

# Thoughtful friends always welcome

## To the editor,

I am a Walkertonian, though not from early birth,

But years enough to recreate a love for this dear earth.

I came to "wild" Bruce County from England's wave-washed shore,

And finally to Walkerton to keep it healthy was our chore.

But years have flown

and "sanitary" can not at this time claim

To be what was our pride and joy, till politics took aim.

However, let's not fall into that nasty game-

We have a problem, known world-wide, to solve it is our aim-

And so we shall, till one fine day-not too far off we hope,

Our water will be the envy of all the T.V. "soaps".

So friends will come to see this town they cheerfully assisted, And hopefully accept our thanks for all the ways they gifted-

In terms of cool, clean water, and food for volunteers,

And cash to help afflicted ones recover from their

tears.

So far-off friends please don't forget to visit us some time,

To shake our hand and share a cup of kindness-even wine.

We'll make you welcome just as you have helped us in our need,

Our thanks are so inadequate-inconsequential seed.

Evelyn Wismer,

## JUNE 2000 WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

### LOUISE

Marion Hastie presided at the June meeting of Louise Women's Institute held in Lamash Hall. Vi and Helen Weirmeir were hostesses.

Guest speaker Hazel Pratt talked about modern life in Cuba. A few months ago she was in Cuba as a union representative for women's issues. Seventy-one delegates traveled from Canada. Four hundred people from all over the world attended.

Cuba is an island rich in culture, art, music and free concerts. Both elders and young people are valued in the society.

A psychiatric hospital ward tour revealed barren rooms, high fences around the hospital but had things for the patients to do.

Upper-middle class people have very nice apartments. Poor people's apartments have no water and intermittent hydro. Pratt stayed at the beautiful homes of the rich in Chastel.

Water supply is undependable. The reek of gas fumes prevail everywhere. Smoking is prevalent. Food rations are provided for the people each month. Policemen stand on every corner. Inquiries to the policemen receive guarded replies.

Children are all in school. Free uniforms are supplied to them. Milk is free to children to age seven. Free school lunches are supplied to all school children. School hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Very cheap fruit is available at fruit markets.

There is a thrust to improve tourism in Cuba. People working in the tourist industry receive high tips and are the highest paid workers in Cuba. People pay bribes to procure positions in the tourist industry. Ironically, professional people are poorly paid.

In other business at the meeting, Phyllis Dodsworth had the Tweedsmuir book and scrapbooks on display.

Roll call was to bring an updated picture of yourself as an Institute member for the Tweedsmuir Book.

It was decided to put in an Institute display in the Hanover Fair.

Marion Hastie, Delina Teskey, Shirley Veen and Helen Weirmeir are the committee for the County Rally lunch. Helen Bailey will be in charge of the skit for the rally.

Current events were prepared and read by Ruby Kaufman. Kaufman presented each Institute member with a 2001 calendar that featured magnificent Hawaiian flowers.



## Grey Bruce WI members meet in Chesley

"Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow" was the theme for the 42nd annual area convention of the Grey Bruce Women's Institutes held at the Chesley Community Centre on Oct. 3.

Keeping the theme in mind, 186 members, guests and friends from Grey North, Grey South and Bruce County joined together for the occasion.

The flag presentation was made by Lois Olmsted, followed by O Canada, the Institute Ode and the Mary Stewart Collect.

Members were updated on the changes and advancements in women's institutes by Federated Women's Institute of Ontario president Christine Reaburn. These included a health partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Health and teaming up with the OPP on their Phonebusters program.

Reaburn also reported on plans and fund-raising for the 23rd triennial conference of ACWW in Hamilton in 2001.

Reaburn later presented a plaque and pins to every member of the Kimberley WI in recognition of their 100th anniversary. Liz Wulff accepted for the branch.

Guest speaker Rosella Clancy gave a very informative workshop on how to look after our Tweedsmuir books properly.

## Members of the Grey and Bruce Women's Institutes met in Chesley on Oct. 3.

The election of officers was conducted by the provincial president. They are as follows: past chair Anna Hodge; president Vikie Breaker; 1st vice Lois Frieburger; 2nd vice Barb Carter; secretary June Falls; assistant secretary Doreen McAdam; treasurer Louise Long; and public relations officer Liz Wulff.

Representatives on the provincial advisory council will include Helen Weirmeir and alternate Liz Wulff (sub-division 14) and Doreen McAdam and alternate Margaret Urbshott (sub-division 15).

The 43rd area convention will be held in Durham on Oct. 23, 2001.