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Scholarship Committee

Twenty-six district, county and area scholarship winners and twenty-six alternates were ratified by the provincial board. Twenty-three of these scholarships had a value of \$200 each and three (Maryn Pardy) were valued at \$100 each.

A FWIO scholarship fund is to be established as a 90th Anniversary project (1987). This project will provide scholarships for WI members planning to re-enter the educational system to further or update their education.

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Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame Association

**Mrs. Jane Hawkins,
FWIO Representative**

Emily J. Guest, M.A. who was nominated by FWIO will be admitted to the Hall of Fame Gallery at the Ontario Agricultural Museum, Milton. Seven candidates in all will be honored and their likenesses unveiled for public viewing on Sunday, June 10, 1985 at 1:30 p.m.

1986 nominations for recognition to the Hall of Fame will be accepted until September 15, 1985.

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Officers' Conference Committee

**Mrs. Helen Duffield,
Secretary-Treasurer**

There was no Officers' Conference this year due to the FWIC Convention being held in London, Ontario from June 16-20, 1985. Instead, a Tweedsmuir Curators' Workshop was held at the Bond Place Hotel, Toronto on February 26 and 27, 1985.

The 87 delegates attending gained information on

- what to include, how to assemble and enter material into the Tweedsmuir History Books from Mrs. Ian Heales, FWIO Provincial Curator
- constructing House Logs and

- Family Trees from Mrs. Cora Reid, Enterprise
- microfilming, storage and resource material available from Ontario Archives by Mr. Leo Warmiski
- preservation, care and storage of books and papers from Mr. Steve Poulin, Ontario Ministry Citizenship & Culture.

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Women's Institute Hall

Located within the Ontario Agricultural Museum, Milton the hall "acts as a home for WI members and acknowledges their contribution to rural society both past and present". The museum will be open to the public from May 13 - Oct. 14, 1985.

Behind the hall two large white pine trees have been planted — the bicentennial project of Wellington South District WI.

New displays in the hall will feature articles and pictures relating to Emily J. Guest, FWIO Hall of Fame nominee and a "Grandmother's Quilt Book" created by Dublin WI in Halton County.

Posters and exhibits will depict accomplishments through resolutions, leadership development, promotion of resource material and community concerns.

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**Ontario Federation of Agriculture
Mrs. Margaret Munro,
FWIO Representative**

FWIO Purchased an organizational membership in the Ontario Federation of Agriculture when the opportunity was extended to women's rural groups. Their motto is Farmers Working for Farmers and their objective is to represent Ontario's farmers in the province and nationally.

Memberships consist of single and family farm memberships; service and educational organizations; marketing and commodity groups and co-operative organizations.

As the OFA is concerned mostly with lobbying, it keeps in close touch with both provincial and federal governments, media and the public. Every month there are numerous resolutions which along with briefs are submitted to the appropriate bodies.

OFA meets regularly with consumer groups and prints Food Basket each month. It also publishes a monthly newsletter, has a research department and resource speakers.

There are County and Regional Federations across the province with the head office at Ontario Federation of Agriculture

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**Royal Agricultural Winter Fair
Association of Canada**

Mrs. Roberta Templeman

Mrs. Roberta Templeman and Mrs. Isabel Taylor, FWIO Representatives, attended the annual meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 1985 in the board room of the Coliseum, Exhibition Place, Toronto.

In his report, John C. Eaton, president, stated that the demand for space for commercial exhibitors remains high and care must be taken to select the more desirable exhibits for the show.

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**1983 ACWW
Mrs. Florence Diamond,
FWIO Representative**

An explanation of what the 1983 Canadian Conference Committee had voted to do regarding surplus money from the ACWW Conference in Vancouver was given. The committee agreed that this surplus should be divided equally among the 14 Constituent Societies in Canada for the establishment of Mrs. Alfred Watt Memorial Trust Funds. Each Society is asked to invest their sum wisely and only the interest be used to send a representative to ACWW Council Meetings.

FWIO does send its provincial president to attend these meetings, but many of the societies have not been able to do so and have had a member from England sitting in on their behalf. Many of these other societies have already rallied to send their own representative this year. This direct representation at ACWW council meetings should assist all the societies in Canada having a voice in council decisions.