

WI's On The Go!



Kenda Allen, Ken Wilkes and Marlene Nixon with Mrs. Harold Allen and Mrs. Irvine Steele at the Cassburn WI meeting featuring the "Promoting Our Youth" theme.

Cassburn, Prescott

"Promoting Our Youth" was the theme of an education meeting of the Cassburn Branch. The meeting heard from a trio of young speakers representing agricultural groups in the province. Kenda Allen, who is completing a degree at the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph, elaborated on the many opportunities in 4-H while Prescott Dairy Princess Marlene Nixon explained her duties as a promoter of dairy products. Ken Wilkes, a Junior Farmers of Ontario director, brought the WI members up to date on the many projects his organization has completed in the community. He noted Junior Farmers provides young men and women with chances to attend conferences at the zone and national level.

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Sheddon, Elgin West

A Welcome Wagon brochure, containing community information and an outline of the objectives of the Women's Institute, has been developed by the Sheddon Branch. Two members of the branch visit each newcomer to the community with a warm welcome, that includes the presentation of the brochure. A second innovation involves the Neighborhood Watch program. OPP

officer Art Manninger taught WI members how to participate in the program, which involves residents keeping an eye on neighbors' homes and reporting any suspicious occurrences to the police.

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Strabane, Wentworth North

Problems stemming from drug use, peer pressure and other youth-related dilemmas sparked a lively discussion between panelists and audience members when the Strabane Branch held a meeting honoring International Youth Year. A high school principal was moderator for a panel of four young people. The audience consisted of members of the community, three other local WI branches and Alma Branch in Wellington District.

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Rideau, Lanark South

It was a cultural exchange of sorts when Nina Lamb of Sussex, England addressed the Rideau Women's Institute. Mrs. Lamb, secretary and public relations officer for the WI in Sussex County, England, told of winning the Churchill's Travelling Fellowship in 1983, which included a six-week tour of Canada. She returned in 1985 for a convention in Vancouver.



Community History

Nancy Dodsworth (left) curator of the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead in St. George, admires a West End Tweedsmuir History book with Marjorie Durnford, curator of the West End WI Tweedsmuir program. Mrs. Dodsworth was attending a display of rural skills and lifestyles, presented by the Wellington South District WI. The display also included six cultural projects. (Photo courtesy of the Guelph Daily Mercury.)

Anniversaries and Life Memberships

Numerous anniversary cakes decorated in WI colors were cut across the province in recent months. **Maple WI**, York West District, celebrated 87 years of service to "Home and Country" while 80th anniversary dates were observed by **Coningsby WI**, Wellington Central; **Beamsville WI**, Lincoln; and **Dundas District**. There were also four 75th anniversary parties. They were enjoyed by members of **Brooklin WI**, Ontario South; **Cayuga WI**, Haldimand East; **Finch WI**, Stormont; and **Meadowvale WI**, Peel South. Celebrating 35 years were **Garnet WI**, Haldimand West and **Rideau WI**, Lanark South.

Life memberships were awarded to **Ruth Austin**, **E. May Dennis**, **Reta Dickson**, **Ruth McMillen**, **Emma McCready**, **Ada Morley** and **Maggie**

Newton of Burgessville WI, Oxford South; to **Mrs. Cliff Ballam** of Sheddon WI, Elgin West; to **Muriel Foster** of Coningsby WI, Wellington Central; to **Fern Love**, **Nola Taylor**, **Olive Webb**, **Verna Lovie**, **Jeanne Kading**, **Clara Hamilton**, **Ruth Kendrick** and **Olive Miller** of Grand Bend WI, Huron South; to **Viva Allen** and **Jean Hayes** of Cassburn WI, Prescott; and to **Marion Wilson**, **Rita Blundell**, **Evaline Davis**, **Mary Penney**, **Eileen Porteous**, **Bessie Mae Loren**, **Margaret Robinson** and **Vera Graham**, all of Torbolton WI, Carleton West.

Certificates of Merit were presented to **Louise Southern** of Meadowvale WI, Peel South and to **Doris Burt** and **Anne Graham** of Coningsby WI, Wellington Central.