

FWIO has lots of connections

"Only as high as you can reach,
can you grow
Only as far as you seek, can you go
Only as deep as you look, can you see
Only as much as you dream,
can you be."

Charlotte Johnson, FWIO President, used these words to open the Semi-Annual Provincial Board meeting at the Bond Place Hotel, Toronto from April 21-24, 1986.

Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario is an educational organization for personal growth and community action. At the meeting, the activity reports showed that FWIO is also an organization which relates to, and interacts with, other groups studying the same concerns. Here are some of the connections!

On behalf of FWIO, Charlotte Johnson and Marcie Johnston presented a brief on Future Directions for the Ontario Agricultural Industry to the task force of Ontario Institute of Agrologists.

Ruth Grose, Provincial Agriculture and Canadian Industries Convener, represented FWIO at a farm women's program planning day. After much discussion, those attending agreed that there was a need for a conference for farm women, to develop an action plan to create a better understanding between the consumer and the producer. Mrs. Grose also represented the organization at a seminar on "Safe Use of Pesticides" sponsored by the Canadian Agricultural Chemical Association with representatives attending from government, special interest groups, community interest groups, producers and academic/professionals. (See the report on page 15.)

FWIO has an organizational membership with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. Louise Long, provincial board director, attended the annual meeting where much discussion related to the "Right to Farm" legislation.

Charlotte Johnson attended the Ontario Advisory Council on Women's Issues when concerns such as child care, pensions for women, pay equity, transition houses, crisis centres, and women business owners were discussed. The group decided

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that no one issue could be given priority — they were all topical concerns. Later, Eileen Junkin, regional vice-president, represented FWIO at another meeting of this same group when the discussion centred around the Green Paper on Pay Equity.

Barbara Temple and Winnie Wilson, FWIO provincial board directors, attended the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association of Canada board

directors' meeting. The Women's Institute is the only women's organization represented. FWIO volunteer members will staff a promotional display booth at the Royal Winter Fair again in 1986 from November 13-22.

Jane Hawkins represents FWIO on the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame Association. Eight outstanding agriculturalists will be inducted into the Hall of Fame Gallery at the Ontario Agricultural Museum, Milton on June 8, 1986. FWIO did not have its candidate selected for 1986. For 1987, FWIO has nominated Mrs. J. R. (Dorothy) Fitcher as a candidate for recognition into the hall of fame.

Resolution replies received...

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Meet the leaders

Resolution 9. Re — Meeting of representatives of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and the three Provincial leaders.

This resolution was directed to the provincial board of Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. See the report on page 23.

Given attention

Resolution 10. Re — Deny the teachers of Ontario the right to strike.

This resolution was forwarded to The Honourable Sean Conway, Ontario Minister of Education.

Mr. Conway asked G. R. Podrebarac, Deputy Minister to reply. Mr. Podrebarac thanked our organization for bringing this matter to the minister's attention. The resolution will be considered when a review of the school boards and teachers' Col-

lective Negotiations Act is undertaken. We can be assured that our resolution will be given careful attention.

Responsible proposal

Resolution 11. Re — Sale of beer and wine be confined to existing outlets.

This resolution was sent to The Honourable Monte Kwinter, Ontario Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations.

Mr. Kwinter replied that "the government is very interested in pursuing this matter. At the same time, we are aware of the wide range of views held by Ontarians on how these products should be distributed and sold.

The government's purpose in advancing this proposal is to broaden the distribution system for these products and to improve consumer convenience. It is our view that there will be many positive benefits and we feel confident that we will be able to satisfy public concerns, including those related to sales to minors, drinking and driving, consumption, job creation, and store security.

In recent months the Attorney General has undertaken a successful campaign to combat drinking and

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