

Cross Country Calendar

Grandview WI, Lennox-Addington

During the past year, the 23 enthusiastic members of this Branch have sent 600 knitted squares to Zambia and made three quilts for needy families. Grandview members volunteer in their community in many ways: collecting for charity causes; working in the local hospital; assisting with 4-H and the local fair; and, raising the awareness of the importance of WI in the community.

Lakelet WI, Huron East

Members from this Branch knitted 485 squares for Zambia.

Northumberland West District WI

District President Dorothy Harnden and Secretary-Treasurer Dorothy Beedham of the Northumberland District presented Susan Blezard, first-year agriculture student at the University of Guelph, with the Olive Deviney Scholarship worth \$225.

Corunna WI, Lambton Centre

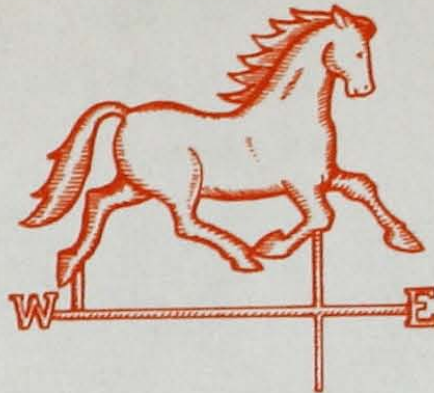
Corunna WI honoured two of their members - Charlotte Wilson with a sixty-year pin and Delta Glass with a twenty-five year pin.

ACWW - Committed to Rural Women and Their Families



Members of the Belwood Women's Institute honoured the work of the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) by planning two local church services. A number of recent projects were explained, including the Ugandan and the Knitted Squares for Zambia projects. In addition, the ongoing work of ACWW through their projects Women Feed the World and Water For All was discussed. More people are now aware of the commitment of ACWW to raising the standard of living for rural women and their families. The service concluded with the Hymn of All Nations and the Mary Stewart Collect. Pictured above from left to right are those Belwood WI members who helped organize the service: Roxanne Hostrawser, Myrna Bilton and Beth Burnett.

Submitted by Jean Hutchinson, PRO, Wellington Centre District.



Calton WI, Elgin East

This Branch has been involved in a number of different activities in the last year: holding a craft and bake sale; catering; using a "Good Neighbour Fund" to recognize the ill, elderly and bereaved; sending their President to Convention '97 in Hamilton; donating to area hospitals and the FWIO Headquarters Fund; and, sponsoring a candidate for Ambassador at the Aylmer Fair.

Pittsburgh WI, Frontenac

The Pittsburgh WI presented long-time member Mary Penney with a 60-year pin. Mary has been a continuous member since 1937 and has held every position at the Branch level, and many at higher levels.

Hillier WI, Prince Edward

The Hillier WI were so proud of member Phyllis Wight, Centennial Award Recipient, that they decided to honour her in a special way. They presented her with a Women's Institute Centenary Medal offered through the British Royal Mint.



Putting down roots

Members of the Shetland Women's Institute planted a red maple tree in the Shetland church yard. From left to right are Pat Thompson, Marion Neville, Luella Bilton, Marian Elliott and Evelyn Playfoot. This Branch also donated desert plates to the Shetland church hall.

Submitted by Evelyn Playfoot

Maggie Johnson WI, Wentworth South

This group challenged the Grade 7 and 8 students of Mount Hope School to write an essay on 100 years of the Women's Institute. Six girls submitted essays and the Branch offered a \$20 first, \$15 second and \$10 third prize to the three winning entries. The remaining three entrants received a Maggie Johnson Cook Book.

Solina WI, Durham West

Branch member Lois Yellowlees was honoured by the Solina WI for her second place entry in the Senator Cairine Wilson Competition. Entries from across Canada were judged at the Triennial Convention of the FWIC in Hamilton in June. The competition entailed an essay with photographs entitled "WI - A Family Affair;" the essay was to tell the story of more than one generation of Women's Institute membership, their lives and accomplishments.

Magnetawan WI, Parry Sound South

This Branch launched a book entitled *Looking Back with the Magnetawan Women's Institute*, a collection of stories from their Tweedsmuir History. The Tweedsmuir History was only initiated in 1980; many residents of the village and surrounding area supplied family and farm histories and many stories. The book has been well-received. By the end of this year's tourist season they expect to have recovered all expenses and perhaps have made a small profit for the Branch. They all admit this was truly a learning experience!

