

## MESSAGE FROM ENGLAND

It has been my privilege to attend rallies on Manitoulin Island for two consecutive years. The one at Mindemoya on August 10, 1972 was particularly interesting because of the 75th Anniversary celebration. I had impressed on my fellow members back in England what we owed to those Canadian pioneers of the Women's Institute and it was good to find myself a connecting link between the daughter movement in England and the Ontario Women's Institute. In England, I am just an ordinary branch member; here, I was representing England and being pressed to take back greetings from the Federated Women's Institutes in Ontario to their opposite numbers in the Women's Institutes of my country. It was an honour and a pleasure to be welcomed so warmly just for being English. One said, "I loved hearing you speak; you talk just like my mother." Another said her grandfather came from Chilham in Kent. Many told me of distant relatives or ancestors in Somerset, Cornwall, Staffordshire or Cumberland, or expressed a hope of visiting England one day. There was the Queen's portrait on the wall and we sang "God Save the Queen" to demonstrate our common bond. We also sang "O Canada" to show our loyalty to the community at large.

We are to have an "International" rally in my own district of Thames-side, in Kent at the Istead Rise Memorial Hall (on the way to Gravesend) in October and the theme is to be "Canada and the 75th Anniversary of the Women's Institute movement."

Elsie Cook,  
"Linden", Whitehill, Meopham, nr.  
Gravesend, Kent.



Past presidents and secretaries of the Lanark South District Women's Institutes attending the 60th Anniversary of that District. Back row, from left — Mrs. S. Temple, Miss Eva Condie, Mrs. P. Timmons, Mrs. R. McTavish, Mrs. H. Shaw, Mrs. E. Hammond, Mrs. F. Boyd, Mrs. E. Duffy. Front row, from left — Mrs. W. Moore, Mrs. E. Halpenny, a past chairman of the Ottawa Area; Mrs. Verna Davidson, District President; Mrs. D. Horricks, Mrs. R. H. McIlquham, Mrs. R. Bothwell.

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When I found that I was chosen to go to the Girls' 4-H Conference at Guelph I was pleased for I knew it would be an opportunity to meet many different people from other parts of Ontario. For some reason I thought only of Southern Ontario but found when I arrived at Guelph that Northern Ontario was represented also. That was a very pleasant surprise. The girls were all friendly. I met quite a few and found I had a lot in common with most of them.

I enjoyed the group discussions and guest speakers and found them very interesting.

Eating in a college cafeteria and living in a college residence was a new experience to me. The campus at Guelph is very shady with many trees to sit under. With the temperatures in the 80's and 90's all the time the shade was appreciated by everyone. We had the opportunity to tour Macdonald Institute which I found very interesting for my mother used to attend there.

I much appreciated the opportunity to attend the conference and I know I will never forget it.

Lois Armstrong  
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