

Recycling highlighted at Norfolk rally

On Oct. 31, Norfolk North and South District Women's Institutes held a fall rally. Part of the program emphasized waste management and recycling. Thanks to Helen Young, Norfolk North Treasurer for sending the following words to be sung to the tune of the Battle Hymn of the Republic. The words were written by Dorothy Skevington, Courtland WI.

Recycling is the answer, friends, to many of our woes, It isn't too much trouble, friends, and this is how it goes. Save everything re-usable, e'en skins of po-ta-toes, And clean up the garbage mess. Save oh save your old glass bottles, Save oh save your old glass bottles, Save oh save your old glass bottles, And clean up Norfolk North.

When you're finished with the morning news, don't throw them in the trash, Just put them out for the Boy Scouts so they can make some cash. Tin cans recycle too you know; cut out the ends and smash, And clean up the garbage mess. Save your papers and tin cans, Save your papers and tin cans, Save your papers and tin cans, And clean up Norfolk South.

Make a quilt top, braid a rug, hook a carpet for your floor, Take all the cotton rags you have to mechanic men next door. These are a few suggestions, friends, there's many, many more, Take heed to the garbage mess. Save your old rags and your pop tins, Save your old rags and your pop tins, Save your old rags and your pop tins, And clean

up Ontario.

From plastic bags and styrofoam stay very far away, They clutter up the universe in a disgusting way. It's way past time to voice our woes our government

to sway, Let's clean up the garbage mess. Save oh save your old glass bottles, Save your papers and your tin cans. Save your old rags and your pop tins. Help clean up Canada.



A Fashion Show on Pollution was a highlight of the Norfolk North and South Women's Institute Rally in the fall. In the back row, from left to right are Helen Young, Lynnville WI as Grimy Gertie; Joan Johnstone, Vittoria WI as Miss Ciggy Boo; a member of Bealton WI as Miss Aggie Chem Fertilizer; Mildred Schooley, Lynnville WI as Miss Carlotta Can-Can; a member of Teeterville WI as Miss Plastic Garbage Bag; Vi King, Teeterville WI as Miss Smokestack. In the front row are Nina Eaker, Delhi WI as Miss Alice Algae; Dorothy Skevington, Courtland WI as Miss Oil Slick; Dorothy Webb, Courtland WI as Miss Polly Phosphates; Gertie McDonald, Wilvancrest WI as Miss Auto Mobile.

Blue box program assisted by WI members

By Helen M. Anderson

Since Women's Institute Conference '88 had as its theme, Educate-Initiate, five WI branches in Perth Centre District have been particularly interested in waste management. A new land-fill site, presently under construction in one of the townships, is destined to receive waste from four municipalities.

In June 1988, township councils were trying to inform their residents about recycling possibilities. The nearby City of Stratford had already experienced moderate success with its recycling program, so municipal officials were in-

ited to explain how recycling works to interested township residents.

Invitations to this September meeting were sent out with the June tax bills. And it was at the meeting that WI members volunteered to help distribute the recycling (blue) boxes.

When it came time (Nov. '88) to deliver the blue boxes within the two townships of North Easthope and South Easthope, WI members and service club members delivered blue boxes and instructions for their use, door-to-door throughout the townships. Residents were very receptive to the program, and the collection of glass, cans and news-

papers began Dec. 1, 1988.

Initial response to the program indicates almost 100 per cent participation and an estimated one-third reduction in household garbage already in one township.

When the new landfill site opens in 1989, it will be receiving waste materials which don't include recyclable materials. The residents of North and South Easthope are happy to be a part of a recycling program that means even less waste is being deposited in their landfill area and productive land can continue to be just that — productive.

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