

Provincial news outlined

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President's Report **Mrs. Charlotte Johnson**

Mrs. Johnson announced a new branch was organized in North Renfrew District on January 15, 1985 — Greenwood Branch.

In February, Mrs. Johnson attended a seminar in Toronto on pornography, sponsored by Canadians for Decency. The speakers outlined the four stages of pornography that affect those who watch it — addiction; escalation; de-sensitization; finally acting out. They stressed we should talk to children about what is appropriate and remember we have to compete with what is available at the corner store and we must have the courage to care.

Branches are to be commended for their efforts in promoting the FWIC Past Presidents' Essay Competition. One hundred and thirty Ontario children submitted essays on My Dream of Peace or Water for a Thirsty World. These were judged and the five winning entries have been forwarded to the FWIC Office in Ottawa.

On February 5, FWIO MacDonal Awards valued at \$200 each were presented to Laura O'Brien, Wanda Elmhirst and Lynne Holley who are enrolled in the College of Family and Consumer Studies at the University of Guelph. In 1985, there are 15 Awards available — each valued at \$300.

As we are well into International Youth Year, Mrs. Johnson hopes you are developing programs and activities that will involve you working with young people.

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Secretary's Report **Mrs. Marcie Johnson**

Over 100 letters have been sent to eligible Federation Representatives in the districts where new provincial board directors must be elected.

Replies were received to several letters sent out about the resolution pertaining to retail stores being open for seven days a week. This is definitely a local law and concerns should be directed to the municipality involved.

Mrs. Johnston answered all letters requesting information, spoke to many groups on special occasions and always promoted the Women's Institute.

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Treasurer's Report **Mrs. Elaine Williams**

Mrs. Williams presented the interim financial report for the period October 1, 1984 to March 31, 1985 and outlined the proposed budget for October 1, 1985 to September 30, 1986.

Recommendations carried were: — that the mileage rate be 17¢ per kilometer commencing October, 1985 — that a \$3 error on fee sheets be accepted as received — that no expense account be submitted under \$5 — that FWIO fees will increase from \$1 to \$2 for 1986 — that FWIO purchase a cheque protector

Thus far, FWIO has raised \$32,656 for the Clean Water and Sanitation project. Mrs. Johnson will make the presentation to FWIC at the National Convention in June at London, Ontario.

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FWIC Report **Mrs. Bernice Noblitt**

Mrs. Noblitt stressed "the need for branches to be more aware of what is going on in other parts of their own areas, at their provincial level, and certainly at FWIC level".

Adelaide Hoodless Fund donations show a total of approximately \$65,000

which is invested and bearing interest. Although the objective goal is coming closer, keep remembering the fund with donations and In Memoriams whenever possible.

Subscriptions to Federated News is not a success story. Only 12 per cent of our membership receive the publication. Members are urged to subscribe as individuals — \$2.50 per year or \$2 per year if 10 or more are going to one address.

Submissions have been made by FWIC to:

- (1) CBC Radio-television and Communications Committee in support of a TV channel especially for youth
- (2) to the Honourable Flora McDonald on training and employment — with our suggestions as to the requirements of a training program
- (3) Child Care — accessibility, quality, affordability, satisfaction with the status quo, support for etc.
- (4) Child and Elderly Benefits — tax credits, tax benefits, etc. Copies of all submissions are available from FWIC Office.

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Erland Lee (Museum) **Home Committee** **Mrs. Mary Miller, Chairman**

London Area will be participating in the Eighth Area Day at the Lee on June 3, 1985 when they submit crafts, jams, jellies, etc. which visitors to the home may buy.

Lee supplies are sold only at the Home, at FWIO Annual and Semi-Annual meetings and at Officers' Conference — no mailings. Few supply items now available from the Lee Home are cup and saucer for \$10 and a plate for \$5.

Personal donations, In Memoriams or bequests will be gratefully received. All personal donations are income tax deductible. All cheques