

Cross Country Calendar

Hudson & Milberta WI, Temiskaming South

Members from the Hudson and Milberta Women's Institutes have formed a singing group called the Grumbling Grannies. They have over 90 songs they sing on a variety of topics, including health, age, government, and even their husbands. In fact, they will sing about almost anything!

Dromore WI, Grey South

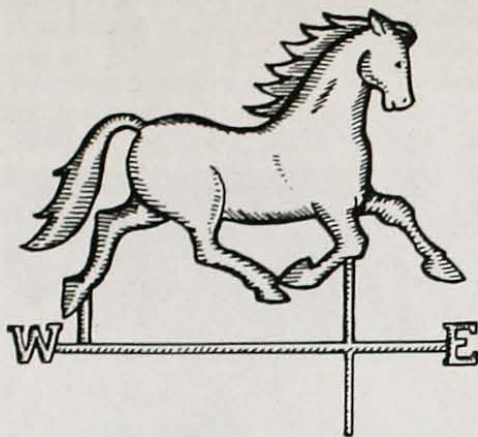
Dromore Women's Institute members gathered for the official opening of a new Community Park in which they had taken an interest. The same afternoon, the crowd and officials moved to the former site of the Dromore Institute Hall. A huge boulder with an attached plaque outlining the history of the Hall now stands in its place. The plaque was unveiled by Institute member Hilde Echlin, Chair of the Hall Memorial Committee.

Perth South District WI

This District promoted the Women's Institute and The International Year of the Family at local fairs throughout the fall. They also sold over 200 Adelaide Hoodless Roses to members and friends, with the proceeds going to the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead, the Erland Lee (Museum) Home and the FWIO office.

Lakelet WI, Huron East

This Branch prepared a float and took part in a Historical Fair Parade in the nearby village of Clifford.



Sparrow Lake WI, Simcoe East

This Branch donated two apple trees which were planted at the opening ceremonies of the nearby Kilworthy Park.

Nelson WI, Halton

A "Tea Party," complete with a bake and craft sale, was enjoyed by members of this Branch and their guests. The Lowville United Church Choral Singers provided the entertainment. Mary Sherwood was presented with a gift of appreciation for the many letters, cards and flowers she sent to community shut-ins on behalf of the Nelson Branch. Proceeds of \$100 from the sale were donated to the FWIO Headquarters Fund.

Carluk WI, Wentworth South

At the Wentworth South District's fall board meeting, Mary Kneebone, Curator-Hostess of the Erland Lee (Museum) Home, received a cheque for \$145.78 from Sheila Lyttle, District Director of the Carluk Branch. The meeting was held in the Drive House at the Museum where a wishing well for donations displayed this sign: "It costs \$145.78 every day to keep the Museum open." This Branch gave tangible support to the Museum where Institute work originated in 1897.

Crowland WI, Welland East

Last fall, Crowland WI members gathered for a Thanksgiving Harvest Potluck Lunch, followed by a mystery tour.

North and South Renfrew District WI

These Districts combined their efforts to enter a float in the opening and closing parades at the International Plowing Match held in Renfrew County. The theme was the International Year of the Family, and the figures on the float were dressed as lions to coincide with the popular Lion King movie.

Moyle WI, Brant North

Topics of discussion at Branch meetings in 1994 included: the importance of reading to young children to establish life-long reading habits; the work of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind; and, the proper and improper use of pesticides and the introduction of Environmental Farm Plans.

Victoria East District WI

For the second year, Women's Institutes from this District held a Big Bucks Euchre and Luncheon at the Burnt River-Somerville Centre. Each of the nine Branches in the District contributed muffins for the coffee breaks and pies for the luncheon. People came from all over the County to this successful money-raiser.



Every year the McDonalds Corners Women's Institute members from Lanark South District make a quilt to be raffled off at their Fall Bazaar and Tea. Pictured above is one of the groups most capable quilters, Life Member Mary Robinson.



The York Centre District Women's Institute held an Open House to honour one of their members for receiving the Senator Cairine Wilson Trophy and Rose Bowl. Loreen Amber (above) from the Vandorf Women's Institute won the prestigious award for her essay, "A Little Known Historical Event." The award was presented for the first time at the FWIC Convention in 1957, also to a member from York Centre - Rhoda Jarvis.