

What's Happening

Massie WI

Massie member, Mrs. Stanley Norton, aged 99, was awarded the Agnes MacPhail Award at the Grey County Rally in August. Mrs. Norton was a charter member of Massie WI.

Burks Falls WI

To help celebrate the centennial of Burks Falls, members participated in a quilt and collectibles show held July 20 and 21. The quilted wall hanging created as an Ontario bicentennial project by FWIO was a feature of the display. It was on loan from Queen's Park for the celebrations.

West Oxford WI

The 22nd annual Maple Syrup Festival was sponsored by the West Oxford WI earlier this year. The project began to celebrate Canada's centennial in 1967. Proceeds from the festival go to the Crippled Children's Easter Seal Campaign, secondary school scholarships, minor ball teams, the Adelaide Hoodless Home, the Erland Lee (Museum) Home, and 4-H clubs.

WSA-Winchester

The members of Women for the Survival of Agriculture-Winchester have been involved in several strategic planning sessions earlier this year. From those sessions, a mission statement was developed and adopted. It is... "WSA-Winchester is a farm women's group which motivates and supports farm women and their families to increase personal growth and effect positive change through education and involvement in the community and the agricultural industry."

Solina WI

This branch sponsored an essay contest at the local school around the theme What Should Society be Doing to Preserve the Environment. Entries were so good, two students tied for first prize. Branch PRO Bernice Watson reports the children had many interesting ideas on the subject.

Virgil WI

Each year, this branch makes a significant donation to Virgil Public School. This year, a selection of books were given.

McIntyre WI

Learning about the environment has been a goal of recent McIntyre WI meetings. Members heard from Ontario Ministry of Environment staff, participated in a program on waste management, and learned about new types of garbage bags.

North Thunder Bay WI

Branches of this district supported the Thunder Bay Multicultural Association by participating in its time capsule project called Hand it Over to History. Each branch was invited to submit material to be included in the capsule which will be opened in 60 years.

Wellington Centre WI

An Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) Day was held earlier this year for district members. George Atkins, a former radio broadcaster was the guest speaker. He talked about the Developing Countries Farm Radio Network which he began in 1979 with funds from Massey Ferguson. More than 100 million poor, farm families receive information through this network.

Elgin West WI

Thirty-two visitors from Yorkshire, England were hosted by members of Elgin West earlier this year. The visitors, the

majority of whom were WI members, were treated to the hospitality of Elgin West homes and as well, were taken to all the local landmarks.

Hastings WI

Presidents of the three Hastings districts and the local FWIO Board Director met with the MPP for Hastings-Peterborough in the spring to discuss resolutions passed by the FWIO Board and to present him with the WI environment brochure.

Motherwell WI

On ACWW Day, April 29, Motherwell WI hosted a special church service involving WI members as greeters, readers of scripture, and choristers. Rev. Catherine Calkin (see also photo on page) delivered a message called Bread for the Journey which tied into the ACWW project Women Feed the World.

Vasey WI

Local handicapped children were treated to a picnic lunch this summer courtesy of Vasey WI. Sixty-eight children, teachers and volunteers enjoyed the lunch, followed by games at a nearby park. Vasey WI has organized this event for close to 30 years.



Five Beamsville WI members and girls from the 1st Beamsville Guides worked together to pick up litter during Pitch In Week in May.