

Happy Birthday Ontario!

If the number of reports and photographs I received are any indication, Women's Institutes across Ontario were very busy celebrating the bicentennial in many ways this year! On these two pages I have included a cross-section of bicentennial news which I hope you will enjoy. (District Diary will return in the next issue).

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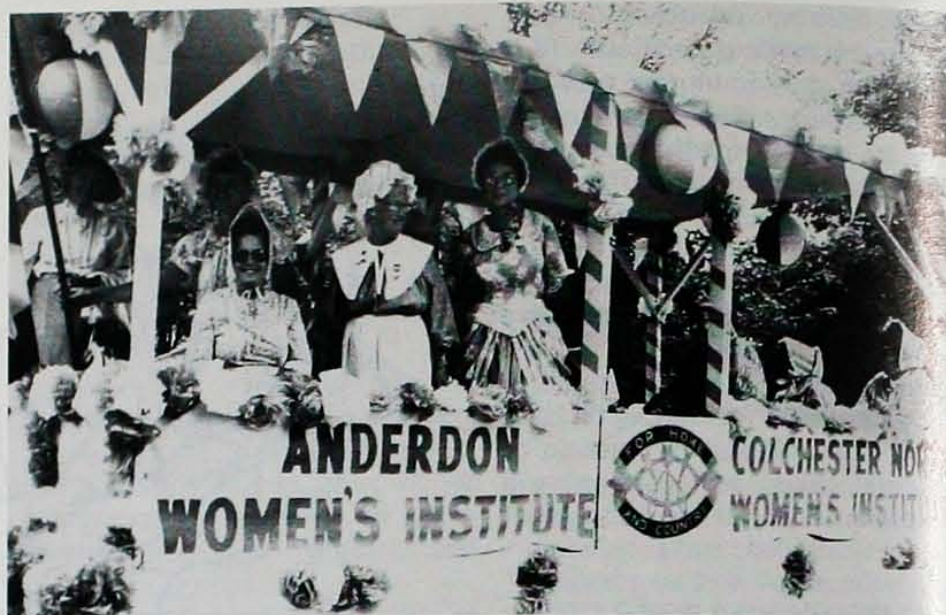
This branch showed the TV Ontario film *People Patterns*, explaining the Women's Institute story at the local library, free of charge. Refreshments were served and branch secretary-treasurer Mrs. M. McVittie reported many people who did not know what Women's Institutes had to offer enjoyed the film.

Simcoe East District

Branches of this district participated in the Orillia Township sesquicentennial and Ontario's bicentennial at the same time by organizing displays and special booths at the fairground in July. Demonstrations were given and people were invited to look at the many Tweedsmuir histories. Brochures were handed out to passersby and activities were held both indoors and outdoors.



Zealand WI presented a display of nostalgia at bicentennial celebrations organized by five branches. Pictured from left to right are Mrs. Elda Garrett, Mrs. Marjory Armstrong and Mrs. Aileen Dawson.



Members of Colchester North and Anderdon WI decorated a float for bicentennial parade in August.



A Country Bicentennial Festival, organized by Strabane, Mountsberg and Millgrove branches was held in August at the community hall in Carlisle. Part of the festivities included a bicycle rodeo and a decorated bicycle contest. Here Mrs. Gladys McCullum, chairman of the festival presents the winners of the best Decorated Bike and Best Decorated Trike.