

# What's Happening . . .



The Bornholm Women's Institute sponsored Baking Bread courses last November, and again this past January. Recipes and ideas were developed by Barbara Klages and Maxine Holbrough for the FWIO. Breads, rolls, chelsea buns, and other goodies were created during the hands-on course. Sixteen members and friends attended the sessions led by Judy Bauer, Program Co-ordinator. Seated from left to right are Reta Jung, Carol Siemon, Isabel Gaul and Della Eisler. Standing is Dora Van Herk (left) and Donna Eisler (right).



"Romantic Bedrooms" was one of the six workshops sponsored by the Wellington and Halton District Women's Institutes. Linda Nixon, pictured above, from "It's Bedtime," a business based in Kitchener and Cambridge, set up this romantic bedroom display as part of the "Decor Accents Workshops" held in the Melville United Church in Fergus in late February. Other workshops included: stencilling; creative windows; lighting, plants and accessories; wall papering; and, long range decorating plans. Two daily sessions of each workshop were held, and 125 women registered for the two workshops of their choice.

## Bainsville WI

On January 29th the Bainsville Women's Institute held its second annual birthday bash for residents of the Chateau Gardens Seniors Home in Lancaster. Dressed up as Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, members of this Branch organized a fun-filled afternoon with food, gifts, balloons, dancing and good times.

## Bridgeport WI

Mr. Frank Murray, Principal of the Bridgeport Public School, spoke to members of this Branch about his school's efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle. Beginning in January the use of styrofoam cups in the school were restricted; and both students and staff have brought their own mugs to use. Mr. Murray also noted that both sides of all paper must be used before being recycled.

## Perth District WI

The Women's Institutes of Perth



In the first year of Adult Leaders' Training Courses offered through the FWIO and "Pass It On" more than 300 leaders attended the course on "Landscaping Your Home." In turn, they passed the information on to about 2,800 course participants. In February, eighteen groups from Simcoe County sent leaders to the landscaping course in Barrie. Pictured above, Barbara Klages (right) chats with Joy Anne Giffen (left) about some of the available books. Leaders are now conducting their courses across the County.

County held a rally late last fall at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Stratford. Members of two or more Districts are encouraged to organize social and educational events in the form of a rally, to include seminars, workshops or training sessions. The theme of this rally was "Stepping into the Nineties." A total of 145 WI members attended, and a good time was enjoyed by all!

## Waterloo District WI

Late last fall, WI members from both the Waterloo North and South District also organized a rally. Irene Weber from the Bloomingdale WI came up with the idea of holding a Fabulous Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon. Fashions were supplied from merchants in the Connestoga and Stanley Park Malls. Norma Blake from CFCA FM Radio was the commentator for the show. Over 200 tickets were sold to the event, earning a profit of \$800. The proceeds were donated to the ACWW and the Waterloo Region Food Bank.

## Queenston-St. Davids WI

Members of this Branch donated a wheel chair to the Niagara on the Lake General Hospital. And also planted a tree at Upper Canada Lodge in memory of two life members, Jean Higgins and Vera Wilson.

## Thunder Bay District WI

The official merging of the two Districts - Thunder Bay North and South - took place in January when presiding executives met with provincial Board Director Rose Green.

Since that time, twenty-five members, representing eleven Branches from the Thunder Bay District, gathered to take part in a Public Relations Officer and Program Co-ordinator workshop. Peggy Munro, Area PRO, welcomed everyone and provided attendants with a variety of ideas on how to attract new members. Then, Margaret Wilton, Area Program Co-ordinator, provided some useful tips.