

WI's On The Go

WORKING TOGETHER

Campania W. I. Dufferin South hosted a special event at Shelburne Public Library. Tweedsmuir History Curators from both Districts and Curators from all Branches came for the special event. The project commenced in 1978 when Mrs. Arnold Burnside viewed microfilm at the Archives in Toronto, as a result she promoted the idea of purchasing a reader for use in Dufferin County.

Members assisting were Mrs. George Burnside, Mrs. O. Richardson and Mrs. Ellwyn Plester as Treasurer for this special project.

Individuals can now view a variety of films at the Library including the Tweedsmuir Histories, which contain invaluable material and pictures of pioneer and present days. These are being compiled by each branch in the County, thus giving a comparatively complete history of Dufferin County. With a reader now available for everyone's use in the community, it should create an incentive for the Institutes to complete the histories and to have them microfilmed and placed in the Library. A copy of the film is retained at the Archives in Toronto for posterity.

An additional note, microfilm can now be borrowed from the Archives in Ottawa, by persons doing family tree research. This is made possible through inter-library loan service and can be arranged through the library, when microfilm is received it can be viewed at the library.

A RECORD



BOWEN ROAD, WI, WELLAND EAST DISTRICT boast of a special achievement. Mrs. Gary Farnan, formerly Elizabeth Jansen of Ridgeway has completed 30, 4-H Homemaking Clubs. Mrs. Farnan is a 4-H leader and a WI member. L-r Miss Carol Kellam, Home Economist is seen congratulating Mrs. Farnan.

BURSARY

PEEL COUNTY WI Bursary winner was Carol Blair, Norval, now attending Ryerson in the Business Administration Course. Carol is a graduate of Streetsville Secondary School.

CHESTERVILLE TOY LIBRARY OPENS.

Efforts of the **CHESTERVILLE WI DUNDAS DISTRICT** came into play, after almost a year of planning, as the village's first Toy Library opened its doors to its first customer Jan. Kennedy.

The purpose of the library is to broaden the horizons of children who use the facility, at the same time aiding adults who have visiting youngsters, with toys to amuse them.

The WI gained insight into the project from St. Lawrence College in Cornwall which had previously set up a similar library.

The library is situated in the Chesterville Library and librarian Ann Craig will operate the facility along with her regular duties.

The library began as a project of the Institute during the International Year of the Child, 1979. The WI received a grant of \$125. from the Chamber of Commerce and the balance of funds came from the WI coffer.

At present, most of the toys are new, purchased or made and donated. As the library becomes more well known to residents, organizers hope donations of good cast-off toys will help in the building of an inventory.

Isabel Forward, spokesman for the WI, said it is hoped many of the toys donated will be able to be repaired to an almost-new state.

The procedure for taking out a toy is this: the child and mother look at and read the catalogue of toys, choose one and ask the librarian to get it from the storage cupboard. The toys are lent out on the same basis as books. An initial borrowing period of two weeks and they can be renewed.

The catalogue gives such information as the recommended age for the toy, the manufacturer, the nature of the toy, the number of parts and the aspects of child development that can be expected to be stimulated.

For the child, there is a small picture of the toy so he or she can get an idea of what they are borrowing.

The library has 40 toys at present and organizers hope to increase its stock gradually.



CHESTERVILLE WI, DUNDAS DISTRICT promoted the idea and were responsible for the first Toy Library. Three year old Jan Kennedy of Chesterville was the WI Toy Library's first customer. (Chesterville Record)