

## Raise More Funds For Third World

The North Renfrew District Women's Institute project is to publicize the work of the Associated Country Women of the World who with their Pennies for Friendship work towards providing water sanitation for all in third world countries. Mrs. James Derouin, PRO for the District, was in charge of the stall at Beachburg Fair assisted by Mrs. Carl Price.

There was a decided upswing in the interest and givings as compared with the two previous years. Visitors with queries were up from 143 to 250 this year and contributions rose from \$27 in 1984 to \$100 this year. The money will be forwarded at once to the district and directed to the ACWW head office in London, England.

There were seven Women's Institutes exhibited at Beachburg Fair with Foresters Falls taking most points; Queen's Line, 2nd; Westmeath, 3rd; Laurentian View, 4th; Locksley-Rankin, 5th; Zion Line, 6th; Beachburg, 7th.

Larry Reaburn won the trophy again this year for most points in grains, seeds and corn. Kenneth Fink took most points for the mens' class in roots and vegetables and Mrs. Lowell McClelland taking the ladies' prize in that class. She also took the prize for most points in domestic science. Ladies department most points went to Mrs. Gerald

Waite while Kenneth Fink had most points in arts and crafts. He was top winner in horticulture being awarded most points in cut flowers, floral arrangement and potted plants.

Shane Mackay had most points in Class 38 in junior fair; Ian McGonegal, first in class 39 and Nicole Tyson in class 40.

## Women's Institutes to lobby for full indexing of pensions

LONDON, Ont. (CP) — The Federated Women's Institutes, one of the oldest women's groups in Canada, has found a new cause to test its strength as a lobby group — the partial de-indexing of old age security pensions.

One-third of its 45,000 members are over age 65, and at their annual meeting last week, delegates passed an emergency resolution calling on the federal government "to reverse the budget decision and restore full indexing of old age security."

The resolution was passed in response to Finance Minister Michael Wilson's proposal in the May 23 budget to partially de-index old age pensions beginning next Jan. 1.

"The power for change is in the numbers," said recently elected president Beatrice Reeves, adding that she will work to make the organization a more powerful force in Ottawa, where its head office is located.

"The Women's Institute should not play as low a profile as it is doing. It should become better known."

Last month, it was reported that several Women's Institutes branches in southern Ontario were disbanding because they were unable to attract younger women.

"Certain branches have not changed with

the times to include modern programs like computers, women's pensions and wills," Marcie Johnston, provincial secretary of the organization's Ontario branch, said at the time.

"They don't keep current and haven't been progressive enough to invite new programs and members."

Started in 1879 as a vehicle for the education and support of rural women in Canada, Women's Institutes has only recently begun to branch out and form resolutions on national and international issues.