

In her talk on "Literature and Living" Miss Ethel Chapman suggested that members give thought to developing reading habits as a family interest, and in quoting from well-known prose and poetry she made a plea that for every new book that was put down an old one be taken up. On the same programme Miss Margaret Borthwick, accompanied by Mrs. Bruce Smith, delighted her listeners with four songs.

"To the Rescue of Canada's Past" was the subject of a talk by Mrs. Elsa Neal. Slides of her reconstructed log home showed how articles in everyday use in pioneer days should be preserved, to "show the future how the past lived." In these days of rapid changes such articles are disappearing and soon the memory of them will be gone also. "We should gather together this early equipment," said Mrs. Neal, "so that we may never lose the knowledge of how they laboured to develop the land and life that we enjoy."

A highlight of the holiday was the bus trip to Waterloo County. Stops were made at Cressmans Woods, suggested site for Waterloo County's Pioneer Village; Doon Memorial Tower, erected to the memory of the early Mennonite settlers; and the Doon School of Art, formerly the home of Homer Watson, noted Canadian artist. A picnic supper was enjoyed in Waterloo Park. Much appreciation was voiced by the "holidayers" to Miss Beck, the college dietitian, her assistant, Miss Parker, and all the members of their staff, for the delightful meals enjoyed during the holidays. Much of the enjoyment of the holiday lies in the fact that for the "holidayers" there are no meals to prepare and no dishes to wash.

The Talent Party one evening brought forth a most surprising amount of talent in songs, readings, original choruses, skits and a most hilarious presentation of "How **not** to run an Institute Meeting." A prize to the person whose home was most distant was awarded to Mrs. Sidney de Silva of Ceylon whose husband is attending the O.A.C. on a Colombo Plan Scholarship. Mrs. de Silva was a welcome visitor at several sessions of the holiday and was most attractive in her beautiful and colourful saris. At the Talent Party Mrs. de Silva sang the song that the carters of Ceylon sing as they drive their oxen. At one session a brief talk by Mrs. de Silva was enjoyed.

The Interest Groups were "Let's Paint" with Mr. Gordon Couling, well-known artist and member of the staff of Macdonald Institute, and a Choral Group, under the direction of Mr. Ralph Kidd, Director of Music for the O.A.C. A demonstration of serious and sprightly numbers by the thirty-two members of the Choral Group, and an exhibition of paintings by the forty-three members of the Art Group showed what progress could be made in a short time under a good teacher. Much credit is due to Mr. Kidd and Mr. Couling for their expert and kindly instruction. Many requests were made for a continuance of these groups next year.

Members were unanimous in their praise of

the staff of Macdonald and Watson Hall. The excellent accommodation provided and the thoughtfulness of the staff left nothing to be desired. As "Good-byes" were said many intentions of meeting next year at the "holiday" were heard and everyone went home the richer for having enjoyed the companionship of friends old and new at the Guelph Holiday.

Kemptville Holiday

Fifty-four visitors enjoyed the hospitality of the Kemptville Agricultural School for the Eastern Ontario Women's Institute Holiday held August 7, 8 and 9. Mr. A. M. Barr, principal, in welcoming the guests gave a short history of the school and told of the opportunities offered to students at the K.A.S. A tour, by tractor train, of the barns, experimental plots and campus was the first item on the holiday programme. Following this Miss Rorke, Director of the Home Economics Department and the school's hostess, took the members on a tour of her department. Miss Rorke's friendliness set the pace for a happy, relaxed holiday.

Mrs. James Haggerty, Napanee, F.W.I.O. Regional Vice-President, presided during the holiday and led a short devotional service each morning. Her daily address to the women was timely and much enjoyed.

Under the enthusiastic direction of Mr. George Miller, Community Programmes Branch, Department of Education, the "Get Acquainted Party" was a great success. It included different types of games, something for everybody, so everybody took part and had fun.

Time passed all too quickly for the thirty members enrolled in the Art Group "Let's Paint" with Mr. Gordon Couling, well-known artist and member of the staff of Macdonald Institute. Under ideal weather conditions lessons were conducted on the campus. Many very creditable pictures emerged from the instruction given. A highlight of the holiday was the visit of the Art Group to Oxford Mills, a very pretty and historic village close to Kemptville. Here are several lovely old stone buildings. The focal point to the budding artists was the picturesque old mill, still in operation after a hundred years of activity. The paintings of the mill which were done that day will recall to many the happy time spent at Oxford Mills.

Under the direction of Mr. Harry Hill, Community Programmes Branch, Department of Education, the Choral Group had an informative and entertaining course. In an interesting, humorous and informal way Mr. Hill discussed with the twenty-one members of the group the origin and make-up of a variety of songs, from bright and breezy sea chanties to Negro spirituals. Mrs. Roy Graham, South Mountain, and Mrs. A. Franks, Madoc, assisted at the piano during these sessions and at other times during the holiday.

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