

equivalent of the Women's Institute. Another highlight of the Holiday programme was the showing of slides and the commentary by Mrs. L. Gibson, Kemptville, of her recent world tour and attendance at the A.C.W.W. Conference in Ceylon. Mrs. Gibson was one of the official delegates from Ontario. Many lovely slides were shown; and much enjoyed also were the sidelights of the tour as told by Mrs. Gibson.

The Interest Groups, "Textile Printing" conducted by Miss Isabel Leslie, Home Economics Service, Department of Agriculture, and "Stuffed Toys and Dolls," in charge of the Holiday Secretary, were well attended and proved very popular.

All good things come to an end and all too

soon it was Friday. There was a last minute rush in the Textile group to get place mats finished, while in the Toy group, horses were finished, with mane and tail; while wigs and dresses were being finished for the dolls, to have everything ready for the afternoon program which featured an exhibit of the work of the groups. Summaries of the Interest Groups and "Impressions of the Kemptville Holiday" were given by various members. A hearty vote of thanks to Miss Rorke and the staff at K.A.S. was voiced by the appreciative "holidayers" who realize the contribution they make to the pleasure of a few days away from home and the daily round of getting meals for the family.

Fifty-seven women attended the Holiday.

## *Grey's County Museum*

By Edith MacPhatter

**T**HE WOMEN'S INSTITUTES of Grey County have been sponsoring a museum project since the summer of 1955 and have a small museum in part of historic Buchan Manor, Owen Sound. The original committee consisted of nine members which included our county president, the late Mrs. Lorne Snider and Mrs. Gordon MacPhatter, then president of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario. Our present committee consists of about thirty Women's Institute members and includes the county president, four district presidents and four other representatives from each district. The original committee also included Mrs. G. Arthur Johnson, who was then president of the Owen Sound branch and who is the treasurer of the committee. Three other members of the Owen Sound branch are active committee members, including Mrs. Fred Stafford, secretary; Mrs. R. W. Menzies, immediate past chairman. Mrs. Gordon Bothwell, Bothwell's Corners' Women's Institute, is the present chairman. She is also on the county executive. Mrs. Grant Beckett, Salem Women's Institute, is the vice-chairman.

Many interesting items have been donated or loaned to the museum. These include items connected with government, politics, Indian objects, china and glass and items of general use of the early days. This year a beautiful silver tea service of electro-plated, quadruple plate silver has been given the museum and is from a family that settled here in 1845.

Until this summer volunteer members from North and West Grey districts have kept the museum open each afternoon during the summer. However, this year we have been able to hire a curator to keep the museum open and who is Mrs. J. R. Christie. Mrs. Christie has been a member of the Owen

Sound branch for many years and brought the idea of the museum to the Institute. The late Mrs. George Menzies was a member of the Owen Sound branch also for many years and it was some of her interesting personal things that were given and kept by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. R. W. Menzies and shown at a tea and antique display that led Mrs. Christie to bring the idea to the attention of the Institute in Owen sound.

A feature of each summer has been an official opening lawn tea held at Buchan Manor and sponsored by the Institutes. Our guest book this year showed 300 attending this tea and 53 different Institutes from Grey being represented. We have had a brochure printed to give out at the museum this year, with the aid of the local (Owen Sound) Chamber of Commerce and advertisers. Small grants are now being received from the Recreation Committee of the Owen Sound City Council and the Grey County Council.

At the annual meeting on May 1st an executive was set up for the organization of an Historical Society. Several committees have now been set up which will get under way in the early Fall. Another group has been sponsoring a Tom Thomson Memorial and the Women's Art and Lyceum Club is also interested, so the new Society has interested workers from these three groups and will be known as the Grey County Historical and Art Society, with Mrs. R. W. Menzies as president. An Advisory Board will be set up by the new Society to look into securing a permanent home for the museum in the near future. We have been greatly encouraged when we know what has been accomplished in museum work in other places through the Women's Institutes.