

WI's On The Go!

Solina WI

"Salute to Youth" was the theme of a banquet hosted by Solina WI in honor of International Youth Year. Guest speaker Ken Knox of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food said communication is the key to having a strong, well-structured community. Mr. Knox noted that today's youth have a great deal of trouble identifying their goals, and just where they fit into this world of ours. His advice was to set short-term, long-term and intermediate goals.

Grandview WI, Lennox

Members of Grandview WI took a rug braiding course and had a display at Summary Day. The branch's IYY display took first place at the fall fair. Other Grandview WI activities included holding regular euchre parties at a local senior citizen's home. The WI members encourage those who are able to join in a card game and then serve them lunch. The branch also remembered the sick and shut-ins with visits and plants at Christmas time.

Lucasville WI, Lambton North

In honor of IYY, the Lucasville branch presented the Confederation Central School Library in Sarnia with an original graphite by a young artist from Sarnia Indian Reserve. Titled "Old Eli Running Elk", the art work depicted an old man who still resides on the reserve. The IYY gift also commemorates the Lucasville WI's 75th anniversary.

Jean Brumpton WI, Tillsonburg

The Jean Brumpton WI held a fall festival of crafts, with 45 tables filled with various artisans. Linda Albright, vice-president of the Tillsonburg and District Craft Guild gave a weaving demonstration at the event.

Lynnville WI, Norfolk North

Helen Young, secretary-treasurer of the Lynnville WI prepared a colored slide/cassette presentation entitled "Introducing the Lynnville WI." Mrs. Young photographed each member outside her home and also took her picture doing something inside, and taped her voice telling her name and a few details about her. Each member also gave a two-minute talk on a subject of interest to her.



Martintown WI donates syringe driver

Martintown WI recently donated \$1,382.50 to Cornwall General Hospital for the purchase of a syringe driver. The instrument allows syringes to operate on a continuing basis, delivering minute amounts of medication over long periods of time. It is especially useful for patients who are unable to receive drugs in intravenous solutions. The syringe driver will also benefit diabetics, patients on pain killers (avoiding up and down pain levels of periodic needles) and patients requiring blood thinners. Examining the syringe driver are (l. to rt.) hospital administrator Georg Feilotter, and Martintown WI convenor Lorraine Ramsay and Martintown WI president Joanna Van Loon.

York West District WI

Members of seven WI branches in the district baked pies and cookies and sold them in the Town Hall at Black Creek Pioneer Village in May. Representatives returned to the pioneer village in September to participate in the Pioneer Festival Day, selling crafts and home baked goods. Proceeds from the activities go to special funds, including water and sanitation. During 1985, money was also set aside to assist with the Barrie Tornado Relief Fund and to help landscape around one of the pioneers homes at Black Creek.

West Lorne WI

The WI has taken on a new lease of life in West Lorne. For over 70 years the WI has been involved in the West Lorne community activities. However this past April at their Annual Meeting the members discovered that they did not have enough active members who were able to take all the positions on their executive. Those active members came to the Elgin West District executive for help. The West Lorne WI was proud of its achievements in the past and members certainly wanted their branch to continue. So over the summer, they contacted interested women in

their community. A public meeting was subsequently held with the help of the District Officers and Rural Organization Specialist Bonnie Wilson. Hilde Morden spoke on "What will Women's Institute do for me and What can I do for Women's Institute." Miss Wilson outlined OMAF programs that WIs can participate in. Eight new members signed up that night and a new executive was elected.

Ashgrove WI

Milton's Fall Fair Queen Miriam Howden was guest speaker at a luncheon given by Ashgrove WI to honor IYY. The program and meal were left in charge of the 4-H girls. Marilyn Gooding, a 4-H member, explained the motto "Our future lays in the hands of our youth" while 4-H member Marilyn Bird gave a history of the 4-H organization, elaborating on changes, awards and scholarships.

Elmview WI, West Northumberland

Mark Collins of Port Hope, who was involved in the building of a walkway above the rain forest to facilitate studies of plant, insect, animal and bird life in Costa Rica, was guest speaker at an Elmview WI program that honored IYY.