

# Money raised for speech device

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The Woodburn Women's Institute have been very privileged in helping a young man to speak.

It all began when Rosemary Marshall showed our members a film called Breakthrough. The film featured her son Paul and portrayed what he and other victims of cerebral palsy are able to do despite their problems. Paul is very active and intelligent, but his illness prevents him

from using the faculty of speech.

We learned how Paul might be able to do more with a voice synthesizer. The speech prosthesis communicator device is a voice computer which uses microelectronics to synthesize the human voice. It is nine by 15 inches, with a keyboard on which Paul may type out words. The computer will interpret what he has typed and then express it verbally.

The Woodburn WI hoped to raise \$3,400 — the cost of a synthesizer.

To that end, a cookbook of favorite recipes was put together and sold, and members catered to many weddings and banquets.

Our hopes were realized last May when we were able to present Paul with his own synthesizer, programmed to his specific needs.

Paul is now attending Mohawk College in Hamilton.

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## Bicentennial Medal Winners

In the fall 1985 edition of Home & Country, we printed a partial list of the WI members who received Ontario Bicentennial Medals.

At that time, we promised names that reached our office after deadline would appear in the Winter 1986 edition. We should have known better! Names of the many women who were honored with medals kept pouring in, even after the winter deadline, so they were all held until this issue. Congratulations to the recipients. The large number of medals awarded to WI members says a lot about the Women's Institute organization.

**Reta Alcorn**

Vandorf WI  
York Centre District

**Alice Amaron**

Balsam Hill WI  
Renfrew South District

**Lottie Blake**

Ramsayville WI  
Carleton East District

**Eleanor Bradnock (deceased)**

Auburn WI  
Huron West

**Mae Brander**

Brampton East WI  
Peel South District

**June Brown**

Tec-We-Gweil WI  
Simcoe South District

**Mable Cawker**

Scugog WI  
Ontario South District

**Mildred Cline**

Price WI  
(Price has since disbanded)

**Helen Coutts**

Minesing WI  
Simcoe Centre District

**Iris Coyne**

Warton WI  
Bruce North District

**Florence Diamond**

New Hamburg WI  
Waterloo South District

**Marion Dougall**

Usborne

**Hazel Foyston**

Minesing WI  
Simcoe Centre District

**Bernice Gates**

Rosseau WI  
Muskoka Centre District

**Linda Hammond**

Oxford South District

**Helen Hill**

Georgian WI  
Simcoe West District

**Helen M. Hossack**

Embros and West Zorra WI  
Oxford North District

**Shirley Jaggi**

Minnitaki WI  
Kenora District

**Coral Lindsay**

Kars WI  
Carleton East District

**Jean MacLeod**

Combermere WI  
Renfrew South District

**Evelyn Mann**

Apsley WI  
Peterborough District

**Hilde Morden**

Clachon WI  
Elgon West District

**Marguerite Murray**

Lambeth

**Irene Nelson**

Rosemont WI  
Dufferin North District

**Rosemary Sarsfield**

Union Hall WI  
Lanark North District

**Peggy Scharfe**

Metcalfe WI  
Carleton East District

**Edith Smith**

Utterson WI  
Muskoka Centre District

**Hazel Stewart**

Violet Hill WI  
Dufferin North District

**Hazel Wilman**

Sidney South WI  
Hastings West District

**Marguerite Young**

Central Yarmouth WI  
Elgin East District

**Fannie Yeager**

Lynnville WI  
Norfolk North District