



The 1971-72 Junior Women's Institute Executive from left: Cindy Cordingly, Carolyn Skulj, Pam Williamson, Marion Ruttan, Sharon Passmore, Margaret Oliphant, Ruth Henoeffer, Arlene Wilson. Missing when the picture was taken Jere Brown and Marion Kloetstra.

The beautiful surroundings and the warm summer-like weather added to the perfect setting for the weekend of October 15-17 at the Montrose Motor Inn in Niagara Falls.

The Friday evening session began with the film, "A Place to Stand." Seeing the film for the first time or the fifth time still makes one's heart swell with pride as we see what beauty and natural resources Ontario has to offer. It made us pause and think, "Is there any place I'd rather be?"

A quiz about Ontario, games, singsongs and a snack were included on the Friday evening agenda. That night a theme song for Junior Women's Institutes of Ontario was adopted.

Weekend guests included Mrs. Austin Zoeller, President F.W.I.O.; Mrs. Clarence Diamond, Public Relations Officer F.W.I.O.; Miss Jean Scott, Home Economics Branch; Mrs. Milton Pardy, Editor Home and Country; Miss Donna Hepburn, Home Economist Niagara District; Mrs. Shirley Mitchell, Senior Board Director; Mrs. Ruth Wilson, President Welland W.I.; and Miss Molly McGhee, Associate Director of Centralia College.

Have you ever tried your hand at Macramé or did you think it was too difficult? Susan Sherk, a thirteen-year-old Black Creek 4-H member finds it quite easy and enjoyable. She showed us her interesting and attractive display of some of the belts, purses, wall hangings, candle or plant cradle holders that she has made. Miss Donna Hepburn demonstrated some of the basic knots. It seemed easy when she showed us; however, when we actually tried making the knots it was more difficult.

"What are there more of in Canada than consumers?" This question was raised by Mrs. H. Lancaster of the Consumers' Affairs Board, our guest speaker for the morning session. Her topic was "Consumer Rights." Mrs. Lancaster served as Resolution Chairman for the Provincial Consumers' Association.

She continued by saying, "We're all consumers from the cradle to the grave." In the good old days the consumer could see what he was getting. Now, food is packaged and canned. It's instant this and instant that. Pictures, too, are deceiving. In yesteryear the woman could get her hands on the fabric and feel the quality. Now, everything is wrapped up in packages. We need a great deal of knowledge to be a good consumer," Mrs. Lancaster stated. She went on to explain that because of all the problems we are faced with today the Consumers' Association was set up for the purpose of helping people get the best buy. She explained the different divisions and the duties of each.

Mrs. Lancaster went on to tell us many interesting and worthwhile things of which we should be aware. For example, did you know that after signing a contract you have forty-eight hours to rescind it? At present the Consumers' Association is working on a "True Labelling Act" by which the manufacturer will now have to put pictures on containers that show the exact contents. As a result, packages won't be as attractive but at least they'll be honest.

She left us with a thought. "Everyone here has the responsibility to buy good things, sound things, right things and to support good practices. It is our duty to become informed if we are going to influence government and industry." Mrs. Lancaster left us considering our role as a wise shopper.

The craft, dip-it flowers was demonstrated by Ellen Robins of Niagara J.W.I. The girls had the opportunity to use their imagination and create flowers.

The Saturday afternoon session consisted of business, annual reports and a provincial project report. Miss Molly McGhee spoke to us about the course offered at Centralia College.

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APRIL DAY

All day the low-hung clouds have dropped
 Their garnered fullness down;
 All day that soft gray mist hath wrapped
 Hill, valley, grove, and town.

—Caroline Southey

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