

# FWIO Semi-Annual Meeting

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## President's Report

### Mrs. R.B. Johnson

Mrs. R.B. Johnson declared an interesting and busy first two months of her new term of office. She welcomed visitors to "Christmas at the Lee" amidst traditional decorations and cherished artifacts.

On Feb. 21, Mrs. Johnson attended a dinner hosted by the Ontario Women's Directorate when the Open Doors program was launched. In designated areas, inventories of women in non-traditional careers will be prepared. These women will make presentations to Grade 7 and 8 students explaining career choices and will provide role model stimulus.

From the annual meeting of the Royal Winter Fair, Mrs. Johnson reported local fairs are an important way of bringing rural and urban people together and common interests are shared.

A task force on Health and Safety in Agriculture in Ontario will investigate and report on the health and safety of farmers, farm workers and members of farm families engaged in farm work. Hopefully the Women's Institutes will become involved in this study and be ready to record farm accidents and to discuss the necessity of legislation in this area.

## Secretary's Report

### Mrs. Sam Johnston

Mrs. Sam Johnston has sent lists of eligible federation representatives and alternates to nine district secretaries for correction. Then these 97 women were contacted regarding the positions of provincial board directors. Mrs. Johnston has undertaken a pilot project in child care service for farm women. If accepted by the Canada Summer Works Program, students will be employed to offer child care to women while they are working on their farms.

## Treasurer's Report

### Mrs. Duane Williams

As the new treasurer, Mrs. Duane Williams reported good statements from the district secretary — treasurers. She had prepared and presented a proposed budget and

financial statement. New auditors are Barry and Savage, Napanee, Ontario.

## Erland Lee (Museum) Home Committee

### Mrs. Mary Miller

During this meeting, provincial board members journeyed to Stoney Creek where they were entertained to dinner and enjoyed the hospitality of the staff and committee of the Erland Lee Home. Five hundred and ninety-six persons attended Christmas at the Lee with its festivities and decorations in December 1983.

Delegates to the Officers' Conference will be welcomed as they come by bus to the Lee Home on May 10.

Women's Institute Days at the Lee are June 5, 6, 7, 1984.

Lee supplies are sold only at the Home, at F.W.I.O. Annual and Semi-Annual Meetings and at Officers' Conference — no mailings.

Personal donations, In Memoriams or bequests will be gratefully received. All personal donations are income tax deductible. All cheques to be sent directly to Mrs. Robert Weber

## Junior W.I. Report

### Mrs. Mary Hall

Mary reported the J.W.I.O. now has 413 members in 23 branches. Twenty-three maple trees have been planted around the W.I. Hall within the Ontario Agricultural Museum at Milton in recognition of Ontario's Bicentennial. Their annual conference with the theme "Flavours of Quinte" will be held in Belleville from Oct. 19-21, 1984. Mr. Roy Bonisteel, CBC host of "Man Alive" will be the only featured speaker.

## W.I. Hall Report

"Built before 1840 as the Sheridan Church. The hall acts as a home for Women's Institute members and acknowledges their contribution to rural society both past and present."

The Agricultural Museum at Milton where the W.I. hall is located, will be open to the public from May 14 - Oct. 10, 1984.

Over 200 entries for the Ontario Bicentennial Quilt Competition have come from across the province. The quilt show will be from June 29 - Aug. 31, 1984. The prize winning

quilt will be presented to the Queen during her visit to the province.

A Bicentennial flavour will prevail in the W.I. Hall with displays of House Logs, Tweedsmuir Histories, early publications, programs and other memorabilia.

## Scholarship Report

Twenty-seven district, county and area scholarship winners and 25 alternates were ratified. Twenty-four of these scholarships had a value of \$200 each and three (Maryn Pardy Scholarships) had a value of \$100 each.

## F.W.I.C. Report

Heritage Day at the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead was a resounding success. There were demonstrations on rug braiding, chair caning, preparing and spinning wool and quilting.

Did you know the Township of South Dumfries recently designated the Hoodless Home as a "property of architectural and/or historical value"?

The Hoodless Foundation Fund which began five years ago, would like to reach its objective by the time of the National Convention in 1985 — it is half way there — give this project your whole-hearted support. Plan an event or special project in this Bicentennial year and contribute the money to the fund.

We were urged to make our views known to our provincial government re: its health insurance policies as they pertain to the Canada Health Act.

A submission on pornography and prostitution was given at a hearing in Ottawa on April 6, 1984. Continue to make your views known and take steps to suppress the proliferation of materials available.

## Ontario Agriculture Hall of Fame

Ethel Brant Monture (1894-1977) was nominated by the Ontario Association of Agriculture Societies and will be admitted to the Hall of Fame Gallery at the Ontario Agricultural Museum on Sunday, June 11, 1984. Mrs. Monture was a leader in Agricultural Societies; W.I. activities; a writer and humanitarian and should be of interest to W.I. members.