

Members of the Kawartha Valley Women's Institute wearing dresses made in their course, Dressmaking I, with Miss Eleanor Kidd of the Ontario Department of Agriculture's Home Economics Extension Service. The president writes: "We thoroughly enjoyed this course and no one regrets taking 4½ days off from regular home duties."



### AN INSTITUTE AND A WAR BRIDE

**T**HE editor had occasion to write to Mrs. Clifford Gilbert of Purple Valley Institute in North Bruce about a table decoration at their last District Annual. Our representative at this meeting had told us about yellow roses made from marshmallows used on mirrors along with flowers of periwinkle blue, to carry out the Institute colors.

This picture was taken when Mrs. Berry, A.C.W.W. President, visited North Grey. Members of the group represent the Women's Institute at all levels. From left to right they are: Mrs. Gordon Bothwell, North Grey District President and Grey county Vice-President; Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter, Provincial President at that time and a member of the National sub-executive; Mrs. Berry, seated; Mrs. Robert Hurley, President Bothwell's Corners Institute; Mrs. Wilson Johnson, North Grey Vice-President. The four Grey county women are all members of Bothwell's Corners branch.



Unfortunately the "roses" did not photograph well so we had to give up the idea of the table decoration for our paper, but we got another story which seems even more worth passing on.

Mrs. Gilbert apologized for the delay in writing because her husband had been very ill in hospital and she and her boys, aged fourteen and four, had been keeping things going at the farm. She wrote:

"Although it is a busy life I would not exchange it with anyone, as I like milking cows and feeding calves, pigs and chickens and the rest of the stock.

"It is quite a different life for me, as I am an English bride, married while my husband was in the army. I came to Canada in 1946 with my one boy who was born in England, and I have never regretted it, as I think Canada is a lovely place in which to live and bring up children.

"We have a very active Institute in our community and since I have been here the women have treated me like one of their own. When we moved into our farm home, the Institute members came one afternoon, cleaned the house and even painted and hung wallpaper. They also gave me a pantry shower. And when I had been here five days the community gave my husband and myself a shower. We made a lot of new friends and the gifts were so many we had to get a truck to take them home. Where would I find better people than right here in Canada?"

"I have been a member of the Women's Institute for ten years, of which I was president for three years."

(Editor: So, largely because of the welcome from the Women's Institute, another newcomer—and one who is a real asset to Canada—likes our country.)