

Killaloe woman first county winner of scholarship

A young Killaloe woman is the first Renfrew County recipient of the Helen M. McKercher Scholarship.

Wendy Milne was presented with the award at

the North Renfrew Women's Institute (WI) District Annual Meeting held in the Grace Lutheran Church Hall, Locksley, on May 14.

The scholarship, estab-

lished in 1976, is awarded annually to a graduate of a recognized Canadian university who is pursuing a post-graduate degree in any area of Family Studies, Consumer Studies, and Home Economics

or related programs. Half of the award is granted at the beginning of the course, and the other half upon completion.

Ms. Milne is attending Guelph University.



This is the North Renfrew District Women's Institute executive for this year. Front row, from left: Margaret Ann Griffith, 2nd vice president; Dwyla Pilgrim, president; Susan deHaan, 1st vice president. Back row: Julie Thur, past president; Mae Craig, area president; Christine Reaburn, provincial president elect, and Peggy McLeod, secretary-treasurer.

Women's Institute Week

proposed for February

The week beginning on the second Monday of February each year would be proclaimed as Women's Institute Week if a private member's bill introduced in the Ontario Legislature on December 1, 1998, by Algoma MPP Bud Wildman is passed into law.

The year marks the 100th anniversary of the formation of the first Women's Institute (WI) branch in Stoney Creek, Ontario.

February is a significant month in WI history," said Mr. Wildman. "In that month, the first

branch was formed; Adelaide Hoodless, the WI founder, was born and died, the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario was organized to co-ordinate the work of the branches; and the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada was organized to work at the national

level." He noted that WI initiatives and programs have produced many social improvements, and said that establishing WI Week in February would be a step toward ensuring that those responsible for these changes are properly celebrated.



Fine stitching

Marion Lair, with three other members of the Log Cabin Quilters in Pembroke, stitched a quilt for Ms. Lair daughter. Participants of the *Rural Ramble* could view quilting demonstrations and admire the unique displays of new and antique quilts at the Orange Hall in Beachburg. The North Renfrew District Women's Institute organized the display.



Annette Kinslow (left), from the Women's Shelter and Support Services in Pembroke, accepts a cheque from Dwyla Pilgrim (right), president of the North Renfrew District Women's Institute. The Institute held a raffle draw for two cushions and a quilt which raised \$1,000 for the shelter (formally Bernadette McCann House). The draw was made at the *Rural Ramble* quilt show.