

Policing bills estimated at \$285,000

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CRAMAHEBRIEFS

Policing bills certainly add to the ledger reports.

Cramahe Township council notes. At last Monday's regular council meeting, accounts included a \$71,000 quarterly bill for OPP services.

"The total bill for the year is an estimated \$285,000," township Administrator Treasurer Gerry Morrison reported.

The township also approved remitting \$368,000 to the province for the June payment of education taxes. The province had covered the township's interim education levy when 1998 tax bills were delayed.

One ray of financial sunshine has come from the reduction in this year's insurance premiums for the township: only \$35,000 this year as compared to over \$41,000 last year.

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Cramahe Township approved a zoning bylaw amendment for Marlene Moore, owner of Part Lot 32/33. Concession 3 at last week's regular council meeting. The rezoning on the property allows a severance.

The newly severed lot will be classified rural residential

to permit construction of a single detached dwelling, ag

uses and approved accessory uses while the retained portion will be rural exceptional and environmental control.

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FEATURE

Provincial WI Week, February 13-19

Celebrating more than a century of social involvement

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As with many new ideas, the Women's Institute was born out of tragedy, but has grown by leaps and bounds since one woman's dream in Stoney Creek, Ontario.

The death of a baby due to lack of education regarding food preparation sparked Adelaide Hoodless, the founding member, to action in 1897. Over 100 years later the WI are still strong.

Her determination, along with those early WI members was rewarded when pasteurized milk became a reality. It was just one of the many accomplishments achieved over the years.

The WI movement spread like wildfire across Canada during the 20 years after its founding in 1897, and by 1933 the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) was formed. Its seven million members in over 60 countries have representation on several United Nations committees.

Many things taken for granted today were once the rallying cry of WI members. These include: music as part of the school curriculum; mandatory stopping for school buses with flashing lights; signs at railroad crossings; installation of three point rear seat belts; funding for shelters for battered women; family studies and

nutritional education in the schools, and enforcement of handicap parking.

These activities have resulted from WI's mission statement: "to better the lives of women and families through personal growth and community action."

Last year, WI members in 793 branches across Ontario donated nearly three quarters of a million volunteer hours to various causes - 4H, hospitals, nursing homes, food banks, parks, libraries and families in need.

Codrington WI, Com-

munity WI, White School WI, and York Road WI are all active in this region.

Women's Institutes collectively study issues relating to family and society as a whole, then act on changing or improving current legislation or introduce ideas for laws.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) influences policies by presenting briefs and submissions concerning current issues. Successful resolutions have resulted in:

• the enforcement of the

proper use of slow moving vehicle signs;

• the use of easily understood ingredient labels on food products;

• the appearance of a classification sticker on all videos for sale or rent in Ontario.

As members of the Associated Country Women of the World, these women support community projects in developing countries - whether it is providing funds for pipes and pumps for clean drinking water, literacy training or AIDS education.



Golden anniversary

Four Community WI branch members recently received their 50 year pins. Pictured, left to right, are Betty Rome, Margaret Chatten, Jean Cassan and Amy Gresham.