



Women's Institute Holiday group at Guelph. Seated are Mrs. Purcell, F.W.I.O. President, right, and Miss Isabel

Leslie of the Women's Institute Branch, who taught the women how to make the etched aluminum trays shown.

# Women's Institute Holidays

## Holiday at Guelph

By Mrs. Loren Guild

The Women's Institute Holiday at the O.A.C. Guelph could contribute a line to "Old MacDonald," for ". . . on that farm there were some gals . . . with a chit chat here and a chit chat there, here a chat there a chat everywhere a chit chat" and how we loved it! From the morning of July 6th when happy squeals of delight indicated recognition and reunions, to the farewells on Friday there was a communion of fellowship.

It is as difficult to isolate the highlights of the Holiday as it is to judge a good meal. Some like dessert, some prefer the meat. When the whole meal has quality the result is a feeling of satisfaction and well being. So it was with the Holiday.

To live in MacDonald Hall on the beautiful O.A.C. campus, to meet and to listen to members of the faculty and staff was a privilege and experience to be treasured.

The morning tours with Mr. Taylor over the campus, the lectures and slides with Mr. Montgomery on Canadian wild flowers and weeds freshened our interest in rural beauty.

Each woman who made an aluminum tray or a pair of moccasins under the direction of Miss Isabel Leslie of the Women's Institute Branch added to her Holiday the pleasure of accomplishment.

The women constantly mentioned the easy friendliness, the freedom, and above all, the wonderful meals prepared by someone else!

The quiet satisfaction of morning devotions under Padre Young with Mr. Kidd at the organ started the day with a spirit of content and

thankfulness. Each evening ended with pictures, party or euchre. The hours between offered opportunity for relaxation.

Daily bus loads of women joined the Holiday group for afternoon lectures, which were practical and thought-provoking and, of course, there was spontaneous fun.

One evening the women responded to the call of the Pied Piper and followed Mrs. Graham, as she played her accordion, across the lawn to dance in front of Creelman Hall. Later in the snack bar, as our voices joined in the harmony of song and laughter, the attendant remarked that we were as bad as the students. Nor will we forget Mrs. Purcell staunchly preventing a group of young men from crashing the women's line in the dining-room. Like a Sergeant Major she held them back while the women filled their trays.

Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Purcell and Miss Lewis and to all who had helped to make the Holiday a success. The success depended, of course, upon the co-operation of all the women, which was whole-hearted.

It was a gay, carefree and good Holiday.

## Eastern Ontario Holiday

Contributing a great deal to the enjoyment of the Women's Institute Holiday at Kemptville Agricultural School was the hospitality of Miss Ruth Rorke, Director of the school's Home Economics Department. The women on holiday enjoyed the friendly atmosphere of the school, the bed-time snacks in the common room and the delicious meals which they did not have to prepare themselves. A word of