



In South Bruce District, Reid's Corners Institute came first in the Tweedsmuir Quilt Competition with this quilt. The design featuring the trillium and maple leaves is called "Spring in Canada".

*Photo Lee Studio, Kincardine, Ontario*

How appreciative we should be of our modern conveniences! What a far cry from the clouds of dust our brooms raised, as we swept the rag carpets in the "good old days" to having my vacuum cleaner glide over the rug in the living room. It has made it possible to have the luxury of a rug on the dining room floor where traffic is heavy.

Instead of the galvanized bathtub in the middle of the kitchen floor on Saturday night, where anyone was likely to intrude, we have the convenience and privacy of a well equipped bathroom—hot and cold, hard and soft water and toilet facilities.

For winter comfort the coal and wood heater has been replaced by an oil burning unit with electric circulator. This ensures the proper temperature even in the farthest corner of the rooms. The only complaint I have is the lack of ashes when the car gets stuck in the driveway.

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### **A Link With The Community**

In a world of changing standards, false values and commercial entertainment, it is still possible to build into the home life of our nation that quality which will enable our children to develop character and a set of values that make the foundation for a good way of life. In the rural home the opportunities to do this are many, and as we look back over the four years that have elapsed since we moved from a small home to a larger farm home, we realize how important a part the rural home plays in influencing, not only the people who live there but those who may visit or call for various reasons.

In our association with various church groups and farm organizations we take our turn at having committee meetings and group gatherings. We are fortunate that we have a

large, eight room brick house built over sixty years ago, with all modern conveniences and central heating, so it is no trouble to accommodate thirty or forty people comfortably, and more with a little planning. As members of a farm family our children are accustomed to the co-operative activity that makes farm life run smoothly and by having in our home people who keep busy in the work of the church and community we hope to instill in our children the importance of also sharing in the responsibilities of activities outside the home and to realize the fact that rural life can be based on co-operation rather than competition; thus they become better citizens in their own community, the nation and the world. These gatherings also teach them in a practical way to be hospitable, courteous and considerate to those outside the family group, and when they are old enough to entertain such groups as the Young People's Union and the Junior Farmers they will do so with accustomed ease and confidence.

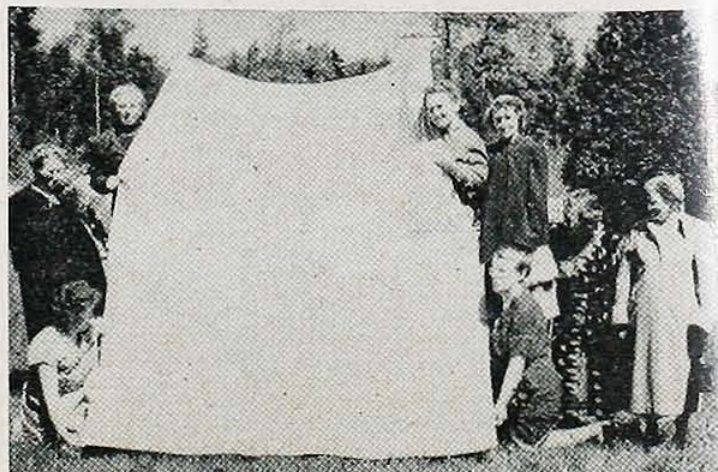
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### **Hobbies In The Home**

Seeing that this essay is not called "The Rural House" but "The Rural Home," I should like to talk a little more about the inhabitants. Besides furniture and labor-saving devices two little boys have been added to our home. They are in no way labor-saving, but all the same of very great value to us. Tommy is now three and a half years old and the baby, Johnny, just six months.

Being still very much at the "building-up the farm" stage, we have little time for hobbies. But at the head of that list is undoubtedly reading, for my husband and myself and apparently Tommy is going to walk in our footsteps. Sunday afternoons are pretty quiet around here. We are both reading, and Tommy is busy looking through his books and our magazines. Also his bedtime stories form an important part of the day for him; he never minds leaving his play outdoors to come in for his bedtime stories.

Besides reading, my husband has another hobby, the farm, which isn't just work for



Poplar Institute's first prize Manitoulin West quilt shows a map of the Island.