



Kerwood President Mary Pierce (centre) and Secretary Joyce Morgan (right) presented *For Home and Country: The History of the Women's Institute in Ontario* to Janet Cummer (left) at the Strathroy Public Library.

Submitted by Joyce Morgan, Secretary, Kerwood WI, Middlesex West.

Riverside WI, Wellington South

Last fall this Branch hosted the 25th anniversary of Mount Pleasant community. Over eighty people attended the pot-luck picnic at Guelph Township Park. The first picnic was held in 1972 to mark the occasion of the area farmers and home owners who were displaced by the Grand River Conservation Authority in order for land to be flooded to form Guelph Lake. Games were organized for the children and the adults were quizzed about WI accomplishments through the years.

Wilton WI, Lennox-Addington

Program Coordinator, Beverly Hare, arranged to have Wilton members tour the DuPont Plant in Kingston. Her husband James, a 33-year employee, explained in detail the manufacture of yarn from the liquid state to the finished product. This Branch also contributed food, clothing, blankets and diapers to a set of triplets born in their community. Items were also provided for a baby shower organized by the United Church Women.

"Happiness is Home-made"

Cherry Valley WI won first prize in the annual Athol Township Parade in August. Their biggest project in 1997, however, was the compilation of a cookbook. Recipes, witty sayings, helpful hints and a number of group photographs were gathered together to make this two hundred page book. Branch Secretary Marie Higgins arranged and typed the book, while PRO Joan Laurie illustrated it. Collectively, the Branch designed, collated and spiral bound their new cookbook; they feel justified in stating "Happiness is Home-made" on the cover.

Submitted by Joan Laurie, PRO, Cherry Valley WI, Prince Edward.



Some members of this Branch, known as the Beamsville Players, performed a skit entitled "The Birth of the Women's Institute" at the Lincoln District Annual Meeting, the Erland Lee (Museum) Home and at a meeting of the local History Club. It was written and directed by member Barbara Stones. The Beamsville WI has joined many other Branches across Ontario in the Adopt-A-Road Program and members are doing their part to clean up the much travelled section of their town.

Submitted by Barbara Stones, PRO, Beamsville WI, Lincoln.



WI Days Pay!

Dufferin South District held four WI Days at the Orangeville Mall in 1997 - two in May and two in September. Members are pictured above at their display promoting the Women's Institute. And they are proud to say they gained eight new members in the process.

Submitted by Joan Folkard, President, Dufferin South.



West End Members Host English Visitors

A dream was realized for WI member Margaret Roy (centre, arm extended) from Norfolk County, England. She arranged a visit for 54 fellow WI members who wanted to meet their Canadian counterparts. The West End Branch in Wellington South accepted the challenge to host the English group. The group, representing 11 Federations, had a full day touring the Guelph area and enjoying a picnic lunch in Guelph Township Park. Branch President Hazel Wilson holds a picture of Sandringham House that was presented by the English group.

Submitted by Betty Lambert, West End WI, Wellington South.