
Cross Country Calendar

Brigden WI, Lambton Centre

Together with the neighbouring Berkhall WI, this Branch held a Hobby and Fun Night. Each member was given a couple of minutes to display and talk about a hobby. Members enjoyed a great evening of fellowship as they sang the Centennial Song, presented several humorous readings and played games and contests and awarded prizes.

Temiskaming District WI

Ninety Women's Institute members from this District participated in "A Day for You" - a day-long event organized by the District. Activities included candle making, scarf tying and a keynote address by local journalist John Hunt on the state of affairs in Canada.

Hudson WI, Temiskaming South

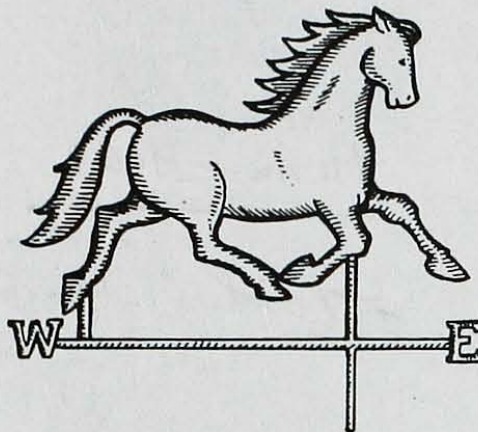
Members of this Branch have been busy knitting squares for the Mazabuka Association for the Disabled in Southern Zambia. After one month's effort, 200 squares had been knitted. "It will be nice to know that these knitted squares will go to help a sick child in another country," reported Dorothy Greenwood, Secretary Treasurer of the Branch.

Prescott District WI

The second annual combination euchre, bridge night and bake sale was a great success for the seven Branches in this District. Each Branch contributed a loaf of sandwiches, one pan of squares and a \$5 donation towards the prize money. All items for the bake sale were also donated.

West Oxford WI, Oxford South

People and pancakes were a popular combination on the last weekend in March at the 28th Annual Maple Syrup Festival organized by the West Oxford WI. A crowd of 1,600 people lined up in anticipation of a maple syrup soaked pancake and sausage breakfast. In exchange for a percentage of the profits, Beachville Legion members flipped the pancakes. About \$3700 was raised for a number of causes, including Easter Seals, the Salvation Army, local ball clubs, the Erland Lee (Museum) Home, the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead, and local scholarships and 4-H Clubs. West Oxford members are already planning for the 29th Festival.



Strabane WI, Wentworth North

As part of an international program, members of this Branch prepared various dishes from across the North American Continent. Their guest speaker, Kathy Morgan, spoke to the group about her stay with Innuyiak (Eskimo) on Queen's Bay in the North West Territories.

Brant North and South District WI

The Women's Institutes in Brant County have reported that they are very active, with nine Branches in Brant South and six in Brant North. The two Districts conduct a yearly short course, presenting one-day seminars on various subjects. Like all Women's Institutes, the Branches of Brant County step in at any opportunity: to help maintain flower gardens in their communities; to sponsor scholarships at local schools; to enter exhibits and provide cash prizes at fall fairs; to cater local events; and, to support local charities through funding and volunteer hours.

Clachan WI is Tuned in to Community Needs

The West Elgin Senior Elementary School Band's appeal for funding to repair and replace musical instruments was met by the Clachan Women's Institute. Willa Johnson (left), Clachan WI member and Elgin West District President, and Lois Woolner (right), Clachan WI President, presented a \$400 cheque to Lisa Baxter (centre), the Music Teacher at the West Elgin Senior Elementary School in West Lorne.

Submitted by Hilde Morden, Clachan WI, Elgin West District



Nelson WI, Halton

A long list of donations of various kinds were reported by this Branch: a maple tree on the grounds of the C.H. Norton Public School in Burlington, which the Branch was also instrumental in opening; a farm kit for use by the local library; a large evergreen on the school grounds to be decorated each Christmas; seventy *Cookbook's for Canada's Kids* for the school library and Home Economics classes; monetary donations to the school library and the French and Mahaffy Legal Funds. Each month a looney bank is set out to collect for the FWIO Headquarters Fund.

Clute WI, Cochrane

In celebration of International Women's Day, the Clute WI, together with members of the local Parents' Resource Centre and CUPW (Postal Worker's Union), held a "Knit-In." Squares were knitted to send to Zambia. It was so much fun that the group decided to continue the get-together on a monthly basis.

Nobleton WI, York Centre

At the York County Women's Institute Rally, the Anna P. Lewis Scholarship was won by Gail MacTaggart, daughter of Muriel MacTaggart of the Nobleton Branch.

Bridgeport WI, Waterloo North

Members of this Branch toured the FWIO Headquarters followed by a picnic lunch at the surrounding Guelph Township Park. They also reported that they are twinned with the Colchester WI in Edmonton, Alberta, and the Norwich WI in Norfolk, England.