

# For Your Information

## Toxic Free Project

The Conservation Council of Ontario will help interested community organizers implement Toxic Free projects. The aim of a Toxic Free project is to create a community-based pollution prevention campaign, focusing on reducing the amount of toxic products used in the home. Sponsored by Environment Canada, the project focuses on reducing household toxics through public education, promotion of safer alternatives, and information about proper use and disposal.

### How does it work?

The Conservation Council of Ontario will provide community organizers with an off-toxics campaign package, including:

- **Community Action for the Environment**

An adaptable guide to setting up a multi-sectoral community group, developing a community's environmental priorities, and turning concerns and energy into effective action. The document covers the Community Action Program, setting up a committee, developing a strategy and moving to community-based action, and includes resources, project ideas and advice to community groups.

- **Off-Toxics Community Campaign Kit**

An extensive package designed to provide communities with the information, resources, and contacts needed to undertake a household-toxics reduction campaign tailored to local issues and resources. The kit will provide information on essential elements of a community campaign, background material on toxic household products and their effects on the environment and health, project ideas and outlines, and information on where to find materials, resources and support.

- **Media Support**

The Conservation Council will be launching a provincial media campaign in early June to support community campaigns, and to interest other members of the public.

- **Five Communities**

Five communities will be selected for intensive "coaching" and support in designing long-term multi-stakeholder, community campaigns.

**For More Information** - If you want to see concrete action in your community on household toxics, contact: Julie Nettleton, Toxic Free Co-ordinator, The Conservation Council of Ontario, 489 College St., Suite 506, Toronto, Ontario, M6G 1A5, Phone: (416)969-9637, Fax: (416)960-8053.

## Correction

Please note that the Secretary-Treasurer of the Erland Lee (Museum) Home Committee is not Phyllis Laughton as reported in the Winter 1994 issue of *Home & Country*. It is Barbara Oldfield, 327 Tenth Rd. E., General Delivery, Vinemount, L8J 3P1, Phone: (905)643-2272.

## Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to Margaret Laird of the West End Women's Institute in the Wellington South District for handling the orders of Grand Opening photographs as printed in the Fall 1994 *Home & Country*.

## Farming the Future

This newly released information video about the work of the Ontario Agricultural Training Institute (OATI), presents glimpses of real life for people in agriculture. Real people talk about their experiences in OATI courses. They talk about the results they see in their farm businesses. But, there are signs of need. There is evidence of the necessity of expanding the effort to help farmers enhance their skills to manage our changing agricultural workplace.

For more information about this video and the courses offered contact the OATI Office, Suite 405, 491 Eglinton Ave. W., Toronto ON M5N 1A8, Phone: (416)485-3677 or 1-800-ONT-OATI, or Fax: (416)485-5661.

## WI Branches Take Note

The Unity Convener for the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, Florence Ellerton, has twinned the provinces of Ontario and Alberta. She would like Branches to correspond and have constant contact up until the 1997 FWIC Convention in Hamilton. Any Branch in Ontario interested in being twinned with a Branch in Alberta, please contact the FWIO Provincial Office at (519)836-3078.

## FWIO Positions

In November, 1995, provincial elections will be held for the positions of Program Co-ordinator, New Branch Co-ordinator and President Elect. If you are aware of someone in your Branch, District or Area who is enthusiastic and knowledgeable about Women's Institute work and who has the time and the talent required for any of these positions, encourage them to apply through the FWIO Provincial Office in Guelph.

## Hoodless Happenings

### Spring Event

Date: May 27, 1995

Time: 1 - 4 p.m.

### Student Project

Date: end of July

### Christmas Open House

Date: Dec. 3, 1995

Time: 1 - 4 p.m.

For more information about these events, call the number listed below.

## Artifacts:

### At the Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead



This parlour organ is a Bell organ; it was made in Guelph, Ontario. It was purchased by Mrs. Ewart Hunt and donated by the Tansley Women's Institute.

For more information about the Homestead, contact Sue Doiron, Curator, Adelaide Hunter Hoodless Homestead, RR 1, Blue Lake Rd., St. George, Ontario, N0E 1N0, Phone: (519)448-1130.

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