

# Cross Country Calendar

## Reid's Corners WI, Bruce South

This Branch is "alive and well." They have two new members this year, and a couple more prospects. Like most WI groups, 4-H is among the projects sponsored by this Branch. At a recent meeting, members of two local 4-H Clubs presented their sewing creations. Humorous commentary introduced Club members as they modeled boxer shorts and matching T-shirts decorated with cartoon characters.

## New Prospect WI, Kenora

*Drug Safety: Why Not Say Yes to Fun, Freedom, Life, Success and Happiness* is the title of a book sponsored and distributed free of charge by this Branch. Over 300 copies were placed in drug abuse centres, reception areas in hospitals, doctor's offices and schools, and other places frequented by young people. The book was paid for by advertising from local merchants canvassed by this Branch.

## Grey West District WI

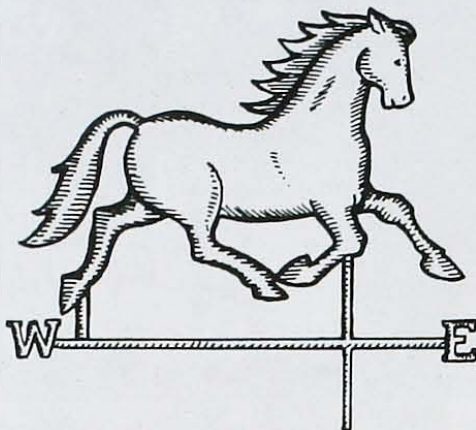
Evelyn Duff, District President, and Mae Angelos, Secretary-Treasurer, led a course entitled "Entertain with a Flair." Five Branch members from Grey West and one from Grey North participated. Recipes to serve at a pot-luck and buffet style supper, as well as foods to serve at a senior's birthday party, were created. Simple entertaining tips and food poisoning prevention techniques were also discussed.

## Union Street WI, York North

The Union Street Women's Institute invited members of the public to a recent meeting where power of attorney was the topic of discussion. Larry O'Connor, MPP in York North, spoke and answered many questions. Free kits on the topic were also distributed.

## Harrowsmith WI, Frontenac

This community minded group of women took on cleaning up their local cemetery. A "bee" was organized and the men were recruited to help. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal for their day's labour.



## Wabash WI, Kent East

The Wabash WI and The Foresters accomplished what they set out to do two years ago - raise enough money to give their local community hall a face-lift and keep a roof over their heads. The group reached out to their rural community by selling pies, holding bazaars and barbecues and catering events. The 100 year-old building, owned by The Foresters, is used for community events, including WI and Boy Scout meetings, the annual community barbecue and family reunions.

## Dunchurch WI, Parry Sound South

Dunchurch members extended an invitation to the neighbouring Magnetawan Women's Institute to join them in learning more about the objectives and accomplishments of the Associated Country Women of the World.

## Beckwith WI, Lanark North

Members from this Branch worked hard in 1994 to contribute articles to the Almonte Fair. But what do you do with a silk skirt, a paper weave basket and a lap robe after the fair is over? You raffle them off and donate the proceeds of \$180 to the FWIO Headquarters Fund.

## Kent West District WI

This past summer, members of the Kent West District Women's Institutes took part in the dedication of the Power House Heritage Square in the town of Blenheim. The town had given rooms in the Power House to the Women's Institutes and the I.O.D.E. in memory of those who gave their lives during World War I. During World War II the space was used extensively to make jams and knitted goods to send overseas. After the Power House building was declared beyond repair, it was demolished. A group of interested citizens, including WI members, converted the space into a park with ornamental plants, picnic tables and benches. Peggy Roger, Past President of the District, spoke on behalf of the WI, recounting the many uses the organization had made of the old Power House.



*Because of excellent organization by the Women's Institutes Education Committee for Wellington and Halton, more than 100 people from these Districts were able to select two workshops, enjoy a hot luncheon and take home new knowledge or a completed craft. The variety of workshops included: seminole quilting; tatting; photography; household appliance maintenance; self defense; healthy eating and special needs diets; defensive driving and routine car maintenance; twisted paper crafts; and, fabric covered lamp shades. Joan Playle (right), Board Director for Subdivision 12, is pictured above teaching her class how to cover lamp shades.*

## Brant North District WI

A Tweedsmuir Workshop, under the leadership of Kay Taylor, District Tweedsmuir Curator, was well attended by Curators from both Brant North and South. Jane Croft, Hamilton Area Tweedsmuir Curator, and Dr. Linda Ambrose, Researcher/Writer of the Women's Institute history book, spoke to the group. Dr. Ambrose spent some time examining the books and conducting interviews.