

tended by over fourteen hundred people had to be the highlight of the 1972 year. This included the pleasure of many members of meeting Mrs. Olive Farquharson, O.B.E., president of A.C.W.W. and Mrs. E. V. Fulton, president of F.W.I.O. Another highlight for many was attending the Stoney Creek celebration on February 19.

Area, District and Branch celebrations were held during the year. Programs were interesting and varied. One branch presented a pageant with a musical background and a cast of eighty. It depicted the founding of the Women's Institute and capacity crowds necessitated two night presentations.

Women's Institute Educational — According to the Public Relations Financial statements members should be well informed, if the sums spent for sending delegates to District Annual Meetings, Area Conventions and Officers' Conference are an indication. Financial assistance was given and members acted as leaders for Local Leaders' Training Schools and 4H Homemaking Clubs. Tweedsmuir History Curators and their committees were supported.

Community Projects Educational — Money is raised for the presentation of scholarships and bursaries. Libraries and school competitions receive donations for books and prizes. Members act as volunteers in libraries, schools for handicapped children and shelter workshops. A Festival of Arts for Spoken Poetry was supported.

Community Projects — Health — Help was given to the sick and victims of fires and other disasters. Women's Institute members assisted with Well Baby Clinics, knitted articles were made for a hospital gift shop. Stamped Christmas cards were presented to a Senior Citizens' Home. Two hundred and fifty coffee jars were painted to be used as flower vases in hospitals and nursing homes.

Community Projects — Halls and parks are renovated and beautified. Exhibits are put on at Fall Fairs, Women's Institutes sponsor community picnics, serve lunches at drop in centres for snowmobilers. Women's Institutes were instrumental in starting libraries, getting a resident doctor, getting an unsightly used car lot cleared up, homes in a village numbered, getting the municipal assessment roll and minutes microfilmed, purchasing an organ for a nursing home. Fifty dolls were purchased, cleaned, repaired, newly dressed, and given for Christmas Cheer baskets and to a Retarded Children's Home.

Other Organizations — Women's Institute Branches are urged to keep in mind that in many cases our members have contributed individually to organizations which also appeal to the Branch. How many donations does the

Women's Institute receive from other organizations when we have a special project? Women's Institute members continue to give assistance when they act as canvassers for charitable organizations; and when they give their services by catering for other community organizations.

Publicity — Many members have been interviewed on television and radio. Inviting non members to short courses and workshops provides publicity for the organization. One Branch put a display in a bank window with brochures, publications etc. The new Ontario Women's Institute Story has been purchased by many branches and circulated among members and non members. It is a good source of program material, as are the printed reports of Area Conveners. Home and Country could be placed in doctors' and dentists' offices, libraries, etc. One district placed a display at the College Royal University of Guelph, of Tweedsmuir History Books.

Public Relations Officers are urged to use their programs as an opportunity to study the new Handbook, sections dealing with the Mary Stewart Collect, badges, etc. Tweedsmuir History teas are popular. One District bought their Curator an electric typewriter. Many friendship links are fostered with Women's Institutes in other countries.

Tours — Tours provide Women's Institute members with opportunities to meet other members outside their own communities to visit historic sites, manufacturing plants etc. Group visits were made to the Kitchener Market, Doon Pioneer Village, Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead, Black Creek Pioneer Village, Royal Winter Fair, Barrie Rug Factory, a Penal Institution, Bruce Peninsula and Douglas Point Nuclear Station on Lake Huron, Winnipeg and the renovated Old Hudson Bay Post on the Red River, Bus tour to the U.S.A. to visit the Minnesota Women's Club. The Northwestern Area had visitors from Michigan.

Armchair Visits — Many branches had showings of slides by members and others as they visited interesting areas of Ontario, the United States and overseas.

The provincial Public Relations Convener reported that a part of her duties had been speaking at meetings on the subject of the New Handbook and her convenership, and attending 60th and 70th Anniversary celebrations; attending meetings for planning and attending Officers' Conference. The P.R.O. reported having a display and selling F.W.I.O. supplies at the Officers' Conference and arranging for official photographs at Provincial Board of Directors' meetings, etc.