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Another event was a district project called Our Changing Communities. The project was aimed at showing school children, newcomers and old-timers in the area how local rural areas have changed from pioneer times to present. Each branch chose a different topic to cover. One group showed the early methods of maple syrup production while another pinpointed the local industry of today. The Tweedsmuir Histories were put to good use during this project and a slide show was also developed. Mrs. Snedden says not only was the project an educational one, but it proved

to be a worthwhile public relations effort too.

Prince Edward District

A bicentennial art and craft fair will be hosted by Prince Edward District Women's Institute on Aug. 2 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Wellington Arena. Up to 75 artisans will be featuring their work and full course meals and lunch will be available all day.

Ruscom, Essex North District

Last spring the Essex County Farm Safety Association was asking for donations to purchase rescue equip-

ment needed especially around silos. Ruscom Branch met the need by having a signature quilt project. For the price of \$1, people could have their name embroidered on a quilt which would later be raffled off. Over 300 names were sewn on the quilt and the branch realized a profit of \$241 which they were able to donate to the safety group. Also this year, Ruscom WI members have hosted a speaker from Citizens Concerned with Drinking and Driving, toured the local newspaper and heard from a local school principal. The members are planning a tea tent as a bicentennial project at the local township banquet and a display at the local mall during Agri-Food Week.

West End, Wellington South District

Tweedsmuir History Curator Marjorie Durnford held 15 shows of the Tweedsmuir books for interested local people in February and March as a Bicentennial Project to raise money for the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead. Two hundred and nineteen people attended the shows which featured Mrs. Durnford talking about the books and their contents for about two hours and a social time afterwards. "People started hearing about them and wanted to come," explained Mrs. Durnford. A lot of local people had no idea the books existed, but were very pleased to learn about the local buildings, people and farms, she added. Mrs. Durnford has been curator for 20 years for West End and during that time she has held other book shows for genealogical societies, I.O.D.E., 4-H clubs and church groups and even one for the descendants of a particular family of the area. In the past she used to charge people 25¢, then 50¢ for the shows. Now, she leaves a plate available and people can make donations if they wish. From the 15 shows, Mrs. Durnford has \$336 to donate to the Hoodless Homestead. Although Mrs. Durnford enjoys the shows, she finds the preparation time-consuming and suggests if others are interested in holding book shows, have branch members, other than the Tweedsmuir curator, arranging the details of where, when, who to invite and who will hostess.



Mrs. Arden Fewster (left) of Ostrander WI was honored recently for her musical contributions to the community. She is a music teacher and also participates at district annuals and county conferences by playing the piano.



Five University of Guelph Students received Federated Women's Institute Macdonald Awards recently. From left to right they are: Cheryl Ann Hopkins, Julia Robinson, Karen Andruszko, Mrs. Eric Mollard, representing FWIO; Mary Keith and Natalia Doolan.

Anniversaries

Several anniversaries have been celebrated across the province in recent months. **Sanford Branch**, Muskoka South District, had an 80th anniversary last fall. **Walter's Falls Branch**, Grey East District and **Stroud**, Simcoe South District celebrated 75th anniversaries - Walter's Falls in September and Stroud in January. **North Emily Branch**, Victoria East District, had a 25th anniversary recently.