

Annual Board Report

Members of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario met for their annual board meeting in Toronto in November. Public Relations Officer Mrs. May Brown compiled the following comprehensive report.

ERLAND LEE (MUSEUM) HOME Mrs. Mary Miller

Over 3,000 visitors toured the Home this past year, coming from many parts of the world. Christmas at the Lee and the special days at the end of May and in June attracted guests who came by bus and car.

Visual Productions TV did a special taping at the Museum Home. This is to be called 1812 and will be aired Fridays in April 1984 on Channel 11 (Hamilton). Mrs. Miller expressed appreciation for the many quilt blocks sent in by members. Already several quilts have been made. A Bicentennial BonBon dish is now available.

TWEEDSMUIR HISTORY **CURATOR**

Mrs. Fred Howe

Mrs. Howe urged members to update their house logs in 1984. The Bicentennial year is a good opportunity to add to the history of the communities.

The book cover is available at most book stores as well as Hutchings and Patrick no. 70 pages. There are still the yellow manuals if curators need them. The new Curator is Mrs. Ian Heales.

OFFICERS' CONFERENCE

Mrs. H. Duffield

After evaluating and summarizing last year's Officers' Conference which had a total of 506 delegates, plans were made for the 1984 one to be held May 1, 2 and 3 at Waterloo University.

It will be open to the following:

- (a) branch secretary treasurers
- or
- members-at-large

- (b) district secretary treasurers (new or incoming officers preferable)

F.W.I.O. SCHOLARSHIPS

All F.W.I.O. scholarships, Dorothy Fatcher, Florence P. Eadie, Sixtieth Anniversary, Hoodless-Lee, District, County and Area Scholarships will be increased to \$200.00 for 1984.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. K. Hiepleh

The President had a busy year as she fulfilled her duties. Some of the highlights were Christmas at the Erland Lee Home, conducting the annual meeting of the Stoney Creek Women's Institute and serving on the Erland Lee Home Committee.

Mrs. Hiepleh attended two seminars sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, "Rural Seminars for Vital People" and "Management for Profit". As a representative to the Royal Winter Fair for the FWIO she attended the two meetings. She worked with the Rural Organizations and Services Branch on different occasions, including the exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition. The Area Conventions and the Junior Women's Institute convention, rallies, picnics, District annuals and finally the ACWW conference in Vancouver made it an interesting year.

The President is active on the Ontario Bicentennial Advisory Commission and has informed them of the FWIO's plans to present a quilted wall-hanging to the Province of Ontario to commemorate the Province's Bicentennial. The branches have responded to the suggested programs on the theme "Women - Unlimited Potential". Mrs. Hiepleh presented the Helen Mc Kercher scholarship to Donna MacDonald at the Toronto Area Convention.

She attended the unveiling ceremony of the Ontario Agricultural

Hall of Fame at Milton when Laura Rose Stephen, FWIO's candidate, was inducted. The president announced the formation of four new Branches in Ontario.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. S. Johnston

Mrs. Johnston found her first years as provincial secretary to be very busy as she dealt with the correspondence necessary for the election of the new board directors, nominees for president, and the interviewing for the new treasurer. It was a learning experience when she attended special functions and meetings, the W.I. Hall at Milton, the Lee Home, ACWW conference in Vancouver and Officers' Conference. Mrs. Johnston represented the president at the Agri-Food and Look Ahead Seminars and a Meat, Live-stock and Grain marketing meeting. She summed up by saying "We must be innovative, do brain-storming to come up with new ideas, study changes that are recommended and be ready to change if necessary and always evaluate."

CITIZENSHIP AND WORLD AFFAIRS CONVENERS' REPORT

Mrs. Murray Forrest

Speakers from government levels enlightened the members on topics which included, Bill of Rights, New Constitution and Immigration laws. Laws pertaining to women were popular on Bill C-127 and changes in the criminal code regarding sexual offences. The Family Law Reform Act, women's rights, wills, abortion clinics, surrogate mothers, pornography, nuclear disarmament, and vandalism all made for good programming. Members of one district and community were urged to support a rape forum held in the area.

Speakers were from Ploughshares on arms and disarmament, and Amnesty International re the plight of prisoners in foreign jails. Letters