

What's happening...

GARNET WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Rather than just have a social time at their December/Christmas meeting, members of Garnet WI learned the history of Christmas in Canada. For instance, the first recorded Christmas celebration was in 1533. Jacques Cartier and his men marked Christmas that year where Quebec City is today.

WOMEN FOR THE SURVIVAL OF AGRICULTURE

Eight weekly sessions are being offered by WSA for farm women at Kemptville College of Agricultural Technology, beginning Jan. 13. Called Survival Techniques for Farm Women, the Wednesday courses run from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Topics covered include: the white paper on tax reform; alcohol in the family; behavioral problems in children; women in politics; farm safety; lobbying; resources from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

GUELPH AREA WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

About 50 WI members, husbands and friends participated in an exchange with the Housewives Associations of Scandinavia in the late summer of 1987. Norway, Sweden and Denmark were visited. The Nordic Housewives Associations, like Women's Institutes, are educational organizations dedicated to the development of women, and through them, the improvement of all society. The Guelph Area women are looking forward to hosting the Scandinavians soon.

SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO WOMEN FOR THE SUPPORT OF AGRICULTURE

New Frontiers for Farm Women '88 will be held in Stratford on March 5. The day-long seminar is titled Dealing with Change.

During February and March a speakers bureau course was offered at a cost of \$25 for six weeks.

LAMBTON NORTH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

To celebrate the 90th anniversary of

FWIO, Lambton North District invited the Farm Bureau Women for Macomb County, Michigan, to spend a day in Lambton County. A potluck lunch and visit to a local museum and quilt sale were part of the special day.

A very successful publicity campaign was launched by Lambton North to promote the use of their Fairfield Family Puppets in local schools. (The puppets come with information on agriculture, designed for children.)

The "family" was first introduced to teachers at a professional activity day in the fall of 1986. When bookings for the puppets began to drop, the district public relations officer started sending out press releases. From that coverage came two radio interviews as well as a TV segment with the Windsor CBC affiliate.

OXFORD WOMEN FOR THE SUPPORT OF AGRICULTURE

A Farm Safety Day for Women, in cooperation with a local farm machinery dealer, was held in February. And the second annual Farm Safety Day for Kids was held Feb. 26.

Ken Murray, former president of Schneiders Corporation, spoke on time management in January.

ERIN TOWNSHIP JUNIOR WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Fundraising, to meet various needs, is an important part of the activity of Erin JWI. Last year money was raised to support Erin Township Library; the Rick Hansen Tour; Sleeping Children Around the World; Ballinafad Community Centre; Erin District High School Band; and a choir exchange to England.

When they're not fundraising, members help to organize the local cancer campaign, visit a local home for senior citizens, and enjoy dinner at the Orangeville Raceway.

MIDDLESEX WOMEN FOR THE SUPPORT OF AGRICULTURE

At the Western Fair in September, the Middlesex WSA presented half-hour agricultural sessions to the London elementary school children



Here's a novel idea from FWIO Program Coordinator Hilde Morden. Roll issues of Home & Country and fasten with elastic. Put them in a container (a basket is pictured above) along with specialty teas in recycled spice jars. Add a tea caddy and a bow and deliver to a sick or housebound friend.

while they toured the fair. The presentation, called Farming is... included an explanation of the skills a farmer could have, such as carpenter, plumber, gambler, salesman, laborer, accountant, mechanic, veterinarian, welder, agrologist, consumer, ecologist and electrician. While referring to the animals in the livestock pavilion, the types of farms were discussed. The products and by-products from these farms and the cash-crop farm were described. To show the investment needed to produce these products, the worth of various pieces of equipment were compared to the cost of a car.