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WLU LECTURER HONOURED WITH LIFE MEMBERSHIP BY FEDERATION OF ONTARIO NATURALISTS

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GEORGE C. TONER, LECTURER IN BIOLOGY AT WATERLOO LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY, HAS BEEN ELECTED AN HONORARY LIFE MEMBER OF THE FEDERATION OF ONTARIO NATURALISTS, AN ORGANIZATION HE HELPED TO ESTABLISH IN 1931. THE HONOUR WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY IN RECOGNITION OF MR. TONER'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONSERVATION, NATURAL HISTORY, AND TO STIMULATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST IN THESE MATTERS.

THE FEDERATION OF ONTARIO NATURALISTS, WITH ALMOST 300 MEMBERS IN FIFTY UNITS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE, FOSTERS CONSERVATION PROJECTS, STIMULATES INTEREST OF YOUTH NATURALIST GROUPS, AND SUPPORTS PROJECTS SUCH AS THE BRUCE TRAIL FROM NIAGARA TO TOBERMORY.

MR. TONER RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREES FROM THE UNIVER-SITY OF TORONTO. HE SERVED AS A BIOLOGIST FOR THE ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF GAMES AND FISHERIES 1927-30 AND FOLLOWING WAR SERVICE, WORKED FOR THE ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM, THE INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES COMMISSION, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON (SEATTLE). HE LECTURED IN BIOLOGY (1957-60) AT THE COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY, TORONTO, AND SERVED AS THE TOWN CLERK IN BANCROFT. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CHESLEY CITY COUNCIL AND IS CHAIRMAN OF THE UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE CHESLEY CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE. FOR SEVERAL YEARS HE WROTE A SYNDICATED NEWSPAPER COLUMN ENTITLED "NATURE AND NATURALISTS."