

Junior WI busy at spring meetings

How do you get to know the members of your organization? To create a spirit of fellowship and co-operation within every group, an effort must be made to get members to know and care about each other. But this is not an easy task when your membership is spread across Ontario.

Each spring the Junior Women's Institute takes this task to heart. Geographically, the Institute is divided into three districts covering western, eastern and central southern Ontario. One branch in each district hosts a special one-day meeting which is dedicated to fun, food and fellowship. This year the meetings covered a wide range of interests and topics.

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District 1 met at Solina to enjoy agriculture trivia games, exercise tips, and how to get a group involved through acting exercises. Village People was the hosting branch.

District 2 was hosted by the St. Thomas JWI at Sparta, Ontario. Microwave cooking, a tour of the areas and a craft session helped many members become acquainted.

District 3 met in Flesherton, Ontario. The Saugeen JWI branch

invited members to share workshops on interior decorating, crafts, child development, family violence, sexuality, and makeup. A highlight of the day was Catherine Sternberg's pointers on motivation.

We were especially pleased that all of the spring meetings were hosted by newer JWI branches. These members learned a great deal about organization and working together. Every JWI member who attended these spring meetings came away better informed, motivated and richer for have made new friends.

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Essay competition for adults and children

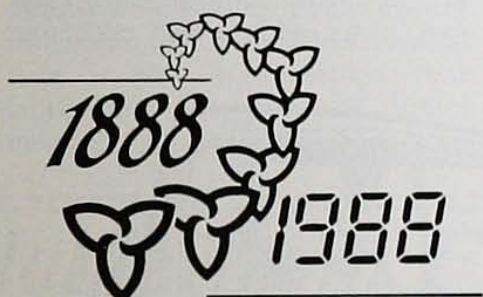
To commemorate the centennial of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, an essay competition is being held. There are first (\$500), second (\$250), and third (\$100) prizes in each of the three age categories which are elementary (Grade 5 to 8), secondary (Grade 9 to 13) and open (for adults).

To enter, write an essay on one of the following topics:

1. Agriculture: How it shaped our province.
2. My grandparents' farm.
3. Ontario: Food Land vs. Concrete Jungle.
4. Agriculture in 2088.
5. Ontario agriculture: Feeding the world.
6. The story of my favorite food.

CONTEST RULES:

1. Submissions must not exceed 1,000 words and should be typewritten, double-spaced and stapled in the upper left-hand corner. However, legible handwritten entries will be accepted.



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2. A covering sheet must be stapled to the front of each entry, listing the following information: your name; address; telephone number; title of essay; and the total number of words in essay. If applicable, also include your grade level and your school's name and address.
3. Entries must be the original, unpublished writing of the entrant.

4. All entries become the property of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Please retain a copy of your essay. Manuscripts will not be returned.

DEADLINE: Entries must be postmarked no later than June 15, 1988.

MAIL TO: Essay Contest, c/o Lorraine Holding, Rural Organizations and Services Branch, Guelph Agriculture Centre, Box 1030, Guelph, Ontario, N1H 6N1.

Winners will be notified, by mail, in August 1988. Depending on space availability, the first-place essay in each of the three categories may be published by the Ontario Farmer newspaper and the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

If you need more information, please contact your local Ministry of Agriculture and Food office.