

Cross Country Calendar

Roblin WI, Lennox/Addington

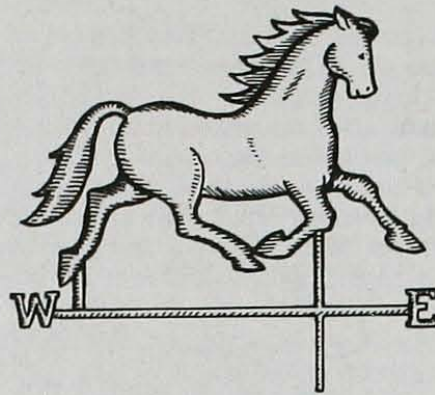
This Branch has kept active at a number of different projects in the last year: donating the history book, *For Home and Country*, to their local school library to be used by the Grade 8 students as the basis of an essay; knitting 520 squares for Zambia; contributing \$220 to the Uganda Project and \$200 to the Headquarters Fund; donating towards the local cemetery upkeep; and, remembering the elderly and those in need during the holidays.

Northumberland West WI

This District has established an awareness project in Northumberland West. Each of the six Branches are given six large pocket posters in which smaller brochures can be displayed. They distribute them around their communities to help overcome the age-old question - "What is the Women's Institute?" During a Northumberland Mall awareness day, this District conducted a survey of local women's involvement in non-profit organizations.

Slate River WI, Thunder Bay

This Branch has recently donated to the following causes: \$500 to the FWIO Headquarters Fund, \$500 to the Paipoonge Museum, \$200 to the Valley Central School, \$200 to the Paipoonge First Response Team, and \$100 for trees and flowers for the Stanley Hill Cemetery.



Browns WI, Oxford North

As of February, 1997, this Branch had sent 1,438 squares to Zambia and was still knitting. Each spring, they sponsor a Charity Euchre Luncheon. The Cancer Society receives half of the proceeds with the remainder going to another worthwhile charity. This year, the Schizophrenia Society also benefited.

Bear Creek WI, Lambton North

This Branch hosted an educational meeting at the OMAFRA building in Petrolia. About 80 members from Lambton North, Centre and South came to hear Doreen Pearson, from the Twyford Branch in Hampshire, England. She spoke about English village life and the Women's Institute. A humorous and educational skit, written by Maxine Miner, was presented by the Warwick Branch.

Prescott District WI

The third annual combination Euchre and Bridge Night, along with a bake sale, was a great success. Proceeds of \$412 will be donated to the FWIO Headquarters Fund. All seven Branches in the District - Cassburn, Green Lane, Hillview, Lookout Bay, Plantagenet, Stardale, Sunshine - participated, bringing lunches and prizes. Members also donated the baking.



Members of the Pine Ridge WI in Simcoe Centre District recently honoured one of their charter members, Hazel Campbell. Hazel has held most positions at the Branch level and is pleased that her daughter, Lorna Webb, is the new Branch President.

Submitted by Betty Woolhead, Past President, Pine Ridge WI, Simcoe Centre.



The Iron Bridge Women's Institute is pictured above making a quilt for a local family who lost their home to fire. They usually have one on hand to help those families in need.

Submitted by Mary Vezeau, Ironbridge WI, Algoma East.



Two members of the Ontario North District Education Committee, Doreen Brethour (front left) and Corinne Croxall (front right), assisted by Betty Dalrymple from the local Quilter's Guild, taught some of the techniques of fine applique and a quick method of assembling pieced blocks called "Courthouse Steps." The appliqued blocks were beautifully stitched by 17 participants at the workshop. The quilting was later done by District members and friends. Marion Warren (standing, left), District President, Jean Moffat (standing, right), District Treasurer, are also pictured above.

Submitted by Doreen Brethour, PRO, Ontario North.