

WI's On

Greely-Manotick Station, Carleton East District

At a recent meeting, members viewed a video tape of a visit to a home for battered wives. The facility, Avoca House in Eganville, was shown, and its administration and counselling procedures were explained. A resident (with her back to the camera) detailed the injuries she had received in her 20 year marriage, why she had remained in the marriage and that it was fear of death that finally forced her to leave. The members brought to the annual meeting gifts of soap, towels and detergents to be taken to Avoca House since residents often arrive with little more than the clothes they are wearing. Members agreed the plight of these women is a worthy cause for Women's Institutes.

Richan, Kenora District

A local sheep farmer donated a wool blanket which was then raffled by Richan Branch and \$150 was realized. Although this branch is quite small, members find belonging to WI helps keep them in touch with what's going on.

Winchester, Dundas District

Winchester Women's Institute turned back the clock at a recent meeting when members attended wearing costumes of the last century. The special clothes were part of a celebration in honor of Ontario's bicentennial and the bicentennial of Dundas County. The early history of Winchester, dating back to 1854 was read from the Tweedsmuir Book and many artifacts from the past were exhibited.

Caledon, Peel North District

While on a recent motor trip through Holland, Mrs. Milton Petch of Caledon Branch visited with ACWW members there. Mrs. Ziny Westebing-Muller, immediate past president of ACWW, was Mrs. Petch's dinner guest one evening. Mrs. Westebing-Muller asked Mrs. Petch to "Give my love to Canada".

Balderson, Lanark South District

Guest speaker at a recent Balder-

son meeting was Mrs. R. A. Johnson, a computer science teacher at Perth and District Collegiate Institute. Mrs. Johnson brought with her a micro-computer, disc-drive and monitor and showed the members how the computers are used in the classroom. She told the members computer-assisted learning has a great appeal to young students because they can actively participate and enjoy using the keyboard. Mrs. Johnson explained the computer classes are available to the public and adults can attend as day pupils or in one of the evening programs. Later on in the evening, a member read an article about computerized farming.

Russell District

Dr. Bjarni Tryggvason of the Canadian Astronaut Program was the guest speaker at Russell's District Annual Meeting. He showed slides about the space program, past, present and future plans. He explained the six Canadian astronauts have to go through many training sessions in preparation for their space flight and present the members with the following interesting facts. Did you know the shuttle travels 17,000 miles per hour within eight minutes after take-off? When landing, it glides all the way from over Australia to Florida in 20 minutes. The Canadian Government donated the robot arm used on the shuttle to the space program. The cost of the arm was \$100 million.



Cloverdale WI celebrated Ontario's bicentennial with an open house at the local library hall. Several history books were on display and special attention was drawn to the Erland Lee (Museum) Home and the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead. People who attended were given a bicentennial pin. Cloverdale's bicentennial project was to redecorate the library hall.

The Eastern Ontario (Ottawa Area) Women's Institute decided at its 1982 convention to collect recipes to compile and sell as a cookbook to raise much needed funds. After three printings, the book is still a success and the \$25,000 profit will be divided amongst the area and the districts. Shown here is Ottawa Area president Mrs. Vera Bedore accepting a copy of the cookbook from the editor Mrs. Vivianne James.

