

Think of peace as a piece of pie

Women's Institute — Women Involved. Involved is what we, the Junior Women's Institutes are, and we are proud to be involved for the Women's Institute.

I have decided to highlight some of the major accomplishments of the JWI for 1985.

A donation of \$500. has been made to the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead to be used in the maintenance of the homestead. Approximately \$900. will be going to ACWW to aid in their expenses. This money consists of Pennies for Friendship collected from each branch and then that amount matched by the Provincial organization.

The Junior Women's Institute who are presently the only contributing service group to the Wheelchair Sports Association this year presented the Association with 30 medals to be given out and 4 trophies to be given for an event called Wheelchair Rugby. One of our executive attended the event and presented the trophies.

The JWI was very proud to be asked to participate on the committee of the Concerns of the Women's Institutes of the Future.

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All branches were asked to do a special project for the International Youth Year. Some projects were: donations to youth groups; visit a bookstore and discuss concerns on children's books; a spotlight outside a youth arena; young speakers; uniforms for soccer teams; gift certificate to furrow queen; police speaking to you on drinking and driving; books to the school library on farming in rural communities; donations to Ronald McDonald House; proceeds to 4-H groups; Big Sisters; Boy Scouts; Guides; Participation Lodge; Youth Camp; Fall Fair prizes to Youth; Bicycle Rodeo; Halloween Party; Christmas Stockings to Salvation Army; Babysitting Course; Family Dance; Streetproofing; Bursary to graduate furthering studies in Family Studies; Handicapped, Disabled and Underprivileged Children recognition and donations; re-instating Block Parents in a community; and on and on. I am very proud of the JWI for their projects regarding IYY.

JWI participated in Convention '85 in London by doing directional signs, being tour guides for the workshops, and giving a presentation.

A meeting between JWIO and FWIO executive took place. We had a very good discussion on commonalities and differences and how we can better communicate between the two groups.

A Committee has been formed to produce an information package about JWI, to be given to prospective new branches.

Popcorn/cranberry strings were done for Christmas at the Lee 1984 and 1985.

The JWI Constitution was presented to the FWI Constitution Committee.

The fee of the Junior Women's Institute will be increased to \$5. per year. It will be distributed, \$3. to JWI; \$1. to FWIO; and \$1. to FWIC, subject to acceptance of FWIO and FWIC.

The JWIO Scholarship award will be increased to \$150.

JWI will be sending one delegate to Ireland to attend the ACWW Triennial Conference in May.

Well, we certainly have been an active organization and each member should be quite proud of her accomplishments.

Thank you, JWI for your support and hard work in 1985; we look forward to more of the same in 1986.

1986 is the International Year of Peace. Peace is a very large work in meaning. Think of peace as a pie with five pieces.

1. There is peace meaning physical and mental quiet.
2. There is peace meaning absence of war.
3. There is peace meaning public order.
4. There is peace meaning state of reconciliation after strife, and
5. There is peace meaning freedom from mental anguish; peace of mind.

Now, that is a lot of "peace" to accomplish. A lot of pieces of pie to be eaten. How will it ever be done. Well, God created us perfect, but we didn't stay that way very long. Be optimistic, all we need is for everyone to try even a small "peace", or a small piece of pie, (this is one time I want you to blow your diet). Put the small peaces (pieces) together and soon they become larger or we have eaten the whole pie.

Never think of your little "peace" not being big enough to do anything. We all know what happens to us when we eat even a little piece of pie. Oh! the satisfaction of the taste of that pie is so-o-o-o good. In closing, I would like to say, I would be at peace if each of us could give a piece toward peace, after all, Women's Institutes are noted for their pies.

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the current when it serves or lose our venture." We cannot afford *just* to stay afloat, we cannot lose our venture — The Women's Institute.

While we're proud of our accomplishments, it's a drop in the bucket compared to what needs to be done. We don't have all the answers; nobody does, that's the challenge. We must continue the never-ending search for making our organization, the Women's Institute, second to none in our province and the world.

We have the base, the history, the talent to re-evaluate our group — we can have a brilliant future — which will have its influence on women, on homemakers, and so, on the homes of today and tomorrow, and therein lies the future of Canada and perhaps of the human race.

Ladies — it is as you will!

Rebecca Johnson of Thunder Bay was secretary of the Committee of Women's Institutes of the Future.