

# Cross Country Calendar

## Rylstone WI, Hastings North

In 1995 and 1996, Rylstone Branch members voted to match donations to their community with a like donation to the Headquarters Fund. They sent a \$300 cheque to the Headquarters Fund, which matched donations they made to the Quebec Relief Fund, Hastings District 4-H, Campbellford Hospital, Salvation Army, Campbellford Community Care and the Stirling Food Bank.

## Springmount WI, Grey West

The members of this Branch, with the help of friends from the Lee Manor Nursing Home, have knitted and sent 1,700 squares to Zambia. They gathered together for a picnic to thank everyone for their efforts on this project.

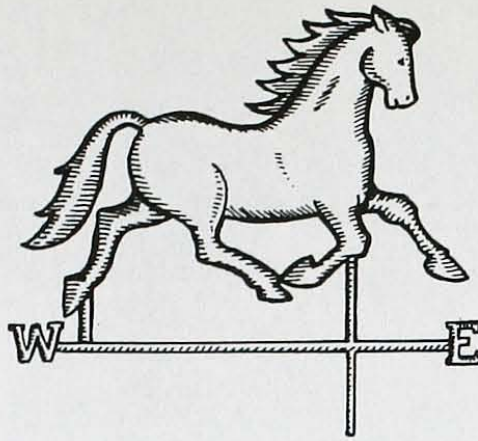
## Alton WI, Peel North

In celebration of the upcoming 100th anniversary of the Women's Institutes, Alton Branch members organized a display at the Orangeville Fall Fair. Their display depicted the Branch, provincial, national and international levels of the organization.



▲ Sparta Sorosis Women's Institute member Marie Ramondt is pictured above making pies for a bake sale for the Rehoboth Girls' Home of Refuge & Support in Springfield.

Submitted by Orlie Vandenbrink, President, Sparta Sorosis WI, Elgin East.



## Chisholm WI, Parry Sound North

The November meeting of this Branch was open to the entire area in order to gather information for the third volume of "The Chisholm Story." The previous two volumes were on view and it is their hope to have the third volume together early in the new year. Members also held a gigantic yard and bake sale; all participants donated ten percent of their sales to the Branch.



▲ Copetown Women's Institute members are busy working on a banner for their Branch to use at various upcoming functions. They also reported having sent 755 knitted squares to Zambia.

Submitted by Laura Williams, Public Relations Officer, Copetown WI, Wentworth North District.

## Cooper-Remington WI, Hastings North

Jean Bailey, Branch President, presented 25 Year Pins to members Ethel Stein, Marguerite Stire, Pauline Dudgeon, Doris Rollins and Lorraine Trotter. Each of them volunteer in the community of Madoc in a variety of ways: collecting for the Canadian Cancer Society and the Heart and Stroke Foundation, helping at weddings and showers and assisting with 4-H and the local fall fair. As well, they are involved with the local branches of the UCW and the Eastern Star.

## Morrison WI, Wellington South

This Branch recently recounted the many community projects in which they have been involved: funding for the park and playground, support of the Morrison Nursing Home and spearheading the building of sidewalks from the village to the school. At the same meeting, guest speaker Amanda Levy spoke about the transformation from happy, carefree children to mature, responsible, serious adults. She warned that we need to take ourselves lightly and life seriously. She noted that it is o.k. to make mistakes and to learn from them. We must rediscover a sense of adventure and take time to play, laugh and have fun!

## Sparta Sorosis WI, Elgin East

On behalf of all members, Branch President Orlie Vandenbrink presented a \$300 cheque to the Sparta Public School to go towards purchasing computer equipment.

## Lamlash WI, Grey Centre

Lamlash members sponsored a Harvest Tea and a Craft and Bake Sale last fall. Several door prizes and a cash draw prize were offered. The event was a huge success for the Lamlash Branch and saw a number of area residents take home prizes.

## Belwood WI, Wellington Centre

This Branch served about 340 guests at a fund raising chicken barbecue held at their local community hall. The event raised money for upcoming centennial Branch activities and projects. This Branch happily reports the addition of a new member last September and the possibility of another.



▲ Durham West District made this float for both the Blackstock and Orono Fall Fairs. Members are pictured (at left) holding banners representing the five Branches in the District.

Submitted by Dora Martyn, PRO, Durham West District.