



Burford WI helped to celebrate Ontario's bicentennial and Burford Village's centennial this summer. As a special project, the branch beautified the grounds of the township offices. Shrubs were trimmed and plants were added. Pictured from left to right are Mrs. Barbara Clark, Mrs. Helen Pottruff, Mrs. Jennie Greenwood and Mrs. Margaret Davis.



Ripley WI held a bicentennial tea for the local hospital auxiliary in conjunction with their 80th anniversary. Members wore period costumes to serve the tea. From left to right, pictured are Adeline Martyn, Margaret Gemmell, Sadie McLeod, Donalda McLean, Margaret Pollock, Zella Hedley and Annie Scott.

OUR BICENTENNIAL 1984

*Come join with us,
Come gather 'round,
Our bicentennial
With joy abound.*

*Two hundred years
We celebrate,
Our province ranks
Among the great.*

*We toast our celebrities,
We boast and tell
Of Banting and Best,
Of Alexander Bell.*

*Of John McRea
His "Flanders Fields,"
Of the Stanley Cup
And the pride it yields.*

*Of the McIntosh apple
We love to eat,
Of "the Sunshine Sketches",
Of Marquis wheat.*

*The first Women's Institute
Was unfurled,
And now it's known
Around the world.*

*We started bird-banding,
And the I.M.A.X.
And we all enjoy
The Canadian Ex.*

*Ontario's legacy
Is rich and grand,
So sing up a storm
And strike up the band.*

*Organize
And plan to-day,
To celebrate
In your own way.*

Dorothy H. Dobbie
London, Ontario

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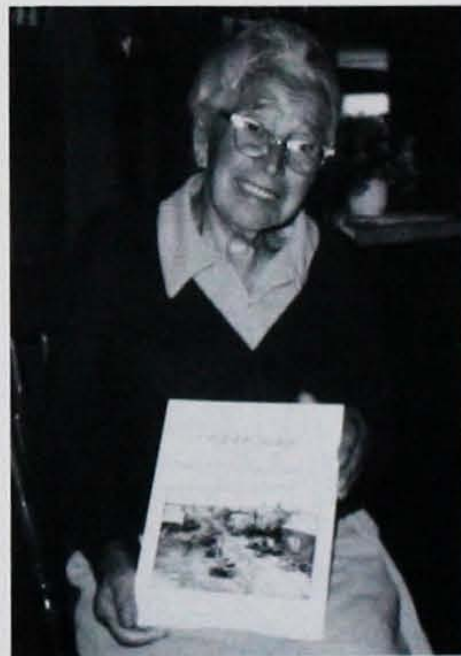
Alma Women's Institute, as a bicentennial project, published a history of the Town of Alma this year, thanks to the many hours of work contributed by Tweedsmuir curator Mabel Trask.

Mabel accepted the task of recording Alma's history in 1973 when she first became curator. Recording history is second nature to her now. Mabel has kept a diary her whole life and has included in it the history of the town as well poems and verses she has enjoyed.

The history book, called *Our Heritage*, lists Alma's firsts, from the first school house built in 1854, to the first telephone, to the first car owner. Many of the articles in the book were researched, collected and written by Mabel, but a history committee was formed by Alma WI to organize the book's production.

Formed in 1980, the history committee of Mabel Trask, Ruth Grose, Marg Hall and Bessie Bosomworth, spent hours proofreading articles and organizing photographs for the book.

Alma WI raised some of the funds for publishing themselves providing catering services in the community. Other assistance came from the Secretary of State.



Mabel Trask

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