

# Lincoln Leapers to perform at opening of SkyDome

On June 3, when millions of people will be glued to their television sets watching the grand opening ceremonies for the SkyDome in Toronto, the Town of Lincoln's own Lincoln Leapers skipping team will be thick in the action.

The opening ceremonies, directed by the same person who organized the opening ceremonies the Calgary Winter Olympics, will feature 6,000 youngsters taking part in a segment called 'A Salute to Fitness.'

Among those 6,000 will be 28 members of the Lincoln Leapers, between the ages of 11 and 19, doing their now world-famous jumps, leaps and skipping tricks.

For a few moments during the presentation of the fitness segment, the television cameras will turn exclusively to the Lincoln Leapers as they strut their stuff.

In order to be a part of the televised event, six Leapers went to an opening ceremonies audition in Toronto in late February. They were accepted on the spot.

Now, all 28 Lincoln Leapers have been attending special practices one to two times a week in Toronto to perfect the moves for the opening ceremonies. One week prior to the actual event, they'll be travelling to Toronto every evening to practice at the SkyDome.

"Obviously, it's very exciting for us," said veteran Lincoln Leaper Barb Roorda, 19. "It's going to be different. We're nervous but really excited at the same time."

"All the evening practices will probably be hard on some of the girls because it's exam time," she added. "But, we wouldn't miss it for a lifetime."

The opening ceremonies will be televised from 8:30 to 10 p.m.



Pictured in Toronto recently, the Lincoln Leapers have amazed crowds with their skipping tricks and leaps.

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### 1989-90 LINCOLN DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE EXECUTIVE

Last Tuesday the new LWI executive was elected at the Jordan Station United Church. Back row, from left, are: Peggy Muir, auditor; Jean Tancock, second vice-president; Muriel Culp, auditor; and Delena Teskey, Tweedsmuir historical curator. Front row are: Lois Poole, past president; Doris Dennis, president; Jerinne Porteous, secretary/treasurer; Thelma Stewart, public relations; and Barbara Stones, program co-ordinator.

## District W.I. holds 88th meeting

(The following report has been provided by the Lincoln District Women's Institutes.)

Ted Augustine and Bill Outred, performing as 'Silver Lake Country', provided the entertainment for the recent 88th annual meeting of Lincoln District Women's Institutes. They related the plight of the farmer through song, combining both humorous and serious aspects.

The 62 women in attendance, representing the 10 branches in Niagara District, learned about tentative plans for the 100th anniversary of the founding of

the Women's Institute. Plans include production of a commemorative bone china cup and saucer, development of a special rose variety, and a logo competition.

Rural organization specialist Carol Pupo, from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, discussed the new directions the 4-H program is taking in Ontario. The primary purpose of the program is the personal development of youth in rural areas. A fact sheet on program planning for organizations was distributed for each

branch to consider.

Women's Institute Days at the Erland Lee (Museum) Home, Ridge Road, Stoney Creek, will be held from June 6 to 8. A training session for hostesses is scheduled for Saturday, June 24. The Harvest Festival, featuring wool, will be on October 4 and 5, and Christmas at the Lee is scheduled for December 6.

While sales of the Lincoln District cookbook have been good, some books are still available through committee members.

