



With the upcoming University Women's Club Book Sale, members are elbow-deep in books as they sort them for the April 20 sale at Knox Church Hall, Georgetown. Little Tayo Evans, 14 months old, was buried in books recently as she and Gillian (second from left) landed in from London, England to visit Gillian's mom and joined with

UWC members (from left) Moya Johnson, Sue Fairs and Sandi Scudder as they sorted books. The sale will run from 9 a.m. til 3 p.m. and all proceeds go towards the student scholarships in Halton Hills at Acton, Georgetown and Bishop Reding High Schools.

TED BROWN Halton Hills Weekend

Women's Institute urge all to plant more trees

Plant a tree to benefit the environment and the community but also as a symbol of growing into the future and spreading out into the community was the special project for the coming year to be undertaken by all levels of Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO). This was one of the many decisions of the FWIO spring meeting held recently in Guelph.

The FWIO commitment to improving life in rural communities was confirmed by the keynote speech by Hon. Elmer Buchanan, Minister of Agriculture and Food, who also stated that looking at the rural community as whole and rural development to benefit all was one of his priorities. Long term programs, long term credit and less dependence on banks would benefit the whole rural community instead of band-aid solutions were the way to go to benefit all.

The effect of cross-border shopping which affects those who live along the USA-Canada border, but ultimately it is all who live in Canada was one of the many questions posed by FWIO Board Directors to the minister. One of the board directors surprised the minister when she informed him that a Community College had offered courses in cross-border shopping.

As FWIO is the only rural organization that does not feature any one aspect of rural living but represents it all, the FWIO board were pleased to hear the minister's statements, particularly when he said FWIO would be an ideal organization to work with consumers.

The influence that FWIO does have as an organization was demonstrated by some recent appointments:

Peggy Knapp, FWIO president, is on a committee to look at the role of agriculture in the Royal Winter Fair as well she has been appointed to a special committee chaired by the Minister of Agriculture and Food looking at Agriculture and the Environment.

Joyce Anderson, FWIO representative on Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is chairman on Agri-Food week in Ontario (an opportunity to give consumers a chance to look at Ontario products) as well as being on the Management Board of Ontario Agriculture Training Institute (OATI) and was one of the 15 OFA repre-

sentatives to Canadian Federation of Agriculture. There are certainly no barriers to FWIO participation in agriculture.

Hilde Morden, FWIO Program Coordinator showed a series of farm safety kits, that have recently been produced by FWIC. These have a variety of activities in them as well as practical ways of safety.

Looking to the future FWIO agreed that the FWIC Triennial Convention and FWIO Main Centennial Celebration will be held in Toronto in June 1997. An opportunity for the world to join in the celebration.

As part of its policy of moving its conferences around the province it was announced that the 1992 conference titled "Reach for the Stars" would be held in Thunder Bay Aug. 7-9, 1992.

FWIO theme of Women and the Environment and all the projects it has undertaken has led to it being nominated in the Organizations Category for Recycling Council of Ontario (RCO) Awards. Plans were made for FWIO participation in the Environmental Fair to be held at Agriculture Museum at Milton May 25 and 26. A great opportunity to show off some of our ways of assisting the environment.

On display at the FWIO board meeting were a variety of crafts that will be going to FWIC convention in Victoria in July. These showed the variety of talents within the FWIO organization, and the sale of these crafts is a way we pay our way. At the FWIC convention each province has to feature an industry, so FWIO has decided to feature Ontario's efforts in space technology in particular the Canada Arm.

This is just a sample of the variety of topics covered at the FWIO spring board meeting. Indicative of the variety of trees that will be planted by FWIO members in the coming year.

Junior Farmers

Develop leadership skills while enjoying country events —sports, travel, workshops and entertainment are all part of the Junior Farmers program. A new senior project starts in April. The motto of the group is "Self help and community betterment." For more information call 853-2742, 875-2114 or 873-0824.

Lung Association offers Airforce program

The Lung Association has set up a program to help parents and their asthmatic children.

It is appropriately called the Air Force Asthma Program.

The Air Force asthma program is an educational tool designed to assist asthmatic children (age 6-12 years) and their parents in understanding and dealing with asthma.

The program:

- teaches self-management skills to the children so that they can take more responsibility for managing their asthma;

- provides parents with the knowledge and skills to help their children deal with this disease and its day to day problems.

To register or for more information about this program call The Lung Association - Halton Region, 632-8499.

The program in Burlington will run at the new Boehringer Ingelheim building starting Wednesday, April 24 at 7 p.m. for four consecutive Wednesdays. The cost is \$20 per family. The Air Force asthma program is a "must" for those asthmatic children and their parents wanting to control their asthma and lead active, full lives!

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