

# What's happening...

## HALTON DISTRICT WI

At the district annual in May, WI member Maisie Lasby reported on her involvement with the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee. The committee has placed two books on agriculture in each of the school libraries in Halton to make students more aware of farming. Bright yellow signs making drivers aware of tractor vehicles are being placed on main Halton roads used by farm equipment. Other topics discussed by the committee included rural subdivision developments and the nuisance posed by wildlife to farmers.

The theme of this district annual meeting was I'd Like to Build the World a Home and Furnish it with Love.

## WOMEN FOR THE SURVIVAL OF AGRICULTURE

Congratulations to Dianne Harkin, the founder of WSA, on receiving the Order of Ontario in early May. This was the first group of Orders of Ontario to be awarded and is given to acknowledge excellence in a field of endeavor. Dianne received hers for her work on behalf of farm women.

Also this spring, Dianne was awarded the T. R. Hilliard Distinguished Agricultural Extension Award which is presented by the Ontario Agriculture College.

(**Home & Country** hopes to profile Dianne in an upcoming issue.)

## UNION HALL WI, LANARK

Union Hall is located 40 miles outside Ottawa and recently more and more families have been moving to the area and commuting to the city. Union Hall WI decided to compile a booklet containing useful information for newcomers to the community to help welcome these people. A WI member who lives close by calls on the new family to welcome them, and takes a copy of the booklet which includes emergency telephone numbers and numbers of contact people for all community activities, including WI of course. A personal invitation is extended to attend the next WI meeting.

## MAXWELL WI, GREY EAST

This WI branch sponsored a seeing



*Hockey and ringette are safer games at the Howick Arena now because of the magnetic nets purchased by the Howick Junior Women's Institute. The nets cost approximately \$1,200. Watching a net being installed by arena manager Steve Taylor are Winnie Winkel, secretary-treasurer of the Howick JWI, and Mel Greig, president of the Howick Athletic Association.*

eye dog demonstration at a local school in the spring. Teachers, students and members of the branch got to see first hand how these dogs are trained and how they help their blind masters. The demonstration showed how the dogs keep their masters away from danger, but also showed the dogs can be easily distracted if petted or talked to. So please "Look, but don't touch or talk" to the dog.

## NEWPORT WI, BRANT SOUTH

The theme for this branch's family night last December was Christmas in Hawaii. For the occasion, the community center was decorated with

flowers and palm trees and everyone came in brightly colored summer clothes to suit the event. It was quite a pleasant change of pace in the winter!

## WOMEN FOR THE SUPPORT OF AGRICULTURE (SOUTHWESTERN ONT.)

This group is currently organizing a Toastmaster's public speaking course called Winging It for its members. Once members have completed the course, it is hoped they will make themselves available through a speaker's bureau to talk to groups about their organization and farm issues.