

# Cross Country Calendar

## Strabane WI, Wentworth North

Strabane Branch members held a "Fun Day at the Park" this past summer. They sold classic goodies, lemonade, ice tea and watermelon. There was a "Guess the Number of Jelly Beans" contest for the children to enter. Members contributed all of the baked goods and the proceeds are going towards the printing of their Centennial Cookbook.

## Simcoe North District WI

Simcoe North members Annie Fox, Chair of Prizes, and Barbara Ann Cook, Chair of Finance with the Lifestyles Committee of the 1997 International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Show, recently presented a quilt, a cherry wood clock and a crocheted doily to the winners of various draws. Many thanks were extended to those who purchased tickets and supported the Women's Institutes in their fund raising efforts.

## Rylstone WI, Hastings North

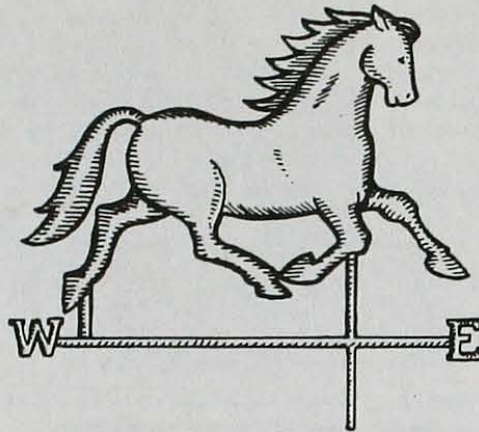
This Branch has kept busy over the summer months with a number of activities: visiting the newly renovated Campbellford Library; gathering for a presentation by Florence Headrick, a head nurse who goes on a medical mission to Ecuador each year; touring a hydroponic greenhouse operation; and, holding card parties and donating the proceeds to various charities.

## West End WI, Wellington South

Members from this Branch recently honoured long-time, dedicated member Joan Playle with a Certificate of Merit. Joan joined the West End Branch in 1956 and has been deeply involved at all levels of the organization. In addition to having held the position of Treasurer of the Erland Lee (Museum) Home and Board Director for Subdivision 12, Joan served a term as Western Regional Vice-President. Currently, Joan is on the Program Committee for Convention '97.

## Lincoln District

In keeping with the Women's Institutes focus on "Safe and Healthy Communities," this District met in the spring to hear Constable Mark Sargeson speak about the Crime Stoppers program. The next month, members from this District came together for their Annual Friendship Social. The evening featured good food and entertainment from the Diamond Dancers, including a lesson in the "Macarena" dance.



## Parry Sound WI & Dunchurch WI, Parry Sound South

These two Branches held a mini-workshop in June for new members. Presenter, Louise Clodd had attended the FWIO Workshop in January, 1995, on "Marketing the WI."

## Salem WI, Dufferin South

Salem WI hosted a series of five lectures on health and awareness: Dr. Sabina DeVita kicked off the series with a talk about electromagnetic pollution; Dr. Warren Hilliard spoke about alternative therapies; Linda Kennedy talked about herbs and iridology; Carmelyn Swann reported on nutrition and stress; and, Nancy Urekar discussed boosting the immune system. The series was popular and a small door charge earned the Branch a bit of money too!

## Ontario North and South District WI

These two Districts came together for their annual fund raising event for their 4-H Scholarship Award. They held a Strawberry Social at the Uxbridge-Scott Museum grounds in mid-July. Members from fourteen Branches, and their families and friends, enjoyed a cold buffet meal and, of course, strawberry shortcake. From the surplus proceeds, \$100 was donated to the FWIC Bob the Beaver Fund.



## Pressure on the Pulse in Prescott

In keeping with the focus - "Safe and Healthy Communities" - Prescott District arranged with the Heart & Stroke Foundation to have a display and pamphlets at one of their meetings. Two volunteers from the Foundation were checking blood pressure. Joan Siwik (right) is pictured above with Cassburn WI member Helen Cameron. Di Jaggassar, from the newly formed Maxville-Rainbow Branch, was the volunteer. The other invited guest, Sheila James, a Farm Safety Consultant, spoke on child safety.

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