

## Profile:

# What ever happened to Edna?

By Betty Bethune

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*I hadn't heard anything. Why; what have you heard?*

*They've planted a tree in the cemetery in her honour.*

This conversation took place following a tree planting ceremony in honour of Edna (McCartney) Alderson. The Millgrove Women's Institute planned this event in well-deserved recognition of Edna's sixty years of service in their Branch. Active she has been and active she still is!!!

Edna has served as President of the Millgrove WI for three separate terms and Secretary for one. She also served as President of the Wentworth North District WI. In 1974, she received her Life Membership from her Branch. Edna was one of those farsighted members who urged the purchase of the Lee Home to be used as a Museum.

Edna has served her church and community with devotion and enthusiasm. She has been an active member of the local church, cemetery, fair, library and park Boards. A park and



a library are only two of the community improvements that she saw fulfilled.

As well as working with her late husband on their market gardening farm, and raising her three children, Edna has developed many hobbies at which she excels. She has expanded her love of flowers through her lovely watercolours. Her quilts, crocheted and knitted afghans and needle work grace the homes of her three children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends. Not the least of her talents is Edna's love for a game of cards.

A faithful WI member for 60 years, we wish her many more years of health, happiness and active service.

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## 1995 - 50th Anniversary of the UN

This year - 1995 - marks the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the United Nations. One hundred and seventy-five countries are now members of this world-wide forum. We, as Women's Institute members, are privileged to have non-governmental organization (NGO) status at the United Nations through our membership in the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW).

NGO status means that our views are requested during the discussion of policy; it is a very important role to have in an international forum. Our seven ACWW representatives express opinions and present resolutions on our behalf concerning human rights, the environment, peace, sustainable development and the status of women. We will be represented by ACWW in Beijing, China, the location of the Fourth UN Conference on Women in September, 1995.



The goals of the Canadian Committee for the 50th anniversary of the UN are:

- to provide education and information about the UN and its agencies and their importance to Canadians;
- to offer input into the process of reform of the UN;
- to develop public awareness and support for Canada's positions on issues at the UN;
- and, to strengthen the UN Association in Canada in order to support and participate in the UN and its agencies.

*For fact sheets, posters and speakers, contact the Canadian Committee for UN/50, 900 - 130 Slater, Ottawa ON H1P 6E2, Phone: (613)232-5751, Fax: (613)594-2948.*

## Congratulations

### Anniversaries:

North Ops WI	50
Rosemont WI	150
Whitfield WI	50
Badenoch WI	60
Kippen East WI	60
Avonton WI	70
Newington WI	73
Bealton WI	80
McDonalds Corners WI	80
Crowland WI	85
Falkland WI	85
River Valley WI	85
Beachburg WI	90
Beechwood WI	90
Cambay WI	90
Bowmanville WI	95

### Life Memberships:

Avonton WI

- Evelyn Matthison
- Mary Otto
- Ann Stacey

Beechwood WI

- Elva Giffen
- Rose McCallum
- Mary Ellen McKenzie
- Anna Belle Wood

Newington WI

- Hilde Fickes
- Inez Simpson

Singer's Corners WI

- Vivian Shoalts

### Certificates of Merit:

Badenoch WI

- Grace Durfey
- Aileen MacEdward

North Ops WI

- Alice Burns
- Margaret Keeler
- Sadie Smith
- Jean Wallace

River Valley WI

- Beatrice Harry
- Eva Tucker

St. George WI

- Carol Cornell
- Alberta Fair
- Muriel Grandine
- Barbara MacDonald
- Elsie Pellar
- Bernice Tansley
- Mary Van Sickle
- Jean Whitman