Eastern Ontario Convention opens with original poem

The theme for the 67th annual area convention of Eastern Ontario Women's Institutes was Reach Out In Love. The new president, Mrs. B.V. Bedore, opened a session with this poem, composed in October 1982, on this theme. Here is the poem, for those WI members who missed it at the convention and all other FWIO women.

Reach Out In Love

Reach out in love
And understanding, friend
Be keeper to your brother.
Reach out to one another
See beyond material end.
Reach out in love
And rise above
The petty, narrow things
That selfish greed will send.

Let us know our northern brother And those on southern shores Reach out to one another As we know each more and more. Let colour, creed and race

The image of our face
Bind us, not divide us
Expand our souls inside us
Reach out in love
To one another.

A great deal of talent is lost in this world for the lack of little courage.

WI winners



AWARD WINNERS

Eighteen young women were presented with the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario MacDonald Award in January. The recipients are attending the College of Family and Consumer Studies, University of Guelph. Pictured are (standing, back row, from left to right); Valerie Lang, Birgit Maxseiner, Dianne Van Hoof, Julie Breault, Pamela Gray, Donna Kerry and Cheryl Greenlees. In the centre are (from left to right); Joyce Canning of the Rural Organizations and Services Branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Wendy Holloway, Deborah Ann Jenkins, Michelyn Anne Gallant, Wendy Atkinson, Patty Ballentyne, Jennifer Ostic and Sherrie Sleep. In the front row are (from left to right); Mary Gooyers, Michell Baird, Trudy Walther and Ruth Wilkin.

4-H Homemaking scholarship

A 19 year-old Mooretown girl is the recipient of the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario 60th Anniversary Scholarship.

Beth Blake, now in her first year at the University of Western Ontario studying mathematics, graduated from Grade 13 with an average of 91 per cent. She plans to enrol in the university's business school.

The other three scholarships awarded to 4-H Homemaking Club members were given to Beth Popp (Dorothy Futcher Scholarship), Eileen Bedford (Florence P. Eadie Scholarship) and Edith Anderson (Hoodless-Lee Scholarship). The scholarships are \$150 each.



Beth Blake



GRAVENHURST STUDENT

The South Muskoka District WI awarded its Ontario Student Award to Dawna Goodbody from Gravenhurst High School earlier last year. Mrs. Sybil Dick, president of the South Macaulay Women's Institute, is pictured presenting Dawna with her award.