



### Pioneer spirit

*Tansley WI members in Brant South donned pioneer costumes as part of their float entry in a parade celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Burford Agricultural Society (left) while 1984 Burford Fair Queen Lee Ann Malcolm presents the trophy for Best Agricultural Theme to Tansley WI president Ellen Riddle. (Photo courtesy of Marianne Arnes.)*

## Network information you should know

### Try hugs — not drugs!

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That's the message the Nashwaaksis Lions Club in New Brunswick is campaigning to get across to young school children.

News of *Huggy*, a large Care Bear type of stuffed animal, came to our attention via the September 1985 issue of the **Home & Country** newsletter published by the New Brunswick Women's Institutes.

A report in the publication, prepared by Isabel Coburn, explained that *Huggy* had paid a visit to the NBWI banquet in May, hugging many of those in attendance!

*Huggy* is, in fact, a new character who will be travelling widely in his fight to eliminate drug and alcohol abuse — especially among children.

The NBWI was told there are millions of drug addicts, many of whom are as young as six or seven. The Nashwaaksis Lions asked: "How can we reach out to the young?" The



answer: *Huggy*.

Using the motto "Hugs — Not Drugs", the Lions bring *Huggy* to schools and youth clubs, leaving behind pins as reminders of the discussions that took place during *Huggy's* visit. The Lions Club believes this approach could become an international campaign.

If you would like more information on how to introduce *Huggy* into your community, write to the Nashwaaksis Lions Club or Brad Woodside at CFNB Radio Station in Fredrickton.

### Wife Abuse Workshop

The issue of wife abuse was tackled head on at a workshop sponsored by the Hamilton area WI.

Participants viewed the film "Loved, Honored and Bruised" and then broke into small discussion groups. Questions addressed included "What emotions did you feel during the film?" and "What challenge does the film present to you and to the Women's Institute?"

Suggestions as to what FWIO members can do included:

- (1) support the establishing of homes of refuge, both orally and financially;
- (2) help provide personal items for the families brought into the shelters;
- (3) report cases of abuse to authorities;
- (4) extend personal friendship to those who we know, or suspect, are suffering abuse.

### To Have and to Hold

*To Have and to Hold*, a guide to property and credit law in Ontario, is now available from Concerned Farm Women.

The 70-page booklet, written specifically for women by Owen Sound lawyer Katherine Meanwell, can be obtained by sending \$4 to CFW, PO Box 457, Chesley, Ontario N0G 1L0.

### Book now for ACWW Conference in Ireland

Are you planning to attend the Associated Country Women of the World Conference in Killarney, Ireland in 1986?

Pre and post conference tours are

being arranged through Vellinga Travel Service, Box 234, Chatham, Ontario N7M 5K3.

For more information, contact FWIO president Charlotte Johnson.