

# Cross Country Calendar

## South Lobo WI, Middlesex North

The South Lobo Branch is proud of its member's attendance at WI conferences in the past several years: in 1995, four members went to the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) Conference in Christchurch, New Zealand; in 1994, one went to the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) Conference in Orillia and five attended the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) Convention in Truro, Nova Scotia; in 1992, one member went to the ACWW Conference in The Hague in the Netherlands and five participated in the FWIO Conference in Thunder Bay; two members attended the FWIC Convention in Victoria, BC, in 1991; and two registered for the FWIO Conference in Ottawa in 1990.

## Baltimore WI, Northumberland West

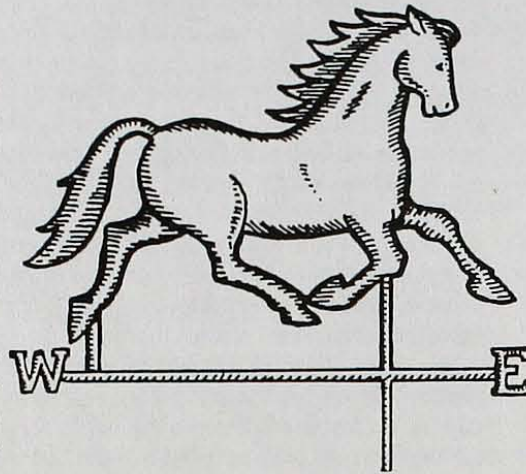
Members of this Branch placed a plaque to commemorate the planting of more than a quarter mile of spruce trees. The trees were planted at the Baltimore Recreation area in Canada's centennial year, when the late Willa Brisbin was President of the Branch. Her daughter Lorna Brisbin was present at the dedication ceremony.

## Harwood WI, Northumberland West

This Branch has kept busy at a number of projects in the last several months: hosting their First Annual District Picnic; installing two permanent benches in their local park; preparing and serving lunch at their community's monthly euchre party; providing entertainment for the residents of the Golden Plough Lodge; preparing Christmas baskets for local shut-ins; sponsoring two CPR classes for the St. John's Ambulance Brigade; catering to the annual Firemen's Dinner; supplying home-made pies to the local Parks Board for auctioning at a local event; participating on the Greater Harwood Community Committee to plan for community improvements; and teaching the youth how to cater.

## Chesley WI, Bruce East

In 1927, the Chesley WI erected a plaque in their local park honouring Canada's Diamond Jubilee. Years later, the plaque disappeared when a hydro station was built on the site. When the original plaque was recently found, Chesley members decided to reinstate it in the park, but this time in a cairn. Local media and town dignitaries were impressed with the dedication ceremony and the work of this group.



## Dufferin North District

Several members from this District were given pins for sixty or more years of service. District President Billie Power and PRO Gretta Brown proudly presented pins to long-time members Marjorie Coe, Meretta Rutledge, Martha Collins and Jean MacTaggart.

## Puslinch WI, Wellington South

Puslinch Branch members crafted a "Churn Dash" Quilt for the Centennial Prelude Quilt Show in Milton this past summer. They entered it in the local Aberfoyle Fall Fair and won first prize.

## Markstay WI Sees a Need



Members of the Markstay Women's Institute, Sudbury District, have been busy collecting used eye glasses. The glasses will be repaired and distributed in developing countries. The Branch also sews and donates diapers and other collected baby clothes to the Texas Birthing Centre.

Submitted by Nancy Feduck, PRO, Markstay WI, Sudbury District.

## Morson WI, Rainy River

Since the 1950s, Morson residents wanted to establish a local cemetery. They were concerned because residents who passed away were buried in other communities. Finally, in the late 1980s, Morson WI members were appointed to investigate sites. Several sites were considered but not acceptable. Eventually, the WI persistence paid off when an appropriate piece of land was graciously donated by Vernon and Maria Stintzi. Mr. Stintzi planted spruce trees on three borders, the WI erected a fence on the fourth side and shared the cost of a tool shed with the local Council, benches were installed and lilac bushes and ornamental trees were planted - the cemetery was a reality. Lastly, a local stone was erected and engraved to acknowledge the initiative of the Morson WI and the donors of the land.

## Washago WI, Simcoe East

Washago Women's Institute received first prize for their float entered in the Washago Canada Day Parade. Their theme was "Then and Now;" their float depicted the beginning of the WI organization with the Adelaide Hoodless Home and the global extent of WI distribution today with several members dressed in various national costumes. After the parade, Washago members served four hundred pieces of birthday cake to dignitaries and villagers.

## Woodford WI, Grey North

This Branch invited two neighbouring Branches to a meeting about women's health issues. A Registered Nurse, Mrs. G. Schwelling, spoke to the group about common cancers found in women, how they are treated and how to prevent them. She emphasized doing regular self-breast examinations, getting pap smears once a year, eating a diet high in fibre and low in fat, avoiding second-hand cigarette smoke and maintaining a positive attitude.

## Moyle WI, Brant North

Topics of discussion at Branch meetings and places visited in 1995 included: the origin of the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) and its role today; CAERAN - environmentally responsible and natural products; local Tweedsmuir Histories since 1960; the importance of the recycling program and the use of blue boxes; a picnic at the Adelaide Hunte Hoodless Home; entertaining residents of Telfer Place in Paris; and, a trip to a local gravel company.