

Branch News

Howick

Howick Branch was involved in Howick Township's bicentennial celebrations this summer and at their June meeting, branch members were presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Huron County Chapter of the Ontario Heart Foundation. Howick canvasses for the foundation during February.

Hastings

At a recent meeting, a man from the Quinte Association for Children with Learning Disabilities was the guest speaker. He discussed the unique problems facing the educators and parents of children with learning problems.

Maple Keys

A speaker from the Children's Aid Society in Stratford came to the June meeting of Maple Keys to discuss communications. JWI members learned how to listen as well as talk to children. At the same meeting, the branch decided to donate \$300 to a summer camp for diabetic children near Huntsville.

WI VIP dies

Mrs. Bess McDermid Skinner, of London, Ontario, former superintendent of the Women's Institutes of Ontario, passed away at St. Mary's Hospital, London, on Tuesday, June 26, 1984. She was 90.

Born in Port Burwell Dec. 8, 1893, to the late Sydney S. and Frances (Cameron) McDermid, Mrs. Skinner had lived in the United States for many years and did extension work with Cornell University. After her retirement she became superintendent of the Women's Institutes of Ontario. She was a member of Princess Patricia Chapter of the IODE and a member of the Century Club of Guelph University.

Mrs. Skinner was a former member of Lakeview Baptist Church, Port Burwell.

Her husband, Guy Skinner died previously. She is survived by stepson William W. Skinner of Northridge, Calif.; sister Mrs. Hugh K. (Margaret) Davidson, of London; two grandsons and a number of nieces and nephews.

Donations to the Canadian Cancer society or the St. Mary's palliative care unit would be appreciated.

Bicentennial...



Then and Now

Selkirk WI held a bicentennial heritage fashion show featuring the clothes members had tucked away in their attics. Above are Mrs. Earl Sherk and her sister Mrs. Bruce House in a photo taken in autumn 1917. Right are Amy Tanner and Amber Wilkinson in the very same dresses at the fashion show!



A new quilted table cloth was used at bicentennial celebrations this year by Lincoln District. The cloth, which is gold and blue and features the WI crest was made by several Lincoln members. Pictured are Mrs. John Stahlschmidt (left) and Mrs. Ken Crowe.