



Holiday Festival

Kindergarten students at Joseph-Gibbons School in Georgetown sang a song to demonstrate the culture of Australia during a dress rehearsal Wednesday afternoon for their Christmas concert Thursday

night. Kindergarten to Grade 5 students took part in "The Holiday Festival," celebrating multi-cultural holiday customs. (Herald photo)

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Women's Institute prepared to help

By GERALDINE CAMPBELL
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When a monetary value is placed on the work of the Women's Institute for the people of Ontario and their communities they live in, the figure is at least \$6 million. Last year the Women's Institute donated half a million volunteer hours to various causes e.g. 4H, Agriculture in the Classroom, Local Fairs and Nursing Homes and wherever they are needed. Statistics Canada stated the 1987 average wage was 11.7 per hour.

The Women's Institute members realize the importance of their communities and they are prepared to donate time to assist others. As well they donated over half a million dollars to help others in the community. All this information was part of the report given by the FWIO Public Relations Officer, Geraldine Campbell at the annual meeting of FWIO held recently at Guelph. Next time you buy a cake at a WI Bake Sale or attend one of their fund raising functions be thankful that there is a rural women's organization that cares enough about their communities to do something about them.

As you travel Ontario you will notice about 90 communities where the WI hall is the link that holds the community together. Many other branches actively support their local community centres by doing small things like buying the cleaning equipment, as the Palmyra Branch did, to putting on fund raising meals to help pay for improvements such as the Tryconnell branch did.

However, WI is not only about money and volunteer hours, it is also about resolutions. When 20,000 rural women speak as one voice as they do when a WI Resolution is passed, action will happen. After all Brock Universi-

ty is there today because of a Women's Institute Resolution.

This year 12 out of the 18 Resolutions presented by Joan Law, Resolutions Convenor, to the FWIO Annual Meeting, were ratified. With a theme for the decade of Women and the Environment it is natural that many resolutions would be on that topic. Many briefs were presented to local councils on Environmental issues and as a result action has happened at a local level.

WI would like to see the Ministry of the Environment pass legislation to regulate manufacturers and distributors pay refund for the return of bottles and cans of soft drinks and juices.

A bag containing broken balloons found on the Beach, from the Kingston area, aptly demonstrated to the members the need to ask for legislation to be passed banning the launching of balloons into the atmosphere.

The dumping of hazardous wastes into landfill sites resulted in FWIO asking that Regulation 309, 1:27 be changed to prohibit all hazardous wastes from being disposed of at a sanitary landfill site. As well they would like legislation enacted requiring all sanitary landfill operators to provide facilities for the collection of household, commercial and industrial hazardous wastes at the sanitary landfill sites and for the transportation of such materials to hazardous waste treatment facilities.

At many functions you notice "Plastic Foam" products being used so all WI members at all levels have been asked to refrain from using such products as they are "environmentally unfriendly." Instead do as many do "Lug-a-Mug."

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They will **NOT** be collected with your regular refuse. Please place at the roadside on **Monday, January 7, 1991, at 7:00 A.M.**

Thank you
Halton Hills Engineering/Public Works
R.C. Austin, P. Eng.
Town Engineer