

- it just takes a while.
 Be an example, try the second mile.
 Learn while you are doing, search out the news, pass on to others
 your knowledge and views.
 Strive for new members, go out of your way, to pass on to others a better way.
 Be part of the growing of W.I., help us keep on growing.
 We don't see results until we try!
 We need new members; how true, how true!
 But recruiting new members we can do!!!
 We need new programs, some will say, do some research, gather knowledge today,
 We need more officers - willing, let's make their jobs more thrilling.
 Our resolutions can sway the nation, some ideas could cause investigation.
 Come grow with us in W.I.,
 Start in your branches and reach for the top
 Then no matter what happens, Adelaide's dream will NEVER STOP!

Massie

To commemorate the founding of the Women's Institute, Massie hosted their celebration on Feb. 19, 1997 at the Golden Mile Club, Chatsworth, with members from Keward, Desboro and Williamsford as guests.

A programme designed by Eastern Area was followed. Mrs. Arnold Kuhl gave the history of the Keward branch and Jean McPherson for Massie. A collection was taken for the Headquarters' fund. The hostess branch served an old-fashioned lunch and beverage.

Achievements of Massie during 1997 are as follows:

- Ruth Hamill received the Grey County Agnes McPhail Award
- Dona Norton and Jean McPherson presented a copy of the history bok "For Home and Country" to the Owen Sound and North Grey Public Libraries.
- a tree was planted at the Massie Community Centre to mark the Centennial.

St. Vincent

We joined with two other branches for Centennial Celebrations on Feb. 19, 1997. We presented a copy of "For Home and County" history book to the local library in Meaford. Our branch planted two "Dense Yew" shrubs in the township park at the Irish Mountain Lookout. We joined and participated in the Grey North anniversary Celebrations in Bagnor. Many former members were invited and were able to join in the festivities. Three St. Vincent members attended the Celebrations in Hamilton.

Woodford

Our branch did not have a celebration of our own, but did take part in several others. We were invited to participate with Annan and Bognor branches at their Centennial festivities, when 24 were present. Life members were recognized. The suggested program was followed.

Woodford also attended celebrations with North Grey District when 130 registered. Two of our members attended one day of celebrations in Hamilton. While there, they were thrilled to meet our Alberta Institute twin representative.

Grey West District

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF W.I. By Lois Urstadt, Bluewater W.I.
 We celebrate our Birthday, we celebrate the past
 The W.I. was formed to help, objectives designed to last
 Adelaide Hoodless knew the problems, and set out to find a way
 Enlisting women to join her, together they had their say.
 Resolutions have been presented, on all sorts of issues and needs
 Some of them fall by the wayside, but many more did succeed
 As laws have been enacted, to make sure all is well
 Our accomplishments have grown, t'would take much time to tell.
 The leadership courses, were favoured by one and all
 One held in the Springtime, another in the Fall
 We learned to sew our garments, or a cozy rug to hook
 Make lampshades, drapes or even a hat, and tasty things to cook.
 The knowledge that we all gained, and the good friends that were made,
 Was such a priceless gift just what more can be said,
 We tend to be most modest and our achievements to hide,
 When we really should be shouting them loudly to the skies.
 100 years have come and gone, for sure, the die is cast
 The W.I. reigns round the world, we should celebrate the past.
 But what about the future? Will the W.I. live and grow?
 Will many more achievements, be yet for us to know?
 Can each of us together, recruit another soul?
 To swell our numbers greatly, and reach yet another goal?
 There are many more issues, for the W.I. to take a stand
 Let's put our heads and hearts together, and across the Nation join hands
 The road is laid out before us, it's a pattern from the past
 To help us challenge the Future, and celebrate the Past.