

## FATHER TO SON

The times have proved my judgment bad.  
I've followed foolish hopes in vain,  
And as you look upon your dad  
You see him commonplace and plain.

No brilliant wisdom I enjoy;  
The jests I tell have grown to bore you,  
But just remember this, my boy:  
'Twas I who chose your mother for you!  
—From a poem by Edgar A. Guest.

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making of bias binding; the girls were to bring to the next meeting some small articles they had made and trimmed with bias binding.

**Coldwater** Junior Institute joined with the Senior Institute in a dinner to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the Women's Institute movement. A feature of the programme was a skit of an Institute meeting of sixty years ago. The members dressed in old-time costumes and discussed three resolutions—to have automobiles barred from the roads, to have husbands shave off their moustaches and to ask all the neighbors to do away with their cats. This Institute has had addresses at its meetings by the clergymen of all denominations in the community. At Christmas time they entered a float, Fairyland, in the Santa Clause parade and packed 750 candy bags to be distributed to children at the town's Christmas tree. They canvassed for the Salvation Army and through funds raised at card parties, bake sales, a tea garden and dinner for officials at the fall fair they gave donations to various charities.

**Ripley** a Junior Institute organized ten years ago makes a specialty of sponsoring 4-H Homemaking Clubs. They entered a float in the county centennial parade and took part in county Institute competitions. Some of their popular programme features over the past year were addresses by the farm editor from their local TV and radio station, speakers on Landscape Gardening, Better Buymanship, Manners and Etiquette, and a demonstration by a local beautician. The secretary adds: "Our club entertained the exchange delegate from Scotland and enjoyed hearing of the country where a number of our ancestors came from."

The president of **Bolton** reports that when the town of Brampton, fifteen miles from Bolton, through the Kiwanis Club launched a drive to raise funds to start a school for retarded children, the Bolton Junior Farmers and Junior Institute felt this was an opportunity to fulfil one part of their pledge "Self Help and Community Betterment". They volunteered their services to canvass in their area and had "two members on each concession and two on each sideroad, going from farm house to farm house asking for donations". They collected \$250 to hand over to the committee working for the School for Retarded Children.

The girls of **Brooke** Junior Institute are enlarging their membership through a competition. The girl who brings the most new members into the club will get a Junior Farmer pin for her efforts. Evidently the plan is working well for at the last meeting the attendance was almost doubled. The girls gave a donation of ten dollars to the Ceylon flood relief fund.

## Country Girls' Clubs in New Zealand

When Miss Eadie visited New Zealand last year she met some members of Country Girls Clubs, and last December one of these girls wrote to thank Miss Eadie for literature on our Ontario Junior work. We believe these notes from her letter will be of interest:

"We found your Junior Farmer News very interesting and I took along to our meeting your programme kit and your Club Leader's Manual. Our girls found them most interesting as we don't have project work like your clubs. At our meetings we have a lecturer or a demonstrator. For instance, one evening we had a field officer demonstrating the covering of a chair. She showed on a miniature chair exactly how to go about making the loose cover. Then she gave us each a pamphlet with the instructions so that those who were really interested could make a cover at home. I think if we were to have a project it would make our meetings more interesting.

"In October we had our district competition day. While our exhibits were being judged we had a tennis tournament; and in the afternoon a parade of frocks made by members. For this we were judged on our modelling ability, suitability of style and material for the wearer and accessories". (The dresses had been judged earlier in the day.) "We had several other classes in sewing, knitting, needlework, floral art and baking. As our local club was running the competition we had a busy time preparing for the show and an even busier time clearing away, as we held a dance in the hall that night".

(Evidently the New Zealand girls' clubs are not very different from our own. If any On-

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## THE PERFECT GUEST

She answered by return post  
The invitation of her host.  
She caught the train she said she would  
And changed at stations where she should.  
She brought a small and lightish box  
And keys belonging to the locks.  
Food rich and rare she did not beg  
But ate the fried and scrambled egg.  
When offered lukewarm tea she drank it  
And did not crave an extra blanket  
Nor extra pillow for her head;  
She seemed to like the spareroom bed.  
She brought her own self-filling pen  
And always went to bed at ten.  
She left no little things behind  
But stories new and gossip kind.

—Just from a Devon home.