Films for rural women

The National Film Board of Canada (NFB) is promoting its group of films and videos of interest to rural women. In Ontario, there are NFB libraries in London, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Kitchener, North Bay and Sudbury. Call the office nearest you for more information or to borrow a film or video.

Prairie Women — life on the Canadian Prairies during the 1920's and 1930's.

Great Grand Mother — the contributions of pioneer women.

Change of Heart — farm wife's right to a share of the family gains, and the problems associated with mid-life divorce.

Paper Wheat — lives of early Saskatchewan settlers and the foundation of the co-op movement on the prairies.

Prairie Album — historical account of a woman's childhood on a Prairie farm during the depression.

Drylanders — opening of the Canadian West.

Plenty of Nothing — farm wives seeking their fair share of economic value of their work.

A Safe Distance — shelter and services for battered women in rural, northern, and native communities.

This Borrowed Land — women voice their concern over the conversion of farmland to uses not related to food.

Oxfam conference

OXFAM is sponsoring a conference to be held at Ridgetown College of Agricultural Technology April 8 and 9.

THEME
Women in Development
Parallel problems and solutions for rural women

WORKSHOPS
Day Care, Battered Women, Health Care, Women in Politics, Women and Legislation and others. A panel discussion is planned with representatives from women's organizations.

PRESENTATION
Women in Nicaragua
16 women representing three provinces in Canada will meet with rural women on a study tour of Nicaragua in March 1989. One of the tour participants, FWIO President Margaret Munro, will make the presentation at the conference.

The conference is open to anyone, for further information, please call Joan Smith or Mark Priest at 519-432-1133.

Education award winners

Congratulations to the 1988 winners of the FWIO 90th anniversary educational award. Each winner received $600. Contact the FWIO office for information on the 1989 awards.
Northern Region — Faye Pigeau
Eastern Region — Helen Wilson
Southern Region — Margaret Smith
Western Region — Barbara Elg

FWIO twinned to Nova Scotia

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario is twinned with Nova Scotia until 1991. If you wish to have contact with a branch in Nova Scotia, please contact Christine Reaburn, R. R. #1, Westmeath, K0J 2L0, or phone 613-582-3550.

Helen McKercher Scholarship

The Helen M. McKercher Scholarship was established by the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario in 1976, in recognition of Miss McKercher's contribution to home economics.

VALUE: $1,100 (First half will be paid at the beginning of the course, the remainder upon completion. Degree must be completed within five years of acceptance.

ELIGIBILITY: Canadian citizen, Ontario resident for at least five years. A graduate of a recognized Canadian university, pursuing a post-graduate degree in any area of Family Studies, Consumer Studies, and Home Economics, or related programs.

APPLICATION: Forms are obtainable from Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, Box 1030, Guelph, N1H 6N1. Deadline is June 30, 1989.

1990 deemed Literacy Year

1990 has been declared International Literacy Year by the United Nations. The symbol was designed by a Japanese artist. More information is expected to come later this year.