

# WI's On The Go!

## Maple Grove, Brant South District

Nova Vita Shelter in Brantford, (a home for abused women), will benefit from a donation of cash and household articles from members of Maple Grove branch this spring. This is the second year the branch has donated to the shelter.

## Grey

Focus on Youth — Participation, Development and Peace, was the theme of the 79th annual Grey County WI rally. Marion Hayes, former consultant with the Grey County Board of Education was the guest speaker. She talked about the many phases of child development and said one of the loudest cries from all age groups is that nobody listens. She said adults don't teach children, rather they help them to learn for themselves. She encourages WI members to offer support to today's young mothers. Also at the rally, the Grey County Historical Society presented each of the 59 WI branches with two books, in recognition of the many projects initiated by Women's Institutes.

## Washago, Simcoe East District

This branch recently viewed the film *Better Safe Than Sorry*. The film, shown by a representative of the Simcoe County Children's Aid Society, deals with molesting and incest and is presented in a way which does not frighten the child, but shows exactly what to do if this happens. Other CAS and some school boards have the film for borrowing.

## Cherry Valley, Prince Edward District

In recognition of the role it has taken in preserving local history, Cherry Valley branch received a special award from Parks Canada last year. The nomination for the award came from the township's reeve. L. Ethel Brooks, historical curator for the branch, accepted the award.

## Bruce Centre District

Once again, this district held its successful craft fair. The proceeds from this annual event are divided amongst many worthy causes, one of which is a one-day workshop for local women. Here is how the rest of



Gowanstown WI held a Tweedsmuir Tea in the fall. Pictured are Vietta Karges (left) and Adrienne Noble. Vietta is wearing a bonnet that once belonged to her great-grandmother while Adrienne is wearing a shawl, made of embroidered velvet which belonged to her great-great-grandmother.

the money is distributed; Water For All, \$200; Pennies For Friendship, \$200; Nutrition Fund, \$200; Tornado Relief, \$700; youth programs at the Bruce County Museum, \$300; expenses for English WI visitors, \$500; to each of the 12 branches for community work, \$100.

## Highland Park, Algoma Centre District

Women in Crisis, a local organization, receives the gifts from a shower held by Highland Park. This branch also contributes as much as possible to the lung association and the kidney foundation.

## Thorndale, Middlesex East District

In conjunction with this decade's emphasis on the availability of clean water, Thorndale members took a tour of the local pumping station. Afterwards one member gave a talk on the value of water and what WI members can do to preserve it.

## North Yarmouth, Elgin East District

A quilt called *Flight over Elgin*, designed and made by branch members, won first prize in the sampler class at the 1985 International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show. A photograph of the quilt now hangs in the dining room of the Elgin County Pioneer Museum.

## Navan, Russell District

This branch is sponsoring the Priority Life Program in its community. A Priority Life sticker (below) is placed on the refrigerator door, alerting emergency personnel to a vial attached to a shelf inside. The vial contains medical information on family members, enabling the emergency team to begin treatment faster because they have the details on medical history and drugs being taken. If your branch is interested in this program, contact Priority Life, Ambulance Officers Promotion Programs of Ontario Inc., P.O. Box 96, Petawawa, Ontario, K8H 1X0.



## Bishops Mills, Grenville North District

A warm welcome to this new branch, organized on July 6, 1985 with 22 charter members.