

Institutes and will emphasize the important role each member plays.

Perth North has a history of caring about its community. In 1967, its centennial project was to furnish the chapel at Listowel Memorial Hospital and in the future, Mrs. Elliot expects the district to become involved in some aspect of a proposed senior citizens' centre, to be possibly located in Listowel. Also, during Ontario's bicentennial, next year, Perth North will be planning some special events.

The district's executive is made up of some hard working women. First vice-president is Mrs. Barb Pinkney, 2nd vice-president is Mrs. Ronita Herford, secretary-treasurer is Mrs. Verna Coneybeare, public relations officer is Mrs. Betty Osborn and past president is Mrs. Marcie Johnston. The district is represented by Mrs. Grace Coghlin on the FWIO board of directors.



*Waiting for the 125th anniversary parade for Elma Township to begin, are four Perth North WI members. Pictured from left to right are, Barb Pinkney, Betty Osborn (foreground), Ronita Herford and President Marion Elliot.*

## Perth North is home for new FWIO secretary

Teacher, mother and faithful WI member for the past 24 years, Marcie Johnston of Perth North District, is the new provincial secretary for the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

After serving as president of Britton Branch for two years, and also being secretary, all conveners and district president, she applied for the new job because it offered some new challenges. "As secretary, I can broaden my horizons and meet new people," Marcie explained.

Marcie joined the Women's Institute for the same reasons - becoming a WI member allowed her to meet the women in her community.

Marcie hails from Philipsburg in Waterloo Region. She was raised on a farm, attended the University of Western Ontario in London and went on to teach elementary school. For one year, she taught in Birmingham, England, participating in a special exchange. "It was the most rewarding and fun year of teaching I had," Marcie said. She taught 48 children all about Canada and they "just lapped it up," Marcie added.

Supply teaching and raising five children has kept her fairly busy, along with teaching Sunday School, leading 4-H Agriculture Clubs,

sewing, curling, farming and of course, WI.

Marcie and her family operate a dairy and seed grain farm in the hamlet of Britton, close to Listowel. They have 600 acres of land and milk 45 cows.

Her job as provincial secretary can last for up to five years. Marcie says her ambitions with WI don't go any further than that right now. When her term is up, she plans to continue in her interests of ceramics, oil painting and sewing.



**Marcie Johnston**