

## THE JUNIOR PROGRAM AS JUNIORS SEE IT

## NEWS FLASHES



GARMENT JUDGING TEST FOR GIRLS

Here a group of contestants in the Inter-Club Clothing Competition are judging a class of repaired garments.

(Continued from page 4, col. 4) entered with gusto, the baseball games, the swimming periods, the campfire, the tribal songs and yells, the challenges issued by one tribe to another, the marshmallow roasts, and even the watermelon parties. But the "big" highlights were the vesper services, the interest groups, the special visitors, the new Junior Farmers' song and the downright good fellowship of the whole week. The interest groups were for everyone whether his interests were handicrafts, social and physical recreation, music or dramatics. The knowledge and help gained from these sessions with capable advisors was something to be treasured and carried back by each delegate to his own county. Everyone learned to sing and conduct the brand new snappy Junior Farmers' song, composed by the Camp pianist, Miss Margaret Watson, York County. Just wait till you hear it!

Each evening at sunset the tribes lined up at the flag pole and stole silently down to the beach for a quiet time with God. Hymns, always lovely, took on a special glow and holiness there by the mirror surface of Lake Simcoe in the stillness of twilight.

Perhaps the most beautiful event of the whole wonderful week was the Candle Lighting Service on the last night at Camp. Each tribal chieftain and sagamore, and each brave was given a candle as they stood in the council circle around the dying camp fire. Then, led by the Big Chief and the Spirit of Camp, the circle unwound itself from the camp fire on the shore to rewind itself about the flag pole. In the darkness of the Lake Simcoe night the flames of the candles burned brightly with a promise for the future—a promise of self-help and community betterment.

Peggy Smith, Perth County.

## AN EASTERNER AT CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

My trip to the C.N.E. will long be remembered, and as a member of the Homemaking Club it will leave even stronger memories of a most enjoyable time. On Tuesday morning my parents, my club leader, my club member [Colleen Carter] and myself left for Toronto.

Wednesday morning found club members hustling and bustling to prepare for team demonstrations, club exhibits and judging. I learned many new points in food, clothing and homemaking as I watched club members demonstrate and exhibit what they had learned in their club work. Colleen and I representing Carleton County were one of the first teams to demonstrate, so we were able to relax and watch the other counties. Box lunches supplied by the Canadian National Exhibition were enjoyed by the girls at noon. This gave the girls a chance

to make new acquaintances with club girls from all over Ontario. To me this is one of the great advantages and joys of such a day.

Wednesday afternoon left us free to enjoy the Canadian National Exhibition. After looking at many amazing sights at the exhibition, we joined the Junior Farmers to parade in counties and districts around the exhibition grounds. It was then Colleen and I learned that we had taken first place for our demonstration. We were very, very happy. After the parade we were guests of C.N.E. for dinner and for the horse show. Indeed it was a wonderful and full day.

Thursday we again visited the Canadian National Exhibition and various places of interest in Toronto. Friday morning our carload from Carleton left for home rather tired, after the exciting and eventful time, but very happy.

I would like to thank our own club leader, Mrs. Morling, who has taken such an interest in the club members at Manotick. Also I would like to thank the Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service, Miss Eadie and County Home Economists for making our trip possible and such a pleasant one for all of us.

Betty Pritchard, Carleton County.

## GARDENING IS FUN

Once more has come the time of year when we look back and see how thankful we should be for the sunshine and the showers which have helped in producing a good garden. For the past two years we have been in the "Home Garden Club", sponsored by the Women's Institute, which we think are carrying on splendid work—very helpful and beneficial.

The first year we didn't know much about gardening, but this year we found it much easier as a year's experience was very helpful. This spring we looked forward to receiving our 20 vegetables and 5 flower seeds. Some of the vegetables we had never grown before and now we have found out what we have been missing, as we have come to like these new vegetables which make very delicious salads. The seeds which we received were of excellent quality and many of the best varieties grown. The squash and pumpkin cannot be equalled for pies, the Bonny Best tomato is one of the outstanding varieties for table and canning purposes and the Chinese cabbage makes an excellent salad when most of the greens are over. We enjoyed hoeing our garden as we could see the vast improvement from week to week. It only seemed a short time from when we planted our garden until the lettuce, radishes and onions were ready for use, and from then on there seemed to be different vegetables for use every day.

In September we held our annual Achievement Day. For it we had to select eight vegetables of the best quality and a bouquet of flowers which we found very interesting. We also exhibited our record book in which we had recorded dates of planting, transplanting and using vegetables. Keeping records was really fun this year since we compared them with our 1946 records. While our 1947 garden was planted later, our vegetables were ready for use earlier than last year. Along with our garden this year we set out five hundred strawberry plants as a special project. We kept them hoed and the runners trained. We are expecting to have strawberries for sale next year.

