

# The Go

ferent member is assigned each month to do the research and come up with a short, interesting topic pertaining to the annual study project picked. For instance, in 1982, New Brunswick was studied and last year British Columbia was studied in preparation for the ACWW conference. This year for the benefit of new and younger members, Marmion is studying the beginnings of Women's Institutes. Also, this is the second year for the branch to Harken to the Hs. Once again a different member is assigned each month to prepare something for her H-topic. This can



*The Town of Fergus celebrated its sesquicentennial in 1983 and President of the Fergus WI, Mrs. Elva MacLennan and her husband Doug decorated one of the town's fire hydrants to help celebrate. The hydrant, as you can see, is painted with the WI crest and in the WI blue and gold colors. Other clubs in town also "adopted" a fire hydrant for 1983 and decorated it accordingly. The Fergus WI also had an entry in the town's parade in July.*

be handled in whatever novel way she can think of or by using poetry, story, contest, joke, game or display. Human Heart, Heart and Soul, Hobbies, Handicapped, Household Hints, Humor, Health or Hazard, Historical House, Home and Hearth, Happiness is . . . and Hands and Handiwork are some examples of last year's Hs. Twelve different ones have been chosen for this year.

## **Eastern Ontario (Ottawa) Area**

A rally was held in the late spring at Carleton University, Ottawa. The theme was Reach Out in Love and



*This young woman puts a stitch into the WI quilt on exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition at the end of the summer. The stitch-a-quilt was part of a larger exhibit focussing on other rural organizations in Ontario, but the quilt was an overwhelming success. Visitors to the CNE were invited to stitch the quilt while WI volunteers talked to them about Women's Institute. The quilt went on to be featured at the Western Fair in London.*

Understanding. Mrs. Bernice Noblitt, FWIC president and Mrs. Janet Hiepleh FWIO president spoke at the rally.

## **South Mountain Branch, Dundas**

David Cleary from the Ploughshares organization and Carolyn Taylor, organizer for Rural Route to Peace, were guest speakers at South Mountain's May meeting. A film, *In the Minds of Men*, was shown to illustrate the possible impact of a third world war. Members were told an estimated \$7.8 billion is spent annually on the arms race and were asked to reflect on what this money could do if it was applied to projects in the Third World.

## **Wicklow-Vernonville Branch, Northumberland West**

The Olive Deviney WI Scholarship, sponsored by this branch, was presented to Linette Moore of Harwood who has just completed a travel and tourism course at Humber College.

## **Sandhill Branch, Peel North**

Members of Sandhill WI were guests at Brampton Citizen Court in March for the swearing-in ceremony of new citizens. Thirty-seven new citizens, some with families, represented various backgrounds, such as Italian, Scottish, Portuguese, Indian and Yugoslavian. After the ceremony, Judge Roberti met members in his chamber and answered questions about becoming a citizen. He also gave the members booklets and a map, all pertaining to becoming a Canadian citizen. The branch plans to follow-up on their court visit in March, 1984.

## **Derry West Branch, Peel South**

Forty-five members, husbands and friends participated in a five-day tour to Nashville, Tennessee earlier this year. The highlight of the tour was The Grand Ole Opry and Opera Village, both in Nashville.

## **Veuve River, Nipissing**

In September, 21 women formed the Veuve River Branch. Janet Parsons of Cache Bay is president and Lorna Coutu of Verner is the secretary.



*The Stittsville Women's Institute celebrated its 75th anniversary in June with a gala presentation. Edith Cathcart, Marilyn Skemer and Ann Grierson participated in the festivities by presenting a skit.*