



Members of the Oshweken Women's Institute, Six Nations Reserve, at their twenty-fifth anniversary celebration. Mrs. H. M. Hill, centre of front row was presented with a life membership, the presentation being made by Miss Lewis who was guest speaker at the meeting. Mrs. Hill has served as branch president, branch secretary, and district president for South Brant, and has taken an active interest in the Hamilton area.

## A Bond Through Basic English

Among her many human welfare interests, Mrs. E. E. Morton of Vegreville, Alberta, past president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada and vice-president of the Associated Country Women of the World, has been active in teaching basic English to New Canadians, and has gone so far as to send Basic English books to a group of rural women in Norway. These books are issued by the Canadian Citizenship Branch of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration at Ottawa. The following letter which Mrs. Morton received recently from Bergen, Norway, shows how well the Norwegian class are progressing in their study of English, and how effective this study has been in establishing a bond of friendship between women in Europe and in Canada. This is the letter:

"We are celebrating the end of the season for English courses and we all want to send you our love and gratitude. We are indeed indebted to you for your inspiring talks about Basic English, and for your kindness in sending us books. We have had a busy year and we feel that we have learnt some English. The worst part is not to be afraid to open our mouths. We are so dreadfully afraid of making a fool of ourselves. It is of course vanity, but our teachers say we must throw ourselves into deep water and swim ashore. It doesn't matter so much in what manner we reach the shore as long as we get there. In Sandvike at Mrs. Saeveruds house we meet once a week and we have two pages to read and translate and we must know all the words by heart. As a rule Mrs. Saeverud is content. We are all housewives and must of course take care of our homes first of all and we can't always get enough time to learn our lessons as well as we ought to. We can't honestly say that the difficult English words rush

out of our mouths as fast as peas out of a bag, but still our aim and hope is to be able to make ourselves understood. It would be lovely if we could get some Canadian housewives to visit us, but the distance is far too great, and we must make the best of the summer tourists. Many of us have chances to meet them in trains and hotels during the summer holidays. Mrs. Saeverud plans to visit Canada next year, and we are looking forward to hear all about the World Congress in your beloved Canada when she returns. We hope and pray that all is well with you and yours and may God bless and keep you."

(The letter is signed by twenty-four women, members of the class in English.)

We quote this letter partly for its human interest, partly because it seems to suggest a way in which some of our own Ontario Institutes might be of service to New Canadian women coming to our community. It is not hard to teach English with the help of a Basic English book, which can be procured from the Department of Citizenship and Immigration at Ottawa.

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"What is it then to live? To live is to talk with the world. Work, play, love and worship are four good ways of keeping up the conversation."

—Dr. Richard Cabot in "What Men Live By."



Every member of Milberta Institute, South Timiskaming had a part in making this Salada Tea competition quilt, shown at Englehart convention.