

## Welland West District rejoined Welland East District

Welland - Two former W.I. Districts in South Niagara re-amalgamated after a separation of nearly 40 years. President Helen Kinnear, Secretary, Jean Egerter and Treasurer, Betty MacPherson will head the new Niagara District Women's Institute

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### Copetown

Copetown joined Lynden and Orkney branches in Lynden on Feb. 19, 1997 with each branch participating in the common programme provided.

We set up a display of Tweedsmuir histories at the Ancaster Historical Society meeting and provided a display at the November Ancaster Historical meeting.

From June 1 - August 31, Fieldcote Memorial Park and Museum presented a display "For Home and County" 100 years of the Women's Institute. Carluke helped Copetown organize the display. Floats were entered in the Ancaster Heritage Days, Beverly 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Dundas Cactus Festival.

W.I. members on float: Laura Williams, Shirley Cranston, Katie Hunter (student), Janette Jardine, Betty Stewart and Edna Ward. ▶

### Lynden

It was with great joy we planned special events to celebrate 100 years of the Women's Institute. Canada Day was planned to be a big day in our community of Lynden. We entered a float in the parade, decorated with our blue and gold colours and signs depicting the W.I. Members rode on the float dressed in period costumes. Our community appreciated our effort.

In February we joined with two other Institutes to celebrate. We purchased a Centennial rose to plant in the garden of a chronically ill man in our community. We placed a history book in our local Library. Seven of our members attended the celebrations in Hamilton.

### Mountsberg

On Sept. 16, 1997 Mountsberg Women's Institute met at Mounstberg Hall for a special occasion. Twenty-three members and nineteen guests gather for a celebration of the W.I. Centennial anniversary

Members were eager to commemorate the founding of the Institute in a way to show our pride in belonging. We decided to donate a bench to the little park and playground behind the community hall where people could sit and enjoy the peace and beauty of the country side. President, Marg Kranyics presented the bench with commemorative plaque to Mayor McMeekin who graciously accepted on behalf of the town.

Following the ceremony which took place outside the hall, the group went in doors to a pot luck extravaganza. Somehow the motto for our meeting best expressed the mood: "Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success".

Mary Van Dijk shows plaque on bench - Mountsberg W.I. ▶



### Wentworth North District

Balloons, Balloons, balloons, blue and gold balloons and streamers and banners created a cheery effect of the Centennial Luncheon and card party held at Lynden Legion Hall on March 19. The Luncheon was both a celebration of the founding of the Women's Institutes and a fund-raiser for the District. We were delighted to welcome about 140 friends and neighbours, who were warmly thanked by District President, Gertrude Purdy for attending. There are nine branches in Wentworth North District with about 175 members.

◀ Centennial luncheon and card party.