Yes, gardening has been fun and we have been successful both this year and last in receiving first and second prize at Dufferin Central Fair. Now we have a grand variety of vegetables on hand for winter use,—some stored at home, some in cold storage, as well as canned tomatoes. We have both enjoyed it ever so much and we would urge girls to join Girls' Home Garden Clubs and have a garden of their own.

The Lennox Sisters, Dufferin County.

## A JUNIOR INSTITUTE MEMBER

The name Junior Institute is becoming more and more popular in the Province as small groups of interested young women through their Junior Institutes carry on regular meetings and enjoy membership in The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario and Ontario Junior Farmers.

In the County of Haldimand, the Junior Institute of which I am a member, was organized in March and we are just nicely getting started in the work, but I feel that this organization is going to mean a great deal to our members. Through it we have the opportunity of taking special courses and organizing Homemaking Clubs whereby we may learn to do a great number of new things.

At our meetings we consider such topics as Citizenship, Family Living and Etiquette. We devoted one evening to the study of etiquette—it was amazing the number of little questions on good manners that we could not answer. We found this topic so interesting and informative that the young people requested that we spend another meeting on it.

I feel that our Junior Institute is a great training force, giving its members experience in expressing themselves as they assume responsibility for their program and take part in discussion. At our meetings, too, there seems to be a friendly, peaceful atmosphere with members working happily together.

Yes, our members learn to think and speak for themselves and to take their place in their home and in the community.

Muriel Winger, Haldimand County.

Many other articles were submitted by Junior members which we would like to publish—they were all different, telling about the trip to Washington, camping with 4-H'ers in Maryland, Third Year Gardening, Inter-County days and many others. Through lack of space we cannot publish all these articles. Suffice it to say Junior work throughout the Province is much appreciated, it affords a wealth of worthwhile opportunities and as long as we have Juniors growing up in the work, we shall have the assurance of a strong senior organization in the future.

Oxford County: The Honourable Russell T. Kelley, Minister of Health, along with Miss Anna P. Lewis, officials from the Department of Health and the farm press toured Oxford County Health Unit and the Vocational Centre in Woodstock.

It was encouraging to see the assistance given at various centres by our W.I. members. Lakeside and Kintore Branches were both in action.

Sparta Sorosis, East Elgin: Have purchased a pioneer blacksmith shop built of clay and straw. They will use it as a W. I. meeting house. Since Sparta was once a Quaker Community past presidents very fittingly wore the authentic silver gray costumes with quaint Quaker bonnets as they performed the delightful task of pouring tea.

Thunder Bay District: One of the features in the Agricultural Hall at the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition was a very popular item—the demonstration of Salad Making presented by members of the various branches of the District.

Iona, Elgin West: Have established for the community a loan library of 50 books. A fee of \$5.00 is paid by the W.I. to the St. Thomas Library Association. The books are changed four times each year.

## MESSAGE FROM CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP BRANCH

Miss M. A. Swan, Women's Liaison Officer, Canadian Citizenship Branch, Ottawa, has sent very timely advice to our Institutes in a message which we publish below:

Great opportunities are open for Women's Institutes today to put their citizenship program into actual practice. No more significant work for Canada could be undertaken by your groups than for them to individually contact the newly arrived Dutch women, to assist them in establishing themselves in their Canadian environment and to encourage them to share in the local activities of the Institute. To my mind, nothing will go further to making happy Canadians, and therefore good Canadians, than encouragement and friendliness during the first difficult weeks and months in a strange country. No organization is, I feel, better equipped and qualified to perform this task than your own. My conviction was only deepened as I viewed your 50th Anniversary Celebration at Guelph.

Should the Institutes undertake such a plan as a definite citizenship project, please be assured that this Branch stands ready to give all possible assistance. It is possible to draw up a five-year plan in broad outline incorporating the following phases:—

- initial adjustment to the new community.
- the early establishment through the Department of Education of facilities for language instruction for those requiring it.
- subsequent instruction in spheres which will lead the new-comers to a better understanding and appreciation of life in Canada, beginning with such practical things as our transportation systems, our currency, our postal service and progressing in due course to discussions on Canadian history, geography, law, taxation, and forms of government.
- encouraging and assisting in their filing of their declarations of intention to become citizens of Canada and the subsequent submitting of applications for citizenship and preparation for the necessary court examination before it is granted.

It is only through such a program, undertaken in the community by such organizations as the Institutes, that we Canadians can in any measure ensure that the immigrants now arriving will be absorbed into the stream and achieve their maximum usefulness in the development of this country.

While the Dominion and Provincial Governments stand ready to assist in every way possible, the effective work must be done by the people on the spot, and that it is only through community organizations that we can reach the individual.