

This rug picturing the Alexander Graham Bell home-land near Brantford was made by Park Road Institute members for the Tweedsmuir Competition a few years ago. It is now in the Bell Museum at Baddeck, N.S.



RUG GOES TO A MUSEUM

A FEW years ago when the project for the Tweedsmuir handicraft competition was a hooked rug, Alford and Park Road Institute, like other branches, gave considerable thought to the design for their rug. The members decided on a picture of the Alexander Graham Bell homeland as it was at the time the telephone was invented — this home now being one of the tourist attractions of the locality. The design was sketched on canvas by one of the members, Mrs. Alan R. Neff, and the rug was hooked by Institute members meeting at the home of Mrs. James Gillin and using woollen material supplied by themselves and their friends.

At the time the rug was made, the Institute



Apple Orchard quilt designed by Mrs. Ada Brock Lawrence and made by members of First Green Simcoe East Institute. We presume the colors are pink or pink and white for the apple blossoms, dark grey for the tree trunks and a sky blue for the background.

was raising money to furnish a room in the new wing of Brantford's General Hospital, and the women hoped to sell the rug to augment their funds. The President, Mrs. M. L. Biggar and Mrs. Orval Sinclair consulted with the Mayor of Brantford about the sale of the rug and the result was that the City of Brantford bought the rug and presented it to the new Bell Museum at Baddeck, Nova Scotia. This museum built in the locality where Bell did a great deal of his work on the invention of the telephone, shows the enormous scope of his scientific research in disc phonograph records, iron lungs, hydrofoil speedboats, mine detectors and aviation as well as the telephone.

In a letter to the Mayor of Brantford, thanking the citizens for the rug, the Hon. Jean Lesage, Nova Scotia Minister of National Resources wrote:

"This gift, a beautiful hooked rug, depicting the Bell Homeland at Brantford, is a most appropriate one, and will long serve to remind visitors to this Museum of the strong bond of kinship and interest that links Baddeck and Brantford, two historic Canadian centres connected with the memory of the great scientist Alexander Graham Bell. Would you kindly convey to the Alford and Park Road Women's Institute my appreciation of the artistic skill of the members who made this beautiful gift."

SIMCOE'S QUILT AND RUG FAIR

SIMCOE county's annual Quilt and Rug Fair, sponsored by the County Arts and Crafts Association, will be held in Collingwood on July 24 to 27.

The theme will be a family-centred one. A number of demonstration rooms will be set up to illustrate the use of quilts and rugs in a master bedroom, a girl's room, a boy's room, a nursery and a summer cottage.

This Fair offers a good attraction for an Institute bus trip. For detailed information write the Vice-Chairman and Convener of Publicity, Mrs. F. Spearling, R.R. #4, Stayner, Ont.