

# What's Happening . . .

## Rylestone WI

Members of this Branch staged a fashion show - "Wedding Dresses of Then and Now" - at the home of Tweedsmuir History Curator, Dorothy Thomson. Over twenty dresses dating from 1928 to the present were featured. Some members modelled their own wedding gowns and accessories.

## Bruce Centre District WI

To celebrate WI month, members from this District held a tree planting ceremony at the Bruce County Museum in Southhampton. President Janet McKenzie initiated the planting of a red maple tree. Following the guest speakers - Ross Fowler, Museum Curator; Past-President, Eilean Ribey; and, Vice-President, Margaret Playle - members from the District's ten WI Branches gathered for lunch in the Museum.

## Lynden WI

A very successful fund raising yard and bake sale was held by this Branch at the Lynden United Church Hall earlier this year. Members donated a large percentage of the proceeds to Pennies for Friendship. At another event they joined with other Area Branches to help the Erland Lee Home celebrate their anniversary.

## Silver Wood WI

Branch members recently honoured Eva Martin who has taken on the responsibility of President of the Halton District Women's Institutes. Congratulations were extended from Provincial Board Director Maisie Lasby and representatives from the other ten Branches in the District. Pearl Burt, a Charter Member of the Branch, was also recognized for her 40 years of dedication.

## King WI

At the King Women's Institute annual meeting three generations of the Beynon family - Elsie, Marilyn and Janet - were honoured for their work with 4-H. This trio of women represents years of co-operation between the WI and 4-H Clubs.

## Grey - Bruce Area WI

Educational workshops held in the Chesley Community Centre were part of the WI month celebrations for members of the Grey-Bruce Area. Sessions on "Facts, Forms and Figures" were aimed at helping WI Presidents and Secretaries fulfill their duties more efficiently; and, a workshop entitled "May I Present" was directed at assisting Program Co-ordinators and Public Relations Officers with their roles. The workshops were led by the following members: Irma Shortt, Riverside WI; Carol Craig, Clavering WI; Lee Van-DemAssem, Marion WI; and, June Falls, Grey-Bruce Area WI.

## Anderdon - Malden WI

A pot-luck dinner was organized as part of the WI month celebrations for this Branch. Staff members of the Malden Town Hall were invited as guests. And Sandra Miller, an Associate Producer with CBC Radio, was the guest speaker. She addressed the gathering on the use of environmentally safe house-cleaning methods. She

warned that many "green" products still contain chemicals, and that it was up to us as individuals to help protect the Earth.

## Vandorf WI

A framed collection of five prints was donated by this Branch to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum in honour of WI month. The prints are of oil paintings originally created by Doris Evelyn Dewsbury (1918-1987), a local Vandorf resident whose mother had been an active member of the Branch. Doris, physically challenged by muscular dystrophy, painted five historical landmarks in the village - the Wesley United Church, the Canadian National Railroad Station, Snider's General Store, the Vandorf School, and the blacksmith's shop.

## Thunder Bay WI

Thunder Bay's Women's Institute hosted forty-seven Extension Home Council members from Carlton County, Minnesota. Local WI members billeted the visitors. They were treated to



The Centennial Women's Institute donated 80 tote bags to the Among Friends program for transporting books between shut-in or isolated seniors and the library. Among Friends is a joint venture between the Lennox and Addington Seniors Outreach Services and the County Library. Henry Hogg (left), Chairman of the Community Services Committee for the County, and Ted Smart (right), Chairman of the Seniors Outreach Services, were presented the tote bags by Fredde Clarke of the Centennial WI.