

Bruce Trail boardwalk

Thirty volunteers from many different clubs and youth groups combined their efforts complete a 750-foot boardwalk over a swamp near Trafalgar Road in the Scotsdale Farm section of the Bruce Trail. The Trail had used a busy, dangerous section of Trafalgar Road and this reroute was a high priority. Construction was done in the winter to avoid damage to the very sensitive plants that inhabit this ANSI (Area of Scientific and Natural Interest). The coordinator wishes to thank the 6th Milton Venturers, Bramalea Outdoor Ed., The Toronto Bruce Trail Club, the Bruce Trail Association and the Guelph Trail Club for their enthusiasm and perseverance. A special thank you is extended to Leathertown Lumber of Acton. The staff not only kept the group within their budget, they also cut ali the lumber to size and delivered all 2,500 pieces of lumber to the site. The project was funded by the CWIP (Community Wildlife Improvement Program) and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Women's Institute offers support

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The conflict in the Persian Gulf has been on the minds of all Canadians, including the 20,000 members of The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, the largest rural women's organization in the province. On their behalf, on January 14th, while Parliament was debating the topic, the President of FWIO, Peggy Knapp sent the following letter to the Prime Minister of Canada, to Joe Clark and to the Minister of National Defence.

"The twenty thousand member of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario have been following events in the Persian Gulf throughout this serious crisis and commend our governpursuing diplomatic channels in search of solutions. May we urge you to continue to search out all possibilities for peace, and with the other members of the United Nations coalition, extend the sanctions against Saddam Hussein's Iraq, so the terrors of full-fledge war may not set loose the force of arms again in our world."

As an organization founded in 1897 FWIO has experienced the effects of war on its own communities. During the first World War the WI members not only increased their work on the farm but they also found the time and money to support the needs of others. They raised over \$4,000,000 which was used to finance a hospital ship, field kitchens as well as overseas relief. Not content with money they knitted socks, sweaters and mitts as well as sewn articles.

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During the second World War the Women's Institute members made over one and a half million kniffed articles for the forces as well as hundreds of fallits. Other activities included a fornished recreation room at Camp Borden, tons of jam made by the WI members and sent overseas as well as raising over \$1,000,000.

After the Korean War the WI members helped purchase hand looms and sewing machines for

the refugees. FWIO cares for its members and their concerns, as well as their local communities and the world wide community, through its membership in the Associated Country Women of the World.



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