



It was steaming hot but it didn't deter these girls from admiring whites, greys and browns containing fields of grain, corn and other crops of a bountiful harvest. This summer has been a shimmering sea of green with fences in

Women's Institutes celebrate 85th

"From a Flicker to a Flame" was the theme of the 85th anniversary celebration of the Women's Institutes of Ontario when over 1700 members met at the Constellation Hotel, Toronto, on August 12 with Provincial President Mrs. Janet Hiepiach presiding.

The "Flicker" began in 1897 when Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless saw the need for women to learn how to better care for their families. With the help of Eriand Lee, the first Women's Institute, was founded at Stoney Creek, Ontario. The Flicker became a Flame during the years as dedicated members with their volunteer efforts improved the life of rural women and their families. The movement spread and today there are 27,000 members in Ontario, 48,000 in Canada, and over nine million in the world.

Guest speaker, Mrs. Ziny Weste-bring Muller of the Netherlands and the World President, said "Ontario can be proud of its women and their accomplishments. When Mrs. Alfred Watt took the WI to England it was said 'the greatest idea that had come out of the colonies to England.' Canada's gift to the Motherland soon became Canada's gift to all Nations and known as the Associated Country-women of the World."

Mrs. Muller spoke of the projects in the under-developed countries, training leaders and helping people. She asked the women to be concerned with the project for the 80's "Fresh water and sanitation for all." She sees the hunger problem when she travels to many countries for ACWW.

"The members must be a mighty force as your influence can know no bounds, we must pull together for World Peace," she told WI members.

Hon. Dennis Timbrell, Minister of Agriculture and Food, congratulated the members for their continued leadership in their communities, for preserving history, promotion of home-making skills and meeting the challenges of the many changes in rural life.

Greetings were received from Members of Parliament, Premier Wm. Davis; Prime Minister Trudeau; Queen Elizabeth; Manitoba and Northern Ireland WI's and others. Nobilit of Ottawa, the newly elected president of the Federated Women's Institute of Canada.

Among the special guests were Miss Molly McGhee, the Honorary President of FWIO; Past Presidents; Miss Helen Mckercher, Former Director of Home Economics Branch; two life Members of FWIO; Representative from the Stoney Creek Branch; and guests from other Provinces, England and the Netherlands.

Homefree with Karen Parker

Have you ever come across something and thought—wow, I wish I had discovered this ages ago?

I seem to have had this experience several times lately—mostly with regards to food.

How come no one ever told me about panzerotti before? Have you discovered it yet? It's sort of an Italian turnover that satisfies a pizza craving even better than pizza.

Panzerotti starts out like a pizza, a round of flattened dough, tomato sauce, cheese, then any or all of the traditional pizza toppings. But then it is folded in half like a turnover and deep fried. It puffs up to a golden-crescent that is crisp on the outside, gooey and hot and flavorful when bitten into.

The sizes vary from dainty half-moons, finger food, to plate size panzos served in a sauce. They're available in some Italian restaurants and the occasional pizza parlor.

One item we've missed trying for years for no particular reason on a Chinese menu is won ton soup. We ordered it the other day, tried it, liked it, wondered, "why not sooner?"

Actually what happened is I watched a man eat this interesting looking soup at the table next to me in a restaurant and was so intrigued by the little white packets in the clear broth that I leaned across and asked what he was eating.

"Won ton soup," he replied with a bit of a suspicious glance.

"What is in the little dumplings?" I couldn't resist asking.

"I don't know," he replied, this time sounding a little anxious. Perhaps he thought I was next going to ask for a taste.

Well, I didn't, of course. I found out on my own that the filling is a combination of pork with chicken or shrimp or veal. Won ton is a delightfully filling but delicate soup.

Two discoveries not palate oriented—Kaleidoscope and the Creative Playground down at Harborfront in Toronto.

Kaleidoscope is an Experience. This is the last week for it—definitely one of those things I wish I had heard of sooner. It's for children. It's for their parents, it's crafts and projects and music and magic. The theme changes each week—one week airplanes were made and flown, another week pirates appeared where the children had been and went looking for treasure.

Last week a plaster mould was made of whoever wanted their face immortalized. This week it's a Scottish theme with a search for the Loch Ontario Monster, the weaving of a tartan pattern, the building of Bleinham Castle. I'm so glad I have kids so I can join in on such things as well!

Creative Playground we have yet to actually experience but the brochure has us in great expectancy. Again it's for parents and children. There's a rainbow pool, materials to construct a secret hiding place, all manner of media to experiment with. You can call 365-7607 for further info and plan to take advantage of it sooner next year.

Museum attendance increasing

Attendance is up this year at the Ontario Agricultural Museum near Milton. More than 20,000 people have passed through the gates since May.

"This figure has doubled since last year," says public relations officer Cindy Lindsay. "People are touring closer to home instead of going on extended vacations."

The 32-hectare (80-acre) site has more to offer this year with 25 buildings now open to the public, she says.

"Our best month this year was June because of the large number of school children," she says. "In April, May and June, we had 4,000 students from kindergarten to the college level visiting the Museum."

At least four or five bus tours visit the Ontario Agricultural Museum on an average day, but attendance peaks for special events, says Lindsay.

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