

Elgin WSA was involved in co-sponsoring a one day seminar in February, called A Time for All Things. Other groups involved were Women's Institutes and local staff of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Oxford WSA held a Farm Safety Day for children at a local school in February. The children and their parents watched films, participated in games and discussions, and saw demonstrations.

SCOTCH BLOCK WI, HALTON

A visit to the Canine Vision of Canada Centre, in Oakville, was part of a meeting of Scotch Block WI recently. Housed in a former school, the center matches blind people with seeing eye dogs.

The women learned one of the five trainers visits the soon-to-be students in their homes to observe the living habits of that person and note any features that may be pertinent when selecting the best dog for that student. The center has accommodation for 12 students at one time and space for 44 dogs.

The dogs, usually purebred German Shepherds, Golden Retrievers or Labradors, are sometimes raised in a home for one year before being trained as a seeing eye dog. The training is very intensive, often involving hours of practice on busy city streets, where there are crowds, traffic and many, many noises.

It normally costs about \$5,000 to provide a blind applicant with a dog. The center welcomes donations from any organizations to offset these costs.

REABORO WI, VICTORIA WEST

Reaboro WI member Leslie Churchyard appeared on The Late Show in early February after being chosen a finalist in the Be Joan Rivers for a Day Contest. Leslie sent in a video tape of herself interviewing farm animals and was the only Canadian of the four finalists.

MAPLE KEYS JWI

During the last year, a great deal of this group's energy was directed towards a fundraising campaign to support the purchase of an attachment to a mammography machine at Listowel Memorial Hospital. (Perth North District WI bought the actual

machine and the attachment allows the machine to accommodate x-rays of women with larger breasts.)

To raise the money, the branch decided to occupy a table at the Maple Leaf Women's Institute 20th Annual Hobby Fair, held at the local community center. The branch divided into three groups — baking, crafts and novelties — in order to have a wide variety to sell at the fair.

In March 1987, the director of the radiology department at Listowel Memorial Hospital came to the branch's meeting to accept a cheque for \$250. A engraved plaque on the machine will recognize Maple Keys contribution to the hospital.

SAUGEEN JWI

The 12 members of this branch keep busy with a wide range of activities throughout the year. In June, an annual strawberry supper is held, and for the first time, the branch held a Christmas Bazaar and Tea in November. As well as supporting local health facilities, the branch is in the process of donating towards playground equipment for a local center.

LUCKNOW JWI

A talk on parenting and a guest speaker from the Walkerton detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were amongst the activities of Lucknow JWI this past winter. Constable Tony Lloyd talked about the penalties for drinking and driving under the Highway Traffic Act and used many real life examples to illustrate his

points. He also covered some precautions everyone should take.



Anita Dieleman (right) of Wallacetown being presented with the FWIO 60th Anniversary Scholarship at the West Elgin Winter Picnic by board director Betty Van Patter.



Daria Nahnit, pictured above, is a member of White School WI who shares her Easter Egg painting talent with family and friends.

Congratulations...

Congratulations to the following groups who recently celebrated anniversaries.

Selkirk WI, Haldimand — 85th
Cobden WI, Renfrew North — 75th
Ridge Road WI, Northumberland East — 50th

WI branch life memberships have been awarded to the following women.

Sadie McLaren, Noreen McGregor and Jean McLaren of Lochwinnoch WI
Clara Hallett, Leorene Hayes, Faye Jansen and Marion Stone of Philipsville WI

Margaret Shaw, Catherine Morrison and Ruth Bishop of Farewell WI
Jessie Tink, Elaine Baker and Jean Knox of Solina WI
Reta Kirby, Caroline Kirby, Kathleen Connors and Ethelda Boa of Lookout Bay WI

Nina Sinden, Bette Sergeant, Margaruite Libert, Marion Whitesell, Helen Garton, Dorothy Hawkins, Flora Carroll, Noran Adolph, Geraldine Williams and Jeanne Eitel of Jean Brumpton WI

A WI certificate of merit was recently presented to **Gertrude Leipmann** of West Lorne WI, Elgin West.