

# Cross Country Calendar

## Hereward WI, Dufferin South

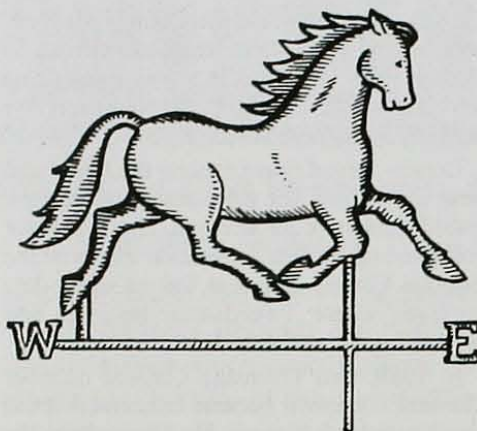
To commemorate Heritage Month, the Hereward Branch held a Tweedsmuir Tea. Picture albums depicting their activities through the years, as well as artifacts, displays and the Tweedsmuir History books were exhibited. About sixty people from the community attended and enjoyed a sociable afternoon.

## London Area WI

Women's Institute members from the London Area - approximately 125 of them - participated in a workshop entitled "At Your Request" held at Centralia College in April. The workshop evolved from members suggestions at the 1993 London Area Convention. The sessions covered a variety of topics, including: wills, power of attorney and estate planning; program possibilities; display awareness; herbs and spices; and, taking care of yourself.

## Moyle WI, Brant North

Guest speakers Raymond Skye and Sheila Johnson spoke to this Branch about the life, ancestry and childhood of Pauline Johnson on The Six Nations Reserve. They talked about her achievements as a poet, actress and author. At another meeting, Pauline Bloomfield, General Manager of the *Paris Star*, addressed this group on the founding of the paper and the process of having news stories and advertising printed.



## Adolphustown WI, Lennox-Addington

When Adolphustown Provincial Park was closed at the end of the 1992 season, local residents were concerned about the fate of Allison House located on the Park property. The House, built in 1784, served as a repository for local artifacts and United Empire Loyalist histories. Last year, UEL members and local residents arranged to operate the home as a Cultural Centre. Volunteers painted, repaired and turned one room into a Tea Room. Kathy Staples, the Tweedsmuir Curator for Adolphustown WI, was hired along with two students to staff the Tea Room four afternoons a week.

## Solina WI, Durham West

This Branch held its annual Spring Casse-rolle Luncheon in March at the Solina Hall. A near capacity crowd enjoyed the bountiful assortment of casseroles and mouth-watering desserts. Margaret Ford, President of the group, drew fifteen names to give away the table centrepieces. The singing and guitar accompaniment of "Just Plain Folks" - Meredith Cutting and Ron Innes, two Toronto Police Officers - brought 'sunshine and humour' to the gathering. A special thank you to Dorothy Snowden and her assistants who were on kitchen duty.

## Community WI, Northumberland East

This Branch reviewed its 1993 activities: a party for the residents of the Carewell Nursing Home in Brighton, including Woman and Man of the Year Awards, skits, dances and sing-songs; a garage sale to help meet their pledge to the Trenton Memorial Hospital; Victorian Teas held at Proctor House Museum; and, the manning of a booth at the local Applefest last fall with donations of baked goods, jams, herbs and dried flowers.

## Ice Lake WI, Manitoulin West

The members of this Branch gave their time and energy to make a quilt. The quilt was raffled at the annual Ice Lake Picnic and the money earned was donated to the FWIO Headquarters Fund.

## Grasshill WI, Victoria West

Marjorie Rea's "Country Bride Quilt" won her Grand Champion at the Lindsay Exhibition. The Grasshill Women's Institute member was also awarded a blue ribbon at the Victoria County Agriculture Museum.

## Barclay WI, Kenora

Members of the Barclay Branch donated \$500 to the Dryden Extended Care Organization. They raised the money through the sale of perogies and a bake sale. The Branch also donated to a food hamper for a needy family in the District.

## Balsam Hill WI, South Renfrew

Laughter and applause rang through the gym at Admaston Township Public School as a "full house" of township residents enjoyed the variety of skits, recitations, vocal solos, step-dancing, and choral numbers presented during the "Old-Fashioned Christmas Concert." The admission charge - cash or check - was donated to the local Snowsuit Fund or Food Bank.



The Fordwich Women's Institute sponsored a Stained Glass Window Shirt Course in March at the Fordwich Community Hall. Twenty-two participants thoroughly enjoyed the course. Pictured above, from left to right, are Jean Clarkson, Mary Kato, Freida Dennis (Instructor), and Henrietta Claus.