

Elgin UNITED CHURCH WOMEN meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8pm in the Church's Centennial Hall. There are about 25 members enrolled with an average attendance of about 17. The mission study for this year is "Canadian Concerns-Christian Response" and the main reference book is "Justice, Not Charity" by Douglas Roche. New members are always welcome.

Our money-raising projects are an annual bazaar in November, catering to weddings and banquets, such as the Lions Club and the Bowling League. For further information, call president, Loree Smith at 359-5253.

#### North Leeds Gets a Community Education Worker

In the fall of last year, St. Lawrence College in Brockville hired Susan Chamberlain, a new resident of Westport, to work in North Leeds as a Community Education Worker. The main purpose of the job is to begin to make the programmes and services of St. Lawrence College more available to people who live in the northern half of Leeds County. When community colleges were first established each college was given a geographical area to service. For example, St. Lawrence College, Brockville, was given the responsibility for Leeds & Grenville Counties. In spite of hopes to the contrary, these community colleges became centralized educational institutions. Therefore the community worker programme was established to make the college more responsive to the needs of the outlying areas.

Being new to the area, the community education worker began by learning about what was happening in the area at present. She spoke with agency people who work in the North Leeds area, such as officials from Canada Manpower Social Workers from Children's Aid and the Ministry

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of Community and Social Services were consulted, and asked what they felt was needed in the area. As well, many residents of North Leeds who are involved in community organizations, such as members of the Federation of Agriculture, Rideau Crafts Association, and various township officials were approached to get their ideas about what St. Lawrence College should or could be doing in North Leeds.

The ideas of these people were put together into an overall picture and from this, the main activities of the programme were determined.

The following are areas where Ms. Chamberlain can be of assistance:

#### I. In Education

-helping to start or organize local courses and seminars by searching out where the interest lies.

At a booth at Rideau Crafts Christmas Market, people were asked which courses they were interested in. Out of this three new courses were started locally: Yoga, Ballroom Dancing and Weaving.

-helping to organize special programmes for local people. With help from the Canada Farm Labour Pool and area farmers, a series of seminars for dairy cattle producers is being planned. Also, a series of evening classes called Successful Supervision is being planned for local businessmen. All courses will be held in North Leeds.

#### II. In the Community

-helping groups to plan projects or events

-An afternoon discussion on Heating With Wood is being planned for Feb. 19 at Crosby Hall.

-organizing new community groups

-Ms Chamberlain helped to form the newsletter committee which is publishing the North Leeds Lantern.