



Above: Renfrew South proudly displayed their District Banner at a recent event in the area. Each Branch in the District created one of the quilt squares which compose the banner.

Submitted by Elma Sutherland, PRO, Renfrew South.



The Chief Librarian of the Owen Sound and Grey North Public Library in Owen Sound was presented with a copy of *For Home and Country: The History of the Women's Institutes in Ontario*. Dana Norton (left), Public Relations Officer, and Jean McPherson (right), Tweedsmuir History Curator, presented the centennial history on behalf of the Massie WI.

Submitted by Jean McPherson, Tweedsmuir History Curator, Massie WI, Grey North.



The Gamebridge Women's Institute recently honoured long-time member Mary Wither (seated, centre). At the same time, Branch members helped Mary celebrate her 100th birthday. Standing from left to right are Linda Voycey, Roberta Mitchell, Joanne Lambert, Hilda Howard, Irene Francis and Marian Warren. Kneeling is Alma Duggan (left) and Linda Stephen (right).

Submitted by Joanne Lambert, PRO, Gamebridge WI, Ontario North.



The following members of the Calvin Branch in Nipissing District represent 110 years of dedication to the Women's Institute organization. From left to right are Lillian Graham (40 years), Hilda Duquette (30 years), Elsie Blay and Susan Denley (20 years) and Gladys Whalley (10 years).

Submitted by Elsie Blay, PRO, Calvin WI, Nipissing.

Everybody knows the route to the Women's Institute,

Come by road, or parachute, you don't have to wear a suit!

It's members are of good repute,
They'll help if someone's destitute.

Teach you how to bottle fruit, crochet or to play the flute,

Show you how NOT to pollute, and how to settle some dispute.

Deal with pain that's most acute, even comb a malamute!

That's our local Women's Institute.

Submitted by Pauline Cawthorne, Bolsover WI, Victoria West.

Canada: Our Nation, Our Home

On Heritage Day, February 16th, Rose-Marie Ur, MP for Lambton-Kent-Middlesex, spoke to the Warwick Women's Institute. She said that we should be proud of our country.

"Our heritage is like the roots of a tree. Everything we receive from our parents and grandparents such as our culture, traditions, lore and customs can be passed on to our children. It's just like an old recipe. We add or change a few ingredients, but the original recipe is still there. That's Canada."

"Often people who are born in Canada don't truly appreciate what we have - space, freedom and choices. Canada is a shining light in the world...."

Extracted from an article in Rose-Marie Ur's *Grassroots Report*, Spring 1998.