

Promote WI scholarships

The semi-annual board meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) was held at the Bond Place Hotel, Toronto April 21 to 24.

On Tuesday evening, Lera Ryan, family resource management specialist with the Rural Organizations and Services Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, led a workshop on the terminology and interpretations of financial statements. Everyone present gained a greater knowledge of how financial reports are created.

SCHOLARSHIPS

FWIO encourages all WI members to take an active part in promoting all WI scholarships and in urging qualified people to submit applications. On this our 90th anniversary, two winners were chosen for each county/district/area WI scholarship which is awarded to active 4-H members, 16 years-old or over, who have completed six or more 4-H clubs (with a minimum of three food and/or clothing projects) and is continuing on to post secondary education. In all, 48 students received \$200 each. Also, three London Area WI Scholarship recipients received \$100 each.

The FWIO 90th Anniversary Educational Award was established for WI members who wish to further or update their education. Four awards are available annually, one to each region. The winning applicants are:

- Eastern Region — Joan D. Bates, Lakefield
- Northern Region — Etta Jane Nowak, Cochrane
- Southern Region — Mary Alice Roth, Tavistock
- Western Region — no applicants

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Grapes will be the theme of Harvest Festival Days at the Erland Lee (Museum) Home on Oct. 1 and 2, 1987.

There will be a leadership development conference for Ontario's WI members in 1988. An appointed committee is already making plans and

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deciding on the theme, time and location.

Eva Tuck and Carol Craig were appointed to a committee to bring recommendations to the annual board meeting regarding suitable exchange gifts for our twin province, Prince Edward Island, at the time of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) Convention in Newfoundland in 1988.

All entries to the FWIC Past Presidents' Essay Competition should be submitted to the area. The area will screen the entries and then forward the top three to the provincial level via the provincial board director. Judges will then select three winning entries which will be forwarded to FWIC. These winners will be given \$10 each by FWIO.

An Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) Eastern Canada Regional Conference was held in Charlottetown, PEI in May. FWIO President Margaret Munro attended, representing FWIO.

ACWW has changed its fiscal year to correspond to the calendar year. The FWIO areas will assume the responsibility of collecting and forwarding ACWW memberships to the office in England (address on page two of Home & Country) by Dec. 31 of each year.

The FWIO annual board meeting will be held at the Bond Place Hotel, Toronto from Nov. 16 to 20, 1987. On Nov. 21, a workshop related to organizational revitalization will be offered to the provincial board directors.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

FWIO continues to be represented on other boards and to interact with other groups who have similar concerns.

Jane Hawkins has represented FWIO as a board director of the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame Association for the past six years. Although FWIO has a group two (organizations and corporations) membership in the association, Mrs. Hawkins is encouraging more WI members to consider a group one (individual) membership. Twenty-five dollars makes you a life-time member.

Provincial board director Barbara Patterson, who represents FWIO on the Ontario Coalition for Better Day Care also represented FWIO at the National Conference on Day Care held in Guelph in May.

FWIO representatives on the board of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association are Margaret Munro and Winnie Wilson. Again this year, volunteer WI members will staff the FWIO booth in the upper east annex at the Royal from Nov. 11 to 22, 1987.

FWIO has an organizational membership with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. Our representative, Marian Dougall, reports that low farm income and the Farm Debt Review process are two of the federation's top priorities for 1987.

FWIO was represented by provincial board director Luella Lewis at a meeting of the Foundation for Rural Living. There, Pat Mighton, program director for the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program (AALP), reported 29 of the 30 participants of the first AALP program completed their training and all are showing new initiatives and involvements as a result of this training. A second class of 30 participants have been selected and began their training in April 1987.

Gail Murdock, provincial board director, and Ruth Grose, provincial agriculture convener, represented FWIO at a meeting of Ontario rural women's groups in Toronto in May.

The purpose of the meeting was to formulate the stand of the 10 Ontario delegates who will be attending the Third National Farm Women's Conference in Saskatoon, Nov. 12 to 18, 1987. Mrs. Grose will be the FWIO delegate to this conference.