



Junior Women's Institutes of Ontario

During fall and the season just before Christmas, when lots of good cooking smells are in the air, it is a good time to remember to buy Ontario and Canadian produce. In this way we can support our local fruit and vegetable growers and therefore keep them in production, maintaining the wide selection of produce which is available to us. Consider the devalued food dollar if we had to import all our fruits and vegetables. Remember to "Shop Canadian".

At this time, I would like to welcome two new branches to Junior Women's Institutes. Essex Branch was formed on April 25, 1984 with 10 charter members. Saugeen Branch, near Proton Station, was formed on July 23, 1984 with nine charter members. I extend a warm

welcome to these two new branches.

Spring meetings were a huge success again this year. A fun and educational time was enjoyed by everyone who attended. These meetings encourage JWI members to participate in JWI activities on a smaller scale, thus being less formal. They also provide an opportunity for women to meet members from other branches in their area, promoting unity within the group. I hope to see these meetings continue to prosper in the coming years.

A new slate of officers was elected at our annual fall conference in Belleville. They will be encouraging the growth of JWI by increasing the membership and organizing new branches.

I have enjoyed my year as your

provincial president. I have travelled throughout the province meeting many new people at spring meetings. I have spoken to many Women's Institute groups on JWI and its various activities. I also represented JWI when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II came to Ontario in September. It was a real honor to be there on behalf of our organization.

Thank you all for your support throughout my term of office. I wish Marion Koepke all the best as your new president. I trust you give her the support and encouragement that you showed me when I first became president.

Thank you.
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