

# Lambton WI branch brings opponents face-to-face

By Mary Janes

Warwick Women's Institute began 1990 by planning, hosting and chairing a meeting between the township council and representatives of ratepayers from all parts of the township.

The purpose of the meeting was to reopen lines of communication between the two groups and to establish community cooperation. There had been several confrontations between councillors and ratepayers in 1989, mostly over the proposal by Laidlaw Waste Systems to expand the Warwick Landfill site and to accept garbage from across Ontario.

The people present at the round table discussion were asked to consider three questions: first, what is happening in Warwick Township now; second, what would you like to see happen in the township in the next 20 years; and third, how can we as a community achieve these goals.

Many topics were discussed, including the effects of a new water line on the community. The availability of water makes commercial and industrial development possible to broaden the tax base of the township. Other topics included recreation, woodlots, pollution, population growth, roads, and environment.

Everyone present agreed they enjoyed

their present rural lifestyle and wanted to retain it. Rural communities need to make their views heard now. Several effective methods were discussed. The councillors and the ratepayers felt the meeting was an excellent way of working together. The councillors appreciated the opportunity to explain pressures exerted on them by higher levels of government. Both groups requested more meetings in the future.

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## Scholarships encourage continued education

Each year Ontario's Women's Institutes award a number of scholarships to students preparing to advance their education at the post secondary level. During the current fiscal year, Oct. 1, 1989 to Sept. 30, 1990, it is anticipated close to \$10,000 will be given to students. Pictured on this page are four WI scholarship recipients.



*FWIO Board Director Joan Law (centre) presented two Macdonald Awards last fall to Angela Wai and Karen Wolff. The \$300 awards are given every year to students from Ontario who have successfully completed their first two semesters of the Bachelor of Applied Science program, College of Family and Consumer Studies, University of Guelph.*



*Carla Wood, Martintown, was the recipient of the FWIO 60th Anniversary award last fall. The \$275 scholarship will help Carla with her fees at the University of Guelph.*



*FWIO Board Director Gillian Catto, presents her son, Malcolm with the Florence P. Eadie Scholarship. Malcolm is in the co-op program at the University of Waterloo.*