

# District Diary **Carleton East**

Carleton East District was formed on 18 June 1938 when Carleton County was divided into east and west. At that time member branches were Kars, Osgoode Station, Vernon, Metcalfe, Kenmore, Carlsbad Springs, Leitrim, Hawthorne, The Ridge, Hurdman's Bridge, The Quarries and Glen Ogilvie.

Located just minutes south of Ottawa, most branches of Carleton East (Ottawa Area) are within easy reach of the main artery, Highway 31 with the exception of Kars on the south-west and Glen Ogilvie on the east.

On Jan. 1, 1969, all townships bordering Ottawa, including the City of Ottawa, came under the jurisdiction of the Regional Municipality of Ottawa Carleton.

Because of their proximity to the capital, villages in Carleton East have become desirable locations for residential developments. Since its inception in 1938, urban development has changed Carleton East with only a few farms left in the areas of Glen Ogilvie and Leitrim. The area that once was Gloucester Glen is now the Ottawa International Airport. The balance of Carleton East District retains its rural character with dairy farming and cash cropping being the main agricultural activities with some commercial operations such as mineral extraction (sand and gravel), two mushroom farms and a concrete pipe plant.



**Carleton East is located just south of Ottawa.**

**Elma Sutherland**



Carleton East District is extremely proud that Bernice Noblitt, who was president of FWIC from 1982-1985 is a member in your district. Bernice, a member of Gloucester Glen WI, was District President from 1967 to 1969 and her progress through all levels of Women's Institute has been watched in admiration.

Several years ago, a competition open to all members in Ottawa Area, the Bernice Noblitt Awards, was instituted in her honour. The order of these awards is — first year for handicrafts, second year for sculpture, painting and similar crafts, third year for playwriting, prose and poetry and then the order is repeated.

## **GLEN OGILVIE**

In 1919, Glen Ogilvie Branch was formed. Named for several Ogilvie families who lived there, this area is now part of the newly-created City of Gloucester which borders the City of Ottawa to the south and east.

A very active member in Glen Ogilvie's early days, Maria Hopkins was the author of a resolution requesting that women be given the right to sit on a jury. Mrs. Hopkins was also instrumental in closing a pub on Montreal Road and a race track at Sulphur Springs!

An outstanding member is Tweedsmuir History Curator, Mrs. Anne Elliott. As well as preserving their WI history, Anne wrote a booklet on Blackburn-Glen Ogilvie as a centennial project. Many copies of this booklet were sold and in addition Anne has appeared many times on a local television program Info Gloucester.

## **GLOUCESTER GLEN**

In November 1952, Gloucester Glen WI began their many community activities by bringing a health unit to provide immunization for local children, as well as donating books to the library and running dances for teenagers. Currently, Gloucester Glen support the May Court House (a

recovery home for women), Amethyst House (for female drug addicts), Oxfam and the Hearts for Africa Campaign. Member, Jennie Craig is the immediate past president of Carleton East District and during her presidency, had photocopies of district reports made available to district delegates, a custom now in force at area and higher levels of Women's Institute.

## **LEITRIM**

Since it was formed in 1920, the neighborhood of Leitrim WI has changed from farming to mainly residential. In early days, this branch furnished appliances and dishes to Leitrim Arena. Beginning with Mrs. Thomas Spratt, four generations of her family have become WI members; daughter Mrs. James Spratt, granddaughter Mrs. Marion Dillon and great-granddaughter Mrs. Carol Blouin. Beginning with the FWIC Conference in New Brunswick, members of the branch have attended the ACWW Conference in British Columbia, the FWIC Conference in London and recently, Win Chandler, who is also District Secretary, attended the ACWW Conference in Ireland.

## **GREELY-MANOTICK STATION**

Chartered in 1957, women from the villages of Greely and Manotick Station combined to form a Women's Institute. Charter member Mrs. Grace Gough was the first woman councillor in Osgoode Township in recognition of which, the road where she lives was named Gough Road.

Each year Greely-Manotick Station donates a scholarship to a local boy and girl who are continuing their education in agriculture or family services. Members also compete in a branch competition with winning items being entered in the Ottawa Exhibition, where the quilters often win prizes. Among other charitable efforts, the branch donates to a young woman with a blind baby.

## **RAMSAYVILLE**

Formerly Carlsbad Springs WI, Ramsayville was organized in 1934 by Laura Rose Stephen. Originally called Taylorville, the name was changed because its namesake, Mr. Taylor ran