

# Report highlights

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## **Tweedsmuir History Report**

Mrs. Ian Heales, Curator

Ontario's bicentennial sparked a great deal of interest in the Tweedsmuir History Books throughout the province.

Branches are microfilming and/or photocopying completed books.

Students, teachers, researchers, geneologists and historians use these books extensively when compiling information.

## **Royal Agriculture Winter Fair**

Mrs. Bruce Snider, Chairman

A space 10' x 10' was rented by FWIO and used for a promotional display area from Nov. 8 - 17, 1984. Hostesses were from the Districts of York East, York West, Dufferin South, Peel South, Peel North and Prince Edward. Brochures, publications, posters and a set of slides entitled "Women's Institutes in Action" helped to answer many inquiries regarding the organization.

## **Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame**

Mrs. Owen Hawkins

FWIO has submitted the name of Miss Emily Guest as candidate to the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame which is at the Ontario Agriculture Museum, Milton.

## **WI Hall**

From May to October visitors came to the Women's Institute Hall which is part of the Ontario Agriculture Museum at Milton. This year the committee chose to have the showcases describe the past and the present workings of the WI. The floor showcases featured Tweedsmuir Histories, previous minute books, handbooks, publications and pictures of past activities. The wall showcases depicted information on FWIC Convention '85 Water and Sanitation for All project and the present activities of the JWIO.

## **C.N.E. (Toronto) And Western Fair (London)**

Mrs. Mary Miller

The Rural Organizations and Services Branch, OMAF, invited FWIO to once again participate at both of these events. For the C.N.E. "Stitch a Quilt" activity, four hostesses per day were recruited from Subdivisions 7, 8, 9.

For the same activity at the Western Fair, hostesses came from Subdivisions 21, 22, 23. The quilts were made from blocks that had been sent to the Erland Lee (Museum) Home. This proved to be a successful opportunity to project a good image of the FWIO to the public.

## **Public Relations**

Mrs. Rena Cunningham

Almost 3/4 of a million dollars was generated by 1,152 Women's Institute Branches in Ontario over the past year. The money was used to support a wide variety of activities and events. WI members presented awards, scholarships and bursaries to students; bought recreation equipment for a nursery school; supported public speaking competitions and music festivals; purchased a projector and a microfilm reader; and provided a scanner for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. To serve community needs, Women's Institutes made and painted street signs; maintained and equipped community halls, installed street lights; made puppets for a children's hospital; provided replacement beds for a hospital; supported fall fairs; installed park benches; and compiled cook books.

## **SECRETARY**

Mrs. Marcie Johnston

Two major activities, along with the normal amount of correspondence and paper work, kept the secretary busy this year. As chairman of the group leaders for branch secretary-treasurers, Mrs. Johnston prepared teaching material and assisted in the summary session. As a coordinator of a pilot project on rural

daycare in Bruce County, Mrs. Johnston organized the administrative and financial details as well as helped to train participants and evaluate the project. (A more complete report on this project appeared in the Fall 1984 issue of Home & Country.)

## **Treasurer**

Mrs. Elaine Williams

Thirty-one FWIO Scholarship cheques and letters of presentation were mailed last year. Mrs. Williams was a leader at Officers' Conference and also attended the agricultural picnic in September at Amherstview where Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh were guests. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Johnston took inventory at the Guelph Agriculture Centre. According to reports, there were 1,152 Women's Institute branches with 25,229 members and 3,877 life members in 1983-'84.

## **Erland Lee (Museum) Home**

Mrs. Mary Miller, Chairman

Mrs. Susan Clapham-Henderson is the new hostess for the Lee Home. The home is open Monday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. except for the month of February.

Monday, June 3, 1985 will be London Area Day.

Ontario Women's Institute Days will be June 4, 5, 6 in 1985.

A submission which included supporting material and a copy of a motion regarding the acceptance of Erland Lee as co-founder of the Women's Institute, has been sent to all provincial units; National Office; FWIC President and President-elect; Resolutions Convenor; FWIO President and Secretary and also to FWIO Office. This motion will be presented at the FWIC Convention in June 1985.

## **Officers' Conference**

Mrs. Helen Duffield  
Secretary-Treasurer

There will be no Officers' Conference in 1985 as a result of a ques-