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Compiling the Cash Donations Report, tell us each year we give away money. What benefits are derived Women's Institute from these contributions? None. Does your Branch receive donations from other Organizations? No.

We hear about, Scouts, Cubs, Guides, Brownies, Legion, Lion's, Rotary, Diet Clubs, Meals on Wheels, Cancer, Heart, Care, Mental Health, Children's Aid, Salvation Army, Red Cross, and so on, all who benefit by our contributions, but we never hear Women's Institute. I ask myself why?

A thought came to mind. Pool this money, put it in the pot. Have a Project, so we can say Women's Institute Northern Area Project, for what ever.

Branch out from Crafts and Homemaking Projects. To cause interest, give an Award for House Logs. or, set up classes to upgrade or study a particular subject. typing, bookkeeping, Public Speaking. I'M sure you can think of many.

A starter could be. Learn how to fill out the Cash Donations Report. We need much more information to compile it properly.

This money we give away so generously, spend it to benefit Women's Institute.

W.I. colors—

Did you know that: the Women's Institute colors, royal blue and gold, were chosen because the first convention was held in Guelph, then called "Royal City" named for Queen Victoria, the then reigning monarch?

South Macaulay W.I. meeting 1985

By Mrs. John Doley
The South Macaulay Women's Institute met at Helen Stevens on March 6, with eight members and one visitor present. The topic was Canadian Industries. Papers read were "Ontario Bogs getting spruced up," "Canada vanishing forest." A couple of papers were passed away and included were "Wood lot improvement" and "Canada a forest nation." The roll call was: "What do you feel is one of our most important Canadian industries and why?" This was answered by the majority by some part of the lumbering industry. Others were meat, paper and tourist industries. The motto was: "Think Canadian — buy Canadian." The convener meeting will be held at Mrs. Wes Bakers on March 20 at 2 p.m. There was a donation sent to the District WI. For entertainment we were to "wear something green." Most people had and at the end of the meeting two poems were read: "Head or Tails" and "Advertisement for WI." Then the hostesses served a lovely lunch.

Province of Ontario will receive W.I. quilted wall hanging

On June 11, 1984, a quilted wall hanging will be presented to the Province of Ontario; destined to hang in the main Legislative Building, Queen's Park. At their Semi-Annual meeting from April 16 to 19, 1984, the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario Board members viewed the completed article which the Organization has created as a Bi-Centennial project. The centre of the embroidered wall hanging features an illustrated map of Ontario, with the Ontario Bi-Centennial logo and the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario crest appearing in opposite corners. Women's Institute members from across the province designed and embroidered 48 other blocks which depict highlights from the counties, districts and regional municipalities, a picture of the province's diversity. After the Institute colors of gold and royal blue were used to assemble the finished

portions, a number of skilled workers from Bruce Centre District quilted and added the finishing touches to this co-operative effort of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. The formal presentation to the Premier of Ontario will be Monday, June 11, 1984, from 3:30 to 4 p.m. in the Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park, Toronto. Following the presentation, members of the Women's Institute Provincial Board and the women who worked on the wall hanging will be welcomed at a Tea. Women's Institute members from across Canada will be visiting in Ontario from June 16 to 20, 1985, when Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario hosts the 10th National Convention of the Federated Women's of Canada. The expected 800 delegates will be in residence at Saugeen-Maitland Residence, University of Western Ontario, London. Wednesday, June 19 will be "Ontario Day" when delegates will

visit the Erland Lee (Museum) Home, Stoney Creek, and the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead, St. George. Also included on the tour will be the Niagara area and the Mennonite area. Five hundred and

eighty delegates are expected at the Officers' Conference at Waterloo University on May 1, 2, and 3, 1984. This will be a learning experience for Secretaries, Treasurers and members at large.

South Macaulay W.I. meets

By Mrs. Oscar Leeder
Seven members of the South Macaulay Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Murray Stewart on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1984. The meeting opened with the W.I. Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Motto for the month was "Knowledge and timber should not be much used until they are seasoned," and the roll call was answered by suggestions for resolutions and a favorite fruit. Minutes were read and approved and financial statement given. Correspondence was dealt with. Sybil Dick and Mrs. John Doley will attend the area convention.

Entries for the Fair were discussed and approved and we will have two entries. This is Agriculture Month and our Convener, Helen Stevens, gave an interesting paper on the different grains grown in Canada particularly in the western provinces. Other members contributed short and interesting readings to the program. Mrs. David Stevens and Helen Stevens will be hostesses for next month's meeting. Mizpuh Benediction closed the meeting and a tasty lunch was served with a summer review of happenings being enjoyed while we visited over a cup of tea.