

## Disposition of the Resolutions

By Anne Dyas

### From the Grey North District re: bulk water exports

A letter was received from the Office of the Prime Minister acknowledging receipt of the resolution and stating that a copy has been forwarded to the Honourable William Graham, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

### From the Cochrane District re: rabies

An acknowledgement of my letter of thanks for their initial response to our concerns, and a request for a copy of our newsletter, was received from Des McKee, Assistant Deputy Minister, Science and Information Resources Division of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Letters have been sent regarding all sustained resolutions, however no other responses have been received to date. There have been many changes in both federal and provincial governments this year. Possibly after summer recess in September there will be some responses to our concerns. If not, letters will be rewritten.

It has been wonderful to receive so many District reports. Thank you! I hope to comment on these in future columns.

Several books and articles have been

published recently, which may be of interest since they address some of our concerns as expressed in resolutions. In regard to:

#### Genetically Modified Foods:

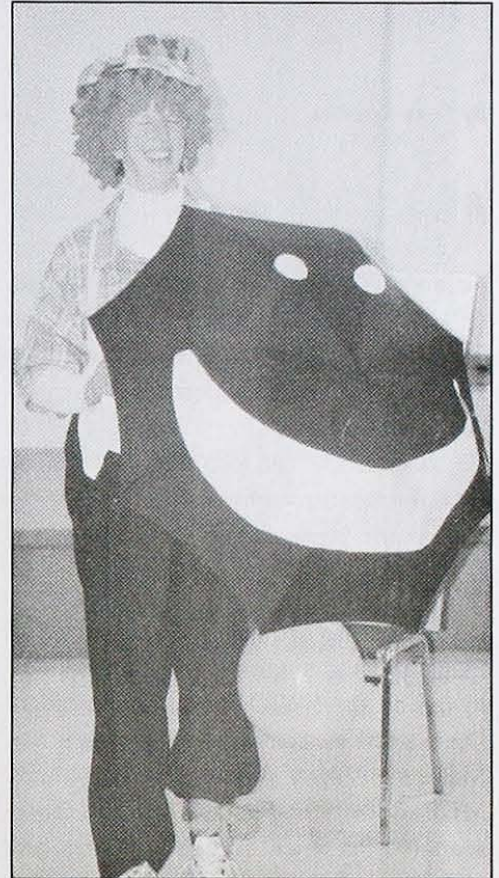
- *Travels in the Genetically Modified Zone* by Mark L. Winston (Harvard University Press) examines both sides of the question and concludes, among other things, that labeling is essential.

#### Water Safety and Protection:

- *Well of Lies: The Walkerton Water Tragedy* by Colin N. Perkel (McClelland and Stewart)
- *Blue Gold: The Battle Against Corporate Theft of the World's Water* by Maude Barlow and Tony Clarke (Stoddart)
- "And Not a Drop to Drink," *Harrowsmith Country Life*, No. 164, June 2002, pp. 91-98, contains much information on wells.
- "Healthy Futures" Rural Well Upgrading and Decommissioning Project – a brochure and grant application form available from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture re: a grant program for well upgrading and decommissioning under the guidelines of the Ministry of the Environment. Also check with your local municipal office or town hall for this brochure.

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Let a Smile be  
Your Umbrella!



"Smile and the world smiles with you!" and "Let a smile be your umbrella!" were appropriate mottos for Maple Ridge WI members at their May meeting. Although it rained heavily and umbrellas were needed, everyone was smiling as the Clown Club from Selby Public School, led by teacher Juanita Everett, presented a fun program of skits, jokes and a juggling act. Teacher Dianna Edmundson has been teaching the clowns to juggle!

Women's Institute members entered into the spirit of things by either telling a joke or wearing a clown costume. Program Convenor Janet Hayley (shown in photo) enlarged on the motto, "Let a smile be your umbrella!" She not only dressed as a clown, she carried a black umbrella, which, you guessed it, had a smiley face on it! She also talked about smiles and how they can neutralize tense situations and act as a shield in others. So smile! It takes fewer muscles to smile than frown, and besides it's contagious!

Submitted by Margaret Winter, Maple Ridge WI, Lennox & Addington.

## Celebrating Community Health Day



Two Branches, the Warwick WI and the Bear Creek WI, from the Lambton North District participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Health Day at the North Lambton Community Health Centre in June. The day was sponsored by the Lambton Diabetes Prevention Project, the North Lambton Community Health Centre and the Forest BIA. The theme was "Healthy Choices are All Around You!" The event included health fair displays, entertainment, tours of the health centre, refreshments and team events focusing on healthy choices.

Submitted by Mary Janes, Warwick WI, Lambton North.

