

## Mothercraft — A Profession

Parents of daughters and young girls casting about for a training which combines higher education and an earning capacity should be interested in the course at the Mothercraft Training School, Clarendon Avenue, Toronto. Not only is a Well Baby Nurse provided with a profession which is both in demand and fairly lucrative, but also she has received a course in motherhood and homemaking which in the majority of instances she puts into practice. The following regulations govern the acceptance of students for the training in the Canadian Mothercraft Society training school:

1. The term of training of the Well Baby Nurse at the Canadian Mothercraft Hospital is 12 months, plus 4 months nursing in the homes under the registry. The first 4 months is a probation period.

2. A good educational standard is required, at least 2 years High School or Grade X.

3. A high standard of physical fitness is necessary, a doctor's certificate is sent and must be filled in and returned before entering training. A complete physical examination, including T.B. tests, will be carried out before a student is accepted for training.

4. One week-end off duty every four months will be granted if possible.

Mary Fletcher, Wellington county, who received the Canadian Mothercraft Society's Scholarship to apply on the cost of a Mothercraft Well Baby Nursing Course.



5. The training fee is \$300 and is payable as follows: \$125 on admission and the balance at the end of the probation period, or arrangements may be made with the Treasurer for the balance throughout the training months.

6. Girls are accepted for training between the ages of 17½ and 33 years.

This year the Mothercraft Society offered a scholarship of \$300 to cover tuition and board in residence. The scholarship was awarded to a 4-H Homemaking Club girl, Miss Mary Fletcher of Wellington County.

It is possible that another training course may open in March. Anyone interested may have further information by writing the Canadian Mothercraft Society, 341 Bloor Street West, Toronto 5, Ontario.

## A District Tweedsmuir History

By Ella Jamieson

TO COMMEMORATE the sixtieth anniversary of Women's Institutes in Ontario, no effort was spared to make the "district annual" of South Norfolk something to long remember. The achievements of our own branches were portrayed in a very clever skit in which the characters represented famous people in the story of the Institutes of the province. So much interesting data was gleaned that it was felt it should be permanently recorded for the future, and the idea of a district history was born.

During the 1957 annual meeting of the District of South Norfolk Women's Institutes, the convener of Historical Research and Current Events, Mrs. T. B. Barrett, Marburg branch life member and life member of the District, brought forward a motion to promote a contest for "a distinctive cover design," suitable for the medium of leather, wood, bronze or other permanent type material, the winning design, chosen by an impartial judge, to be made into a cover for a "South Norfolk District History." The motion carried, and Mrs. Barrett was named as convener of a committee to draw up a set of rules and to decide on prizes.

At the 1958 "District Annual," the cover designs were displayed along with a covering letter from the judge, Mr. C. Bice of the London (Ont.) Museum of Art. All were of exceptionally fine workmanship, but the winning design, a semi-conventional pattern incorporating Norfolk's county flower, the dogwood and leaves, and the Institute crest, submitted by Miss Norah Barrett, was con-

sidered the most suitable for working in the specified heavy media. Other designs of more delicate and intricate pattern will, it is hoped, be worked in a more permanent form to use as frontispiece and dividers in a book.

A notice of motion from Mrs. Barrett was introduced at this meeting: "that the District of South Norfolk compile a History Book, the committee to comprise the District convener of Historical Research and Current Events, the immediate past president, the immediate past secretary, and District life members of whom not more than four shall sit at one time; the branch conveners of Historical Research and Current Events to act as an advisory committee." After some discussion the motion was carried.

In September 1958 the first meeting of the committee was held, and a dream became a reality! Miss Barrett had donated her prize money toward materials to work her design in leather, and this has now been most exquisitely executed by a young Dutch watchmaker, presently directing Occupational Therapy work at Adam Beck Sanatorium where he was once a patient. Of tooled cowhide, the cover is lined with maroon goatskin, which does not show finger prints; the pages will be of the finest Special Bond, in a pleasing buff shade. Plans include dividers which will depict in sketches, some event or landmark of particular interest in the community whose history follows, and drawings and illustrations, to make this record for posterity a "thing of beauty and a joy forever."