

Cross Country Calendar

Garnet WI

Marie Trainer - Mayor of the Town of Haldimand, farmer and mother - spoke to this Branch. She explained and answered questions about how the money is spent in their municipality. Garnet WI also welcomed Christine Bartlett, owner of Video Inventory Service, to one of their meetings. She emphasized that people should better protect themselves in case of fire and theft by having a video appraisal of their homes.

West Montrose WI

Chris Fletscher, from Elmira Municipal Affairs, spoke to this Branch about the restrictions and bylaws regulating dog owners in both urban and rural areas.

Mansfield WI

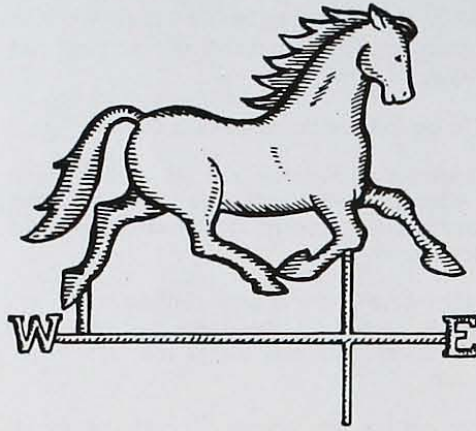
The Mansfield Women's Institute is looking forward to the opening of the new Dufferin County Museum and Archives, presently under construction in their community. A major fund raising drive has been underway as the project nears its completion date of July '94. The public must raise \$250,000. The members of this Branch voted to donate \$500 to the cause, as well as to search their attics and basements for artifacts that may be of interest to the Museum.

Gorrie WI

Members of this Branch planted a Fraser Fir tree in downtown Gorrie as a permanent Christmas tree.

Simcoe North District WI

Annie Fox, a member of the North River WI, donated a quilt top to this District to complete and to raffle at the Coldwater Fall Fair. The quilt was set up at the Fair and many members took turns quilting. Over \$1000 profit from this project was donated to the Headquarters Fund from the Simcoe North District which is comprised of seven Branches: Coulson, Eady-Grenard, Ebenezer, Jarratt-Creighton, North River, Vasey and Warminster.



Bethesda-Reach WI

This Women's Institute Branch erected a sign in the community of Bethesda on the original site of the Bethesda United Church (1882-1952) and Reach Township School #10 (1876-1963). Although the two buildings - which were the hub of the community - are no longer there, this group felt that a sign should mark the historical site of the hamlet and the roots of their Branch.



The Baillieboro WI presented the Five Counties Children's Centre Foundation with a \$1000 contribution to its Endowment Trust Fund. David Adams, Managing Director of the Foundation, received the cheque from Betty Joan Greer (left), President, and Joyce Syer (right), Public Relations Officer, Baillieboro WI. The interest received from the Endowment Fund is used to further the work needed for children whose disabilities range from mild motor impairments and speech disorders to those more serious disabilities.

Spanish River WI

Members of the Spanish River Women's Institute undertook a local cemetery beautification project. And at the "Beans and Baskets" Workshop sponsored by the Sudbury West District they made quilted baskets.

Sudbury West District WI

This District put an exhibit together about the Women's Institute; it was on display for several months at the Massey Public Library.

White School WI

In 1943, the members of the White School WI were each given a quilt block and asked to embroider the names of persons living in the area. The sum of ten cents was paid to have a name stitched on a block. In 1944, the quilt was raffled and Joy (Smith) Wilkin became its proud owner. In 1992, Mrs. Wilkin returned the quilt to the White School Branch who decided to turn it over to the Bruce County Museum in Southampton for safe-keeping and future reference.

Halton District WI

The Halton District Women's Institute was responsible for catering coffee and muffins at the "Country Quilt Fest" last year at the Ontario Agricultural Museum in Milton.

Brant and Norfolk Districts WI

The Districts in Brant and Norfolk Counties decided to join forces and conduct short courses. The response was overwhelming to the topic chosen - "Easy No-Sew Christmas Decorations." Flyers were distributed to the general public and at the fall fair. Five different locations and dates were sold out with class sizes of 30 each time. Participants received a manual and the materials to make at least five different decorations in the all-day event. Skilled WI members instructed. Car decorating was chosen as the topic for the Spring '94 Short Course.