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County's women's institute members urged to promote quality of home life

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SYDENHAM — "The Women's Institute is one of the enduring rural organizations greatly concerned with the quality of home life," Mrs. George Collings, Napanee, area board member on the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario, told delegates to the 59th annual meeting of Frontenac District Women's Institute, here.

She quoted an appeal from Mrs. Clarence Diamond FWIO president, "for local Women's Institute members to be more diligent than ever in promoting the objective 'For Home and Country' set forth 83 years ago by Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless, founder of Women's Institutes.

"After all, local branch members are vital in carrying on the WIs humanitarian role — therefore everything depends on you," Mrs. Collings said.

Erland Lee, a Farmer's Grange leader, who assisted Mrs. Hoodless in writing the original WI constitution is equally revered with her today, through the preservation of his home as a WI shrine. "This is the FWIOs current big project, with contributions to the fund accepted until November of this year," Mrs. Collings said.

She announced "Women's Institute Week" would be June 2 to 6, with special events at the Lee homestead. Christmas at Lee's will be another special occasion, Dec. 3, 4.

Also an event of prime importance to WI members is the unveiling of portraits in the Agricultural Hall of Fame at the Ontario Agricultural Museum, Milton, June 1 at 2:30 p.m. Among those, whose memories will be honored is Dr. Ethel Chapman, a farm journalist

and WI promoter, nominated by the FWIO.

Other announcements by Mrs. Collings were: The FWIO theme for 1981 will be "Year of the Handicapped — Prevention and Rehabilitation". Every branch throughout the province will be expected to participate and present a special program on their specific project in October, 1981," she emphasized.

The constitution committee is still reviewing the handbook, with suggestions for revisions to be sent to the FWIO office. "Or if you want

to send them to me, I will forward them," she said.

"There are openings for new officers at the provincial level in education and cultural activities and family and consumer affairs as well as agriculture and Canadian industries in Kingston Area WI," she said.

The Kingston Area WI convention will be Oct. 16, 17 in Grace United Church, Napanee. "I hope to see you all there in my home area of Napanee," she said.

New slate of officers elected

SYDENHAM — Mrs. R. L. Robinson, RR 1, Kingston, was elected new president of Frontenac District Women's Institute at the 59th annual meeting in the Legion Hall, here. She succeeds Mrs. William Lovett, RR 1, Glenburnie, who served for the past two years.

Other officers for the next term are: Mrs. James Thomas, Sydenham, first vice-president; Mrs. Thomas Dixon, Sunbury, second vice-president; Mrs. Alan MacLean, RR 1, Kingston, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. James Thomas, federation representative; Mrs. Donald Patterson, Harrowsmith, alternate; Mrs. J. C. Lalonde, 51 Hyde St., Kingston, public relations officer; Mrs. N. Keyes and Mrs. E. Shannon, Joyceville, auditors; Mrs. R. L. Robinson, delegate to area convention; Mrs. Thomas Dixon, alternate; Mrs. Morris Greenlees, musical director.

Committee conveners: Mrs. Charles Hodgson, RR 3, Harrowsmith, agricultural and Canadian industries. Mrs. John A. Wood, Battersea, citizenship and world affairs. Mrs. Keith Manson, RR 1, Harrowsmith, education and cul-

tural activities. Mrs. John Cousineau, RR 1, Battersea, family and consumer affairs. Mrs. A. Broznicky, RR 1, Harrowsmith, resolutions. Mrs. M. Kesteven, RR 1, Sydenham, Tweedsmuir history curator. Mrs. Ronald Roberts, RR 1, Sydenham, assistant curator. Mrs. Glenn Campbell, Godfrey, book of memory curator.

Special committees: Mrs. A. E. Rowley, 637 Collins Bay Road, Kingston; Canadian National Institute for the Blind representative. Mrs. Fred Cliffe, Inverary, Frontenac Farm Safety Association representative. Mrs. R. L. Robinson, scholarship committee chairman.

