

Eastern Ontario Holiday

WHEN YOU visit Kemptville Agricultural School you feel the hospitality of the place from the minute you meet the school's hostess, Miss Ruth Rorke, Director of the Home Economics course for girls. Certainly the forty-five women who came to the Eastern Ontario Women's Institute holiday this year "made themselves at home," and the friendliness of the women went a long way to "make the holiday."

The holiday opened on Tuesday afternoon, August 17. Mr. Barr, principal of the school welcomed the visitors and the first thing on the program was a "hay ride" — a tractor tour of the farm to visit the barns and experimental plots, also a visit to the dairy school. That evening Mr. Miller, Eastern Ontario representative of Community Programmes Branch of the Department of Education, directed a Get Acquainted Party. Mr. Miller's program of alternate active games and quiet games, singing and folk and square dancing was a fine demonstration of how to make a social evening truly recreational and how to adapt a recreation program to suit people of varied ages. Mrs. Roy Graham of South Mountain provided the piano music for this session and

led sing-songs and a variety of musical stunts at intervals all through the holiday.

Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, presided at all sessions and led in non-sectarian devotional exercises each morning. Miss Anna P. Lewis, Director Women's Institute Branch and Home Economics Service, showed her coloured slides "Let's Visit Jamaica" and some other pictures of Eastern Ontario Institute groups. Miss Isabel Leslie of the Women's Institute Branch directed a handicraft workshop in making felt flowers. Ethel Chapman gave a talk on the enjoyment of poetry and at another session led a discussion on the same topic. There was a lecture with films on Landscape Gardening by Mr. H. E. Ransone, Horticulture Department, Kemptville Agricultural School, and a panel discussion on "World Affairs and You" led by Dr. Helen Abell, Economics Department, Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture of Canada, with Mrs. MacPhatter, Miss Lewis, Miss Rorke, Mrs. Roy Graham and Miss Chapman as members of the panel. The holiday ended with a tour of the Department of Lands and Forests district nurseries under the guidance of Mr. Lane.

This was a happy, friendly, spirited and, we believe, profitable holiday for everyone who attended.

Canadian Association of Consumers

THE following note from Mrs. H. E. Vautelet, C.B.E., National President of the Canadian Association of Consumers, published in C.A.C. Bulletin, should clear up any misunderstanding about the Association's policy on prices. Mrs. Vautelet writes:

"Occasionally I have been introduced by an enthusiastic but uninformed consumer as the president of the Canadian Association of Consumers 'which is working to bring down prices.' This distresses me greatly, and I have been at great pains to correct this quite inaccurate description of the function and purpose of C.A.C.

C.A.C. is not an association dedicated to bringing prices down, except in rare and special circumstances. Sometimes we try indirectly to bring about a lowering of prices, where they may have been kept higher than necessary by some unwise, clumsy or unfair trade practice or condition, such as, for instance, re-sale price maintenance. But such have been few during the seven brief years of our life. And when C.A.C. has done so, it was because principles, much more than the prices themselves, were at stake.

C.A.C. is not working to bring down prices for several sensible reasons. In the first place, no association could do it. In the second, prices and earnings, like Siamese twins, are tied closely together. It is a very delicate operation to bring down one without pulling down part of the other.

Nor is C.A.C. an organization set up to fight other groups in Canada. Rather, we are recognized as a sound means of bringing the problems and information of those who sell, as one instance, to those who buy from them.

Finally C.A.C. is not a "consumer only" group. We believe that any benefits for consumers that are obtained at the expense of the legitimate rights of other groups, or that penalize unjustly other groups, also end by penalizing consumers. This is something consumers must learn for their own good.

A MESSAGE TO HURRICANE SUFFERERS

On October 19 The Honorable Frances Farrer, General Secretary of the National Federation of Women's Institutes, 39 Eccleston Street, Victoria, London, England, wrote to Miss Lewis:

"We have heard of the terrible havoc caused in Ontario by the typhoon and I write on behalf of the National Federation to send our sympathy to any Ontario Women's Institute members who may have suffered.

"Members who were present at the Conference in Toronto are able to picture the desolation very vividly and all of us are able to realize the fear which such an event must cause to everyone.

"Please do convey our understanding and concern to your members."