



*Clachan WI Tweedsmuir History Curator Betty Purcell (centre) and Branch President Madeleine Cross (right) presented For Home and Country: The Centennial History of the Women's Institutes in Ontario to Rodney Librarian Shelley Fleming (left).*

Submitted by Hilde Morden, Clachan WI, Elgin West.



*The Wooler Branch from the Northumberland East District donated \$500 to the Friends Church Memorial Wall. The Wall is being built to hold the broken and fallen stones from the local cemetery. Branch President Margaret Gainforth (left) presented the cheque to Friends Church representative Alice Nelson (right).*

Submitted by Vera Powell, Secretary, Wooler WI, Northumberland East.



*The Huron East District Choir are invited to perform at numerous community functions.*

Submitted by Leone Foerter, a member of the Fordwich WI and the Huron East District Choir.

## Shetland WI, Lambton South

Approximately thirty members gathered at the Shetland Hall for the Lambton South District Christmas Party to bid farewell to the past one hundred years of Women's Institute and welcome the next one hundred. For the occasion, Lambton South District member Evelyn Playfoot, composed a song entitled "The Women's Institute."



*Ileen MacNally (right) presented roses to Lillian Grant (left) in honour of her seventy years of service in the Becher Women's Institute in Lambton South.*

Submitted by Marilyn Grant, President, Becher WI, Lambton South.



*Members of the Philipsville Women's Institute honoured long-time member Thelma Stevens, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday, by presenting her with a beautiful poinsetta plant. Thelma was instrumental in organizing the WI in the area and has held every position.*

Submitted by Leorene Hayes, Secretary, Philipsville WI, Leeds.



*Several Sunny Brooke WI members, with assistance from their husbands, planted tulips in front of the Weed's Community Centre last fall. The community has undertaken to preserve the Old Section Schoolhouse as a meeting place. In the photo from left to right are Doreen Pitel, Anne and Don McGugan, Marilyn Berdan and Ruth and Tony Bahro.*

Submitted by Marilyn Berdan, PRO, Sunny Brooke WI, Lambton Centre.

## Kent WIs Host an All Candidates Meeting

The amalgamation behind the formation of the new Municipality of Chatham-Kent seemed confusing to many people. Twenty-three cities, towns and townships became one as of January, 1998. Seventeen counsellors and one mayor now make the decisions for the ratepayers in six Wards.

With such a huge responsibility at hand for such a few individuals, the public needed to be better informed of the issues and what the candidates views were concerning the new Municipality. Being an organization for "community action," the WI Branches in the Wards of Kent held an "All Candidates Meeting" last fall to allow the electorate to meet and question the numerous candidates vying for so few seats. The candidates were appreciative of this WI effort, as were the 80 to 100 taxpayers who attended each of the meetings.

Submitted by Nancy Lucio, PRO, Kent District.

## Banners Available

There are three different banners available through the FWIO Office for use by all Women's Institute members in Ontario. There is no charge for borrowing them, but

members are responsible for shipping and handling costs both ways. They include:

1. **Women's Institute Logo**
  - white polyester with appliqued logo, 42" x 108"
  - suitable for use in a parade

2. **"Welcome Women's Institute Members"**

- blue letters on yellow plastic, 30" x 90"
- ready to be hung on hooks

3. **"Women's Institute members across Canada and around the**

**world are committed to the future of their organization. Come Walk the Road."**

- white letters on green and brown plastic, 30" x 90"
- ready to be hung on hooks