

With the F.W.I.O. Branches



Oldcastle W.I. present 100 year old picture made from coloured yarn to Erland Lee Home. L — Mrs. Geo. Parr and her Mother Mrs. Rosie Price pose in front of the Home with the family heirloom made by an aunt of Mrs. Price.

GRANTON WI's 60th Anniversary year celebrations commenced with a smorgasbord dinner and continuing celebrations each month during their special year. The members involved the local people in projects, cultural activities and just plain fun.

A "spoon project" was implemented resulting in a real financial gain. A visit to the London Art Gallery helped all to broaden their artistic knowledge. As many members as possible attended the Convention, District Annual and Rally, many were at the Nutrition Workshop, Your Dollar's Worth of Food, and Baked In A Pie.

Tulip bulbs were planted at the local cenotaph and a delightful Christmas Tea was much enjoyed at the Strathroy Museum.

Many of the Standing Conveners made a special effort and a session was held on Metric; a visit to a local Apiary pleased everyone when containers were filled with golden honey; a bus trip to Brantford was planned and because of the overflow crowd, another bus was hired. The Tweedsmuir History was updated, crafts were displayed and 4H clubs continued to be sponsored.

This was one branch that really enjoyed their 60th year and as the secretary said, "Granton WI really turned it on for their sixtieth."

ELGIN WEST DISTRICT paid tribute to two members who have brought recent honours to the District. Mrs. Earl Morden secretary treasurer of FWIO and Mrs. Russell Campbell newly appointed secretary treasurer of Officers' Conference.

Through the efforts of the Women's Institute members in the District, a project is to be undertaken. An outline of the plans for restoration of the Southwold Indian Earth Works near Iona was presented. This work is to be carried out under the supervision of the newly appointed supervisor of Point Pelee National Park. The Earth Works is a pre-historic double walled fort located about fifteen miles west of St. Thomas, south of Highway 3. It is one of just two known double walled Indian forts in North America.

International Women's Year

COURTLAND WI celebrated 69 years of community work through the Women's Institute. A pot luck dinner and special meeting was held in the Community Hall for members and guests.

There are two living charter members, Mrs. Lela Thompson, Tillsonburg and Mrs. Ethel Fleming of Burgessville.

Under the Citizenship and World Affairs Conveners, Mrs. Ward Wilkinson and Mrs. Geo. Soen, the event paid tribute to both International Women's Year and the Women's Institute. Mrs. Russell Shevington, President, spoke about IWY, stating that this is a year to look back and reflect on the past, a year to examine the present, and a year to prepare for the future.

Twenty three special names were read honouring them for their contribution in community service and award merit cards were presented.

Those honoured were women whose assistance was valued in a wide range of activities such as municipal affairs, housing, working with senior citizens and voluntary groups.

Guest speaker Mrs. Jerome Van De Slyke spoke on Citizenship. She began by asking all present, What is a real citizen? How many different answers can we give? She continued to tell why people come to Canada, and cited an instance where not only are they looking for a better way of life but an opportunity to use their talents and skills. It is a place "where people can live side by side in friendly competition and yet in harmony one with another." Organizations such as the Women's Institute do much to assist a newcomer in a community.



Bradford W. I. find a unique way to preserve the 50th Anniversary invitation by moulding it into the hand made candle.