

Milton air cadet receives Legion medal of excellence



Gerry Bergin of the 820 Milton air cadets recently received the Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence. The award is new this year.

A local air cadet has achieved excellence. Warrent officer first class Gerry Bergin of the 820 Milton squadron completed his air cadet career winning the Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence (RCLCME).

Superior performance earned WO Bergin the award, said the squadron's Captain Tony Porter who described him as a "model cadet."

He exemplified the model cadet through co-operation, comradeship and helpfulness, and enhanced the image of the cadet organization, added Captain Porter.

WO Bergin participated in 75 per cent of effective training and was an active member of the community. He volunteered his time to help fundraise for the Legion, Canadian Red Cross Society and the United Way.

The RCLCME, the highest award, is a new and distinct form of recognition presented for the first time this year. It is sponsored by the Legion in conjunction with the Air Cadet league of Canada and the Department of National Defence.

WO Bergin has plans to attend university and will be sadly missed by the squadron, said Captain Porter.

Women's Institutes call home for international 75th anniversary

"E.T. call home," this year, can be translated into "English W.I. members call home."

To many, home is where the heart is and the heart of any organization is where it all began. For the nine million members around the world, the heart of the organization is in Stoney Creek, Ontario — the Erland Lee (Museum) Home owned and operated by the Federated Women's Institutes. In this home is the constitution table where Janet Lee hand-penned the first constitution of the Stoney Creek Women's Institute.

A young Canadian widow, Mrs. Alfred Watt, took her children to England to continue their education 75 years ago. She saw a need for farm and rural women in England to have an organization similar to the Women's Institute in Canada. The English and Welsh Women's Institute was started. Mrs. Watt was also instrumental in establishing the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) in Stockholm in 1933. For all her efforts, she was named its first president.

This year the English and Welsh Women's Institutes are celebrating their 75th anniversary. As part of their celebration, the English Women's Institutes have received a complimentary call "home." Next Wednesday at 2 p.m., a group of English Women's Institute members will talk to Women's Institute mem-

bers at the Erland Lee (Museum) Home at Stoney Creek.

To set the stage, the English Women's Institute want to know the history of the Erland Lee Home, its lay out and general information about the Stoney Creek area.

Doing all this on behalf of FWIO will be Sandra Kell, chairman of the Erland Lee (Museum) Home Committee, and Jane Croft, FWIO board director, in whose sub-division the Lee home is situated.

As part of the celebration, the Stoney Creek WI branch will be reciting the Institute Ode and Collect, no doubt joined by the English members. Greetings will also be given by Mrs. Varnam, president of the N.F.W.I of England.

Over the years, there have been several bus loads of English and Welsh WI members making a "pilgrimage" to see the home where it all began more than 90 years ago.

To help the English and Welsh WI celebrate, a group of Ontario WI members lead by FWIO President Peggy Knapp will visit England in July. They will hold a special reception at Ontario House in London to celebrate 75 years of WI work in Britain.

As well, tour participants will take part in a series of courses at Denman College, a school run by the English WI to provide a variety of courses and workshops for WI members.

Mrs. Alfred Watts, Erland and Janet Lee, and even E.T. would be happy to see so many WI members calling home this year. However in 1997, the year WI celebrates its centenary, the phones to Stoney Creek will be ringing non-stop.

For more information, call Sandra Kell, chairman of the Erland Lee (Museum) Home, at (705) 456-5705, Jane Croft at (416) 854-2789, or Geraldine Campbell at (519) 674-0542.

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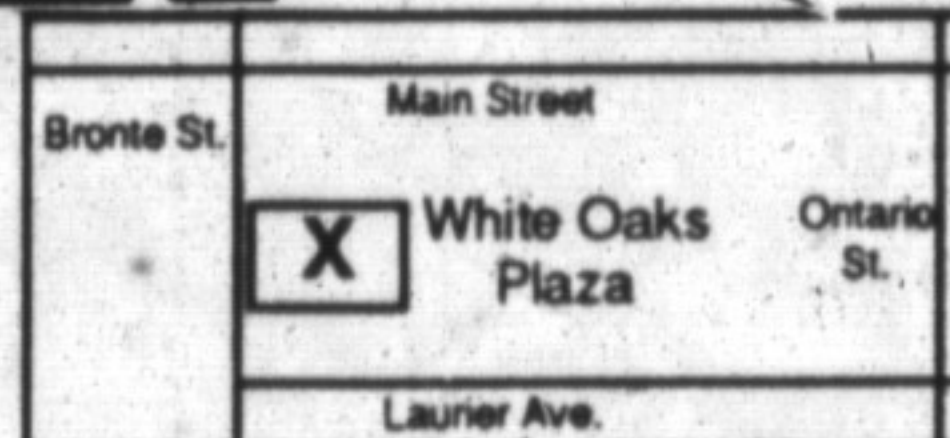
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