

Women's Institute open house tomorrow

The Women's Institute is an educational organization and is the world's largest women's organization. It is in 64 countries, and the Claremont branch formed Feb. 9, 1909, when 40 women met at the Masonic Hall.

In 1915 they bought two water tanks for the school costing \$6.50 each. This was more sanitary than the pail and dipper.

Part of its history includes a discussion regarding the lighting of the streets. A committee was to get someone to light the oil lamps for \$2 a month.

A boy took the job but it was too late for him to put the lights out. It was decided to have him put in a small amount of oil and let them go out by themselves. This continued until electricity came in 1927.

The institute was also behind the purchase of a clock for Mr. Pilkey's shop so the town bell could be rung at 7 a.m., noon, 1 and 6 p.m.

During the First World War, the government asked the well-organized Women's Institute for supplies and courses. There was no Red Cross then.

During both wars directions for knitting socks and sweaters were sent out by headquarters. Classes were held by Claremont women to teach the directions.

During the Second World War, Claremont Institute members won a contest for the most articles knitted and sewn for the soldiers in the month of October. They had a display of their work and charged 10 cents to see it. They made \$110.

Claremont will celebrate Wednesday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m. in the Seniors' Room of the Community Centre, Old Brock Rd. S. Everyone is welcome.

LIBRARY NEWS: Learn to research family history on the Internet

Get on-line with genealogy

Finding Your Family History was a popular program. Not surprising, as genealogy is a popular past-time for many people, and Ruth Burkholder is well known for her work as a genealogist.

Another well-received past program was the Introduction to the Internet by computer consultant Matthew Hutchinson. By now, participants are probably looking for more online challenges.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library is combining these two programs to present a three-hour workshop: Genealogy On-Line.

If you've taken either of the earlier sessions you'll be more than ready to

attend this program. However, if you're just beginning your family research or using electronics media, this course could also be for you.

There will be CD-ROM products as well as a live connection to the Internet, both highlighting family history research.

For everyone's viewing ease the demonstrations will be projected on a large screen using the library's new LCD projector.

By the end of the three hours, participants will be able to get started using this technology to start or expand their family research.

The cost is \$20 (plus tax) for early registration, and \$25 at the door. A mini-

mum of 10 people is required. Genealogy On-Line will be held Saturday, May 8, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

A special note to young adults seeking a summer job.

The library has recently received an Experience Program Position Listing from the provincial government.

Although there is no listing for Whitchurch, and only one listing for Stouffville, perhaps someone would be able to travel to Pickering or Peterborough, or some of the other locations.

Of course, there's lots of listings for the Toronto area.

Check out this listing on the map cabinet in the Reference area.

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Notice of Liquor Licence Application

The following establishment has applied to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for a liquor licence under the Liquor Licence Act:

Application for Additional Facilities
Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 170
109 Franklin Street, Uxbridge (indoor area)

Any resident of the municipality may make written submission as to whether the issuance of the licence is in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents. Submissions must be received no later than **May 21, 1999**. Please include your name, address and telephone number. If a petition is submitted to the Commission, please identify the designated contact person.

Note:
The AGCO gives the applicant details of any objections.

Submissions to be sent to:
Licensing and Registration Department
Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario
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Toronto ON M5G 2N6
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