

We're Proud of W. I. !!



Over the years, Women's Institutes have been responsible for lobbying governments and other agencies in an effort to improve the quality of life for all Canadians. The Institute has been instrumental in having:

- bread wrapped
- white lines painted on the centre of all Provincial highways.
- red stripes removed from bacon packages.
- fluorescent paint on sides of railway cars for better night visibility at rural crossings.
- garments labelled re quality.
- music included in school curriculums. (1937)
- "Stop" signs at railroad crossings.
- fowl graded for sale.
- legal marriage age at 16 years (with parental consent). 1937
- car owners purchase public liability insurance before a license.
- law mandatory for traffic to stop when a school bus is stopped. 1962
- hot lunches available in schools.
- International Peace Garden (220 acres on the Manitoba - North Dakota border). 1935
- breathalizer and blood tests of certain motorists.
- hospitalization benefits to all Nursing Homes.
- T. B. tests for persons dispensing food.
- sex education in schools. 1945
- regulations re dimming car lights.
- staples abolished on packages of food products. 1964
- letter, Friends and Exchange programs began 1941 through A.C.W.W.
- tent at International Ploughing Match. (In 1984, the W. I.s of Wellington County will be responsible for the entire Ladies Program at the International Ploughing Match.)
- poison containers clearly marked.
- sale of mineral based detergents banned.
- course of Household Science at Mac Donald Institute.
- dental and medical inspection in schools.
- milk pasteurized.
- MacDonald Institute at the University of Guelph began as a result of the efforts of W. I., led by Mrs. John Hoodless.
- war memorials.
- war services ie. Red Cross
- educational short courses.
- scholarships and brusaries.
- rural libraries.
- community halls.
- restoration of cemeteries.
- Sponsor a Child programs.
- Tweedsmuir Community History Books.
- 4H Homemaking Clubs.
- preservation of the Adelaide Hoodless Homestead at St. George (F.W.I.C.)
- Erland Lee Home at Stoney Creek (F.W.I.O.)
- support of Junior Women's Institute.