

FWIO Financial Statement

- for the year ending Sept. 30, 1994

Balance

- on hand Oct. 1, 1993 **\$206,381**

Receipts

Interest	\$3710
Articles Sold	10672
District Fees	161476
OMAFRA Grant	24400
Farm Management	
Seminar	1743
Miscellaneous	553
General Donations	1500
Furniture Donations	6161
Liability Insurance	4383
H&C Subscriptions	380
GST Input Refund	1081
Leadership	
Development	0
Postage Reimbursement	950
FWIC Cookbook Sales	123
Certificates of Merit	600
Total	\$217,732

Disbursements

FWIC/ACWW Fees	\$22731
Furniture	9876
New Branch Development	1698
Bank Charges	918
Conference '94	1954
Occupancy Costs	8627
Conference '97	0
Cost of Articles Sold	12754
Board Meetings	24632
Officers	8224
Office Operating Expenses	16586
Computer	0
Wages/Benefits	35036
Board Director Expenses	13992
Committee Expenses	10929
Professional Fees	4371
Conventions/Seminars	1645
Gifts	270
Convenors	411
Publicity	1266
FWIC Meeting/Convention	3556
Home & Country	40857
Miscellaneous	2110
OFA Membership Expenses	535
Liability Insurance	4993
Environmentally Friendly	
Household Hints	3122
FWIC Cookbook	0
President/Area Conventions	2765
Leadership/Dev. Officer	13293
PRO Operating	453
Project Workshop	3231
Royal Winter Fair Booth	2118
Campaign Preparedness	23418
Organization Memberships	390
Valerie Fisher's Visit	649
Grand Opening	6170
Total	\$279,672
Balance	\$144,445

"Challenges Facing Rural Families in the '90s"

By Peggy Knapp



*The Hon. Elmer Buchanan,
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs*

The Hon. Elmer Buchanan, the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) addressed the topic - "Challenges Facing Rural Families in the '90s" - at the fourth Women's Day Luncheon held in conjunction with the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto in November.

"It has been a big year for the Women's Institutes of Ontario, and it is appropriate that in 1994 the WI have opened a new Provincial Office in a stone house with a long history dating back to the Scottish pioneers who arrived in the area in 1839. In many ways your new home symbolizes the way that the Women's Institute has adjusted to change and met the challenges it faced over the years," said the Minister.

In speaking of how OMAFRA is working with rural people in their communities and helping them to adjust to change and prepare for the future, the Minister likened the new role of his Ministry to that of a facilitator or

coach. In an ever-changing business environment, with ever-increasing levels of global competition, a new economic order is being established. Trade barriers are falling, protective duties and tariffs are being removed, and governments face the need for fiscal restraint.

Even at this early stage in the team-building process, alliances are resulting in fresh ideas and innovation, and the Ministry, through Vision 2020 - a process to foster change - "is helping Ontario's agriculture and food industry make important strides and approach the challenges of the future with renewed confidence."

If rural families ever worry about their importance in the overall scheme of things in this province, it may do something for their pride of place to know that many Ontarians depend upon 68,000 farmers, to supply a processing industry that employs 80,000 people and provide 105,000 jobs in food retailing in this province: truly its backbone.

Changes to rural communities provide further challenges as more and more retired people and city workers, willing to commute to their urban workplaces, are settling in rural Ontario, while the number of farms is declining. Inclusion of all people in the fabric of rural communities is necessary to make each community the best place it can be. To encourage and revitalize rural communities, the Ministry has created a new Rural Development Secretariat to support rural business and community development and to ensure that all provincial ministries approach rural development in a co-ordinated way.

The Luncheon followed a Walkabout of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, when FWIO President Donna Russett accompanied the Minister, Hartland MacDougall, President of the Royal, Donald Rickard, Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee and Walter Paty, CEO of the Royal.

The Women's Day Luncheon hosted by the Women's Institutes of Ontario provides both presence and profile for our organization. If, indeed, as the Royal slogan states, "Once a year, country comes to the city," it would seem appropriate that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario continue their long participation with other rural organizations at this prestigious event.

Peggy Knapp is an Executive Member of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and Chair of the RAWF Women's Day Committee.

FWIO Headquarters Fund

Balance on Hand	
- Oct. 1, 1993	\$85,991
Receipts	\$234,965
Disbursements (Interest)	\$ 5353
Balance at Year End	
- Sept. 30, 1994	\$ 315603