

# FWIO Elects New President

Peggy Knapp, of Georgetown, is the newly elected President of the FWIO. "I look forward to serving as President," exclaimed Peggy, "especially when I know that I am fortunate to have an excellent Board of Directors to work with and hundreds of members at the branch level anxious to carry on proudly the work of our organization..." Elected to the position of President-Elect was Marg Eberle, of Highgate.

Past President Margaret Munro welcomed the Executive and Board of Directors to the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) annual meeting, held in Guelph from November 27 to December 1, 1989.

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Rita Burak, addressed the FWIO, outlining some of the concerns originating from the OMAF discussion paper, "Towards 2000 — Trends and Influences." The loss of farm land to severances was just one of the concerns FWIO Board Directors expressed to the Deputy Minister. And Brigid Pyke, President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, outlined how the FWIO and OFA could develop a closer working relationship to combat some of the problems facing farm communities. FWIO renewed their membership in OFA.

## Other highlights of the annual Board meeting:

### Advisory Committees

To better understand and accommodate current issues, an Agricultural Advisory Committee has been established. Included on the committee are: Hilde Morden of Rodney, FWIO Program Co-ordinator; Gail Murdock of Richards Landing, former Board Director of FWIO and member of the Canadian Farm Debt Review Board; Janet Parsons of Cache Bay, Canadian Farmer of the Year in 1989 and Ontario Debt Review Board member; and, Joyce Anderson of Brigden, owner and operator of a beef production farm.

Two former ROS Specialists, Maxine Innes-Holbrough and Barbara Klages, presented a schedule of workshops and teaching aids they developed to initiate and promote good family life skills. It is proposed that their program will be delivered across the province with FWIO involvement. An Educational Advisory Committee of two Board

Directors and the President will be established to work with them and undertake a two-year pilot project.

### Life Membership

The cost of a Branch Life Membership is \$75.00, plus the cost of the badge, beginning January 1, 1990. Members are encouraged to use the Award of Merit for recognition of outstanding service. As well, a 25 year silver pin, designed after the 50 and 60 year pins, is in the works and could be awarded to individuals.

### New Policy

FWIO Annual Financial Statements of Receipts, Disbursements, Balance, General Fund and the Summary of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies will now be made available from the FWIO office. But, only upon request by a WI Branch and when accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope.

### Centennial Committee

The Trent area is responsible for the centennial logo and will be releasing

information to other branches soon. Responsibility for the commemorative plate was given to the London Area and the centennial rose to the Laura Rose WI. Other ideas include a touring display, picnics, and of course, plenty of media coverage.

### Folklore Competition Winners

The Ontario winners of the FWIC Fact and Folklore Contest were Winnifred Addison of the Pine Grove WI, Simcoe Area, Maxine Miner of the Warwick WI, London Area, and Vicki Griffith of the Napier WI, London Area. These winning entries will be passed on for national judging at the FWIC convention in Victoria in June, 1991.

### FWIO and Recycling

"Recycling everything but the kitchen sink" was the 1989 theme at the FWIO booth at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair last November. More than 2000 visitors signed the Guest Book. The WI members who occupied the mock kitchen display talked to onlookers about the practical things they could do to reduce and recycle.



The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario met for their annual meeting last November in Guelph. Pictured above are some of the Executive Officers for 1990. In the back row from left to right are Regional Vice-Presidents Christine Raeburn and Mary Shorrock, Public Relations Officer Geraldine Campbell, and Past-President Margaret Munro. In the front row are President-Elect Margaret Eberle (left) and President Peggy Knapp (right). Absent are the Executive Secretary Anna Jackson and Program Co-ordinator Hilde Morden. (Photo by Daniel Vautour, OMAF).