

were in keeping with the Institutes' sixtieth anniversary. Our entertainment must have been enjoyed for we played for a time much longer than was scheduled, and we enjoyed ourselves as much as the audience did. Several of the ladies just could not keep still as we were playing and would give each other a twirl around. This garden party was a delightful experience for us. The next day we played at another garden party in Renfrew, arranged by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion—another successful event.

"We practise two or three times a month

and always have lots of fun, whether we are practising or playing for an audience. The washboard gadget seems to amuse people and it takes the place of the tap drum and helps with the tempo. We have just arranged to have our next practice at the home of a senior member who has been an invalid for several years, and she and her daughter, a nurse, have never heard us play. Another note that might be of interest is that one of our members had a nervous breakdown some years ago and when she was convalescing she was advised to take up music. She says it just meant starting to live again."

Women's Institute Holidays

By Mrs. E. V. Thompson

GUELPH HOLIDAY

THE best holiday yet," was the unanimous decision of the one hundred and forty-seven members who attended the eighth annual Women's Institute Holiday held at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, July 15 to 19.

In the absence of Dr. MacLachlan, President, Dr. Norman High gave a warm welcome to the college. His remarks were humorous and followed a lively session of Community Singing led by Mr. W. A. Young and accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kidd. This popular trio provided much pleasure at each session of community singing.

Mrs. James Haggerty, President, brought greetings from F.W.I.O. Mrs. Haggerty was present throughout the Holiday and members enjoyed meeting her in such an informal and friendly setting.

A variety of questions were discussed during the Panel and floor discussion held the first afternoon. Taking part from the platform were Mrs. Haggerty; Miss Helen M. McKercher, Director of Extension Branch Home Economics Service; Mrs. W. J. Small, Convention Secretary, Guelph Area; with the Holiday Secretary as Chairman.

At the Get Acquainted Party held the first evening in Macdonald Hall, Mr. W. Mitchell and Miss Eva Sullivan of the Physical Education Department, O.A.C. arranged many entertaining days of "getting acquainted."

The short devotional service held each morning in Memorial Hall was a looked-forward-to part of each day's programme. This quiet time at the beginning of the day, with a short talk by Mr. Young and the soft organ music by Mr. Kidd, is a much enjoyed part of the Holiday and long remembered by busy homemakers.

A tour of the Co-operative Feed and Milk Plant was arranged for one afternoon. This proved to be most interesting and educational. Delicious refreshments were served, courtesy of the United Co-operative Organization.

Dr. Margaret McCready, Principal of Macdonald Institute, arranged for a demonstration of cookery and in the new and much talked about Electronic Oven. Members saw demonstrated, food fully cooked in a matter of minutes and, in some cases, seconds. We were most fortunate to have a demonstration by a widely known young Canadian, Miss Bette Tillman, a student at Macdonald Institute. Bette recently won fame as the Champion Cherry Pie Maker in Canada. The holidayers sampled a generous serving of cherry pie. Bette had made seventeen that morning. A film showing something of the work and activities of the students at Macdonald Institute was enjoyed by everyone.

Everybody entered enthusiastically into the fun of the Talent Night party and a great variety of talent was evident. Songs, skits and rhythm bands were popular and each one of a group of members from Port Perry gave an interesting item about her home town. A brief visit from Professor Sauerkraut (who looked strangely like Mrs. Haggerty) was mirth-provoking.

A highlight of the Holiday was the bus trip to Stratford and the Shakespearean Festival to see a performance of Twelfth Night. The drive through the beautiful countryside to Stratford was most enjoyable, and the supper which had been taken by Miss Beck and some members of the staff of the college dining hall, was all that could be desired. Much appreciation was voiced by the members on the excellence of the meals planned by Miss Beck and Miss Mary Parker. A great deal of the pleasure of the Holiday is due to the fact that, for the "holidayers", there are no meals to plan and no dishes to wash. The evening refreshments sent over by Miss Beck are also much appreciated.

A very welcome guest for part of the Holiday was Miss Sophia Bofo of Ghana. Miss Bofo, Director of Education for Women and Girls in the newly formed Commonwealth State, was visiting Home Economics schools