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SCIS NIMIUM
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(translated from Latin:
"If you can read this,
you're over-educated.")



Stone Fence ... continued from page 1

Shoebridge, and George Scott who worked on the design. Finally, Peter and Mike of Sanderson Monument cut all 161 names into the largest stones. With the concentrated efforts of many, 150 feet of stone fence was completed and we celebrated right on time.

It was October 4, 2003. Between 500 and 600 people attended the dedication. As Master of Ceremony, Joanna conducted a meaningful program, which included words from several dignitaries, the singing of The Maple Leaf, a few moments of silence and The Lord's Prayer. Many in attendance brought stones from their own properties and they were given the opportunity to place them on top of the fence. The three WI Branches involved sang grace and served a fabulous lunch (don't they always?). The program was conducted in sun and wind and rain, and then at the end a rainbow arched itself above the finished memorial as if in Heavenly approval!

Shown in the photo from left to right are the Stone Fence Committee members Joanna McEwen - Project Coordinator, Ruth Shaw (R), Ruth Langman (R), Eleanor Heatherington (MS), Ruth Fountain (HS), Elsie Courvoisier (HS), Helen Lawlor (HS), Effie Parnham (HS), Margaret Langman (R), Fran Jacques (HS), Dorothy Hopkins (HS), Lynn Cook (HS), Vicky Stravinga (HS) and Grace Horne (HS).

Note: Rugby WI = R, Harvie Settlement = HS and Mitchell Square = MS.

The First Great Canadian Stone Fence Caper has been completed. It has been duly dedicated to those whose names appear on the stones and to all the family farms and their owners who made such a colossal contribution to the establishment of Canada.

P.S. - We have called it the "First" stone fence because we hope it is just the "first" of many more as Branches in other communities follow suit and build similar memorials. Anyone interested in finding out more about this project, can write to Loreen Rice Lucas at 1672 Ridge Rd., RR 1, Hawkestone ON L0L 1T0.

Submitted by Loreen Rice Lucas, PRO, Mitchell Square WI, Simcoe-Kempfenfeldt, Simcoe Area.

Union Street WI is on the Trail!

On October 15, World Rural Women's Day, seven Union Street WI members visited the Trans Canada Trail Pavilion in Uxbridge, Ontario. Because the Branch had donated money toward building the Trail, the Branch's name has been inscribed on the wall of the Pavilion. Shown from left to right are Laurine Kellington, Lorraine Scarlett and Ann Potts. The Trail links the Pacific, the Atlantic and the Arctic Ocean's Trails together. Find out more about this Trail by visiting www.tctrail.ca or calling 1-800-465-3636.

Submitted by Ann Potts, President, York North WI, Central Area.

