

Nipissing welcomes conference delegates

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in a public health nurse visiting Phelps Central School.

The WI Hall has been the focal point of all community activities. And in the late 1960's it began to house the Phelps community library. Prior to this there was a WI lending library.

The park grounds have been developed to include a baseball diamond, skating rink, cairn and flagpole, and playground equipment. The park is owned and administered by the Phelps WI Community Center Board.

TROUT MILLS

Trout Mills WI focuses on education. Beulah Hamilton, president, says, "Providing educational opportunities for youth through 4-H, and for women through Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food courses have continued to main objectives of the group for more than 30 years." As many as four clubs have been sponsored at one time in different parts of North Bay. Other activities have included tours to Ottawa, Sault Ste. Marie, Manitoulin Island, and Niagara Falls.

KIPLING

Kipling WI is located northeast of Warren in an area locally referred to as "little Switzerland". It is a rural community that is away from the main highway. Wendy Ackerland, secretary, describes her group as one that "serves the needs of the members whether it be instruction in smocking, a film on New Zealand, or a program on drug abuse." Kipling also focuses on helping people in the community, house logs and its Tweedsmuir history. Members of the branch designed the WI Member Lives Here signs.

VEUVE RIVER

Veuve River WI was organized in 1983. It serves the farming community in West Nipissing. Kathleen Lane, past president, says, "The group focuses on agriculture because nearly all the members are farm wives." The branch holds a farm safety for women seminar, as well as nutrition and genetic workshops on dairy cattle. The branch is also interested in community development having organized a streetproofing program for children and an open meeting for the family resource center, and a Northern Ontario Rural Women's Seminar. The latter is now a one day event held at the district level. Recently the branch was asked to participate in the preparation of a brief to be presented to the Ontario Minister of Agriculture and Food.

Helpful booklets for parents

Here are some free booklets dealing with different aspects of being a parent. Order them for yourself, or for the next generation in your family! (The ones marked * are also available in French.)

BABY CARE BASICS*

This booklet gives information on feeding, bathing and diapering your baby, preventing accidents and recognizing common signs of illness. A clip-and-save chart is included, outlining what should be in your child's medicine chest. Write to Johnson & Johnson, Box 5097, Paris, N3L 3T2.

KEEP THEM SAFE*

This pamphlet shows the four types of safety car seats for children available in Canada and shows how to use them properly. Write to Transport Canada, Publications, Ottawa, K1A 0N5.

WATER ACTIVITY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

This folder will help to insure that the time your preschooler spends in the water is safe and enjoyable. Write to Red Cross Society, Water Safety, 95 Wellesley St. E., Toronto, M4Y 5H6.

WHEN THE KIDS ARE FIGHTING*

This folder examines destructive behavior and tells how the family can help. Send a business-size, self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Canadian Mental Health Association, 2160 Yonge St., Toronto, M4S 2Z3.

DAY CARE*

This brochure will help you identify your needs, begin your search and conduct the initial interview. A day-care safety checklist is included. Write to the Ministry of Community and Social Services, Inquiries, Room M1-51, MacDonald Block, Queen's Park, Toronto, M7A 1E9.



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Each year Nipissing District branches compete for the Gertrude Phillips Award. Mrs. Phillips started the award in an effort to motivate branches to participate in all aspects of WI. Points are awarded throughout the year for everything from participating in OMAF workshops to attending the area convention, to sponsoring 4-H, to getting reports in on time!

Nipissing District WI is gearing up for July 6, 7 and 8. We hope you will join us at the convention and take time to visit the surrounding area.

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