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The Erland Lee Award

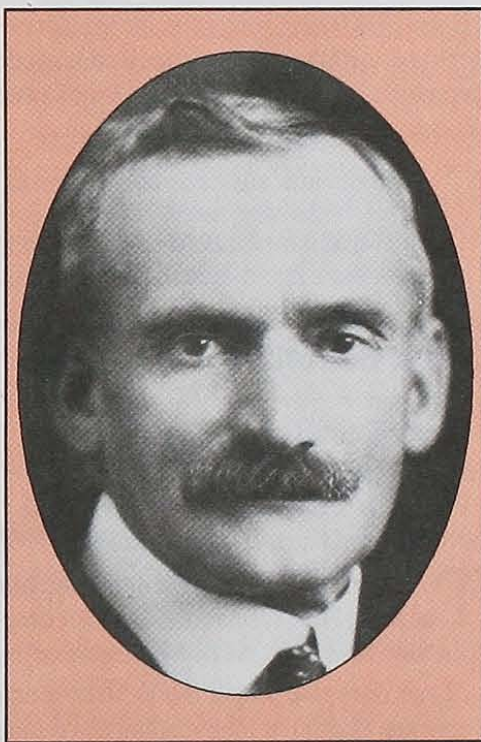
This distinctive award is presented by the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada to a man who most exemplifies those qualities of Erland Lee, which led to the founding of the Women's Institute, an organization which spread across Canada and grew to include millions of women worldwide.

Mr. Lee was a prestigious farmer at Stoney Creek, Ontario, during the last years of the 19th century. His orchards were famous for the soft fruit sent to the busy markets of the Niagara Peninsula, and his herd of registered Jersey cattle was of the highest calibre.

In 1896, he was President of the local Farmers' Institute, and active in agricultural and government circles across Southern Ontario. After hearing a challenging address by Adelaide Hoodless, in which she suggested that "men knew more about feeding their farm animals than their wives knew about feeding their families," Erland Lee convinced his Farmers' Institute to invite Mrs. Hoodless to speak at their annual "Ladies Night."

"The rest," as they say, "is history."

"Men knew more about feeding their farm animals than women knew about feeding their families."



Erland Lee

The Erland Lee Award is presented to a man resident in the Province of Ontario who has:

- knowledge of the Women's Institute and its work;
- given freely of his talents to the WI;
- been instrumental in raising the WI profile outside the organization;
- in their advisory position, promoted the aims and objectives of the WI through expertise in his field of work; and,

- encouraged the progress of the WI as a modern organization for women.

An Erland Lee Award Selection Committee will accept nominations for the award from among those submitted from the Branches. Each nomination must include a full resume of the nominee, including their name, address and telephone number, and be accompanied by a \$15 cheque payable to the FWIO. All nominations must reach the Committee by October 31 in the year prior to the FWIC Convention.

Copies of the nominee's application will be made available to the FWIO Board Director before the Selection Committee meeting. Two names will be recommended by the Committee. The final decision rests with the Board and two final nominees will be forwarded to the FWIC. (See page 4 for the first recipients of the Erland Lee Award.)

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