attended committee meetings and visited universities that might host the FWIC convention. The financial report showed an increase in the much needed Pennies for Friendship.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

As the new secretary of the FWIO, Mrs. M. Johnston dealt with all correspondence pertaining to her office. The eligible federation representatives for election as board directors for November 1983 had been contacted and letters to eligible board directors for election as provincial president were sent. She attended all committee and special meetings.

ACWW REPORT

Mrs. K. Hiepleh reported the greatest opportunities for delegates at the ACWW convention will be to communicate personally with women from around the world. The President, Mrs. Ziny Westebring-Muller will speak on the theme "Living in Today's World". Her successor will be elected from three nominees; Dr. Ellen McLean of Nova Scotia, Mrs. Phyllis Howard and Mrs. Fayola Muchow of the U.S.A. Mrs. Hiepleh encouraged more subscribers to the Country-woman. Due to higher costs of ACWW, an increase in Pennies for Friendship would be appreciated.

JWIO REPORT

The two directors for the Junior Women's Institute were present at the semi-annual meeting and enthusiastic about their 19 branches with 350 members. A goal has been set for 1984 to increase their membership to 500. Three spring conventions were held with the fall Convention to be in Guelph, Ont. Three of their members will be attending the ACWW conference in Vancouver. Linda Tottenham, the winner of the JWIO award, is studying at the University of Western Ontario.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Twenty-eight district, county and area scholarships were ratified with a value of \$175.00 each. There were 3 Maryn Pardy scholarships of \$100.00 in the London area. Twenty-two McDonald awards were presented in 1983 for students in the College of Family and Consumer studies at University of Guelph. Members are asked to publicize this latter award as students must apply at the university. One Helen M. McKercher scholarship of \$1,200 is offered in 1983 and application forms for this are available at the FWIO office.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

The FWIO donation of \$3,400 to Ware College, England is being used to educate Miss Libbylu Allen of Jamaica. She had a Christian upbringing in a farm family and was impressed the Women's Council with her determination to teach others. Having taught pre-school children, she intends to expand this work when she returns home. Libbylu will be organizing training courses to teach other girls newly acquired skills.

ERLAND LEE (MUSEUM) HOME REPORT

Plans have been made for a busy year at the Home with WI Days on May 31 to June 2 and Christmas at the Home Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Mrs. Miller will be selling the new Lee Museum spoons. She encouraged donations, memoriams, and bequests for the FWIO project. Please mail cheques directly to FWIO office at Guelph.