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14-day bus tour planned

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

By EDITH SMITH
and MADELINE NICHOL

Ontario Women's Institutes hosted the FWIC Convention at London, Ontario in June 1985. They furnished favors, meals, juice breaks and tour guides. David and Nina Lamb of England were guests of Edith following the National Convention. A 14-day bus tour of Ontario is planned in 1986 for WI members, husbands and friends.

In September 1985, 26 visitors from England viewed points of interest in Brantford, Stoney Creek and Niagara Falls. Hospitality was extended by WI members through meals and overnight accomodation. Both hostesses and visitors enjoyed the time spent together and an invitation for a return visit to England was issued by the tour coordinator, Peggy North. Correspondence is exchanged with several members from England; Jamaica and New Brunswick.

FWIO had 24,528 members in 1985

TREASURER'S REPORT
By ELAINE WILLIAMS

The FWIO had 1,144 Branches, 24,528 members and 4,014 life members in the last fiscal year. We renewed investments, took stock inventory at office in Guelph and completed other financial business.

Thirty FWIO scholarship cheques

No shortage of paperwork for secretary

SECRETARY'S REPORT
By MARCIE JOHNSTON

During the last fiscal year, I contacted and prepared lists of Federation representatives who will stand for Provincial Board Directors.

I also reordered 15,000 additional FWIO brochures and packaged the



OFA had a busy year

By MARGARET MUNRO

FWIO has an organizational membership with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. The following report follows the OFA's annual meeting.

In order to streamline the reporting procedures, it was recommended that all county federations and the provincial federation have a common fiscal year, using the new data system that has been installed at the OFA offices.

County federations met with local municipal councils. The finding was that most municipal councils near large centres are represented by a majority of urban people. The result is that many such councils are critical of agricultural policies. Because agriculture is so diversified and complex, it is hard for the OFA to present just *one* issue to government. On the other hand, several issues at a time tend to get bogged down.

Northwestern Ontario Rural Women's Self Help Group was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Ministry of Community & Social Services which will be administered by OFA. The purpose of this group is to identify and train local women who, as community leaders will identify and respond to local concerns about family violence with an educational focus on the development of self help groups of rural women.

Apparently, most teachers are not aware of the Helpful Teaching Resources book provided by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, even though it was sent to all Ontario schools.

Most of the Counties took part in promoting Agri Food Week by means of mall demonstrations, farm tours and visiting schools.

Margaret Munro is the FWIO representative on the OFA.

and letters of presentation were mailed to the secretaries of the District, County and Area scholarship committees. The International Scholarship of \$1,000 was sent to ACWW to pay salary of Libby Lu Allen, a Jamaican teacher.

The first payment was sent to the recipient of the Helen McKercher Scholarship and the final payment to

the previous winner who has completed her course.

A new account was opened in the name of "Mrs. Alfred Watt Memorial Fund" with donations received from ACWW Conference (\$19,195.75). The interest from this account to be used to send voting representatives to the ACWW Council meetings and conferences.

remaining 10,000 Bicentennial Wall Hanging Hasti Notes — both of which are now at the FWIO office in Guelph.

I wrote to Rita Brown, ACWW Projects Convener, to ask about projects for International Scholarship for 1985 - 86 and contacted the appli-

cants following the Helen McKercher Scholarship meeting, and completed an application form to have FWIO listed in the Directory of Associations in Canada.

Please note that requests for life memberships should be directed to the FWIO office in Guelph.