

News from FWIO August meeting

Agricultural issues and leadership training were the main topics at the August meeting of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) Board of Directors.

A report given by Joan Law, FWIO Resolutions Committee Chairman, on the Canadian Crop Drought Assistance Program stressed the importance of crop insurance versus ad hoc programs such as drought relief.

The implications for Canada and Ontario's agricultural systems in the Uruguay round of the GATT negotiations was reported on by Hilde Morden, FWIO Program Coordinator. Hilde attended a conference at the University of Guelph to discuss the issues.

As a result of two WI members attending the Hands Across the Border Conference of Ontario and New York farm women (see page 5), FWIO has decided to establish an agricultural advisory committee to look at agricultural issues from a Women's Institute point of view.

A leadership workshop is tentatively scheduled for January 1990, called Forms, Facts and Figures, with the purpose of developing administrative skills. This is phase two of FWIO's leadership plan. In early 1989 (phase one), members were trained to put on workshops. After phase two, these two groups of people will get together and put on smaller workshops throughout Ontario.

With the commitment to rural

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youth and higher education, FWIO has revamped its scholarship program. This year the regional scholarships will be worth \$275 each and the county and area scholarships

\$250 each. It is hoped more boys will make use of these scholarships.

Plans for the centennial celebration of FWIO are continuing. A special centennial celebration fund has been established. Already in place are plans for a centennial stamp, a special rose, a centennial logo and a commemorative plate.

Scholarship recipients



Nicole Judge, left, was awarded the Peel County Women's Institute Bursary recently. Nicole graduated from Mayfield Secondary School and will study science at the University of Guelph. Patty Glassford, right, was awarded the Peel County Ontario Women's Institute Scholarship for 1989. Patty graduated from Orangeville District Secondary School and will study geography and environmental studies at Trent University.

If you think you're confused, consider poor Columbus. He didn't know where he was going when he started. When he got there, he didn't know where he was. When he got back, he didn't know where he'd been.