

Salem Nilestown W.I.

In June 2001 the A.C.W.W. met at the Sheraton Hotel in Hamilton for their convention. Gwen Boles, our District P.F.O. offered to go as a volunteer from our area. The picture shows Gwen with two of the ladies from Lesoto where Dr. Oosterhuis spent two years in the hospital there.

In August 2001, five ladies from our W.I. attended the London Area Tweedsmuir Workshop held at Bryanston Community Centre. Besides an interesting antique display we had two excellent speakers, one in the morning who explained in detail how to research your family history. Later we heard from John Nash of Nash Jewellers speak on gems, particularly diamonds. He informed us that Canada is the number one diamond producing nation in the world.

We were pleased to have two new members join our Salem Nilestown W.I. this year.

Our Institute entered the Western Fair W.I. display in September and the Dorchester Fair W.I. in October.

At our Agriculture meeting in September we were pleased to hear from Mr. Bill Irwin (II) tell of the problems of today's farmers.

Miss Cheryl McLachlan, head of the Agriculture Department of Western Fair spoke at our Business and Industry meeting. With her background in 4-H, University of Guelph degree, plus 12 years with the Department of Agriculture she comes well prepared to improve the features of the Agriculture building of the Fair.

Karen Gress, director for Lion's Senior Centre at Dorchester explained what services are offered there and the work of HOMME in the community for our Health Issues program.

Our members and friends met at Great West Steakhouse for our Christmas meeting.

A special presentation of Life Membership was made to Bertha Vanhie for her work as secretary treasurer for the last 12 years. For program, Gordon Rath of Putnam recited several of his poems relating to a farmer's life.

At our Citizenship and Cultural meeting Janet Schrieber told how each can do the genealogy of one's own family ancestors by looking up the land, court and cemetery records.

Our Education convenor told of her trip with her husband to the Panama Canal. Pictures accompanied this interesting description and helped to explain many of the features of the Canal.

Our March Euchre was not well attended but financially we ended up very well thanks to the generous gifts that were at the donation table.

At our Annual meeting our Tweedsmuir Books were open to the members. Mr. Ron Watt of Dorchester explained the Indian way of life and how he has been involved in the Indian Reserve at Longwoods, west of London.