



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kidd directing choral group at Guelph Holiday.

KEMPTVILLE HOLIDAY

A smaller than usual number of members attended the Eastern Ontario Women's Institute Holiday held at the Kemptville Agricultural School, August 7, 8 and 9. What the group lacked in numbers, however, they made up in enthusiasm. A warm welcome to K.A.S. was given by Miss Ruth Rorke, Director of the Home Economics Department. As hostess of the school, Miss Rorke contributes a great deal to the pleasure of the holiday. Mr. H. Ransome, Department of Horticulture, K.A.S. told of the planned planting of the grounds and in a tour of the greenhouses gave much informal information on soils, cacti and house plants.

A tour of the Home Economics Department with Miss Rorke was most informative. Many different kinds of work done by students were shown. Particularly interesting were drapes which had been made for Miss Rorke's room and a beautifully smocked child's dress.

Mrs. James Haggerty, President F.W.I.O., in her greeting to the members advised them to dress comfortably and just relax, for this was a holiday. In such a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, members who did not already know the Provincial President, enjoyed getting to know her.

A Get Acquainted Talent Party was held the first evening and all members contributed something to the programme. Games which helped to get the group mixed were played. After a session of Community Singing, refreshments, thoughtfully served by Miss Rorke and her staff, brought a pleasant evening to a close.

Each morning of the holiday Mrs. Haggerty conducted a short devotional service. Her address each morning was timely and much enjoyed. Wedding anniversary congratulations were sung to Mrs. Haggerty on the second morning of the holiday. Mrs. Addie Cardiff also received choral congratulations on the occasion of her birthday.

A bus trip to Ottawa and a demonstration in the Department of Fisheries Test Kitchen was most enjoyable. Miss Margaret Myer, Director, welcomed the women to the Department's Test Kitchen and Miss Adele McEachern conducted the demonstration. Many delicious fish dishes were prepared, after which all the dishes were sampled by the members. Very welcome on the bus trip were several

members from the Kemptville Women's Institute.

The Interest Groups had enthusiastic members. The Choral Group under the leadership of Mrs. Roy Graham, South Mountain, had fun learning several numbers and also had a rhythm band which they enjoyed.

The group making Stuffed Toys and Dolls in a class conducted by the Holiday Secretary enjoyed what was for most of the members a first attempt to make a stuffed toy. So great was the enthusiasm of the interest groups that instead of a "Do as you like" evening, members voted to continue the group work.

On the last afternoon of the holiday Mr. J. M. Purvis of the English and Economics Division, K.A.S., delighted his audience with an illustrated lecture of his recent visit to the British Isles. The slides shown, many of them taken in Scotland, were in beautiful colour, and Mr. Purvis's commentary was thoroughly enjoyed.

Several numbers were sung in harmony by the Choral Group, demonstrating how much had been accomplished in a short space of time. The attractive toys and dolls made by the Stuffed Toys Group were shown, and two dolls which had been a "combined effort" by several members were presented to Mrs. Haggerty for her grand-daughters.

A very hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Miss Rorke for all that was done by the staff at K.A.S. to make this a most happy and successful holiday.

The smallness of the holiday group at Kemptville—there were twenty-six in attendance—in no way detracted from the holiday, for it was like a family party and as such was enjoyed by all. New friendships had been made and old ones renewed, and as "Good byes" were said, plans for meeting again next year were being made.

Rhythm band at Kemptville led by Mrs. Roy Graham.

