

Calithumpian week-end. We were responsible for the C.P.R. erecting railway signs. Our most recent community effort was to support Recycling and the Blue Box project in Zorra. Members called on every householder in the area with Recycling information and a W.I. brochure.

Workshops and Short Courses offered by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food were made available to members and women of the community. Some of the popular courses where we learned by doing have been Hats for You, Baking with Yeast, Needlepoint, Crewel, Sewing with Knits, Rug making, Quilting, Indoor Gardening and Festival of Dairy Foods. Often these Short Courses resulted in entries to local fairs. In the very early years we had exhibits at Embro, Ingersoll and Woodstock Fairs. In 1950 we received eight firsts and four seconds at Embro Fair. In all, that year, we earned a total of fifteen firsts and twelve seconds for exhibiting W.I. work. In later years exhibits were sent to Western Fair and the Farm Show.

In 1967 members worked together at special projects to provide a picnic shelter with tables in Riverside Park - our Centennial project. Oh, how we put our best foot forward to present a Fashion Show at Skee-Hi, and remember? we competed with wet and mud! We sold 500 pens at \$1.00 each, and we appeared on C.F.P.L. T.V.'s "Take Your Choice". We entered a Centennial Float in the Calithumpian Parade that year. How proud we were to officially open the picnic shelter in May 1967 with Grace Patterson in attendance along with several members in Centennial costume.

In 1984 the picnic shelter was repaired and provided four new tables painted bright blue. A large stone with a marker indicating that the Park was renamed "The Grace C. Patterson Park", was placed near the entrance to the park. On a lovely Sunday in September 1984 a dedication service was held with members of Grace's family, North Oxford District President, Mrs. Lorne Fleming and dignitaries from the community as special guests.

Books are placed in Thamesford Library in memory of deceased members. We honoured Miss Patterson 1964 by having her favourite personality "Ting", cartoonist from the London Free Press, as our special guest; and again at our 25th anniversary in 1970 when she was presented with a Life Membership. In honour of Miss Patterson's 90th birthday the U.C.W. and Grace Patterson W.I, jointly hosted an Open House in Westminster Hall when her many friends called to wish her well. It was her wish that any donations of money received in her honour be sent to a fund to honour Dr. Mary Verghese in India for her work with Leprosy. A total of \$1250.00 was forwarded.

To show appreciation to Mrs. Roy Ross for twenty-five years of dedication and hard work as Tweedsmuir History Curator she was presented with a suitably worded plaque in 1978. In 1983 Mrs. Angus Matheson and Mrs. Archie Armour were presented with ceramic figurines in appreciation of their years of service as Treasurer and Public Relations Officer.

We have hosted at least three District Annuals. Three of our members have served terms as District President. During these years the branch hosted the noon luncheon at Spring Board, and the pot luck at Fall Board.

Through the years contributions have been made to Adelaide Hoodless and Erland Lee Foundation Funds, Cancer Fund, the C.N.I.B., Children's Hospital, Salvation Army, Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario Scholarship Funds, tornado and hurricane relief, A.C.W.W. Save the Sight and Water for All, Pennies for Friendship and Loaf of Bread, Cross Roads Africa, Arc Industries and Women's Emergency. We made quilt blocks for Erland Lee (Museum) Home.

Our annual bus trips provide fun, fellowship and education and food. We have toured industries, and visited museums, gardens, potteries, fish hatcheries, the W.I. homes, historic sites, and fabulous eating places. We have visited nurseries, greenhouses, Pioneer Villages, Art Galleries, shopping centres and cruised on rivers and around harbours. We have explored our counties nearby and have gone farther afield to communities such as Hamilton, Toronto, Midland, Frankenmuth, Detroit, Niagara, Port Dover and Goderich. We have enjoyed short and long trips sponsored by the District - Letchwork Park in New York State in the rain; the trip to Washington planned by Mrs. R. Ross (Little). Co-planners, Mrs. R. Ross and Mrs. V. MacArthur kept a watchful eye on six buses of travellers to Expo in 1967 to Montreal - with the additional excitement over the fire-alarm