

# Cross Country Calendar

## Carpenter WI, Rainy River

On behalf of the Carpenter Women's Institute, member Colleen Vennechenko awarded a local grade seven student, Ross Anderson, the Larry Bullied Memorial Plaque for active citizenship.

## Langton WI, Norfolk South

Charter member Day Boughner received her 60 year service pin. Now retired, she still keeps up with Branch activities. Day expressed her gratitude and commented that her association with the Women's Institute enhanced her community life.

## Peterborough District WI

This District is now offering their centennial project for sale - a 1996-1997 calendar. The two-year edition features light-hearted illustrations and prose celebrating and advertising the activities of the Women's Institute. They make a great gift for \$6, plus \$2 for postage and handling. To order, contact Bernadette Caza, RR 1, Lakefield ON K0L 2H0, Phone: (705)657-9430. Make cheques payable to the Peterborough District Calendar Fund.

## North Shore WI, Peterborough

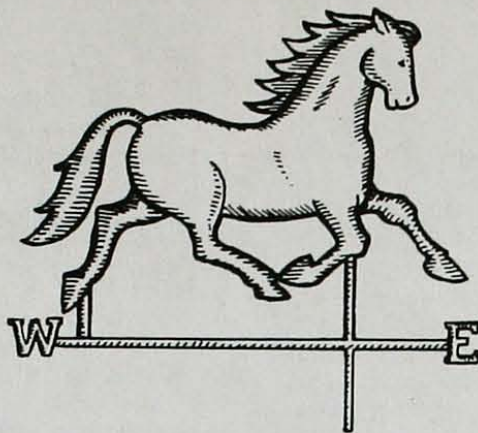
North Shore member and landscaper-gardener Kathy Pimmitt designed a new cenotaph park for the Township of Otonabee. Branch members, their children and other community volunteers planted over one thousand containers of perennials. This Branch helped maintain the gardens and returned this fall to plant hundreds of bulbs.

## Wellington Centre District WI

The quilt submitted by this District to the Centennial Competition was named "A Century of Achievement." While they did not place among the winners, the participants won in many other ways. Members from ten Branches came together and planned and contributed towards the creation of a quilt. Some members gained experience in applique, others improved their skills in embroidery. The District is now looking for a home for their creation.

## Singer's Corners, Welland West

Pamela Bronn, a member of the Singer's Corners WI and former Chair of the Erland Lee (Museum) Home Committee, was honoured by the City of Stoney Creek for her work at the Home. The Mayor of Stoney Creek recognized her contribution at their annual Volunteer Awards Night at City Hall.



## Bowmanville WI, Durham West

On behalf of Bowmanville members, Vera Downey, Branch President, dedicated an Alberta Spruce to the Trinity United Church in their community.



*The Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute in Simcoe South District sponsored a Walk-a-Thon and raised funds for three local causes - \$590 for Hospice Simcoe, \$710 for Simcoe Manor's Alzheimer Safety Program and \$1506 for Share the Light. The Share the Light Program brought ten children from Chernobyl in the Ukraine to the area for six weeks. Even during this short stay, fresh air and wholesome food helped eliminate up to 50 per cent of the contaminated cells in their bodies. Two dozen people, ages 7 to 70, registered to walk, run or bike the 7 to 13 kilometer course on a hot Saturday in June. En route participants were given water and oranges, and upon completion enjoyed a lunch at the Tec-We-Gwill WI Hall. Pictured are two members, Marion Thompson (right) and Jean Keffer (left), studying the Walk-a-Thon route map to find out where to go!*

*Submitted by Jean Keffer, PRO, Tec-We-Gwill WI, Simcoe South District.*

## Beamsville WI, Lincoln

This Branch organized the craft section of the annual Strawberry Festival in Beamsville. A public relations display showed that the WI is alive and active in the area. A milestone was reached when the Branch presented a Swiss army knife to the first male member of the local 4-H Lifeskills Club for achieving County honours.

## Waterloo North and South Districts

The Waterloo North District presented a McGill University student, Julie Wright of Bloomingdale, the Waterloo North Women's Institute Award. As well, the Helena Feasby Award was presented to a student from Queen's University, Karen Bell of Kitchener. Waterloo North and South Districts not only joined forces to sew 600 cloth bags for the plowing match, members donated prizes to put in them.

## Elgin District

Members from this District have been actively involved with the Elgin County Farm Safety Council. They help the Safety Council with "Keep Kids Safe Day Camps" - a hands-on workshop for kids to make them aware of hazards and safety. They have held several bingos with \$1500 in proceeds going to the Ontario Farm Safety Association and \$6500 to Volunteer Fire Departments and the County's Railway Museum.

## Marmora WI, Hastings North

Members of the Marmora Women's Institute raised money recently by holding a yard sale; it was one of many held in their community the same weekend.

## Howick JWI

Howick's Mystery Tour found that group out discovering their community - a school, a garden furniture company, a doll museum and a superb barbecue dinner. A comedy play in Blyth provided another great social evening. Recent speakers have covered the following topics: fair queen, power of attorney, drug awareness, Victorian gardens, crafts, cosmetics and skin care, Chinese medicine, acupuncture, and kinesiology.

## Jean Scott JWI

This group gathered to hear a talk about the Canadian Navy, to learn how to do silk-screening on T-shirts, and to view the FWIO video and a 4-H presentation. A Tupperware fund raiser and pot-luck social were also on their agenda.