

WI's On

Cowal, Elgin West District

With the aid of an Ontario bicentennial grant members of Cowal W.I. have published the Tweedsmuir History of their community. This project started in 1967 under the then curator Mrs. Marion Campbell. With a great deal of enthusiasm the history of most of the farms in the area, also the general history of Cowal was collected. Like many great ideas nothing much was done for several years except show the Tweedsmuir History on appropriate occasions. Nearing the end of her term of office the present curator Mrs. Yvonne McCallum spent many hours updating the farm histories also going through microfilms of newspapers gleaming points of interest of the Cowal area. At the last minute we applied for a bicentennial grant and with the aid of a loan from our branch, 500 copies of the Cowal History was printed in both soft and hard cover. The books arrived at the beginning of November and are being snapped up. Many families are buying several copies so that all members will have a history of the Cowal community.

All you ever wanted to know about W.I. but were afraid to ask, was the theme of the October meeting of Cowal W.I. In all communities there are many people who don't really know what WI is all about. So the Public Relations Officer Mrs. Geraldine Campbell with the help of Mrs. Brenda Murray organized the meeting so that many of these questions would be answered. Active members were asked to bring a non-WI member or a member who doesn't attend often. The program outlining all the speakers was posted on the wall as well as the Mary Stewart Collect. In that way every one knew what was going on.

Some of the topics covered were the job or the Tweedsmuir History curator, duties of curators; Elgin West District with our district president; the county rally (Elgin East and West are joined together on a social basis); London Area; and FWIO with our provincial board director telling what she does and how all these ac-

tivities tie in. The main speaker was Mrs. Hilde Morden (Elgin West secretary and former FWIO Secretary-Treasurer) spoke on WI past and future. We were divided into, buzz groups to discuss points about W.I. The Roll Call was Why I haven't or have joined WI. Pennies for Friendship were collected after an explanation about how our money supports ACWW projects. During the social hour many discussed the displays set up. The usual business meeting followed.

Louise, Grey Centre District

At the November meeting, members had a chance to take a close look at Ontario's twin, New Brunswick. A New Brunswick dinner, complete with clam chowder, corn casserole, whole wheat bread, sweet and sour meatballs, baked beans and salad. Apple and blueberry pies were served for dessert. Branch president Alda Bartley gave a talk based on her own experiences while living in New Brunswick.

Strabane, Wentworth North District

To raise money for the Clean Water for All project, Strabane Branch held a fashion show and scarf demonstration for members of their community. Although there wasn't an admission charge, the branch collected \$121 in donations.

Springvale, Haldimand West District

Springvale W.I. held the annual Decoration Day Service at the Springvale Greenwood Cemetery last August. The occasion was also used to observe the dedication of a Norwegian Pine Tree presented by Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey in memory of Mrs. Harold Hopper and Mrs. Sturgis Carpenter, both life members of Springvale W.I.

Hanover, Grey South District

Hanover W.I. held a successful dessert and card party in October.



As a bicentennial project, Grace Patterson W.I. refurbished a park shelter and had the park's name changed to Grace Patterson Park. Pictured is Mrs. Grace Potter, Miss Patterson's niece.